

## MAYOR'S CORNER

On most occasions when I write this article for our newsletter, the words come easily. This is not one of those occasions! It is always difficult to say good-bye to an employee that has decided to retire after a long and very successful career. An employee that has gained the admiration of his staff as well as his "bosses". A person that has provided leadership yet understanding. Willing to make the difficult decision and have "the buck stop here" at his desk.

J. Todd Walters, our town manager for the last 6 years decided to retire as of February 28, 2023. His previous years of employment have been with the town of Christiansburg, Virginia. New Market was fortunate that he was available when they had the job opening. I think that Mr. Walters will agree that he made the right decision also, to accept. After sitting many hours in his office discussing our town's direction and challenges, I have come to know him quite well. For that reason, during the remainder of this article, I will refer to him as Todd. Mr. J. Todd Walters sounds too unapproachable and THAT has never been the man I know as Todd! His office door has always been open for his staff, council, and citizens.

Todd's engineering background, years of experience working for Christiansburg during their growth, as well as his leadership skills will most definitely be missed. This is especially true during our hopes of annexation, new water tank construction, Rt. 211 East sidewalk construction, community center renovation, and maintenance shop expansion. All of these projects have come alive under his stewardship yet, completion of each will occur during his first years of retirement. Todd, being "the buck stops here" manager, has made it clear that he will assist us with any future needs.

One might think that the decision to retire is an easy one. If it were all about the money, then yes, it would be simple. However, when you love what you do and appreciate all the people you have worked with for so many years, the thought of turning the office door key one last time is difficult! Todd, we thank you for your leadership. You will be missed my friend!

Larry A. Bompiani  
New Market Mayor

## HISTORY DAY

Saturday March 25, 2023 – 10:00am-4:00pm

Formerly called Homeschool Day, this event is open to all families seeking a day of fun, exploration, and learning. There will be hands-on activities for all ages. Join the Army and learn to drill, enjoy 19th-century games and activities, watch the Emmy-award winning film, *Field of Lost Shoes*, take a guided tour through the battlefield, learn 19th-century foodways and much more.

Visit our partner agency booths and pick up classroom information about Valley ecology, and history. Visit the General's Store for a great selection of books and other items to further your educational goals as well as souvenirs of your visit. Come, have fun for the day, and make memories for a lifetime! \$5 for New Market residents (ages 4+) with proof of residency.



## NEW MARKET COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Come to the New Market Community Park for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Lots of eggs filled with goodies to find, fun crafts, and meet the Easter Bunny! The hunt will start at 9:30 a.m., so you will want to arrive early to get into starting positions. Please make sure to bring your own basket for collecting eggs. This event is for ages 1-12.

Date: April 1, 2023

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: New Market Community Park

Cost: FREE

(Crafts while supplies last)

Sponsored by the Town of New Market, MVHS  
Interact Club, and New Market Rotary

## LIBRARY NEWS

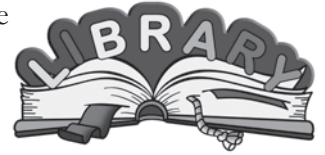
**Did you know?** Your library card gives access to many online resources. Shop smarter using Consumer Reports online free of charge when you log in with your library card number. Enjoy full access to the New York Times in the library or from your home. The same is true for the Washington Post! Go to the Shenandoah County Library's website, Online Resources, for complete information.

Children's Programs for March:

- Wednesday, March 1, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. (Snow date, March 8th) Read Across America Celebration and the culmination of our Winter Reading Program. A variety of fun activities are planned on an "American" theme.
- Books and Babies: Friday, March 3rd, 10:00 am. Books, rhymes and songs about "Marching into Spring!" will be provided for children ages 0 to 3.

- Preschool Story Time: March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, at 10:00 am. We'll be highlighting the holiday and the "Wearing of the Green" with stories, songs and more for children 3 to 6.

Adult Library Lecture, Sunday afternoon, March 12th at 2:00 pm. Local author, Coe Sherrard, aka E.A. Coe. The former owner of Woodstock Cafe and retired naval aviator, will talk about his newest novel, "Pedaling West", which is due to be released in April. In addition, other local authors can benefit from his experience with self-publishing vs. working through a publisher. His newest novel features lead character, Carrie Brinkley, resetting her life in a cross-country bicycle trip from Virginia Beach to Mendocino, California. Along the way, she faces perpetual danger that will keep the reader anxiously turning pages.



### JAMMIN' FOODS FEST

Mark those calendars!! New Market's annual food truck fest is BACK!

Held in the New Market Community Park, there will be a selection of food trucks, live music, vendors, and fun things for the kids to do. Admission is FREE. More details to come as the event moves closer.

Date: May 20, 2023

Time: 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Location: New Market Community Park

Admission cost: FREE

### OUR TOWN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Interested in helping with town events like Cross Roads Music Fest? Are you more interested in public art projects? Do you have graphic design talent or interest in cultivating partnerships?

Then we are looking for YOU! The Our Town Enhancement committee focuses on improving the quality of life in New Market by creating a unique and thriving downtown environment, preserving our town's history, strengthening our position as a recreation and tourism destination, and establishing sense of place by developing community pride and involvement.

If interested in learning more or signing up, contact Amber Smoot at 540-740-3432 or [a.smoot@newmarketvirginia.com](mailto:a.smoot@newmarketvirginia.com)

### CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

The beginning of the year is a great time to make sure your information is up to date. Often times our staff will attempt to contact our customers via phone when an issue is suspected at a property. It is always best to have a phone number where you can be reached during the day in case an emergency situation arises. Without a phone number on file often times we have to shut off water service to a property until an issue can be resolved and town staff is unable to make the resident aware. This can cause issues when a resident arrives home and no longer has access to water service. Phone numbers will never be shared outside of the town office. If you would like to update your phone number you can call our office at 540-740-3432, or write it on the remittance stub included with your payment.

## HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP

The Town's Public Works Crews will be collecting heavy trash items **THREE MORE times this year (see dates below)**. More information will be given closer to the pickup dates.

This year's heavy trash pick-up schedule is:

- May 22-26
- Aug 14-18
- Oct 16-20

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## SHELTER RENTAL 2023

Shelter #1 (11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)	\$30.00
Shelter #1 (4:00 p.m. – closing)	\$30.00
Shelters #2-4 (11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)	\$25.00
Shelters #2-4 (4:00 p.m. – closing)	\$25.00
Shelters #5-6 (11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)	\$20.00
Shelters #5-6 (4:00 p.m. - closing)	\$20.00
Gazebo (All Day)	\$25.00

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## LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Loaves and Fishes food pantry is located in the basement of Manor Memorial Methodist Church (9320 North Congress Street). The basement entrance is located in the back of the Church along John Sevier Road. The pantry is open to all on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.



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## SEASONAL LEAF AND GRASS REMOVAL

Curbside removal service for leaf and grass and other organic yard debris begins April 7th and continues every Friday through November. Leaves must be in biodegradable bags and placed curbside by noon. Please visit our town website [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com) or call the town offices at 540-740-3432 for more information or questions pertaining to this service.



## Shenandoah County Tours "Faces of Tourism" program

Each tour includes a behind-the-scenes experience at a local hospitality business, town, attraction, a swag bag, and lunch. Tours are open to business owners, employees, residents, and visitors of Shenandoah County.

Participants will learn about different industry sectors, towns, area attractions, farm operations, outdoor recreation, arts & culture, area resorts, camps, and event venues.

*\*\*Touring Incentive for Town of New Market  
RESIDENTS ONLY: For each tour you attend, your name will go into a quarterly drawing to win a gift basket of local goodies (value of \$50)*

Pre-register by emailing Brenda Black at [bblack@shenandoahcountyva.us](mailto:bblack@shenandoahcountyva.us) no later than one week prior to each tour. For questions call Brenda direct at 540-325-0069.

Tour: Bryce Resort

Date: March 15th, 2023

Time: 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 (includes lunch)

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## POOL STAFF NEEDED

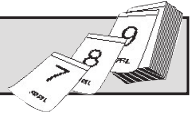
The Town is accepting applications for pool staff for the summer 2023 season. Lifeguards must currently have, or be able to obtain prior to the season, a Red Cross certification. Interested candidates must be willing to work flexible hours.



Applications for employment are available on the Town's website [www.newmarketvirginia.com/contact/employment](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com/contact/employment) or at the Town Office, 9418 John Sevier Road.

This is a great opportunity for summer employment and a way to make some extra cash. The Pool opens Saturday, May 27, 2023. Applications should be turned in to the Town Office, Attn: Donna Lohr, Administrative Assistant, at 9418 John Sevier Road or mailed to P.O. Box 58, New Market, VA 22844.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## March 2023

- 1 Business License Due
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 20 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm



## April 2023

- 1 Easter Egg Hunt
- 7 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 14 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 17 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 21 Lawn and Leaf Pickup
- 28 Lawn and Leaf Pickup



## TOWN OF NEW MARKET CONTACT INFORMATION

### Emergency Services:

Emergencies: 911  
 Shenandoah County Dispatch: 540-459-6101  
 Police Department: 540-740-3776  
 Fire and Rescue: 540-740-8904

New Market Town Office: 540-740-3432

Dispatch: 540-459-6101  
 (After-hours and weekend Water/Sewer Emergencies)

### Town of New Market

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 (540) 740-3432 • [www.newmarketvirginia.com](http://www.newmarketvirginia.com)  
 9418 John Sevier Road • P.O. Box 58 • New Market, VA 22844

### TOWN COUNCIL

Larry Bompiani, Mayor • Peggy Harkness, Vice Mayor  
 Scott Wymer • Daryl Watkins • Bob King • Janice Hannah • Peter Hughes  
 Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

### ADMINISTRATION

J. Todd Walters ..... *Town Manager*  
 Chris Rinker ..... *Police Chief*  
 Teresa Green ..... *Town Treasurer*  
 J.D. Fadley ..... *Public Works Director*

Donna Lohr ..... *Administrative Assistant*  
 Lindsey Kipps ..... *Office Assistant*  
 Amber Smoot ..... *Events & Marketing Director*

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