



The Newton News

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The Town Manager's Message...

I have recently entered my 11th year as your Town Manager, and I must say I continue to be blessed to lead such a fine organization and community. We have many exciting updates to talk about so let's go down to business.

The Town Auditor is working on the annual review of W/S Connection Fees which is required by State Statutes.

The Clerk's Office is working on the cable franchise renewal.

We are videotaping the Council meetings for broadcast the next business day on the Town website. Check them out at newtontownhall.com/video.

We were able to obtain six (6) additional parking spaces on Spring Street thanks to an analysis done by municipal staff and professionals.

The Town concluded the Safe Streets campaign with TransOptions, emphasizing public safety measures for both drivers and pedestrians alike.

The Town is reviewing redevelopment options in the area near the old Moose Lodge and Camp Iliff properties.

The Town Planner is working with staff on the revisions to the Master Plan.

The footings and foundation are being constructed for the new Firehouse No. 2 on Woodside Avenue.

The State of NJ continues its remediation work at the old Armory property behind Shop-Rite while interested parties are looking at the G&H property for redevelopment as well.

The DPW has taken shipment of the new Town street signs which were procured at a significant cost savings due to design modifications.

Visitors enjoyed the new movie nights at Memory Park that were hosted by the Town - we are looking forward to doing this again next year!

The Town Council reviewed the data obtained from the very extensive Sewer Line inspection project conducted by Mott MacDonald and Red Zone. This data will greatly assist me as I prepare future capital budgets for Water & Sewer.

Plans are underway for a new and improved annual Christmas Tree Lighting celebration here at Town Hall: Friday, December 7, 2018 at 5:00pm. Please join us!

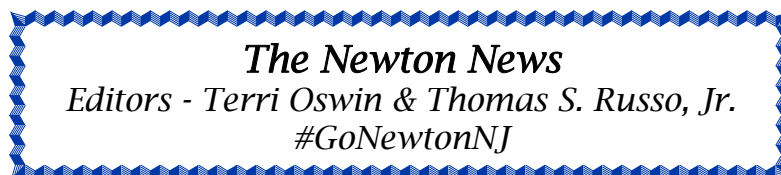
Finally, please remember to support our local businesses, big and small - they are the engine which drives the economy. We encourage those with a passion for retail to consider opening up shop in Newton, especially in the downtown area. Remember: The key to managing property taxes in NJ is the pursuit of quality commercial rates, and our staff is committed to being business and customer-friendly so individuals and companies are comfortable investing their capital in Newton's commercial areas.

Our Town Council, staff, professionals and volunteers take great pride in their efforts to make Newton the special place that it is and are to be commended. **Together we will continue to make a difference.** Thank you once again for reading our publication and please accept my best wishes to you and yours for good health and happiness during the beautiful fall season and upcoming holidays.

Yours in Service,

Thomas S. Russo, Jr.

Town Manager



Dates of Interest

- ◆ Halloween Parade
Oct. 31
- ◆ Fall Leaf & Brush Pickup
Nov. 5 thru Nov. 30
- ◆ Election Day
Nov. 6
- ◆ NMC Festival of Lights
Nov. 10
- ◆ Veterans' Day Observed
Town Hall Closed
Nov. 12
- ◆ Free Rabies Clinic
Nov. 17
- ◆ Thanksgiving Holiday
Town Hall Closed
Nov. 22 & 23
- ◆ GNCC Holiday Parade
Nov. 24
- ◆ Senior Holiday Dinner
Dec. 2
- ◆ Municipal Tree Lighting
Dec. 7
- ◆ Operation Santa
Dec. 22
- ◆ Christmas Holiday
Town Hall Closed
Dec. 24 & 25

Recent Ordinances

The Newton Town Council recently adopted several ordinances of interest:

Ordinance 2017-22 restricts parking on side of Condit Street between Ryerson Avenue and Jimland Terrace.

Ordinance 2018-2 permits tattoo parlors in certain areas in town.

Ordinance 2018-4 amends certain fees and amends requirements for registration of vacant or abandoned properties.

Ordinance 2018-11 permits and regulates Food Trucks in Town.

Ordinance 2018-18 will move the municipal elections to November as a result of the Special Election held on July 31, 2018.

Ordinance 2018-19 established a Trap Release and Neuter (TNR) program for feral cats.

To review Town ordinances that have recently been adopted visit our website at www.newtontownhall.com/ordinances

Newton-Green Municipal Court

The Newton - Green Shared Municipal Court welcomes several new faces this year. Katherine Quinn serves as Court Administrator, Sarah Grub serves as Deputy Court Administrator and the Hon. James P. Sloan serves as Municipal Judge.

The Court offices have undergone some cosmetic renovations. The new look includes fresh paint, furniture and equipment. We are also in the process of updating our website page in order to offer the public more resources and up-to-date information.

Check us out at newtontownhall.com/Court.

The staff of the Town of Newton is here to assist the public whenever possible. Please use the following list of extensions when dialing 973-383-3521 to contact a municipal staff member.

- 224 Manager's Office
- 225 Tax Assessor
- 227 Planning/Zoning



- 228 Recreation
- 232 Municipal Clerk
- 233 Treasurer
- 234 Community Dev.
- 239 Tax Collector

- 240 Utility Collector
- 241 Finance Officer/CFO
- 242 Court Administrator
- 254 Human Resources
- 256 Code Enforcement



OTHER NUMBERS

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Public Works | 973-383-4160 |
| Recycling Center | 973-383-1521 |
| Memory Park Pool | 973-383-2810 |
| Sewer Treatment Plant | 973-383-2090 |
| Police Department
(Non-emergency) | 973-383-2525 |

Fall Leaf & Brush Pickup

The Town of Newton announces it will combine a brush pick-up with the annual leaf collection program in November. The Public Works crew will begin the Collection Program on Monday, November 5, 2018 and will continue until November 30, 2018. The leaf and brush pickup will follow the Recycling Zone schedule for the entire month.

Please place the bags and brush at the curb line and not in the street. This will avoid interference with traffic and possible breakage of the bags. Tree limbs must be smaller than 4 inches in diameter (no exceptions). The clean-up is intended for residents to clear away naturally occurring fallen brush and light pruning. Property owners are responsible for felled trees.

The leaves and brush will be taken to the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) facility for disposal. SCMUA will only accept leaves in biodegradable bags. The bags can be purchased at local home improvement stores. Residents may take leaves/brush to SCMUA for disposal themselves, but a small fee may be charged by the County facility.

Christmas Tree Pickup

The Public Works crew will be picking up Christmas trees beginning December 26, 2018 through January 31, 2019. All trees must be free of bases, lights and ornaments.

Newton First Aid Squad

We are extremely proud to announce the Newton First Aid Squad was named 2018 New Jersey EMS Agency of the Year at the National Conference on EMS! Three members also received nominations for the 2018 EMS Call of the Year!

NFAS is busier than ever and always seeking new members! We seek anyone and everyone with a desire to help their community. No experience is required and we offer all training necessary at no cost to our volunteers.

If you are interested or wish to learn more, please visit newtonfirstaidsquad.org. Additionally, you can call us any time at 973-383-3377, email us at info@newtonfirstaidsquad.org or stop by at 68 Sussex Street!

Reminders from the Clerk's Office...

A free rabies clinic will be held **November 17, 2018** at the Newton Public Works Garage, 117 Moran Street from 9:00am to Noon. License application forms may be downloaded at www.newtontownhall.com/licenses. The State of New Jersey mandates current rabies vaccination cannot expire before November 1st of the current license year (2019). Dogs can safely be vaccinated every two years. Ordinance §57-14 require all dogs & cats residing in Town be licensed.

2019 Dog and Cat license fees are:

Dogs: \$15.00 Spayed/Neutered \$18.00 Non-Spayed/Non-Neutered Cats: \$12.00

Late fee is \$5.00 each month per dog beginning 2/1/19.

*****TAKE NOTE: NEWTON WILL NOT HAVE A RABIES CLINIC IN JANUARY*****

The **General Election** will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Polls are open 6:00am to 8:00pm

Polling Places in Newton:

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| #1 & #2 | Newton Fire House | 22 Mill St. |
| #3 & #5 | Newton Municipal Building | 39 Trinity St. |
| #4 | NFAS Building | 68 Sussex St. |
| #6 | First United Methodist Church | 111 Ryerson Ave. |

For more information on **voting**, you may call the County Board of Elections @ 973-579-0950.

RECREATION HAPPENINGS

Senior Exercise Program: Join us for ZUMBA GOLD! Get active with great people at the dance party workout that moves at your pace. Every Tuesday morning from 9:30am to 10:15am and Friday morning from 10:30am to 11:15am at Newton Firehouse #1, 22 Mill St. Only \$5 per class. No pre-registration necessary. Call 973-383-3521, ext. 228 with questions.

Prime Time Seniors: A social group for the residents of the Town, ages 55 and up. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Newton #1 Firehouse, 22 Mill Street. Refreshments are served at 12:30pm; meeting promptly begins at 1:00pm. For information call Joyce Franklin at 973-945-6375.

Senior Dinner: Sunday, December 2nd at Noon in the Newton High School cafeteria. RSVP to 973-383-3521 ext. 228.



Radio City Christmas Spectacular: Save the date! We are in the process of booking our annual bus trip to NYC for Sunday, November 25th. More information will be released soon on our website and Facebook page. Contact 973-383-3521, ext. 228 with any questions.

For the latest information on Recreation Happening, LIKE and follow us on Facebook: NEWTON RECREATION, on Twitter: @NewtonRecNJ, or via the Town website: www.newtontownhall.com.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EVENTS

The Newton Fire Department will be hosting the 13th Annual "Operation Santa" on Saturday, December 22nd. With the help of the Newton Fire Department, Santa will visit residents of NEWTON on a Fire Truck beginning at 2:00pm.

A Christmas Tree sale benefitting the Fire Department will be held this holiday season. Details will be available soon.

For more information soon on both these events on the Newton Fire Department's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NewtonFD/.



RECYCLING NEWS

The Town of Newton conducts monthly curbside collection of commingled recycling and newspaper. As a reminder, containers placed curbside can be ***no larger than 35 gallons*** and must be at the curb no later than 7:30am on your designated pick up day. **Recyclables must be rinsed** before placing at curbside, failure to do so will result in your recyclables not being picked up.

Twice a year, in June and December, the Town sends the "Newton Recycling News" to all its residents outlining recycling guidelines and the curbside collection schedule. This publication is also available on the Town's website at www.newtontownhall.com.

Recycling center hours are Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm and Saturdays 8:00am to 1:00pm. Brush leaves and grass clippings are no longer accepted at the Recycling Center.

ZONING CORNER

The Town of Newton Zoning Officer, Katherine Citterbart, would like you to remind residents zoning permits are require for fences, sheds, pools, decks, retaining walls, additions, alterations and temporary storage containers.

SURVEY SAYS...a property survey must be submitted along with most Zoning Permit Applications. For more details, see §320-23.E(2) of the Code Book.



PARKING: The parking of vehicles on areas other than driveways (i.e. front yard) is prohibited in single-family detached and duplex residential dwellings.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES: The parking or maintenance of any commercial vehicle exceeding the weight rating of (GVWR) of 15,000 is not permitted in residential driveways.



NEW BUSINESSES: Check with the Zoning Office before you open your new business. Mrs. Citterbart can be reached at 973-383-3521 x 227 or kcitterbart@newtontownhall.com.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

On behalf of The Newton Code Enforcement Department, we would like to extend our appreciation and sincerest **Thank You** to all Town residents who continue to maintain their property or have made the effort to abate any violations, in accordance with the Town’s property maintenance code.

Fall and winter property maintenance areas of concern should include: landscaping, grass and weed control, leaves and dead branch removal. **General property maintenance reminders:** residents are require to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and debris. All snow removal issues must be directed to the Newton Police Department. Residents are responsible for arranging for their own garbage pickup. Rules for garbage storage and collection can be found in Chapter 250 of the Code of the Town of Newton and Section 308 of the International Property Maintenance Code.

Although compliance, not revenue generation is the goal of the property maintenance department, if compliance notices are ignored and the violations are not abated by the compliance date given, the violation(s) will progress to a summon(s) which will then become a matter before the Municipal Court.

FINANCE NEWS

Year End Penalty for Delinquent Taxes

The Town of Newton imposes a 6% year-end penalty on all accounts in which the delinquencies exceed \$10,000. At the end of the year the 6% penalty is added to the total delinquency and carried forward into the next year. Interest is then charged in accordance with Pursuant to R.S. 54:4-67.

Reminders

The 4th quarter property taxes are due November 1, 2018. Payments must be received by Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 4:30pm. Payments received after this date will be considered delinquent and interest will be charged back to November 1st in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-67.

Residents may pay their tax and utility bills online. Go to newtontownhall.com click the “Pay Online” link on the homepage. A fee of \$2.00 is applied for e-check payments and 3% on credit cards.

FROM THE POLICE DESK...



NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
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www.NewtonPolice.org

TEXT-A-TIP
*See Something?
Do Something.*

TEXT **274637** KEYWORD **NEWTON**

Police Officers perform a vital public service. Our Officers embrace community policing and we take our responsibilities very seriously. In order to improve our effectiveness, increase information sharing and two-way communication, we encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with our Crime Reports and Text-A-Tip services.

Please visit our website www.NewtonPolice.org to find links for our crime maps, where you can find police activity updated everyday to a map. You can sign up for alerts when incidents occur near your home or business. On our website, you can also find a link to submit tips anonymously. The Text-A-Tip service has proven to be valuable resource for both residents and the police department alike.



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C.L.E.A.R.
COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT ADDICTION RECOVERY
Hope begins here

Another community policing initiative the Newton Police Department has embraced is the effort to reduce opioid addiction and overdose deaths. The number of overdose deaths have surpassed accidental deaths from motor vehicle crashes and firearms combined. In Sussex County, we're leading the way to not only remain steadfast in strict enforcement, but we're also working

hard to help people into recovery from drug addiction. By doing so, we can substantially improve quality of life for individuals, families, businesses and our community. By effectively reducing the number of people with a substance use disorder, the criminal activity commonly associated with drug use will also be reduced. The C.L.E.A.R. program, Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery program has seen great success rates since its inception and we're working hard to continually expand and improve. Everyone benefits when we help someone recover from addiction. Visit www.clearprogram.org for more information, find help or learn how to help this important initiative.

In an effort to improve pedestrian safety, we conducted numerous grant funded crosswalk enforcement details this past summer. As a walking Town, we intend to continue to reinforce safe driving and safe street crossing behaviors. We partnered with TransOptions and their StreetSmart campaign which showed positive results improving safety. Please remember to avoid distractions while driving, pay attention to the rules of the road and STOP for pedestrians. Pedestrians should be similarly attentive and use crosswalks.



Newton Police Officers appreciate the ability to conduct community-oriented policing in a Town whose residents and business owners provide them with such tremendous support. Please visit our website to learn about all the work that members of the Police Department perform and look for our next "Coffee With a Cop" event too; they're a great opportunity to meet with your hometown Officers in a relaxed, informal setting to talk about community issues.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: you name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cleanup costs.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- ◆ Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- ◆ Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- ◆ Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- ◆ Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- ◆ If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.

- ◆ Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local bodies of water and the water is not treated.
- ◆ If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

- ◆ Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.

Keep pollution out of storm drains

- ◆ Recycle used motor oil.
- ◆ Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local bodies of water.
- ◆ Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.
- ◆ Clean and plentiful water is important to our families, our environment, our economy and our quality of life. Did you know that animal waste from pets can pollute our waters? When left on the ground, pet waste is washed by rain and melting snow and ice into storm drains that carry it to our rivers, lakes, bays, the ocean and drinking water. Animal waste contains a high concentration of nutrients as well as bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms that can cause problems.

Clean up after your pet

- ◆ Follow the Town of Newton pet-waste rules.
- ◆ Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or people's property.
- ◆ Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- ◆ Dispose of the unwrapped pet waste in a toilet.
- ◆ Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't litter

- ◆ Place litter in trash receptacles.
- ◆ Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- ◆ Participate in community cleanups.
- ◆ Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- ◆ Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- ◆ Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

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