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DATES OF INTEREST:

- Halloween Parade
Oct. 31
- Fall Leaf Pickup
Nov. 1 thru Nov. 28
- Election Day
Nov. 2
- Veterans' Day
Nov. 11
- NMH Festival of Lights
Nov. 20
- Thanksgiving Holiday
Town Hall Closed
Nov. 25 & 26
- GNCC Holiday Parade
Nov. 27
- Senior Holiday Dinner
Dec. 5
- Municipal Tree Lighting
Dec. 13
- Christmas Eve
Town Hall Closes at Noon
- Christmas Day
Town Hall Closed

A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

I have just concluded year two of my tenure as your Town Manager and I must say I am truly blessed to be able to work for such a fine community. We have many exciting projects to talk about so let's get down to business.

Over the summer we signed a shared services agreement for our Construction Department with our friends in Hardyston Township. Our new Construction Official is a familiar face, Keith Utter, who was here for many years in the same capacity some time ago. I want to welcome Keith back to the Newton municipal organization and also welcome his Hardyston team as they lead our Construction endeavors. I have heard nothing but positive feedback since the smooth transition took place in July, and I want all residents and businesses to be confident in the customer-friendly approach that can be found in the Construction Department. Keith and his team are here on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am-Noon. Newton staff is in the office on Mondays and Fridays from 11:30am-2:30pm and the office is closed on Wednesdays. If you need assistance at other times, Newton-related business transactions can also occur at the Hardyston Township Municipal Building during normal business hours.

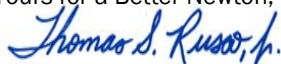
Another big story in Newton is the arrival of the world headquarters of Thorlabs! The Town successfully negotiated various components of the deal with the company this summer and by the time this newsletter has printed we will already have had the groundbreaking ceremony and the commencement of construction. The Town is very pleased to have this dynamic, innovative company locating its 300 employees in Town at the 56 Sparta Avenue location. I want to thank Alex Cable, President and Founder of Thorlabs, for his vision and support of our community. We look forward to not only their success, but the positive impact their presence will have on other businesses and the community in general. While other communities are struggling to attract quality ratables and businesses, Newton is doing so in a quiet, methodical fashion.

The summer months have also been busy for the Town as we implemented many new capital projects. The Water and Sewer Utility spent months successfully testing the fire hydrants in Town. Please see the story on page 8 for more details on same.

Various road improvements are happening throughout the Town as we speak. The Central Plaza parking lot is being repaved and a new parking machine is being installed which will take dollar bills and all US coins (same as the new machine in the Adams Street Parking Lot). The parking lot area at Pine Street Park is also being repaved with improved drainage and Memory Park will see newly enhanced basketball courts and hoops. A new sports practice field is being constructed at the South Park Drive park-n-ride area with a goal of teams utilizing same next year. We have successfully obtained a rental fire ladder truck at a reasonable cost while the new Newton ladder truck is being built with an estimated delivery date of fall/winter 2011. We are in the process of implementing various energy conservation measures at all of the municipally-owned facilities which will save money in the long-run. Level G Parking Associates and Harold E. Pellow & Associates are working hard at implementing Phase I of our Circulation Plan. And the Police Department is working to install three wireless cameras on Spring Street to help deter any nefarious activities in our important central business district.

These are just some of the many exciting projects going on in this small but vibrant community. As we look to weather the continuing economic storm that is present in New Jersey and the country, we will endeavor to be good stewards of the public dollar and trust, and work together every day to make Newton an even better place to live, work and play.

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 this beautiful fall season and during the upcoming holidays.

Yours for a Better Newton,

 Thomas S. Russo, Jr.
 Town Manager

STAFF DIRECTORY

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 or department.

- 221 Deputy Municipal Clerk
- 224 Manager's Office
- 225 Tax Assessor
- 226 Deputy Town Manager
- 227 Planning/Zoning
- 228 Comm. Dev./Recreation
- 230 Fire Prevention Official
- 232 Municipal Clerk
- 233 Treasurer
- 236 Deputy Court Administrator
- 239 Tax Collector
- 240 Water/Sewer Collector
- 241 Finance Officer/CFO
- 242 Court Administrator
- 243 Fire Prevention Secretary
- 244 Recreation Supervisor
- 254 Human Resources

OTHER NUMBERS

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

**THE 2010-2011
NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL**

Kristen S. Becker, Mayor
Helen R. Le Frois, Deputy Mayor
E. Kevin Elvidge, Councilman
Joseph Ricciardo, Councilman
Sandra Diglio, Councilwoman

**Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Manager
Lorraine A. Read, Clerk**

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 2010

The November General Election is Tuesday, November 2, 2010. In order to be eligible to vote, one must be a U.S. citizen who is 18 years old by Election Day; a resident of the State and County at least 20 days prior to an election; and not be serving a prison sentence or be on parole/probation for an indictable offense. The last day to register in order to be eligible to vote in the November 2, 2010 election is October 12, 2010. Registration forms can be picked up in the Municipal Clerk's office or downloaded at www.state.nj.us/state/elections.

Polls are open 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

Polling Places in Newton:

- #1 & #2** Newton Fire House—
22 Mill St.
- #3 & #5** Hose & Chem. Co.—
56 Woodside Ave.
- #4** NFAS Building—
8 Sussex St.
- #6** First United Methodist Church—
111 Ryerson Ave.

TOWN COUNCIL

The Newton Town Council welcomes a new member! Sandra Lee Diglio was sworn into office on July 1st.

Councilwoman Diglio has resided in Newton for 32 years. At the present time, Mrs. Diglio serves on the Board of Directors and is secretary for the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce. She was one of the original founders of the Main Street Newton Program and served on their Board of Directors. For the past several years, Mrs. Diglio has served her community as an Emergency Medical Responder for the Newton First Aid Squad. She is a past member and former President of the Sussex County Technical School Board of Education. She helped organize the Newton Taxpayer's Association and was its Past President. She has also served as Past President and Member of the Parent Teacher Organization. We would like to wish Sandi and all members of the Council much success!

The Town Council traditionally meets the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at the Municipal Building.

FINANCE NEWS

Year End Penalty for Delinquent Taxes

Pursuant to R.S. 54:4-67 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 according to Statute.

Reminders

The 4th quarter property taxes are due on November 1, 2010. Payments must be received by 4:30pm on Wednesday, November 10th. If taxes are not paid by November 10th, they will be considered delinquent and interest will be charged back to November 1st.

Homeowner Rebates

- Homestead Rebate 1-888-238-1233
- Property Tax Reimbursement 1-800-882-6597
- Senior Citizen/Disabled Person/Veteran
973-383-3521 ext. 239

PUBLIC WORKS



This past winter, as part of a joint venture with Andover Township, a new Brine System was installed, which aids in preventing snow and ice accumulations on our roadways during inclement weather. More application equipment is being added for optimum use and results.

A Ford F550 Mason Dump was purchased and is expected to arrive early in the fall.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

The Public Works crew will be picking up Christmas trees beginning Monday December 27, 2010 until January 28, 2011. All trees must be free of bases, lights and ornaments.

FREE RABIES CLINIC

The Town of Newton is once again sponsoring a free rabies clinic on January 8, 2011 at the Newton Municipal Garage, 117 Moran Street from 9:00am to Noon.

Dog and Cat license fees are:

Dogs: \$12.00 Spayed/Neutered Cats: \$10.00
\$15.00 Non-Spayed/Non-Neutered

Late fee is \$5.00 each month per dog beginning 2/1/11.

NOTE: The State of New Jersey mandates that the current rabies vaccination cannot expire before November 1st of the current year. Dogs can safely be vaccinated every two years.

License application forms may be downloaded at www.newtontownhall.com/licenses.

NEWTON: ENVISIONING THE FUTURE

The Newton News is printed and distributed twice a year to keep all residents informed of the many programs and services offered by the Town. Please take a few moments to update your calendars on upcoming events and keep this edition of our newsletter handy for convenient reference in the future. For more timely updates please visit www.newtontownhall.com.

FALL LEAF PICKUP

The Public Works crew will begin the Fall Leaf Collection Program on Monday, November 1, 2010 and will continue until November 28, 2010. **Leaves only** will be collected at the **street curb** in **biodegradable bags** starting on November 1, 2010. Please do not put grass or hedge clippings, brush, or other vegetative debris in the bags to be picked up by the fine DPW crew. Please put the bags out at the curb line and not in the street. This will avoid interference with traffic and possible breakage of the bags.

The leaves 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 the local home improvement stores. Residents may take leaves to SCMUA for disposal themselves, but a small fee may be charged by the County facility.



WHAT IS 2-1-1?

Just dial 2-1-1 from any landline or cell phone and you will find a place to turn when you need to find state or local health and human service resources to address urgent needs or everyday concerns. Free; Confidential; Multi-lingual; TTY accessible; Available 24/7 and on the web at www.nj211.org.

What types of questions can be answered by 2-1-1 Call Specialists?

- **Basic Human Needs Resource:** food banks, clothing closets, shelters, rental assistance, utility assistance...
- **Support for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities:** adult day care, congregate meals, Meals on Wheels, respite care, home health care, transportation, homemaker services...
- **Support for Children, Youth and Families:** childcare, after school programs, Kids Care (health insurance programs), family resource centers, summer camps and recreation programs, mentoring, tutoring, protective services...
- **Physical and Mental Health Resources:** health insurance programs, Medicaid and Medicare, maternal health, Children's Health Insurance Program, medical information lines, crisis intervention services, support groups, counseling, drug and alcohol intervention and rehabilitation...
- **Employment Support:** financial assistance, job training, transportation assistance, education programs...

FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

"OPERATION SANTA"

The Newton Fire Department will be hosting the 5th Annual "Operation Santa" on Saturday, December 18th. With the help of the Newton Fire Department, Santa will visit residents the Saturday before Christmas beginning at 4:00pm. Santa will drop by your home to see your child(ren) for a donation of \$10.00 for the first child and \$5.00 for each additional child. Santa will arrive on the FIRE TRUCK and deliver YOUR GIFT from Santa. (You must drop off your present for your child(ren) at the #2 Fire House, located at the corner of Woodside and Lawnwood Avenues between 7:00pm and 9:00pm on December 15th or 16th). Registration forms can be picked up at Town Hall and must be returned to the Newton Fire Department by December 11th. For more information, please call Chief Wechtler at 973-383-4746.



JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM



This program is open to all residents 14-17 years of age. The purpose of the program is to provide an opportunity to gain insight into the profession of firefighting and other public safety careers. This program will provide personal growth and self-confidence through education and training.

For more information please contact Chief Wechtler at 973-383-4746.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

As we approach the winter months and the upcoming holidays the Town of Newton would like to make sure that your holidays are safe and joyous by offering the following fire safety tips:

1. Space heaters should have a three-foot clearance on all sides. Electric heaters should be plugged directly into the outlet without the use of extension cords. Space heaters should always be turned off when the room is unoccupied.
2. Chimneys, fireplaces, woodstoves and their connections should be inspected and cleaned annually by a professional and in conjunction with manufacturer's recommendations.
3. Dispose of all ashes from a fireplace or stove in a metal can, and take them outside of the house. Leave the can a safe distance from the house until all the ashes are cooled and extinguished.
4. It is important to keep live Christmas trees hydrated. Holiday lights on all types of trees should be unplugged before leaving the house or going to bed.

Property owners are responsible to shovel all snow and ice from any and all Fire Hydrants abutting their property.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

Inspections and subsequent issuance of a Certificate of Compliance before the re-occupancy by means of re-rental or re-sale of one and two family dwellings, and all commercial structures or rental portions are required by Chapter 18, Section 4 of Newton's Revised General Ordinances. For residential units the Code requires a smoke detector inspection, carbon monoxide and fire extinguisher certification.

Applications for inspections may be picked up at the Fire Prevention Bureau located on the ground floor of the Municipal Building or downloaded from the Town's website at www.newtontownhall.com. The fee for a commercial inspection is \$75 and for a residential inspection it is \$50. Inspections are scheduled through the Fire Prevention Bureau at 973-383-3521 ext. 243. Please allow 10 days for the inspection to be completed.

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RECENT ORDINANCES

The Newton Town Council recently adopted several ordinances of interest:

Ordinance 2010-4 will establish parking restrictions on Ryerson Avenue.

Ordinance 2010-5 will provide for tractor trailer and box truck parking in the Park-n-Ride lot for a fee.

Ordinance 2010-8 will guard dumpster and refuse container exposure to stormwater.

Ordinance 2010-9 prohibits discharge of solids and floatables in municipal storm sewer systems.

Ordinance 2010-14 will rescind Ordinance 2010-2 regulating fire flow requirements with regard to construction projects. For more information on the Town's efforts to address fire flow issues, please see page 8.

To review Town ordinances visit our website at www.newtontownhall.com/ordinances.

FROM THE POLICE DESK...



The Police Department will undergo a leadership change after the announcement by Chief John Tomasula that he will be retiring effective January 1, 2011. Chief Tomasula reached his 25-year anniversary date May 1, 2010. He had spent his entire law enforcement career with the Newton Police Department. He began as a police officer on April 22, 1985. During his tenure he served as a patrol officer, a detective, a patrol sergeant supervisor, a Captain responsible for operations and most notably as Chief of Police for the past 10 years.

Lieutenant Michael Richards will assume responsibility for the continued leadership of the Department and will be sworn in as Newton's 10th Chief of Police on November 8, 2010. Lt. Richards is a 21-year veteran of the Department. He started his career as a telecommunications operator, was appointed to patrol officer in March of 1994 and for the past 10 years has supervised and managed the Investigative Section. His proven leadership in his tenure supervising major crimes will be invaluable as the Department continues to raise the bar with its level of professional standards and service.



New Officer

Arlene Lippencott, 28, of Andover Township was appointed to the position of Special Police Officer Class II on Monday, August 23, 2010. Arlene maintains qualifications as a regular sworn police officer and has served with both the Stillwater Township and Sparta Police Departments. Arlene will help the Department with efforts in maintaining a vigilant presence in the Spring Street area. SLEO Class II Pat Abello resigned in August to take a position in Blairstown Twp., Warren County. The Department is fortunate to have Arlene, and the experience she brings, as part of its operations.



In June 2010, the Department added a new tool in its efforts to improve information sharing with the community. In addition to receiving press information and information relating to real-time public safety incidents through Twitter and Facebook, members of the community can now log on to www.crimereports.com and learn for themselves about any criminal or public

safety incidents that have occurred in any part of town. Users are able to drill down an inquiry to a specific neighborhood by a particular type of incident or offense. Users may also sign up for citizen crime alerts. The effort is aimed at empowering the community with knowledge of the types of crimes occurring in the area, in hopes of generating some feedback or intelligence information that could lead to solving some crimes and possibly developing trends that could help prevention efforts. The Department will continue to endeavor towards transparency in those areas that could lead to safer and more secure neighborhoods.



WINTER PARKING

When snow accumulates and covers any public street, road, or parking lot, vehicles are not allowed to be parked on those streets or in those parking lots until the Public Works Department has had sufficient time to plow the snow. Vehicles parked illegally on snow-covered streets or in parking lots will be **ticketed and/or towed**. In the interest of public safety, Newton residents are asked to abide by the above regulations following snowstorms.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This fall milling and paving will be completed on Ashford Street, Dunn Place, Clarkson Street, Franklin Street, Thompson Street, Williams Street and North Park Drive. Academy Street will have drainage work completed along with milling and paving. Also as part of this work the Central Plaza Parking Lot will be repaved, and the Memory Park Basketball Courts will be repaved.

The Community Development Department has been busy working on the implementation of the Redevelopment Plan for 56 Sparta Avenue. Thorlabs has purchased the parcel and has received its preliminary and final site plan approval for a 98,000 square foot structure. This project is the culmination of hard work put forward from the Vision Plan, Redevelopment Plan, Town Manager, Redevelopment Team, and the Town Council. Newton is very excited for this great opportunity for redevelopment!

The Town of Newton will be consolidating the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board into a combined Board known as a Land Use Board. The Town Council will be acting on an ordinance to combine the Boards in the fall. The Land Use Board will be formed as of January 1, 2011.

PARKING AUTHORITY

The Newton Parking Authority has been making some changes to provide better service to customers. In July a new parking meter was installed in the Adams Street Parking Lot and the lot was restriped and numbered. This new machine accepts all U.S. coins and one dollar bills for the public's convenience. A customer simply deposits the coin or currency in the machine and inputs the appropriate parking space number. Receipts from this lot do not need to be left on your dashboard anymore.

Next up, the Central Plaza Lot will be repaved, numbered and a new parking meter machine installed. The new receipt procedures will then be the norm in Central Plaza as well.

The Parking Authority now offers "Merchant Passes" for those merchants that have a business on Spring Street. A merchant can purchase two (2) passes for the price of one annual pass. The passes are valid January through December and are available for purchase in the Finance Office on the ground floor of the Municipal Building.

RECREATION

The 2010 **Fall Senior Dinner** will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2010. Every year the Newton Recreation Commission sponsors a turkey dinner with all the trimmings for senior citizens in Newton. All senior residents of Newton are invited to participate in this event. For reservations, please call Suzie at 973-383-3521 ext. 228.

Our **Annual Tree Lighting** is scheduled to be held Monday, December 13, 2010 at the Municipal Building starting at 6:00 pm. Please join us in decorating the tree, singing holiday songs, drinking hot cocoa and enjoying refreshments.

Once again this year we will be having the House Decorating Contest. We would love to see your house decorated for the holidays. There will be a prize for the winner. The winner will be announced at the December 29, 2010 Town Council meeting at 7:00 pm. Nominations can be made through our website at www.newtontownhall.com.

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.

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.

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.

As a resident, business, or other member of the Newton community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water:

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.
- ◆ Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- ◆ 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.



FIRE HYDRANT TESTING

The Town of Newton has concluded its fire flow tests on existing fire hydrants located within the municipal boundary lines of the Town. The purpose of this testing was to record and analyze the fire flow data and provide the Council and Town Manager with recommended improvements where flows may be inadequate.

Out of the 339 fire hydrants located inside the municipal boundary lines, including privately owned and operated hydrants, approximately 263 were tested as part of this study. Those hydrants not tested were either: private fire hydrants on commercial properties; private fire hydrants located at Newton Memorial Hospital; private fire hydrants located on the Sussex County Community College Campus (located in the separate college pressure zone); or were hydrants located in the high pressure zone which were not tested in order to avoid excessive disruption to the pumping system at the High Street booster pump station.

The NFPA Classification system for fire hydrants uses the following color coding design:

- Class AA – Light Blue – Rated capacity of 1,500 gpm or greater (2%)
- Class A – Green – Rated capacity of 1,000 gpm to 1,499 gpm (33%)
- Class B – Orange – Rated capacity of 500 gpm to 999 gpm (26%)
- Class C – Red – Rated capacity of less than 500 gpm (39%)

Now that the numbers are in, we can intelligently plan for improvements to the water supply system. Our Town Engineer for Water/Sewer matters, David Simmons of Harold Pellow & Associates, is currently working diligently on the Water / Sewer Master Plan Update. As part of this project, we will develop concrete improvements, timelines and the costs associated with same. This will help as we plan next year's budget and subsequent budgets. The location of these underperforming hydrants is also critical to our fire protection efforts. Now the volunteers in the Fire Department can better plan their strategy for response when a fire occurs in the community. For example, which hydrants can be utilized to most effectively handle the emergency, or when the Town's Fire Tanker should be called into service.

Some examples of Short-term improvements would be replacing older fire hydrants with no steamer ports or undersized ports; reconstructing fire hydrant leads and valves to replace old 4" leads with 6" leads and valves; and connecting fire hydrants to larger existing watermains in the vicinity when possible. Medium or Long-term improvement examples would be reinforcing water delivery to areas of the distribution system to supplement the water flow to the overall area, or replacing watermains in miscellaneous areas of neighborhoods that are still deficient in flow even after additional watermains have been constructed.

We cannot improve the system overnight, but we can properly allocate our resources for this purpose. It is our responsibility to manage these areas and we will do so intelligently and collaboratively with both staff and outside professionals alike. For more information on the fire flow tests please visit our website at www.newtontownhall.com/fire.