



# The Newton News

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## DATES OF INTEREST

- Municipal Election Day  
May 8th
- Memorial Day Parade  
May 28th, 10:00am
- Primary Election Day  
June 5th
- Miss Newton  
Little Mr. & Miss Newton  
June 8th, 5:30pm  
@ Project Self Sufficiency
- Newton Day  
June 9th
- Pool Opens  
June 14th
- Council Reorganization Mtg.  
July 2nd, 6:00pm

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

The warmer spring and summer months usher in a busy time of year for all municipal departments as we wrap up winter activities and prepare for the variety of summer projects we have scheduled. Newton continues to be a small, vibrant and dynamic community of 8,000 residents with a proud history and brighter future. We are very fortunate to have many accomplishments to detail from the 2nd half of 2011 and many goals to accomplish in 2012.

The Town continued to invest in the historic downtown district by installing new benches, bike racks, fido houses, and most importantly, new wayfinding signs which guide visitors to stores and the ample parking that is to be found. Thorlabs finished up work on their new world headquarters on Sparta Avenue while Meadowbrook Inventions moved some of their glitter operations to Newton. The Plaza Restaurant successfully re-opened as a Mediterranean Grill while The Newton Theatre hosted many great performers and sold-out shows. There is a lot of positive feedback being received due to these and other new business enterprises making Newton their home, and we are grateful for the faith they have put in the Town as a positive place to do business. As the epicenter for economic activity in the county, staff members share my commitment to expand the tax base with new quality, commercial ratables in 2012 and beyond.

This summer looks to be another busy one with many important capital projects on the slate including but not limited to: improvements to Lot # 2 – Main Street and Howard Street; new message trailers for Police & Water/Sewer; a master plan for the Sewer operations; acquisition of a new street sweeper, chipper, and crack sealer for the DPW; guardrail and fencing upgrades at Memory Park; a drainage study for the areas from Fairview Avenue to Liberty Street; new playground equipment for various parks; and structural improvements to our Fire Museum on Spring Street. Watermain upgrades on Moran Street and Maple Avenue will once again be performed by our dedicated Water & Sewer and DPW personnel. This will be the 2nd time that we have done projects of this magnitude in-house, following on the heels of the very successful Merriam Avenue project. As you can see, a lot of thought goes into the planning of the wide variety of critical projects so we may preserve and protect the existing character of the community while enhancing areas that benefit the current and future quality of life for our residents.

Our Newton 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 spring and summer months.

**NEW SUMMER HOURS**  
**June 4th through August 31st**  
 MONDAY - WEDNESDAY 8:30AM TO 4:30PM  
 THURSDAY 8:30AM TO 6:30PM  
 FRIDAY 8:30AM TO 2:30PM

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 Dep Town Mgr./Q.P.A.**
- 227 Planning/Zoning**
- 228 Comm. Dev./Recreation**
- 230 Fire Prevention Official**
- 231 Construction Department**
- 232 Municipal Clerk**
- 233 Treasurer**
- 236 Deputy Court Administrator**
- 239 Tax Collector**
- 240 Water/Sewer Collector**
- 241 Finance Officer/CFO**
- 242 Court Administrator**
- 244 Recreation Supervisor**

### OTHER NUMBERS

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

### THE 2011-2012 NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

Helen R. Le Frois, Mayor  
Sandra Lee Diglio, Deputy Mayor  
E. Kevin Elvidge, Councilman  
Joseph A. Ricciardo, Councilman  
Kristen S. Becker, Councilwoman  
*Reorganization to be held July 2nd*

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

## IN THE COURTS

The Municipal Court welcomes a new member, Donna Manna, as Deputy Court Administrator. Donna comes from Parsippany Municipal

Court and is a Certified Municipal Court Administrator. The Newton Municipal Court offers payment of your tickets and time payments

thru the Web. For online payment options please log on to [www.njmcdirect.com](http://www.njmcdirect.com). The Newton Court Code is 1915. Newton Court also accepts payments of fines by credit card. These payments need to be done in person. If you need any information from the Court please contact the Court Administrator, Lucy DeLoreto at 973-383-3521 ext. 242 or Donna Manna at 973-383-3521 ext. 236 or via email at [court@newtontownhall.com](mailto:court@newtontownhall.com).



## ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

The Newton Recycling Center now accepts: computers, keyboards, mice, cables, laptops, monitors, televisions, desktop printers, print/fax/copier/scanner machines, fax machines, dvd players, VCRs and other video players (i.e. DVRs).

**NOT ACCEPTED** are microwaves, kitchen/household appliances/white goods or air conditioners.



## 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](http://www.newtontownhall.com).

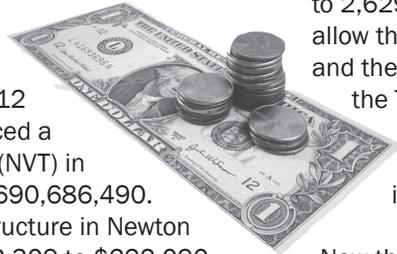
Recycling center hours are Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm and Saturdays 8:00am to 1:00pm. Brush leaves and grass clippings are no longer accepted at the Recycling Center.

Due to the extensive clean up in the fall from Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee and the October snow storm, the Town of Newton will **not** be hosting a "Spring Brush Pickup" this year. Residents wishing to dispose of yard waste may bring their debris to the Municipal Utilities Authority located in Lafayette, New Jersey. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. The Town will still provide "Leaf Pickup" in November for fallen leaves.

## 2012 BUDGET ANALYSIS

On March 26, 2012, the Town Council approved the 2012 Municipal Budget and Capital Improvement Program, which totals \$11,422,490. With State Aid and grant funding continuing to diminish, coupled with the reality of a tax base that is nearly **30% exempt**, it is an ever increasing challenge to maintain appropriate service levels and sound fiscal policies while mitigating any significant municipal tax increases.

The 2012 Tax Book was received from the County in between the dates of Introduction and Adoption of the 2012 Municipal Budget. The Town experienced a decrease in the Net Valuation Taxable (NVT) in the amount of \$5,852,551, down to \$690,686,490. This caused the average residential structure in Newton to slightly decrease in value from \$222,309 to \$222,090. However, with prudent, conservative budgeting, the Town's 2012 Budget shows no increase in the amount to be raised for support of the municipal organization. This action alone would have kept the tax increase to zero, but with the slight decrease in both the NVT and average home valuation, the net result is a very slight (\$.00956) increase in the municipal tax rate. Therefore, the new average municipal tax payment on the average assessed residential structure (\$222,090) is \$2,528 vs. \$2,509 in 2011, an increase of **only \$19, or five (\$.05) cents a day**. This is the lowest dollar increase in the average tax payment since 2000/2001.



The Town maintains independent financial records for the Water and Sewer fund. Both functions are supported by customer billings and do not require property tax revenues to meet financial obligations.

The Water and Sewer budget is proposed at \$4,061,000 for the 2012 year. The Water and Sewer budget provides service to 2,629 accounts. The current rate structure continues to allow the Town to reserve funds for future capital improvements and the retirement of existing debt. Most importantly, it allows the Town to intelligently use a fiscally conservative "debit card" approach to budgeting rather than a "credit card" one when it comes to necessary infrastructure improvements.

Now that we have concluded the 2012 budget process, I want to thank all department heads and staff for their invaluable assistance in putting together these important documents. In closing, it is my belief that the budget appropriations and revenue projections, as contained in the 2012 budget for Newton, will enable the Town to meet the public's demand and need for critical services. Furthermore, the budget is structured as a fiscally responsible document to ensure that the financial well-being of our municipal government is preserved.

—Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager

## COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT

The Town of Newton will be hosting its second annual town-wide Neighbors Helping Neighbors Community Service Clean-Up event on **Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 8:30am to Noon**, commencing at the Town of Newton Municipal Building located at 39 Trinity Street, Newton, NJ. One of the goals of the day is for residents, businesses, and groups to join the community as volunteers to help clean up the parks, schools, streets, and parking lots of litter and recyclables. Volunteers will also go to the homes of seniors citizens, veterans, or disabled residents, to assist with various property maintenance and clean-up issues including, but not limited to, grass mowing and clipping, planting, weeding, recycling, painting, garbage pickup and removal.

The day starts at the Municipal Building at 8:30am with an appreciation continental breakfast (bagels, juice, coffee) and free t-shirt distribution for the first 100 participants, followed by assignments and instructions. Assignments are given according to age and safety. Garbage bags, rakes, and gloves will be provided. The Town will also be providing, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at the Recycling Center on South Park Drive, a Mobile Paper Shredding Unit from



IntelliShred of Frenchtown, NJ, so that residents can bring unwanted documents (no business documents) to be properly shredded and destroyed.

Following the conclusion of volunteer activities at Noon, there will be a social event with pizza and refreshments at Memory Park in Newton. Groups and organizations that have confirmed their participation thus far are: The Town of Newton, Christ Community Church of Newton, and The Sparta Evangelical Free Church. New groups are welcomed to join this important effort.

If you are a group or individual interested in volunteering for the April 28th event, or if you are a resident who needs assistance (senior citizen, disabled resident, or veteran), please contact the Town Manager's Office at 973-383-3521 x224 or via email at [manager@newtontownhall.com](mailto:manager@newtontownhall.com). Requests for home assistance will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and the final determination as to the appropriateness and feasibility of same shall remain with the Town Manager or his designee.

## TAX ASSESSMENT

The Assessment Department continues to monitor current market activity through the recording of deeds with the Sussex County Clerk's office. Sale transactions are verified to make sure they are suitable for inclusion into the State's Sales Ratio analysis. A sale must be an arms-length transaction with neither party under duress; on a property that has been adequately exposed to the open market for its intended use. Sales that don't meet those criteria are considered "non-usable", and are not included in the ratio analysis. Those sales are also not considered as viable "comparables" in establishing property value with regard to tax appeal defense at the County Tax Board.

Property improvements requiring a building permit are reviewed by the Assessor's Office. Not all improvements are subject to a change in assessment. Please refer to the document entitled "The Assessment of New Construction" found on the Town's website at: [www.newtontownhall.com/assessor](http://www.newtontownhall.com/assessor). Inspections for added assessments occur during the summer months on properties that have had recent qualifying new construction and/or renovations. Billings for added assessments are mailed by October 15th and payment is due by November 1st.

Anyone wishing to discuss or review their assessment relative to a potential change for the 2013 tax year may contact the Assessor between October 1 and December 15, 2012, or obtain an "Assessment Review Form" from the town website listed above.

The Assessor can be reached at 973-383-3521 ext. 234 or at [assessor@newtontownhall.com](mailto:assessor@newtontownhall.com).

## ZONING PERMITS

Residents, are you thinking of adding a swimming pool to your property? Did you know you must first obtain a zoning permit?

Wanting to add a fence? A zoning permit is also required.

Permit applications are \$25.00 and are available in the Zoning Office on the second floor of the municipal building or can be downloaded from the Town's website at:

[www.newtontownhall.com/zoning](http://www.newtontownhall.com/zoning).

Any questions should be directed to the Zoning Officer, Katherine Citterbart at 973-383-3521 ext. 227 or [kcitterbart@newtontownhall.com](mailto:kcitterbart@newtontownhall.com).

## LANDLORD REGISTRATION

By law, every landlord of a dwelling, except owner-occupied premises with not more than two rental units, must file a Landlord Registration Certificate form in the Office of the Municipal Clerk. Forms can be found at

[www.newtontownhall.com/landlord](http://www.newtontownhall.com/landlord).

## CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

A Certificate of Compliance inspection and approval is required prior to the re-occupancy or continued occupancy by means of re-rental or re-sale of all one and two-family residential dwellings and all commercial structures or rental portions. For more information call 973-383-3521 ext. 238.

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

Residents, now that Spring is here, please note the following items:

1. All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazards.
2. It is the duty of the owner, tenant or person in possession of any lands in the Town:
  - a. To keep such lands free of brush, weeds, dead and dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash and debris, where the same are inimical to the preservation of public health, safety or general welfare of the Town, or which may constitute a fire hazard.
  - b. Where the lands abut or border upon any public street in the Town, to remove all grass, weeds, brush and other debris from that part of the street bordering on their respective lands.
3. The exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare. Including but not limited to doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim, balconies, decks and fences shall be maintained in good condition.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to maintain a cooperative spirit and pleasant atmosphere in which to live and work.

## POLICE DESK

Members of the Newton Police Department have continued to be very busy attending to their duties as we begin 2012. We understand that the success of our public safety endeavors is dependent on the degree of involvement, cooperation and assistance that we receive from our residents, business owners and visitors to the Town of Newton. With that in mind, we encourage you to stay alert and call the Police Department if you see anything suspicious or have any questions or concerns.



Also, please check out the Newton Police Department website at [www.newtonpolice.org](http://www.newtonpolice.org) for information on the latest activities, initiatives and services provided by the Police Department. You can sign up to receive our press releases related to arrests, investigations, road closures and other public safety information. You can also choose to "follow" us on Twitter and "Like" us on the Department Facebook page. Many also find it interesting to view our activity from traffic stops to medical calls as well as thefts and other criminal activity as it is published on a daily basis to the Police Department's crime reports page that is complete with a map to show where the activity is occurring. We're always looking to improve our online presence and find new ways to increase our interaction with those we serve. Check back often for updates!



To enhance our public safety capabilities, the Newton Police Department has installed 6 cameras in key areas in Town. An example of "Smart Policing", video surveillance leverages technology to supplement patrolling officers who are even more effective working together with members of the community as well as privately owned video surveillance systems. The video surveillance helps to: Monitor traffic, weather related problems, wide loads, disabled vehicles, vehicle crashes, pedestrian involved accidents; assist with investigation of accidents; and prevent criminal activity by creating a deterrent effect since people feel that they have an increased likelihood of being apprehended due to the surveillance system. The system also: prevents criminal activity since apprehension of perpetrators occurs more quickly due to its evidential value and thus prevents actors from continuing criminal acts; detect possible criminal activity, identify potential threats and assign an officer to respond immediately to intervene and/or

investigate; observe people who may be in need of medical assistance and provide prompt dispatch of police officers and emergency medical assistance; assist with the investigation of criminal activity and increase successful outcomes with criminal prosecutions; assist Officers responding to a scene with video eyewitness surveillance prior to their arrival; and promote public safety as well as a feeling of safety in the main business and pedestrian area of the Town. With this purchase and implementation, the Town of Newton has demonstrated its commitment to promoting public safety and enhancing the investigative abilities of the Newton Police Department. There are 6 secure, wireless, remotely controlled pan-tilt-zoom video (no audio) surveillance cameras installed from the Madison/Spring intersection along Spring Street to the County Park and to the intersection of Trinity/Water & Mill. The cameras will view public areas only. The system is passively monitored at Police headquarters by trained professional Public Safety Telecommunicators. Video is continuously recorded; recording all movement of the cameras and provides an audit trail of system use and user access. Signs are conspicuously posted in areas of video surveillance notifying the public. The surveillance system can also assist with the investigation and prosecution of criminal activity in the greater Newton area since the junction of Route 206 and Route 94 in the heart of Newton is a common crossroad in Sussex County, lending itself useful in the investigations of County-wide criminal activity such as residential and commercial burglaries. The Sussex County Prosecutor contributed to this project by purchasing two of the cameras that are installed in the area of the County Park near Ginnie's House. These cameras also provide enhanced security to the Judicial Center, the Prosecutor's Office and the old historic Courthouse area.

With springtime here, it's important to be mindful of certain safety issues that also occur with warmer weather, such as an increase in motorcyclists and pedestrians. Look twice to be safe before entering a roadway since a motorcycle may be difficult to see and drivers can have difficulty estimating their speed. Watch out for pedestrians as you travel across Town. Pedestrian safety is paramount and drivers should remember that many of our pedestrians are also school children walking to and from school.

It should also be pointed out that quite often pedestrians have been found to be at fault when involved in vehicular crashes. Please remember that where traffic is not controlled and directed either by a police officer or a traffic signal, pedestrians should cross the roadway within a crosswalk, or in the absence of a crosswalk and where not otherwise prohibited, at right angles to the roadway. However, no pedestrian shall suddenly...



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## THE POOL AT MEMORY PARK

The Pool Season will begin on Thursday, June 14, 2012 and continue through Saturday, August 25, 2012. The pool is open to all Sussex County residents, seven days per week from Noon to 7:00pm. The pre-season badges for the municipal pool will be available for purchase in the Finance Office located on the ground floor of the Municipal Building at 39 Trinity Street beginning Tuesday, May 23rd. Badges may be purchased daily in the Finance Department between 8:30am and 4:30pm until the pool opens, at which time daily badges will be sold at the pool as a **cash transaction only**. The fees for passes for 2012 are as follows:

### Newton Residents:

Family - \$200.00\*  
 Couple - \$150.00  
 Single - \$100.00

\* Families shall include any adult, his or her spouse and their children 18 years of age or younger living together in one household up to five passes total.

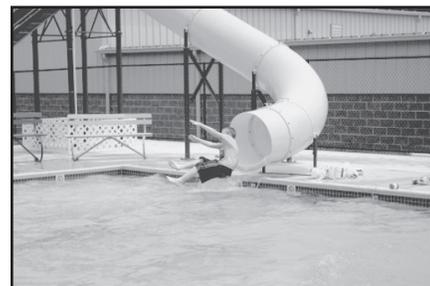
### All Others:

(Residing outside of Town limits):

Family - \$300.00\*  
 Couple - \$200.00  
 Single - \$125.00

### Senior Citizen:

Couple - \$60.00  
 Single - \$35.00



Daily rates are: Senior Citizen - \$2.00 / All Others - \$5.00

\*Thursdays are free to Senior Citizens 55 years of age or older.

For a complete list of pool fees please visit our website at [www.newtontownhall.com/poolfees](http://www.newtontownhall.com/poolfees).

### Learn to Swim:



Sessions begin June 25th. All participants require a swim check **prior** to signing up for lessons, swim checks and sign-ups will take place the week of June 18th during normal operations. Swim lessons will run on a weekly basis with classes Monday–Thursday between 10:00am and Noon. Make-up day is on Friday (for weather cancellations only).

### Fees:

Members—\$30.00

Non-Members- \$40.00

\*\*5th session per child is Free!  
 (based on space availability)

Check the website for a finalized schedule closer to the season opener.

## NEWTON EVENTS

Plans are underway for **Newton Day** to take place on Saturday, June 9th with a rain date of June 16th. The event will take place on Spring Street from 11:00am to 4:30pm and then move to Memory Park. Evening entertainment is planned for Memory Park that includes music, refreshments, kids games, and fireworks!

The annual **“Miss Newton”** contest is planned for Friday, June 8th. The contest will be held at the Project Self Sufficiency Facility at 127 Mill Street. The event will begin at 5:30pm, and will be open to all single Newton young women between 17 and 21 years of age. The **“Little Miss and Mr. Newton”** contest will be held on the same day. Applications for the above contests are available in the Recreation Office on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building or on the Town’s website at [www.newtontownhall.com](http://www.newtontownhall.com).

### FALL SPORTS:

Newton Youth Football online registration is now available for the 2012 season at [www.newtonbravesfootball.com](http://www.newtonbravesfootball.com).

For information on the Newton Soccer Club’s fall program visit [www.newtonsoccerclub.org](http://www.newtonsoccerclub.org).

## POOL EVENTS

### June 9th—Open House 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Drop by to say hello and enter your name to win a free session of swim lessons!. Meet our Recreation Supervisor, Kerry Deckert, Pool Manager, Joe Mate and the lifeguard staff.

### June 16th—Party at the Pool Noon to 7:00pm

School’s out for the Summer and it’s time to get the party started! Stop by the Merriam Avenue School on your bike or trike and get tips on biking safely from TransOptions, then show your sticker at the pool and get in for **FREE!** Wear your Newton Athletic Team T-shirt and get in for **FREE!** Sign up for fall sports while you enjoy the very best summer.

### June 29th—Flick and Float 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Our salute to summer continues with the Flick and Float. Kids get in **FREE!** Join us for a family friendly movie complete with popcorn and rootbeer floats. Adults are \$5 and it’s free to members.

For a complete list of pool events visit our website at [www.newtontownhall.com/pool](http://www.newtontownhall.com/pool).

# WATER AND SEWER UTILITY

The Morris Lake Reservoir, Newton's water source, located in Sparta, NJ, is currently at spillway which will place the Town in good position as we enter the Spring and Summer months.

## **Merriam Avenue Watermain Project**

The Water and Sewer personnel along with the Department of Public Works, worked the full summer of 2011 on the installation of a brand new 12" watermain. This project was done to help address some issues with water flow with that section of Town. The project has benefitted all the residents along Merriam Avenue and the surrounding neighbors providing better flow and pressure.



DPW Supervisor, Ken Jaekel & Water/Sewer Supervisor, Paul Baldwin

## **Fishing**

Fishing at Morris Lake began on Saturday, April 14, 2012. Please note that there is a "No Fishing Zone" area, as required by NJDEP to protect the bald eagles nesting. Fishing permits are available and maps providing the "No Fishing Zone" may be viewed at the Municipal Clerk's Office located on the first floor of the municipal building Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm. **Fishing permits are only available to Newton residents.**



## ELECTION NEWS

The **2012 School Board Election** has been moved to the General Election which will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. On January 17th, Governor Christie signed into law Chapter 202, which established procedures for moving the date of a school district's annual school election from April to November. Under the new law, districts that have their school board members elected in November no longer have to submit their budgets (that meet levy cap requirements) for voter approval. The passage of this law provides both taxpayer savings and increased voter participation in the process.

This year, the Town will hold a **Municipal Election** for two members on the Newton Town Council for a four-year term. The Municipal Election will be held on **Tuesday, May 8th** from 6am to 8pm.

The **Primary Election** will be held on **Tuesday, June 5, 2012**. The **General Election** will be held on **Tuesday, November 6, 2012**.

In New Jersey, any voter can vote by mail in any Election. Don't feel like going to the polls? Simply vote by mail. Now there is "no excuse" not to vote! A voter may vote by mail by completing the Application for Vote by Mail Ballot, and returning the application to the Sussex County Clerk, 83 Spring Street, Suite 304, Newton. Obtain the mail-in application online at [www.sussexcountyclerk.com](http://www.sussexcountyclerk.com) or call (973) 579-0900. To receive your ballot by mail, the application must be received by the County Clerk 7 days prior to the election. A voter may also apply in person to the County Clerk until 3:00pm the day before the election.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In addition to running Monday-Friday from 10:00am to 3:30pm, the Senior Shuttle is now also running on the first and third Saturday of each month.



The first Saturday trip is to the Rockaway Mall and the third Saturday trip is to the Ledgewood Mall.



For more information please feel free to contact the Community Development Office at 973-383-3521 ext. 228.

The following roads are tentatively scheduled for resurfacing in 2012: Maple Avenue, Moran Street, and Merriam Avenue.

**Please note that this list is current as of April 9, 2012 and may be changed without notice.**

*The Newton News*  
Editors - Terri Oswin & Thomas S. Russo, Jr.

## 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 our Town website at [www.newtontownhall.com](http://www.newtontownhall.com).

### **POLICE, Continued from Page 5**

leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield. Additionally, where sidewalks are provided it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.

Motorists who observe a pedestrian within a crosswalk must stop and **stay** stopped until the pedestrian has finished crossing the roadway. No operator of a vehicle shall fail to give the right-of-way to a pedestrian at a crosswalk. Watch for pedestrians when turning right on red, where allowed and be sure to obey the speed limit.

With warmer weather, the Police Department expects to receive reports of black bear sightings. It is imperative that residents and businesses properly secure their trash and other refuse containers to help reduce the chances for any problems. Police Officers have received specialized training and equipment to deal with black bears. Learn more about being bear aware by visiting <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/>.

The Department has been working in cooperation with the Sussex County Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Intervention services (DASI) to recruit, train and implement a Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). The volunteers will respond to the police department to help a domestic violence victim after officers have made a domestic violence arrest. Sgt. Dean Coppolella is the department's liaison with DASI and the DVRT. Please contact DASI at 973-875-1211 for further information or to volunteer. This will be a welcome addition to the Department's victim oriented approach to policing in Newton.

Once again, please visit the Police Department on the web to see the services we offer; from conducting property checks while you're away on vacation to helping you to install a child safety seat. We're here to help keep the Town of Newton safe and can only be successful with your assistance. So please call or stop in at the Newton Police Department if we can be of any assistance to you and to report any possible suspicious activity.

Telephone (973) 383-2525  
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[www.NewtonPolice.org](http://www.NewtonPolice.org)