



The Town of Newton

New Jersey



Envisioning the Future

Town Profile

The Town of Newton was established in 1751 and has served as the county seat since 1761. Newton is 3.1 square miles with a population of 7,997 people; on an average workday, the population increases to approximately 20,000 people, largely due to the fact that Newton houses most of the county agencies, Sussex County Community College, Newton Medical Center, a plethora of shops and restaurants, and a variety of social agencies.

Newton has a water and sewer utility. The system has the capacity to yield 1.0 million gallons a day of water and 1.2 million gallons a day of sewage. Currently the total water usage in the system is approximately 900,000 gallons a day. Newton also has natural gas lines in the roadways to which residents and businesses can connect through the local provider.

There are two major highways that intersect in the center of Newton: Route 206 and Route 94. Newton is approximately 10 miles from Route 80 via Route 206.

Newton has a Police Department that provides effective public safety to all of the residents and businesses in the Town. The Town also has a very active volunteer Fire Department and volunteer First Aid Squad.

Newton operates under the Faulkner Act's Council/Manager form of government. There are five Council members elected to the Town Council and an appointed Town Manager. The Town Council typically meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.



Economic Development Advisory Commission

MISSION STATEMENT

Created in 2002 by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, the Economic Development Advisory Commission (EDC) consists of a diverse group of residents and business leaders, serving as a link between the Governing Body, Town Manager, and the business community. The EDC's purpose is to foster collaboration between landlords and business owners to bolster the economic vitality and development in the Town on a consistent basis.

The goal of the EDC is to promote the potential offered by Newton's geographical location, retail space, population concentration, and available workforce to new businesses or businesses seeking to relocate.

The EDC periodically makes recommendations to the Town Manager and Governing Body based on its interactions with the local business community and prospective new businesses. Resident input is critical for the future of the downtown and business community, as businesses should be tailored to the needs of local residents and visitors alike.



Business Support

Newton is committed to the creation of policies and incentives that encourage business development and retention. Town officials and staff work closely with prospective businesses to ensure an approval process that is both smooth and timely. This cooperative approach has helped to enhance and diversify the availability of goods, services, and employment opportunities in the community.

Recognizing the need to remain competitive with other communities, Newton has sought the input of residents through the EDC. The EDC works collaboratively to foster ideas and recommendations for an environment that results in sustainable job growth, a broader tax base, the promotion of private capital investment and a vibrant community in which to live, work and visit.

The EDC is committed to:

- Attracting new, quality industry and commerce
- Helping existing industry and businesses grow
- Stimulating development of appropriate land and buildings
- Improving area infrastructure, especially water, sewer and transportation
- Improving the general business climate, including conditions for new industry
- Informing citizens of the advantages of economic development



Newton Day Festival sponsored by GNCC



Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce Taste of Newton

Land Use

Newton's land use practices are guided by the decisions and recommendations of the Planning Board. The Planning Board is regulated by the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law and guided by Newton's Land Use Ordinance.

The Planning Board is responsible for evaluating and rendering decisions on applications for development such as site plans, subdivisions, and variances. The Planning Board has reviewed a wide array of applications ranging from high-tech industrial development to the establishment of retail, commercial, and residential properties.

With the elimination of the Zoning Board of Adjustment at the end of 2010, the Planning Board is now also responsible for use variances. An application for a use variance is submitted when a use is not permitted in the zone, e.g. if a property is in a residential district and the owner wants to create a retail store on the property, then the owner would need to apply for a use variance. The retail use is not permitted in the residential zone and would require use variance approval.

The Planning Board also accepts all applications for a Waiver of Site Plan; however, the Secretary of the Planning Board can issue these waivers. A Waiver of Site Plan can be issued on a property when the use is permitted in the zone. A letter is required to be provided to the Planning Board Secretary with the hours of operation, number of employees, location of the business, and the type of business. A Waiver of Site Plan, if issued by the Planning Board Secretary, costs \$100. A Waiver of Site Plan, if issued by the Planning Board, costs \$150 and \$500 for escrow. Please note that these fees are current as of the printing of this brochure but may be changed by the Town. Please check with the Planning Office for the most current list of fees.

Applications for the Planning Board are available in the Planning Office at (973) 383-3521, ext. 227 or at www.newtontownhall.com. The Planning Board typically meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.



"All Roads Lead to Newton..."

Newton...The Place for Fun and Leisure

In addition to a variety of sports and outdoor activities, Newton provides opportunities to explore music, art, and culture through its thriving arts and entertainment venues. The Newton Theatre, several art galleries, museums, and the Performing Arts Center located at the Sussex County Community College make Newton an all-ages entertainment destination.

RECREATION

Newton plays host to a number of sports and recreation activities for enthusiasts of all ages and interests. Several parks and playgrounds are available for hiking, bird watching, picnicking, and special events. Newton's youth sports are played on the various fields and facilities, including football, soccer, T-ball, basketball, roller hockey, and cheerleading. The municipal pool, complete with water slides and swimming lessons, is a hotspot for summertime fun in the sun. Visitors and residents alike can enjoy horseback riding, golf, fishing, ice skating, and camping in picturesque, yet convenient, settings in the greater Newton area.

PARKS

Memory Park contains a number of fields, a basketball court, a playground, the municipal swimming pool, and public restrooms. Pine Street Park offers a small pond, picnic area with barbecue grills, a small playground, a soccer field, T-ball field, and salt marsh trails perfect for nature walks. The Summit Avenue Park offers a small pond with benches and ice skating in the winter (conditions permitting).

ARTS/DINING

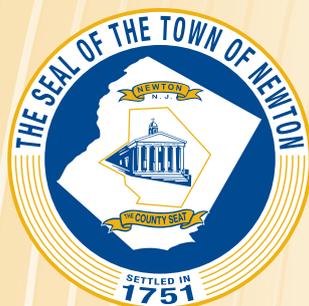
Newton has a thriving arts culture. The town is the home of the Sussex County Arts & Heritage Council (the official arts and heritage organization in the county), as well as a variety of art galleries, each providing its own unique art masterpieces.

Dining in Newton is a unique experience. Patrons can choose from a range of options, from some of the best Zagat-rated restaurants in New Jersey, to more traditional fare at family-friendly prices. For a terrific dine-at-home experience, shoppers can choose from among Newton's great delis, local markets, and supermarkets.

The newly reopened Newton Theatre on Spring Street and the Sussex County Community College Performing Arts Center both offer breathtaking seasonal performances of music, dance, and comedy from national and international artists and students alike. Whatever your interest, there is bound to be something special and appealing to be found in one of these fine arts showcases.



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