



The Town of Newton

The Newton News



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FROM THE DESK OF 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 (but growing), vibrant, and exceptional community of 8,300+ residents with a proud history and an even brighter future.

Some of the exciting projects this summer include but are not limited to:

- Supporting the Mayor’s Walk the Walk & Talk the Talk Initiative
- Working on the administration of Neighborhood Preservation Program grants for facades and signage
- Videos on social media highlighting women-owned and minority-owned small businesses
- Hiring new police officers for the PD
- Working with interested parties on cannabis cultivation facilities and retail operations
- Continuing to partner with our colleagues at the State of NJ on the Armory clean-up and redevelopment
- Supporting Sussex County Community College on the McGuire’s redevelopment project
- Assisting small businesses with free social media marketing through our Community Development office
- Promoting the Newton Rail Trail
- Going out to bid for the Babe Ruth Field Drainage Improvement Project
- Implementing the CDBG-funded Sidewalk projects on Mill Street and Route 206

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FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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As you can see, a lot of thought goes into the planning of the wide variety of critical projects and purchases so we may preserve and protect the existing character of the community while enhancing areas that benefit the current and future quality of life of our residents. The projects are diverse and span a cross-section of disciplines and departments.

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 residential property taxes in NJ is the pursuit of quality commercial ratables, 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 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.

Yours in Service,
Thomas S. Russo, Jr., MPA, CPM
Town Manager

PS – For the most timely and accurate information on various events and happenings, schedules, and meetings, please check out newtontownhall.com and social media.

DATES OF INTEREST

- Bulk Waste Permits Available to Purchase..... April 4
- Good Friday Town Hall Closed..... April 15
- Bulk Waste Collection..... May 7
- Memorial Day Town Hall Closed..... May 30
- Juneteenth Town Hall Closed..... June 20 (Observed)
- Independence Day Town Hall Closed..... July 4



RECENT ORDINANCES

The Newton Town Council recently adopted several ordinances of interest:

Ordinance 2022-1 to include Animal Control Officer in the Town salary ordinance.

Ordinance 2021-22 an ordinance to amend, revise, and supplement Chapter 100 of the Town Code of the Town of Newton, entitled "Fees and Costs".

Ordinance 2021-18 establishes penalties for failure to remove snow from sidewalks.

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



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

Primary Election: Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Municipal & General Election: Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Three Town Council seats are at stake in this election. All potential candidates must reside and be registered voters in the Town of Newton. Petition packets can be picked up in the Municipal Clerk's office beginning July 1.

Polling Places in Newton open 6:00am to 8:00pm on Election Day:

Dist. #1 & #2	Newton Fire House	22 Mill Street
Dist. #3 & #6	First United Methodist Church	111 Ryerson Avenue
Dist. #4	Newton First Aid Squad Building	66 Sussex Street
Dist. #5	Newton Municipal Building	39 Trinity Street

***Subject to change for COVID compliance.**



If you have any questions on your polling place, please contact the Municipal Clerk at 973-383-3521 extension 232.

There will be THREE ways to vote this year...

1. Vote early in person, at one of three designated "vote centers" using a voting machine, during a three-day period leading up to Election Day;
2. Vote early by mail-in ballot;
3. Vote on Election Day, in person using a voting machine at your **assigned** polling place.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO! If you have questions about how the 2022 elections are going to be conducted, call the Sussex County Election Office at 973-579-0950.

FISHING PERMITS:

Morris Lake will open on **Saturday, April 9, 2022** for fishing (subject to change). Permits may be obtained at the Municipal Clerk's office. **ONLY OPEN TO NEWTON RESIDENTS.** Permits are \$20.00 and \$15.00 for Seniors (age 62+).

TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE:

This year, the Town will hold the annual **Town-Wide Garage Sale** on July 22, 23, and 24. Permits are required at a cost of **\$15.00** (for all three days). Applications will be available at the Town Clerk's Office, 39 Trinity Street. **In order to be placed on the map, the deadline for application is Friday, July 15.** Maps will be available at the Town Clerk's Office and in the lobby in the Police Station.

Earn Money and Serve Your Community

Who can be a poll worker?

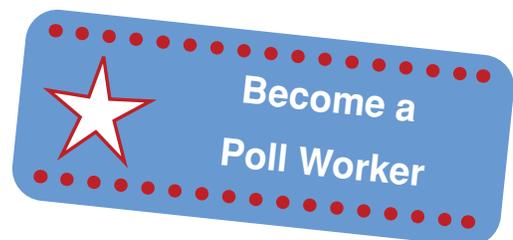
- Any registered voter of Sussex County

What do poll workers do?

- Work from 6am-8pm on Election Day - two times a year
- Set up and close the polls
- Assist voters on Election Day

How to apply?

- Call 973-579-0950
- email sussexpwinfo@gmail.com





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FINANCE NEWS

TAX BILLS

Tax bills for the Final 2022/Preliminary 2023 will be mailed in late July 2022. Bills are mailed to ALL property owners at this time each year. This bill will include payment stubs for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2022 (August and November) as well as the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2023 (February and May). The annual mailing of bills follows the Certification of the Tax Rate by the Sussex County Board of Taxation.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Any property owner who has had a change to their mailing address should notify the Tax office, in writing, prior to July 1, 2022 to ensure your bill is mailed to you in a timely fashion. Any questions regarding your mailing address may be directed to 973-383-3521 x239 or tschlosser@newtontownhall.com.

NEW JERSEY PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT (PTR) SENIOR FREEZE PROGRAM

The 2021 Form PTR New Jersey Property Tax Reimbursement ("Senior Freeze") applications were mailed in late February 2022. You must file your application to be considered for this reimbursement from the State of New Jersey. For information regarding this program please contact the State at 800-882-6597 (8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays). If you are a first-time filer, you may call the State at 1-800-882-6597 to request an application be mailed to you.

Online information: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml.



NEWTON/GREEN SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT



The Municipal Court will continue to host virtual court sessions for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, all court users are to contact the municipal court and provide their full name, email address, and phone number to receive instructions on how to login into the virtual courtroom.

Additionally, many options have been made available by the State of New Jersey to better serve the public. If you are disputing a traffic ticket, certain offenses can be disputed without ever appearing in court through a plea by mail available at www.njcourts.com/forms or the Online Municipal Case Resolution at www.njmcdirect.com. All fines are now payable online through www.njmcdirect.com, the

violation window between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday, or after hours via the drop box near the main doors of the municipal building, As always, we are committed to delivering exceptional customer service and strive to provide a satisfying court experience for all. Should you have any questions or require assistance the Court may be reached at (973) 383-3521 x205 or via email at kquinn@newtontownhall.com or mestremere@newtontownhall.com



OVERNIGHT PARKING REQUESTS

To make it easier for the residents of Newton to make an overnight parking request, an online overnight parking request form was recently added to the Newton Police website, www.newtonpolice.org, under the HOW DO I tab.

The form allows the user to make an online request by adding the required information and then submitting the form. If the request is denied, the requestor will be notified by the telephone number they provided. As a reminder, parking is prohibited on any street, road, or municipal parking lot within the Town of Newton between the hours of 4:00am and 6:00am except Sundays and public holidays. When parking in a municipal lot overnight with the required parking pass, you must park in the area designated for overnight parking which is marked with signage. Parking is also prohibited 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 can be ticketed and/or towed.

Theft prevention starts before you even leave your vehicle. Most thefts from vehicles are done by opportunistic thieves who often go down a line of cars, checking each one for easy access. Don't give them an open invitation to steal your property by leaving the doors unlocked. Most thieves are looking for items which are easy to remove from a vehicle such as pocketbooks, wallets, laptops, cellphones, backpacks, and money. When you park your vehicle, remove items of value, close the windows, sunroof and lock the doors. If you must leave valuable items in your car, place items out of sight or move them to a place in the vehicle where they cannot be seen. To prevent the theft of the vehicle, remove your key fob or keys from the vehicle. If your vehicle is burglarized or if you see suspicious activity, call us immediately at 973-383-2525 or 9-1-1 if an emergent response is needed.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Town of Newton takes pride in maintaining quality neighborhoods and a sound community environment. With warmer Spring and Summer months ahead consider the following:

- **Trash and bulk waste disposal** - The Town provides curbside recycling and also has a Bulk Waste pick up date (please refer to that portion of the newsletter for more information and any fees). Garbage disposal is the responsibility of the property owner(s)/tenants. When disposing of large items, such as old furniture, household appliances, property owner(s)/tenants are reminded to exercise proper waste disposal practices. As described in the Newton Town Ordinances Section 250 and the International Property Maintenance Code Section 308.
- **Sanitation** - Residents are reminded front porches are not to be used to store garbage, old mattresses, recycling bins, or boxes.
- **Lawn maintenance and weed removal** - Prepare for continual lawn maintenance and weed removal.
- **Sidewalks** - Repair/ replace elevated or damaged sidewalks that are creating a trip or other hazard. Also, clear away winter grit.
- **Painted Surfaces** - Address exterior painted surfaces that are peeling, faded, or unpainted.
- **Damage control** - Repair damaged exterior home fixtures, such as siding, gutters, down spouts, shutters, stairs, railings, and fences.
- **Yards** - Remove any exterior yard debris that may have accumulated over the winter, such as, tree branches, leaves and brush.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in following the Town of Newton's Property Maintenance Code to promote the sound maintenance of Town properties which will enhance community appearance and livability for all residents and visitors to work and live. If you any questions or concerns, contact Bernard Hattersley, Code Enforcement Director, at bhattersley@newtontownhall.com, 973-383-3521 x256.

ZONING CORNER

The Zoning Officer, Kerry Brown, would like to remind residents zoning permits are required for the following:

- Fences & replacement fences
- Retaining Walls
- Sheds
- Additions
- Pools (including blue temporary)
- Alterations
- Decks
- Temporary Storage Container (P.O.D.)

Did you know?



A SURVEY: is required with a Zoning Permit Application.



MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:

For the most efficient use of your time and ours, please call first to make an appointment at 973-383-3521 x227.



PARKING:

320.23.E(2) Off-street parking on areas other than driveways is prohibited.
(Ord. No. 2020-19)

For information on zoning compliance and links to our forms, visit our website at www.newtontownhall.com/zoning.

The Town of Newton Zoning Officer, Kerry Brown, can be reached at 973-383-3521 x227 or kbrown@newtontownhall.com.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony

May 30 (GNCC)

Newton Day

June 11

Outdoor Movie Night

July 29 (rain date July 30) and August 26 (rain date August 27) Free, family friendly movie shown on a 25' inflatable screen at Memory Park. Pack your lawn chairs and bring the whole family to enjoy a movie under the stars. Plenty of parking and picnicking is encouraged. Sorry, but alcohol and pets are prohibited in the park area. Gates open at 7:00pm and the show starts at dark.

Concert Under the Stars

July 16 (rain date July 18) and August 13 (rain date August 15) Come dance the night away. Free, family friendly music performed under the big tent at Memory Park. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and enjoy a night full of live music. Picnicking is encouraged. Alcohol and pets are prohibited in the park area. Plenty of parking at Memory Park with overflow parking at the Park N Ride located at the end of South Park Drive. Bands TBA. Gates open at 6:00pm and the show starts at 7:00pm.

A Taste of Newton

September 12 (rain date September 19) In collaboration with the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce. This upscale, ticketed, food event is held under the stars! Each ticket holder will have the chance to taste unlimited gourmet food from Sussex County restaurants! Beer and Wine for purchase as well as dancing to a live band. Limited tickets will be sold starting on August 1, 2022 through the GNCC website with a discount for a "full table" purchase. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Chambers Culinary Scholarship Fund.

RECREATION

HAPPY SPRING NEWTON!

We are looking forward to bringing back our Town of Newton **Easter Egg Hunt!**

SAVE THE DATE:

Town of Newton Easter Egg Hunt – *Saturday, April 16*

Miss Newton, Little Miss Newton, and Lil Mr. Newton - You won't want to miss participating in our 2022 event! Applications along with requirements and more details will be available beginning May 9 on the Town website. Applications must be received at Town Hall no later than May 27 at noon. **Scholarship opportunity:** A \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to the winner of the Miss Newton Pageant.

Annual Senior Spring Luncheon – to be held in May. More details will be available online, on flyers, and on the Town website beginning April 1.

For all updates and the latest news from our Recreation Department please be sure to visit, follow, and like our Social Media pages at the following links:

- Facebook: Town of Newton Recreation-NJ
- Instagram: NewtonNJRecreation

Junior Athletics Programs: Please visit www.newtontownhall.com/Junior-Athletics. **Important Reminder** - Sports Leagues are individual entities that are not governed or managed by the Town of Newton. Any questions should be made directly to the individual league.



POOL NEWS

ATTENTIONWE ARE HIRING***COME JOIN OUR GREAT TEAM***



WHERE YOU WORK MATTERS! CHOOSE US!

Come work with us this summer at the Newton Pool!

Please help us share this important information.

The following positions are available:

- **PT Seasonal Lifeguards** (Must be A.R.C. Certified in Lifeguarding/CPR/First Aid/AED or obtaining certification by June 1, 2022)
- **Lifeguard New Hires: \$16.00 per hour, Returning Lifeguards: \$17.00 per hour**
- **PT Seasonal Pool Assistants, \$15.00 per hour**

To learn more & apply, visit: www.newtontownhall.com/jobs

2022 Registration and season info coming early June!

For updates on the 2022 Newton Pool Season, follow and like our Social Media pages at:

- Facebook: Town of Newton Recreation- NJ
- Instagram: NewtonNJRecreation

Questions? Please call:

Pool off season: 973-383-3521 x247

Pool in season: 973-383-2810



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 7:00 AM 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.

Recycling center hours are Tuesday & 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.

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

Be Proactive and save money while conserving water!

- **Check your toilets.** A toilet that continuously runs after being flushed is the most common reason for elevated usage on a water bill. If the bill is high, this should be the first thing to consider.
- **Check your readings regularly and keep a log of the readings.** It is possible to have a water leak and not actually see or hear water leaking.
- **Take a look at the actual meter inside the premises.** If no water is running, the red dial on the meter should be still. If it is moving even slightly, it could indicate a leak.
- **Pay by the due date stamped on the bill.** There is no grace period on water/sewer payments. Payment must be received by the due date stamped on the bill or 10% will be added to the balance. If you are mailing your water/sewer payment, be sure to send it early enough to arrive by the due date.

Following these tips can help you to lower your bill!

Lightning Safety

Thunder and lightning storms happen all the time. Know what to do to keep you and your family safe when storms strike!

Safety Tips

Outdoor Safety

- » If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- » Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.
- » Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- » Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- » There is no safe place outside. Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses, and picnic areas are not safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- » If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1. Get medical help right away.

Indoor Safety

Turn off computers. Stay off corded phones, computers, and other things that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. You can use a cell or cordless phone.

Do not wash your hands, bathe, shower, do laundry, or wash dishes.

FAST FACTS

Lightning may strike as far as 10 miles from any rain.

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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.



GREATER NEWTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GNCC Turns 80 Years Old!

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber, known as the GNCC, was founded in 1942 and has been serving the local business community ever since. It is an independent non-profit organization directed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Comprised of businesses, non-profits and patrons in Newton and surrounding towns, the GNCC works to further economic development, civic responsibility, and community improvement. Its members support one another through partnerships and referrals, facilitated by networking events held throughout the year. New businesses are welcomed with official ribbon-cutting ceremonies, and tenured members are honored with awards recognizing those making outstanding contributions. The GNCC works closely with the Town of Newton in beautifying the downtown area with flower baskets and American flags each Spring and holiday wreaths each Winter. It also provides scholarships to graduating high school students as an investment in the future of our community.

The GNCC, with support from its members and volunteers, also produces many public events. **A Taste of Newton**, the

Congratulations

annual outdoor tasting event, allows ticket-holders to dine at numerous area restaurants in one night while enjoying live music under the stars. Residents from all over Sussex County look forward to the **Holiday Parade** held the Saturday after Thanksgiving each year, where first responders, community organizations, businesses, and musical groups march through Town as we await the arrival of Santa Claus. The annual **Memorial Day Parade** includes a ceremony honoring our fallen military heroes and their families. And the **Newton Day Festival** offers a fun, family-friendly day with free games and attractions, food, music, and shopping capped off by a festive fireworks display. This year's festival is planned for Saturday, June 11.

Local businesses and residents are invited to join the GNCC, and all are welcomed to its community events! Visit GreaterNewtonCC.com for more information.



- If you are putting in a new pool, hot tub, or spa be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations.
- Outdoor receptacles must have covers that keep them dry even when appliances are plugged into them.
- Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are special devices designed to protect against electric shock and electrocution. They are required for most pool, spa or hot tub equipment. They may be in the form of an outlet or a circuit breaker. Test the GFCIs monthly according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Electrical appliances, equipment, and cords should be kept at least 6 feet away from the water. When possible, use battery operated appliances and equipment, such as televisions, radios, and stereos.
- Avoid handling electrical devices when you are wet.
- Make sure that any overhead lines maintain the proper distance over a pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If unsure, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.
- Do not swim during a thunderstorm.
- Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and—where necessary—replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool, spa, or hot tub electrically safe.
- Have a qualified electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

For many of us, water activities equal fun. But it's important to be aware of electrical hazards while enjoying the water. Know how to be safe around swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.

KNOW THE RISKS!

Electrocution is death by an electrical shock. Be aware when skin is wet or when surrounding surfaces, such as the grass or pool deck, are wet. Wet skin or wet surfaces can greatly increase the chance of electrocution when electricity is present.

There are several signs of electrical shock. Swimmers may feel a tingling sensation. They may experience muscle cramps. They may not be able to move. They may feel as if something is holding them in place.

If you think someone in the water is being shocked, turn off all power, but do not attempt to go in the water. Use a fiberglass or other kind of rescue hook that doesn't conduct electricity to help the swimmer. Have someone call 9-1-1.

If you think you are being shocked while in the water move away from the source of the shock. Get out of the water.



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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.

220 Public Works	233 Treasurer	241 Finance Officer/CFO
224 Manager's Office	234 Community Development	242 Court Administrator
225 Tax Assessor	236 Deputy Court Administrator	254 Human Resources
227 Planning/Zoning	239 Tax Collector	255 Registrar
231 Recreation	240 Water/Sewer Collector	256 Code Enforcement
232 Municipal Clerk		

OTHER NUMBERS

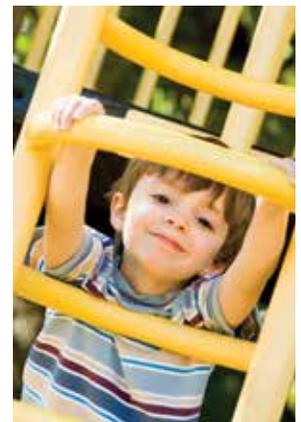
Construction (Hardyston Township).....	973-823-7020
Fire Marshal (Sussex County)	973-579-0380
Recycling Center	973-383-1521
Sewer Treatment Plant	973-383-2090
Water Treatment Plant	973-726-6080
Police Department (Non-emergency)	973-383-2525
Newton Pool	973-383-2810

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A quick checklist for parents

Place this list in a prominent area of your home for quick reference. Then, before your children head out the door for the playground, check that:

- **Supervision is present, but strings and ropes aren't.**
Adult presence is needed to watch for potential hazards, observe, intercede and facilitate play when necessary. Strings on clothing or ropes used for play can cause accidental strangulation if caught on equipment.
- **All children play on age-appropriate equipment.**
Preschoolers, ages 2-5, and children ages 5-12, are developmentally different and need different equipment located in separate areas to keep the playground safe and fun for all.
- **Falls to surface are cushioned.**
Nearly 70 percent of all playground injuries are related to falls to the surface. Acceptable surfaces include hardwood fiber/mulch, pea gravel, sand and synthetic materials such as poured-in-place, rubber mats or tiles. Playgrounds surfaces should not be concrete, asphalt, grass, blacktop, packed dirt or rocks.
- **Equipment is safe.**
Check to make sure the equipment is anchored safely in the ground, all equipment pieces are in good working order, S-hooks are entirely closed, bolts are not protruding, there are no exposed footings, etc.



Checklist is from the National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS) at www.uni.edu/playground/

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