### THE TOWN OF NEWTON

# The Newton News

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- Spring Brush Cleanup Zone 1- May 4-8
   Zone 2- May 11-15
   Zone 3- May 18-22
   Zone 4- May 25-29
- Memorial Day Parade May 25th
- Primary Election Day June 2nd
- Newton Day
   June 13th
- Miss Newton
   Little Mr. & Miss Newton
   June 13th, 5:30pm
   @ Memory Park
- Pool Opens June 18th
- Tax Sale June 24th
- Council Reorganization Mtg. July 1st, 6pm

# A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER:

"ENVISIONING THE FUTURE"

My first eight months as your Town Manager have surely gone by quickly! As I learned even before I started, Newton is a small, vibrant and dynamic community of 8,300 residents with a proud history and brighter future. We are very fortunate to have many accomplishments to detail from the  $2^{\rm nd}$  half of 2008 and the beginning of 2009.

The Town Council introduced and adopted Redevelopment Plans for Hicks Avenue and Paterson Avenue, as well as the Redevelopment Plan for Sparta Avenue. We are optimistic that as time progresses and New Jersey pulls itself out of this economic recession, Newton will be at the vanguard of positive ratable growth in Sussex County. The time and money invested in these endeavors, along with revisions to the Master Plan, will ultimately enhance the Town's aesthetic integrity while providing jobs and boosting the area's economy. In recognition of these efforts the Town received the 2008 Award for Commitment to Community Planning from the American Planning Association's New Jersey Chapter.

As I indicated last fall, you will continue to see greater enhancements to our public outreach activities. This newsletter has been modified for ease of use and readability; the recently published 2008 Annual Report also was updated from previous incarnations and is slated for greater changes next year; and the Town website will be undergoing a major overhaul later this year. I have been, and will always be, an advocate for open, efficient and effective municipal government and thank all staff members for their commitment to my goals.

In an effort to mitigate the impact of municipal tax increases, I have instituted many cost cutting measures. The Town is utilizing State contract and Cooperative Purchasing pricing on various goods and services; we are more diligent in obtaining necessary price quotes on various purchases; we are using technology to streamline operations; and we are leading the effort in shared services. We will be partnering this year with Andover Township on a pre-treatment solution (brine) for our roadways during winter storms, saving time, money and resources. In order to meet the new State regulations regarding truck washing, we are beginning the process of retrofitting two of our DPW garage bays in conjunction with our friends in Andover. Water and Sewer personnel will be working tirelessly on a program to account for any lost water from the starting point of our distribution center at Morris Lake as it enters into Newton. This program has already seen measurable results and will continue throughout the year. In order for Newton to become an even more affordable place to live, work and play we will continue these cost saving endeavors.

Our Public Works personnel will be coordinating many projects this summer to enhance our quality of life. Many road and sidewalk/crosswalk projects will be conducted and can be found in further detail on page four of this newsletter. And as you drive through the community this summer you will notice new blue/white street signs (which were obtained at significant savings compared to the previous black/white versions); new signs for Memory Park and Pine Street Park; and new signage for entrances to our community on Route 206, Sparta Avenue and elsewhere. Going forward and always, I want the vibrancy and excitement of our community to be reflected in everything that we do.

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 for good health and happiness during the beautiful spring and summer months.

Yours for a Better Newton,

Thomas S. Russo, f.

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	OTHER NUMBERS		
224	Manager's Office	Public Works Garage	973-383-4160	
225	Tax Assessor	Recycling Center	973-383-1521	
226	Deputy Town Manager	Memory Park Pool	973-383-2810	
227	Planning/Zoning	Waste Water		
228	Comm. Dev./Recreation	Treatment Plant	973-383-2090	
230	Fire Prevention Official	Police Department		
231	Construction Department	(Non-emergency)	973-383-2525	
232	Municipal Clerk	THE 2008-2009		
233	Treasurer	NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL		

# NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

Joseph Ricciardo, Mayor E. Kevin Elvidge, Deputy Mayor Thea Unhoch, Councilwoman Kristen Becker, Councilwoman Helen Le Frois, Councilwoman Reorganization to be held July 1st

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

### IN THE COURTS...

The Municipal Court holds regular sessions on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings each month at 6:00 p.m. for first appearance. Early disposition conferences are held on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Trials are conducted every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

The Newton Municipal Court offers payment of your tickets and your time payments thru the Web. For On-line payments options please log on to www.nimcdirect.com. The Newton Court has noticed an increase in payments received on the Internet. The Newton Court Code is 1915. Newton Court also accepts payments of traffic fines by credit card. These payments needs to be done in person.

For more information please contact the Court Administrator, Ann Rosellen @ 973-383-3521 ext. 242 or rosellen@newtontownhall.com.



# BRUSH CLEANUP...

236 Deputy Court Administrator

240 Water/Sewer Collector

243 Fire Prevention Secretary

244 Recreation Supervisor

241 Finance Officer/CFO

242 Court Administrator

239 Tax Collector

The DPW crew will pick up brush, small tree limbs, and bagged vegetative yard debris during the month of May.

#### \*PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE NEW SCHEDULE FOR PICKUP\*

Pickup will follow the Recycling pickup schedule. Zone 1 will be picked up the week of May 4th. Zone 2 the week of May 11th. Zone 3 the week of May 18th. Zone 4 the week of May 25th. Please cooperate by making sure debris is bagged correctly and is placed at the curb by 7:00am on the Monday morning of your Zone pickup week.

Tree limbs must be smaller than 4 inches in diameter. The clean up is intended for residents to clear away naturally occurring fallen winter brush and light pruning. Property owners are responsible for felled trees. Non-chippable items including leaves, vines, stumps and building material may not be set out for collection. Vegetative yard clippings must be in bio-degradable bags for collection at the curb. All yard waste will be taken to the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority in Lafayette for disposal.

# FINANCE...

#### Tax Assessment

Inspections for added assessments occur during the summer months on properties that have had recent additions or renovations. Billing for those added assessments are mailed by October 25th and payment is due by November 1st.

Anyone wishing to have their assessment reviewed for the 2010 tax year may contact the Assessor between October 1 and December 1, 2009.

#### **Tax Collection**

The tax sale for amounts owed for 2008 taxes or water and sewer accounts is planned to be held on June 24, 2009. This sale, which has previously been held in October, is being held earlier in the year in an attempt to collect revenues in a more timely fashion.

#### Reminders

June 1st is the due date for any senior citizen or disabled person who needs to file their 2008 Property Tax Reimbursement (PTR) Forms with the State. Please call 1-800-882-6597, Mon. - Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm, for more details.

# TOWN MANAGER'S 2009 BUDGET ANALYSIS

#### **OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

When preparing the municipal and water/sewer budgets, we are guided by focusing on 3 core areas. The **first** is a focus on improving **cost effectiveness** through increased staff productivity with a targeted use of part-time personnel, volunteers and technology. The **second** is a focus on **protecting core services**. We must always be cognizant of maintaining our exceptional reputation for delivering quality municipal services with an emphasis on doing the right things the right way. **Finally**, we are guided by a focus on **revenue enhancement**. This allows us to minimize tax increases on the overall community while forcing us to be more deliberative with user fees and shared services strategies with the County of Sussex and neighboring communities like Andover Township. Ultimately, all three core principles are inexorably tied to the prevailing ideology of enhancing mission achievement – making the Newton municipal organization the best it can be.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS**

Newton's 2009 Municipal Budget and Capital Improvement Program totals \$10,342,468. The Municipal government is a service based organization. Approximately 65% of the municipal budget provides funding for the salaries and benefits of 67 full-time and 56 part-time employees. The budget reflects the full funding of both PERS and PFRS. Although the option has been given to municipalities by the State of New Jersey to defer payments, I do not feel that it is prudent fiscal policy for Newton. Though the cost of providing health insurance continues to increase, the Town has, over a period of years, implemented policies requiring employees to share in health insurance premium costs for dependent coverage. These policies are necessary and will certainly continue for the foreseeable future. We are also undertaking a comprehensive review of our State Health Benefits Program as it compares to the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund.

#### **REVENUES IN SUPPORT OF THE BUDGET**

State Aid has continued to decrease while the taxpayers of Newton have had to pick up where the State has left off. Local fees continue to fluctuate along with the ability of the Town to create a consistent level of fund balance. With State Aid and grant funding continuing to diminish, coupled with the reality of a tax base that is 25% exempt, it is an ever increasing challenge to maintain appropriate service levels and sound fiscal policies while mitigating any significant municipal tax increases. The Municipal Tax necessary to support the municipal organization, including the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes, is increasing for the 2009 year. The 2009 municipal tax rate will be .8352 vs .7602 from 2008, an increase of 7.5 tax points. The impact on the average assessed residential structure (\$269,000 assessed value) is \$201 per year or less than \$3.88 per week. This increase is the smallest municipal rate increase since 2003.

#### **WATER AND SEWER**

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 \$4,160,000 for the 2009 year. The Water and Sewer budget provides service to over 2,600 accounts. The current rate structure continues to allow the Town to reserve funds for future capital improvements and the retirement of debt.

#### **SUMMARY**

It is my belief that the budget appropriations and revenue projections, as contained in the 2009 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.

# PRIMARY ELECTION

he primary election will be held on June 2, 2009. A primary election is an election in which voters of a political party select candidates for the general election. This election is open to all registered voters that have lived in the County for at least 30 days prior to the election and that have declared a party affiliation or choose to declare an affiliation at the polls. If you wish to change your party affiliation it must be done 50 days prior to the primary election. Please contact the Municipal Clerk at 973-383-3521 extension 232 with any questions.

## NJ SHARES

financial crisis can happen to anyone, regardless of age, income or family situation. New Jersey SHARES is the only statewide, nonprofit 501 c (3) organization which provides grants to pay the utility bills of households in need through a statewide network of more than 173 community-based social service agencies operating out of 225 sites. For more information and assistance please contact Assemblywoman McHose's office at 973-300-0200 or by email <a href="mailto:assmchose@njleg.org">assmchose@njleg.org</a>.

## FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

The Newton Fire Department would like to reminded everyone of some important safety tips when grilling during this barbeque season:

- Designate the grilling area a "No Play Zone", keeping kids and pets well away until grill equipment is completely cool.
- Before using, position your grill at least 3 feet away from other objects, including the house and

any shrubs or bushes. Grills should not be used under covered porches or decks.

- Only use starter fluid made for barbecue grills when starting a fire in a charcoal grill.
- Before using a gas grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line to be sure it is working properly and not leaking.
- Never use a match to check for leaks. If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas and don't attempt to light the grill again until the leak is fixed.
- Never bring a barbecue grill indoors, or into any unventilated space. This is both a fire and carbon monoxide poisoning hazard.

#### 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 Lt. Jean Bond at 973-383-4746. Please leave your name and contact information.

### ROAD PROJECTS

The following are scheduled for resurfacing in 2009:

Adams Street

Jefferson Street

Jefferson Street (Washington St. to Halsted St.)

Washington Street

Lincoln Place

Sussex Street (Pine St. to Sparta Ave.)

**Hamilton Street** 

North Park Drive

Mill Street Firehouse Parking Lot

#### Also scheduled for improvements are:

Mill Street Firehouse-

Concrete Sidewalks and Aprons

Trinity Street -

Concrete Sidewalks on West Side from Moran Street to County of Sussex Property

Please note that this list is current as of March 31, 2009 and may be changed by the Town of Newton without notice due to modifications in construction costs and engineering fees.

# FIRST AID SQUAD

The Newton First Aid Squad would like to thank all the good residents and businesses of Newton for their generous financial support over the years, however, nowwe need something different. We need new members as our



ranks are dwindling. Won't you please consider becoming an EMT, First Responder or Ambulance Driver? We Squad members all subscribe to the motto of "Neighbors helping Neighbors". We're your neighbors and you are ours... come join us help other neighbors! You can contact us at 973-383-3377 and leave a message for Captain Kinney.

Stay well, enjoy the Spring & Summer and remember... when injured or ill we're only a telephone call away just dial "911" and your neighbor EMT will be there for you.

Your Squad, with the assistance of WalMart, is still offering bicycle flags for our town citizens bound to motorized wheelchairs in an attempt to increase their visibility while riding our streets and highways. Anyone interested can contact us for more information, at 973-383-3377, thank you.



Pictured here, at the Town Hall, are Andre L'Heureux, WalMart Store Manager and flag donator, Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager and Council Member Thea Unhoch, Squad member Xavier Izquierdo and Squad Captain Irving (Irv) Kinney, Jr., presenting a 6-foot tall bike flag to one of our many mechanized wheelchair-bound citizens.

# TRAFFIC ALERT

With the warmer weather upon us, pedestrian traffic will undoubtedly increase throughout the community. The Police Department will be implementing plans for some targeted traffic enforcement, focusing mainly on pedestrian safety.



Police officers operating under the Safe Routes to Schools grant will be conducting enforcement activities around crosswalks used by children walking to and from school. N.J.S.A. 39:4-36 requires that all drivers yield the right of way to a pedestrian

at a marked crosswalk. Enforcement details will be conducted during the months of May and June prior to the end of the school session.

Special traffic enforcement details will also target regular crosswalks in and around the business areas of Town,

specifically Spring Street, Main Street, Park Place, High Street and Trinity Street. The enforcement effort will target not only a driver's responsibility to yield the right of way but a pedestrian's obligation in using due care for his or her own safety.

The speed limits on Woodside Avenue and Sparta Avenue have been lowered. The entire length of Woodside Avenue from the intersection of Main Street to Sparta Avenue has been lowered to 25mph. Sparta Avenue, from the intersection with Spring Street to Sussex Street has been lowered to 25mph and from Sussex Street to the Town line has been lowered to 30mph. Speed education and awareness efforts are underway using the Department's speed awareness trailer and through traffic stops with warnings mainly. Regular enforcement will follow a reasonable adjustment period.

# PET DISASTER PLAN

In an emergency don't forget to make provisions for your pets.

- ♥ Have a safe place to take your pets, especially in case an evacuation is ordered.
- ♥ Remember: During an evacuation, American Red Cross disaster shelters cannot accept pets. Service animals that assist people with disabilities are the only animals allowed in Red Cross shelters.
- ♥ Plan NOW, before an emergency, to find out whether



friends, relatives or pet-friendly hotels can shelter your animals in the event of a disaster. Keep a list of pet-friendly places, including phone numbers, with your other disaster supplies. Important: DO NOT ASSUME any hotel will allow pets until you have called and spoken with someone at that hotel.

- ♥ Assemble a pet disaster kit.
- ▼ Know what to do when a disaster approaches.

# 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. For residential units the Code requires a smoke detector inspection, carbon monoxide and fire extinguisher certification.

# POLICE DESK



Residents should be aware that the Police Department would gladly keep watch on a home or property while the owner is away on vacation or for some other temporary obligation. It is of great benefit to police officers to

know if a property is vacant in order to be alert to keeping an extra watch as well as responding appropriately if suspicious activity is observed during regular patrol. Residents may stop in or telephone police headquarters at 973-383-2525 and department employees will solicit some necessary information about the property and contact information in the event of an emergency. Officers will inspect the property daily at various times to ensure the structure is secure and no obvious hazards exist.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

The owner of the premises is to maintain the structures and exterior property. Also, occupant (s) of a dwelling unit are responsible for keeping that part of the structure which they occupy or control in a clean, sanitary and safe condition. All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of ten (10) inches.

Receptacles for the storage of garbage and trash prior to connection shall be located in the rear yard of the premises or under cover within the building and shall be maintained in such a manner with the cover in place to prevent the creation of a nuisance or a menace to public health.

# THE POOL AT MEMORY PARK

The Pool Season will begin on Thursday, June 18, 2009 and continue through Sunday, August 23, 2009. 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 Wednesday, June 3rd. Badges may be purchased daily in the Finance Department between 9:00am and 4:30pm until the pool opens, at which time badges will be sold at the pool. The fees for passes for 2009 are as follows:



Newton Residents:	All Others: (Residing outside of Town limits):	Senior Citizen:	Swim Team Participant:	Replacement Badge
Family - \$200.00* Couple - \$150.00 Single - \$100.00	Family - \$300.00* Couple - \$200.00 Single - \$125.00	Couple - \$60.00 Single - \$35.00	\$30.00	\$5.00

<sup>\*</sup> Families shall include any adult, his or her spouse and their children 18 years of age or younger living together in one household.

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

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



There will be three swim lesson sessions for children four years of age and older as follows:

Session I - June 22 to July 10 Session II - July 13 to July 31 Session III - August 3 to 21

Swimming Lessons Fees: Season Pass Holder - \$30.00

All Others - \$75.00

Initially, each child will be permitted to participate in only one session during the season. Each session is 1/2 hr. each day Monday thru Friday, for 3 weeks. Sign-ups for swimming lessons will be on Thursday, June 18th and Friday, June 19th from 10:00am until Noon at the pool and during regular pool hours. Parents are to remain outside the fenced-in area during swimming lessons.

### NEWTON DAY

Plans are underway for Newton Day to take place on Saturday, June 13th, with a rain date of June 20th. The event will take place on Spring Street from Noon 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 June 13th. The contest will be held at Memory Park as part of the Newton Day festivities. 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. Details will be available when all of the plans are finalized. Applications for the above contests are available in the Recreation Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Municipal Building. For more information please visit the Town's website at www.newtontownhall.com.



### **GNCC**

The Greater Newton Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that it has opened its membership to residents of the greater Newton

area, who do not have a business affiliation, but wish to support their local businesses and community activities. Resident Patrons can join the Chamber for just \$75. Membership provides residents access to attend meetings, dinners, and social events and have their names published in a GNCC publication. Patrons do not have voting privileges. Please call (973) 300-0433 for information or an application.

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# WATER AND SEWER UTILITY

The water and sewer utility continues to run as efficiently as possible. Water hydrants will be flushed each year in early spring and again in the fall. Water discoloration maybe experienced during the flushing of the hydrants. The Water Department will be working closely with ISO for the study being completed for the Newton Fire Department.

April 24, 2009, will mark the W a t e r a n d S e w e r Superintendent's, Bill Grennille, last day with the Town of Newton. Bill will be retiring after 22 years of service to the residents and customers of the Water & Sewer System. We here at Town Hall wish Bill all the best in his retirement!



The Morris Lake Reservoir is currently at spillway which will place the Town in good position as we enter the Spring and Summer months. For the third straight year an eagle has laid eggs in the eagle nest at Morris Lake.

Fishing at Morris Lake began on Saturday, April 11, 2009. Please note that there is a "No Fishing Zone" area, as

required by NJDEP to protect the bald eagles nesting. Fishing permits 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.



### **ZONING FAST FACTS**

#### When do I need a zoning permit?

Zoning and Building permits are required for new construction plus most home improvement projects, including additions, decks, shed, fences, garages and PODS.

#### What information is need to obtain a zoning permit

You need to provide a current survey of your property with the proposed work to be done drawn to scale. You also need to provide the setback of the property, height of construction an dimensions of additions, decks, sheds fences etc.

#### What if my home is located in the Historic District?

Structures that are located in the Historic District require review for any exterior alterations by the Newton Historic Advisory Commission. Examples of alterations that must be reviewed are: Windows, Siding, Doors, Roofs and Signage. For more information on the Historic District please see the Historic website at www.historicnewton.com.

Kathy Citterbart is Newton's Zoning Officer as well as at the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission's secretary. She would be happy to answer any questions you may have and can be reached at 973-383-3521 ext. 227, or at <a href="mailto:kcitterbart@newtontownhall.com">kcitterbart@newtontownhall.com</a>.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This Department has been busy working on Plan Endorsement through the Office of Smart Growth. Plan Endorsement took the place of Regional Center Designations. On February 18, 2009 the Town received approval from the New Jersey Planning Commission on their Plan Endorsement Application. Newton will have to complete an MOU and Action Plan with the Office of Smart Growth.

The Community Development Department has been busy working with the Visionary Planner on the Redevelopment Plan for 56 Sparta Avenue. The Redevelopment Plan was adopted by the Newton Town Council on March 23, 2009.

### RECYCLING NEWS

The Town of Newton conducts monthly curbside pick up of commingled recycling and newspaper. For a list of dates for your street please review the recycling schedule on the Town of Newton's website at <a href="https://www.newtontownhall.com">www.newtontownhall.com</a>. As a reminder containers placed curbside can be no larger than 35 gallons.

Recycling center hours are Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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#### 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 <a href="https://www.newtontownhall.com">www.newtontownhall.com</a>.

# MAIN STREET NEWTON

#### The Eight Principles of Main Street



- 2. The Main Street approach relies on quality.
- 3. A public-private partnership is necessary to make meaningful, long-term downtown revitalization possible.
- 4. The Main Street program involves changing attitudes.
- 5. Main Street focuses on existing assets.
- 6. Main Street is a self-help program.
- 7. The Main Street approach is incremental in nature.
- 8. Main Street is implementation oriented.

#### Volunteers and Donations Needed

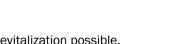
Main Street Newton, Inc. needs financial support and volunteers to continue its mission.

Main Street Newton depends on donations from individuals and businesses to do the work of preserving, protecting and restoring the downtown.

Main Street Newton depends on volunteers who are dedicated and willing to work on events and activities to make the downtown a place where families will gather, shoppers will stroll the streets, festivals and entertainment will flourish and great food will entice neighbors from near and far.

Please get involved to make a difference in your community.

To volunteer or donate call the Executive Director, Jim Sheldon, at 973-940-3178.



#### **GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING**

The Town of Newton will be participating in the State's Gypsy Moth spraying program. Aerial spraying will take place between May 12th and June 12th in a 46 acre area near Newton High School. Exact dates can not be determined at this time. A copy of the aerial map outlining the area to be sprayed is available for viewing in the Community Development Office in Town Hall and on the Town's Website www.newtontownhall.com.