



The Town of Newton

The Newton News



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FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN MANAGER

I have recently entered my 16th year as your Town Manager, and I must say I continue to be blessed to lead such a fine organization and community. We have many exciting updates to talk about, so let's get down to business.

The Town concluded another super successful season at the Newton Town Pool. Additionally, we were fortunate to have the grand re-opening of the Kiddie Pool with special guest star Bluey™ in attendance (thank you Councilwoman Helen Le Frois for coordinating her visit to Newton!). Hopefully, you took advantage of the free membership afforded to residents of the Town. If not, make sure you mark your calendars for the Summer 2024 season!

The beautification of our downtown continues with the Neighborhood Preservation Program. The annual \$150,000 grant program has enabled us to purchase a sound system which will allow music, advertisements, and public service announcements. Stay tuned! Get it? Stay tuned? The entertainment value here is ridiculous.

Also, as part of the aforementioned NPP, the Town commissioned Olmsted Mural Group to paint an 800-sq ft. mural which is located on Spring Street and Moran Street. Our thanks to all of the community volunteers who were a part of this historic effort!

The new Dog Park has been a resounding success. Make sure to bring your furry friends and check it out – located at the Park & Ride on South Park Drive (just past the Recycling Center).

Hopefully you have all taken advantage of the fast casual paradise in Newton known as Starbucks, Chipotle, and Panera Bread, all of which are open for your culinary delight. Save me a cold brew with oat milk, please!

Have you seen our new Shuttle Bus around Town? How about the Animal Control Van with a plethora of four-legged friends wrapped around the vehicle? Town staff continue to transport seniors in the Shuttle and our animal friends in the decked-out ACO van.

A Curfew Ordinance has been adopted by the Town for individuals under the age

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FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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of 18. For more information on the same, check out the Town website at newtonpolice.org/curfew/.

We anticipate the new EV Charging Stations to be operational like the Death Star! Bring your high efficiency vehicles (and payment please) and charge up your wheels!

The Town received a \$749,000 grant to install the new Memory Park Connector Boardwalk! This will be a great project as it will connect the County Rail Trail to our park. Speaking of Memory Park, we are working on the Babe Ruth Field Drainage project with our colleagues at Suburban Consulting Engineering which will help improve drainage at our flagship park.

In conjunction with our friends at the Newton BOE, we have provided a School Resource Officer (SRO) to help in the schools, to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the youth in our community.

As of this writing we have commenced the Route 519 Mill Street project with our friends at Sussex County. This project is part of the \$400,000 grant we received in Community Development Block Grant Funding, along with other funding from the Town and County, totaling almost \$1.2 million in road and sidewalk improvements for pedestrian and vehicular safety.

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. 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 fall season and upcoming holidays. 2023 has been a great year for the community and I pray for a 2024 that will be full of love, peace, hope, and joy.

Yours in Service,

Thomas S. Russo, Jr. MPA, CPM, Harvard PLC
Town Manager

- **Fall Festival** Oct. 8 at 11:00 AM
- **Halloween Parade** Oct. 31 at 4:00 PM
- **Fall Leaf & Brush Pickup** Oct. 30 thru Dec. 1
- **General Election Day**
Town Hall Closed Nov. 7
- **Veterans’ Day (Obs.)**
Town Hall Closed Nov. 10
- **Flags of Honor** Nov. 11 at 11:00 AM
- **Thanksgiving Holiday**
Town Hall Closed Nov. 23 & 24
- **Holiday Parade** Nov. 25
- **Tree Lighting** Dec. 1 at 5:00 PM
- **Christmas Holiday**
Town Hall Closed Dec. 22 & 25

RECENT ORDINANCES

The Newton Town Council recently adopted several ordinances of interest:

Ordinance 2023-15 adding a section in the Code to Vehicles and Traffic regarding inoperable vehicles on public streets/ public properties.

Ordinance 2023-16 establishing regulations related to EV charging spots.

Ordinance 2023-18 amending the number of cannabis retail locations.

Ordinance 2023-21 establishing a curfew in the Town of Newton.

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



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THE 2023 NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager • Teresa A. Oswin, Municipal Clerk

REMINDERS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE...

THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

There are THREE ways to vote this November.

1. Vote early in person from **Saturday, Oct. 28 thru Sun., Nov. 5** at one of three Early Vote Centers in the county (for EV Center locations and polling hours visit www.sussexcountyclerk.org/election).

2. Vote early by mail-in ballot; the last day to request a mail-in ballot for the General Election is Tuesday, Oct. 31. After Oct. 31, voters can apply in person to vote with a paper ballot at the Sussex County Clerk's Office through Monday, Nov. 6 before 3:00 PM.

3. Vote on Election Day, in person using a voting machine at your **assigned** polling place. Election Day polls are open from **6:00 AM to 8:00 PM**.

*** POLLING PLACES ***

#1 & #2	Newton Fire House No. 1.....	22 Mill St.
#3 & #6	United Methodist Church.....	111 Ryerson Ave.
#4	Newton First Aid Squad Building.....	66 Sussex St.
#5	Newton Municipal Building	39 Trinity St.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Town of Newton's Animal Control Officer is Jessica Vollero. She provides assistance on many different animal matters. Whether it is a dog running-at-large, a stray cat, or a question you need answering, Jessica is available to provide you with information and guidance. She also provides low-cost microchipping to help get all pets home safely.

get your pet microchipped at a cost of \$25. Supplies are limited, so it will be on a first come/first served basis.

For a list of free rabies clinics in the Sussex County area, please visit newtontownhall.com/freerabies.

2024 Dog and Cat license fees are:

Dogs: \$16.00 Spayed/Neutered
\$20.00 Non-Spayed/Non-Neutered

Cats: \$15.00

Late fee is \$5.00 each month per animal beginning 2/1/24.

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

PET LICENSING

Newton requires all dogs & cats residing in the Town to be licensed. The license renewal process will take place January 1 through 31, 2024. The State of New Jersey mandates the renewal of current rabies vaccinations cannot expire before November 1st of the current license year (2024). Newton will host a free rabies event on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at the Newton Public Works Garage, 117 Moran Street from 10:00 AM to Noon. You may also

PAYMENT OPTIONS

As a convenience to our customers, the Clerk's Office now accepts VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER for payments. There is a 4% fee for each transaction, and the minimum charge is \$20.00.

MEET THE STAFF

Janien N. Roberts, Registrar of Vital Statistics. Janien started working for the Town in July of 2007. She became a Certified Municipal Registrar in 2011 and served as Deputy Registrar until 2021. In September 2021 Janien was appointed Registrar. Over the years she has issued thousands of vital statistics. Whether you are getting married, having a baby, or dealing with the death of a loved one, Janien is here to assist you.



Monica Champignon, Administrative Assistant. Monica joined the Clerk's staff in March of this year. She has quickly become an invaluable asset, managing many tasks such as pet licensing, fishing permits, landlord registrations, and OPRA requests. She is currently taking classes to obtain her certification as a Registrar of Vital Statistics.



Teresa A. Oswin, Municipal Clerk, Deputy Town Manager, Deputy Registrar. Terri was first hired by the Town as the Secretary to the Construction Official in October, 2002. In 2004 she took the position of Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager, and served three Town Managers, Colin Donnelly, Eileen Kithcart, and Thomas S. Russo, Jr. In October 2013, she received her Registered Municipal Clerk certification and was given the title of Deputy Municipal Clerk while still serving as the Town Manager's assistant. In July 2020, she was promoted to the title of Deputy Town Manager/Deputy Municipal Clerk. In June 2021, Terri became a Certified Municipal Registrar. In September 2021, she was appointed Municipal Clerk. Her new title is Municipal Clerk/Deputy Town Manager/Deputy Registrar.



RECREATION

Town of Newton 5th Annual Flags of Honor:

In honor of Veterans Day, the Town of Newton will once again sponsor the **Flags of Honor**, a display of flags on the lawn of the Town of Newton Municipal Building, located at 39 Trinity Street, Newton. The American Flags will recognize and show honor to the Veterans who have dedicated themselves to the protection of our freedom. Flags will be on display throughout



the month of November. **Adopt A Flag in honor of your Special Veteran for \$30!** Your donation will benefit Community Hope's - Hope for Veterans Program which ensures a safe haven for homeless and disabled Veterans every day. Donate online at newtontownhall.com/donate or mail or deliver your donation, with check made payable to "Community Hope, Inc." to 39 Trinity Street, Newton, NJ 07860 c/o Flags of Honor. Please include the name of the honoree. **Participants and Honorees need not reside in Newton and the deadline is November 3, 2023.**



A dedication Ceremony will take place Saturday, November 11th, 11AM, on the front lawn of the Newton Municipal Building. All honorees, families, and residents are welcome to attend. Complimentary refreshments will be served following the ceremony. This event is rain or shine.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Founded in 1836, the Newton Fire Department is one of the oldest continually operating fire departments in the United States. In addition to responding to all types of emergencies with superior fire protection and rescue equipment, the Fire Department also gives back to the community it serves.

The Newton Fire Department would like to remind everyone to be sure to check the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. We would also like to remind people to stay away from any downed utility lines.

Newton Fire Department is staffed by all volunteers and is always looking for members. If interested in joining our ranks or want to donate, please visit us at newtonfiredepartment.org.

Chief of Department

Anthony M. Razzano

FIRST AID SQUAD

Now in its 66th year, the Newton Volunteer First Aid and Rescue Squad (NFAS) is a group of highly motivated and skilled EMS providers serving the 911 medical emergencies for the Town of Newton and surrounding communities. In 2022, the squad responded to 2,283 emergency calls with an average response time of 4.7 minutes - our busiest and fastest year ever!

We pride ourselves on being Sussex County's busiest, fastest, and most progressive EMS agency - and remain 100% volunteer. We have positions for community members of all backgrounds - both on and off the ambulance! If you wish to take a CPR class or are interested in helping NFAS continue to be Sussex County's busiest, fastest, and most progressive EMS agency, visit us at newtonfirstaidsquad.org or call us at 973-383-3377 to learn more!



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 or dwelling units, located in the Town of Newton.

Applications for Certificate of Compliance inspections can be downloaded on our website at newtontownhall.com/coc.

FINANCE NEWS

4th QUARTER TAX REMINDER:

The 4th quarter property taxes are due on November 1, 2023. Payments must be received by 4:00 PM on Friday, November 10, 2023. Payments received after this date will be considered delinquent and interest will be charged back to November 1st in accordance with R.S. 54:4-67.

YEAR-END PENALTY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES:

The Town of Newton imposes a 6% year-end penalty on all accounts in which the delinquencies exceed \$10,000.00.

At the end of the year the 6% is added to the total delinquency and carried forward to the next year. Interest is then charged in accordance with R.S. 54:4-67.

ONLINE PAYMENTS:

Residents may pay their tax and utility bills online. Go to newtontownhall.com, click the "Pay Online" link on the homepage. A fee of \$1.50 is applied for ACH (e-check) payments and a 2.65% (min. \$3.00) fee for Credit Card payments.

NEWTON MUNICIPAL COURT

Did you know there are several ways to resolve your municipal court matters?

Online Municipal Case Resolution:

NO COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED. Online ticket review is available to DISPUTE certain moving and parking violations through the Online Municipal Case Resolution System. By having your violation reviewed online, it is not necessary to make any court appearance. Visit njmcdirect.com and enter your ticket information to see if your offense is eligible and select "Online Municipal Case Resolution" under the quick links. All communications using this platform will be sent via email only.

Plea By Mail:

You may instead elect to resolve your matter without the need for a virtual court appearance by completing the "Plea by Mail" form at newtontownhall.com/pleabymail. This form may only be used to plead Not Guilty or Guilty to certain traffic or parking cases, or guilty in certain non-traffic cases.

Completed forms and any supporting documents can be emailed to Katherine.Quinn@njcourts.gov or Michelle.Estremera@njcourts.gov.

Request For a Hearing:

If your matter is **NOT** eligible for online ticket review, you can still request to have certain tickets heard in the Newton Municipal Court virtually. To plead NOT Guilty and request a virtual court hearing, please call (973) 383-3521 x205.




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Officers respond to reports of elder scams almost daily. Fraudsters and con artists tend to go after older adults because they believe this population has plenty of money in the bank. But it's not just wealthy elderly people who are targeted, often older adults with low income are also at risk for fraud. Financial scams often go unreported or can be tough to prosecute, due to many of the fraudsters conducting the fraud from overseas using sophisticated means to hide their location and identity. The five most popular scams are government impersonation scams, sweepstakes, lottery scams, robocall or phone scams, computer tech support scams, and the grandparent scam. In each of these scams the caller uses high pressure tactics to push the victim into providing them with gift cards, a money transfer, credit card information, crypto currency, or access to the victim's computer.



Everyone can protect themselves, friends, and family by taking a few simple steps before providing any requested information. First remain calm, take a deep breath, and speak to someone you trust about the suspicious call, text, email, social media message, or letter. Hang up or ignore the message and do not click on any links or attachments. A legitimate business or government entity will never ask you to pay with a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, or by mailing cash. Scammers use these forms of payment because they are hard to trace. Always protect your personal information by

being cautious of any contact claiming to be from a government agency or law enforcement telling you about a problem you don't recognize, even if the caller has some of your personal information. Never provide your social security number, bank account information, or other personal information to a caller. If you feel you are a victim of a scam, make a report with the Newton Police Department immediately by calling 973-383-2525.

Have you signed up yet?

Smart911 Saves Time and Saves Lives. With Smart911, you can provide 9-1-1 call takers and first responders critical information you want them to know in any kind of emergency. Smart911 is a national service meaning your Smart911 Safety Profile travels with you and is visible to any participating 9-1-1 center nationwide. Smart911 is currently used by more than 45 million individuals, families, and businesses nationwide to create safety profiles. 911 operators can only see your information when a 9-1-1 call is made from a phone registered to your Smart 911 account. Once the call has ended your profile closes and can no longer be seen by the 911 operator.



Smart911 is a free service that we have implemented for improved handling of emergency 9-1-1 calls. Please visit newtonpolice.org/safetylink to create a safety profile. When creating a profile, you can provide as much or as little information as you like. Residents and business owners can create a profile for their family members and any facilities to provide responders with key lifesaving information during an emergency. The Smart911 system also provides improved technology with highly accurate caller location data and the ability to initiate communications via text message with mobile callers.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Code Enforcement Department works in partnership with the community to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment within the Town of Newton.

Property Maintenance is responsible for overseeing the general exterior home maintenance components such as roof coverings and drainage, flashing and gutters, siding condition and cleanliness, windows and doors, protective treatment, chimneys, porches, decks, balconies, and insect and rodent infestation. Additionally, the general exterior property maintenance areas such as sanitation, debris, garbage, weeds, overgrown grass and vegetation, obnoxious growth, sidewalks and driveways, detached garages, fences, walls, and unregistered and/or inoperable motor vehicle storage are subject to inspection. All property maintenance inspections are conducted from public property or the public right of way.

Residents are reminded they are responsible for the maintenance and repair of any sidewalks in front of their property and the maintenance of any trees on their property. Permits for the removal of a tree or portion thereof and for sidewalk construction and removal are available online at newtontownhall.com/dpwpermits or at the DPW Garage by appointment.

Residents are also reminded they must adhere to all trash and waste disposal requirements and are prohibited from placing/discarding furniture such as mattresses, chairs, desks, tables, and sofas, etc. at the curbside for extended periods of time. Residents should also refrain from leaving items outside of, or on the ground near any clothing donation bins located throughout the Town.

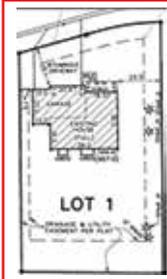


ZONING CORNER

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

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

DID YOU KNOW?



A SURVEY is required with a Zoning Permit Application.



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



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

For information on zoning compliance and links to our forms, visit our website at 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

Fall Festival and Car Show – October 8th - Free, family street festival. Live bands, vendors, crafts, seasonal food, and fall activities on historic Spring Street. 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. In Municipal Lot #4, Car Show with a DJ spinning your favorite tunes from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. Reminisce about days gone by while admiring these unique and classic cars. Open to all ages. There is something for everyone!

Holiday Parade – November 25th - Line historic Spring Street at 10:00 AM to watch floats, first responders, fire trucks, marching bands, and other groups march by. This themed parade attracts spectators from the entire tri-state area and is sure to entertain all ages. Get there early for the best viewing spot and be sure to stay until the end because Santa Claus will arrive by Fire Truck and be available after the parade for a Meet and Greet.

Holiday Tree Lighting – December 1st - All ages are welcome to participate in this Holiday event. Join in singing Holiday carols, as well as counting down to the tree lighting. Enjoy a showing of the Classic, Frosty the Snowman on our many large hi-def indoor screens. There will be refreshments provided by Starbucks and Panera Bread and don't forget the special Santa Mailbox – it will deliver YOUR letter to the North Pole by express mail! If you include your return address, Santa or Mrs. Claus may send you a letter back! So, bundle up and meet me at the 20' Evergreen in front of Town Hall. Festivities start at 5:00 PM.

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT



Water bills are due on the 15th of March, June, September, and December. Each quarterly bill is mailed out on the 15th of the month before it is due. Statute states that property owners are responsible for payment even if the bill is not received, so please contact our office if you do not receive a bill by the first of the month that it is due. Payments not received by the due date are assessed a ten (10) percent penalty. If you are mailing in your payment, please allow ample time for the post office to deliver.

You may have noticed a capital charge on your water bill. This charge is for improvements and repairs to the water/sewer system. Operation and maintenance of the system is funded solely by money collected for water/sewer bills.

With the cold weather coming, please be sure to keep meters and pipes from freezing and cracking. Also, be mindful of your toilets. A running toilet uses a tremendous amount of water and will quickly run up your usage and charges.

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.

KEEP POLLUTION OUT OF STORM DRAINS

- 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.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- 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, 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.

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.

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 waste.
- 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

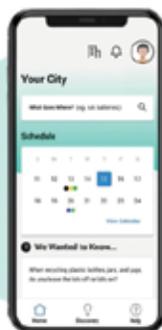
- Participate in community cleanups.
- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

New to Recycle Coach?

Search items to find out if they are recyclable



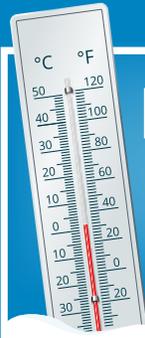
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NEWTON RECYCLING APP



Scan the QR Code to get started today!



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FREEZE

on Winter Fires

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!



Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of December, January and February.



Heating equipment is involved in **1 in every 7** reported home fires and **1 in every 5** home fire deaths.



Keep anything that can burn **at least 3 feet** from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.



Keep portable generators **outside, away from windows, and as far away as possible** from your home.



Install and test carbon monoxide alarms **at least once a month**.



Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year**.



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it **outside at least 10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter and www.nfpa.org/winter.

WINTER REQUIREMENTS

Parking Regulations



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

Chapter 307-49 of the Code of the Town of Newton prohibits the parking of vehicles on any street within the Town of Newton during the hours of 4:00 AM and 6:00 AM. To review the code of the Town of Newton please visit our website at newtontownhall.com/municipalcode. For a complete listing of Schedules see Chapter 307, Vehicles and Traffic, Article XI, Schedules.

Sidewalks and Hydrants

The owner, occupant, or tenant of premises abutting or bordering upon any street in the Town shall remove all snow and ice from the abutting sidewalks and fire hydrants of such street or, in the event of ice which may be so frozen as to make removal impractical, shall cause the same to be thoroughly covered with sand, ice melting materials, or such other suitable grit, within 12 hours of daylight after the same shall fall or be formed thereon.

The owner, occupant, or tenant of premises used by the public or business customers shall remove all snow and ice from sidewalks, fire hydrants, streets, and parking areas used by the public in the transaction of business and, in the event of ice which may be so frozen as to make removal impractical, shall cause the same to be thoroughly covered with sand, ice melting material, or suitable grit, within 12 hours of daylight after the same shall fall or be formed thereon.

In the event a building is occupied by more than one family or business unit, the tenant or occupant of the first floor shall be required to remove all snow and ice.



Any complaints regarding this matter should be referred to the Newton Police Department at 973-383-2525.

A smart way to shovel your drive

How to reduce the possibility of getting a huge pile of snow in your driveway opening when snowplows clear your street:



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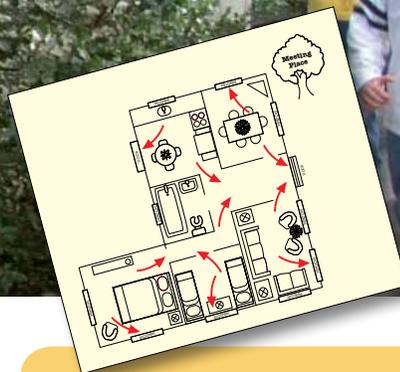
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The Newton News is printed and distributed twice a year to keep all residents informed of the many programs and services offered by the Town. Please take a few moments to update your calendars on upcoming events and keep this edition of our newsletter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

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Escape Planning

Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.



SAFETY TIPS

- » MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- » KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- » HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- » PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- » PRACTICE using different ways out.
- » TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- » CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- » If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- » If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
- » CALL the fire department from outside your home.

FACTS

- ! A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- ! According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- ! While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **47%** of those have practiced it.
- ! **One-third** of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

2023-2024 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Listed below are the recycling dates for single family homes for September 2023 through December 2024. Recyclables should be placed at the curbside no later than 7:00 AM. For questions regarding your collection schedule, please call 973-383-4160.

ZONE 1

2023: Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 8*, Dec. 5,

2024: Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 6*, Dec. 3

Academy Street,
Ashford Street,
Babbit Court,
Center Street,
Cherry Street,
Church Street,
Clarkson Street,
Clinton Street,
Division Street,
Douma Court,
Douma Drive,
Dunn Place,
Emmons Avenue,
Ferndale Avenue,
Foster Street,
Franklin Street,
Harrison Street,
High Street,
Hillside Avenue,
Hillside Terrace,
Lake Avenue,
Liberty Street,
Linwood Annex,
Linwood Avenue,
Main Street (Spring to Foster),
Mill Street,
North Park Drive,
Overlook Road,
Park Avenue,
Park Place,
Shady Lane,
Slate Hill Road,
South Park Drive,
Summit Avenue, Swartwood Road, Thompson Street,
Valley View Court,
Water Street,
West End Avenue,
William Street

ZONE 2

2023: Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12,

2024: Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

Birch Drive,
Clive Place,
Dogwood Drive,
Gabriella Way,
Gardner Avenue,
Giancarlo Lane,
Giuliana Boulevard,
Grand Avenue,
Gregg Court,
Hicks Avenue,
Joseph Drive,
Kory Court,
Kory Road,
Jersey Place,
Lawnwood Annex,
Layne Place,
Lincoln Place,
Linmor Avenue,
Mason Avenue,
Merriam Avenue,
Orchard Street,
Pine Street,
Prospect Street,
Robin Place,
Smith Street,
Sparta Avenue,
Sussex Street,
Trenton Court,
Trenton Place,
York Road

ZONE 3

2023: Sept 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19,

2024: Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17

Adams Street,
Barrett Avenue,
Barry Lane,
Buckingham Court, Carriage Lane,
Cassidy Place,
Cedar Street,
Condit Street,
Donald Avenue,
Elm Street,
Fairview Avenue,
Halsted Street,
Jefferson Street,
Jimland Terrace, Lawnwood Avenue, Madison Street,
Main Street (Ryerson to Woodside),
Maple Avenue,
Nelson Street,
Paterson Avenue,
Paterson Place,
Plainfield Avenue, Ridgeview Road, Ridgewood Avenue, Ryerson Avenue,
Spring Street,
Stratford Lane,
Walker Street,
Washington Street,
West Nelson Street, Windsor Drive,
Woodridge Court, Woodside Avenue

ZONE 4

2023: Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 26,

2024: Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 26, Dec. 23

Diller Avenue,
East Clinton Street,
East Stuart Street,
Hamilton Street,
Hampton Street,
Howard Street,
Kelsey Avenue,
Lower Spring Street,
Moran Street,
Mt. View Street,
New Hampshire Street, Oak Street,
Palmer Street,
Railroad Avenue,
Stuart Street,
Townsend Street,
Trinity Street,
Union Place

**Wednesday*



RECYCLING NEWS

The Town of Newton conducts monthly curbside collection of commingled recycling and bundled 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.

Recycling Center hours are Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturdays 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Brush, leaves, and grass clippings are not accepted at the Recycling Center.



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

OTHER NUMBERS

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

BRUSH AND LEAF PICKUP



****PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE SCHEDULE FOR PICKUP****

The Town of Newton will once again combine a brush pickup with the annual leaf collection program in November. Please put bags and brush out at the curb line and not in the street. This will avoid interference with traffic and possible breakage of the bags. Tree limbs must be smaller than 4 inches in diameter (no exceptions). The cleanup is intended for residents to clear away naturally occurring fallen brush and light pruning. Property owners are responsible for felled trees. The leaves and brush will be taken to the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) in Lafayette for disposal. SCMUA will only accept leaves in biodegradable bags. The bags can be purchased at home improvement stores. Residents may take leaves/brush to SCMUA.

BRUSH AND LEAF WEEKLY PICKUP SCHEDULE
Townwide Collection will begin on Monday, October 30th, and end on Friday, December 1st.

LEAF ONLY WEEKLY PICKUP SCHEDULE
Townwide Collection will begin Monday, May 6, 2024 and end on Friday June 7, 2024.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

The Department of Public Works crew will be picking up Christmas trees beginning December 27, 2023 through January 26, 2024. All trees must be free of bases, lights, and ornaments.





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