

# Newport's News

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City Of Newport  
596 7th Avenue,  
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## Upcoming Events:

### City Council

September 7, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.

September 21, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.

### Planning Commission

September 14, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.

October 12, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.

City offices will be closed on September 4, 2017 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

### Mayor:

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### Council Members:

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## Water Conservation Rebate Program

The City of Newport, in conjunction with Washington County, is offering rebates for residents and business owners to promote water conservation. The rebate is 50% of the cost of the item, up to a maximum of \$100 for an Energy Star washer; \$50 for each WaterSense labeled toilet (maximum of two toilets per property); and \$100 for WaterSense labeled irrigation controllers.

### REBATE PROGRAM:

To qualify for the rebate program: Applicants must be Newport residents or business owners and product purchased after June 30, 2017. Property owners wishing to receive a rebate must complete the required application and submit a receipt and proof of the Energy Star or WaterSense program qualification information. The receipt must clearly show the model number and date of purchase. Funds are limited and rebates will be processed on a **first come, first served basis**.

**Energy Star clothes washing machines:** The rebate is a maximum of \$100.

**WaterSense toilets:** The tank and the bowl must have WaterSense labels to qualify for the rebate. The rebate is 50 percent of the cost up to a maximum of \$50 per toilet (limit two toilets per home).

**WaterSense Irrigation Controllers:** The rebate is 50 percent of the cost up to a maximum of \$100. The resident is responsible for applying for a permit for an irrigation controller before installation.



## Human Rights Task Force Volunteers Needed

Newport has not had a Human Rights Commission in recent history even though it has an ordinance providing for one. This task force will look at Newport's ordinance and make recommendations to the City Council for reestablishing a Human Rights Commission and possibly modifying the current ordinance.

As part of this process, the task force will look at Human Rights Commissions in other cities and meet with staff from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR). There will also be an opportunity for a screening of the documentary "Our Rights" which was co-produced by MDHR and Twin Cities PBS followed by a panel discussion which may be shown with the documentary on PBS. Residents of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply

## Newport Town Hall Forum

Newport Mayor Dan Lund will be hosting a Town Hall forum at City Hall on Tuesday, October 3rd at 5:30 pm. The forum will include a short "State of the City" address followed by a question and answer session. All residents are encouraged to attend and bring their ideas and questions to the forum.

## Public Works Department

**Compost Site** - The Newport Compost Site is open through Friday, November 10, 2017 (will be closed November 11, 2017 for Veterans' Day). The hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Grass and leaves are \$5 per vehicle load. Brush may be no more than 6" in diameter and is \$5 per load. The compost site is only open to Newport residents, please provide a photo ID or a current utility bill with your Newport address. Plastic bags are not accepted and must be emptied and retained. If you choose to bag your yard and organic waste, compostable bags are accepted. You may also drop off loads of unbagged yard/organic waste.

**Mailboxes:** Now is a good time for all residents to take a look at their mailboxes and posts. It is important to check for obvious damage and be sure to check your post is still in good condition. A rotted post will not stand up to a Minnesota winter and repairs are difficult when the ground is frozen. A single post should be used for the mailbox support that is constructed of either a 4-inch by 4-inch square wooden post, a 4-inch diameter wooden post, or a metal support of a weight of three pounds per foot or less for any one foot of vertical measurement.

**Fall Hours:** The Public Works Department will revert to its fall hours on Monday, October 9, 2017. The hours of operation will be from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Winter Parking Ban

The City would like to remind residents that a winter parking ban will go into effect beginning October 1, 2017. This parking ban prohibits parking on either side of any City street between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 a.m. Deputies will issue warnings until the first snowfall, at which time they will issue citations.

## Express Station for MN State Fair and New Route into Minneapolis at the Newport Transit Station

The Newport Transit Station, located at 250 Red Rock Crossing, will be an express station for the 2017 State Fair. The State Fair buses will operate from 8:00 a.m. to midnight and will leave the station approximately every 30 minutes. Rides are \$5 per person (4 and under ride free). Visit <http://www.metrotransit.org/state-fair> for more information.

The Newport Transit Station's schedule is below. The Transit Station offers express bus service between Newport and downtown Minneapolis/St. Paul and features an indoor waiting area and large parking lot for commuters. Route 365 provides three express trips each weekday morning to Minneapolis and three afternoon return trips. Route 364 provides three express trips each weekday morning to Saint Paul and three afternoon return trips.

St. Paul Schedule (Route 364)			
<b>Weekday Mornings</b>			
Leaves Newport Transit Station	6:16 a.m.	6:59 a.m.	7:28 a.m.
Arrives Downtown St. Paul (6th Street and Cedar Street)	6:38 a.m.	7:22 a.m.	7:52 a.m.
<b>Weekday Afternoons</b>			
Leaves Downtown St. Paul (5th & 7th Streets)	4:05 p.m.	4:35 p.m.	5:25 p.m.
Arrives Newport Transit Station	4:34 p.m.	5:04 p.m.	5:54 p.m.
Minneapolis Schedule (Route 365)			
<b>Weekday Mornings</b>			
Leaves Newport Transit Station	6:41 a.m.	7:03 a.m.	7:31 a.m.
Arrives Downtown Minneapolis (7th Street and Hennepin Avenue)	7:18 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
<b>Weekday Afternoons</b>			
Leaves Downtown Minneapolis (7th Street and Hennepin Avenue)	4:15 p.m.	4:41 p.m.	5:15 p.m.
Arrives Newport Transit Station	4:56 p.m.	5:23 p.m.	6:08 p.m.

## Fire Prevention Week and Fire Department Open House - October 8-14, 2017

Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9th falls every year since President Woodrow Wilson issued the very first proclamation back in 1922. This year's theme of "Every second counts—Plan 2 ways out."

Seconds can mean the difference between residents escaping safely from a fire or tragedy. This year's key campaign messages are to draw a map of your home with all family members marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit, practice your home fire drill twice a year, teach children how to escape on their own, make sure the number of your home is clearly marked, and close doors behind you as you leave. Once outside—stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

The Newport Fire Department recognizes Fire Prevention Week with a visit to Newport Elementary, including a fun coloring contest. The Fire Department will also be holding an Open House on Friday, October 13th at 6:00 p.m. The Open House will be at Fire Station #1, located at 155 20th Street. There will be refreshments, door prizes, demonstrations, fire truck rides, and much more!

## 10th Annual Buckthorn Removal Day - October 28, 2017

The City's 10th Annual Buckthorn Removal Day will take place on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Newport Bailey School Forest. By volunteering, you can help one of Newport's most beautiful parks by removing this invasive plant and learning how to control and prevent buckthorn's spread in your own yard.

Please be sure to wear long sleeved shirts, jeans or old pants, work shoes, and gloves. If you can, please bring any channel-locking pliers, a hacksaw, or loppers. Individuals will need to sign a liability waiver on Saturday morning and parents must sign for children who participate. To participate, please contact Travis Brierley at (651) 459-5677 / [tbrierley@newportmn.com](mailto:tbrierley@newportmn.com) by Monday, October 23, 2017.

## Newport Community Garden Celebration

Newport Community Garden members gathered on July 26 to celebrate the completion of its new site and to thank all those involved in its construction. Since it began in 2011, the Garden had been located on Glen Road. This year the Garden was moved to the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.



The move to the new location allowed several improvements including the erection of a 6-foot-high fence around the perimeter to keep out deer and rabbits. The fence was made possible by a grant from the St Paul Refinery and the labor of the Newport Public Works crew.

About half of the Garden area is divided into plots leased by Newport residents for the season; the other half is a Giving Garden where produce is raised for the Friends in Need Food Shelf in St Paul Park. Members of Newport On The Move, a local nonprofit, maintain the garden facilities and tend the Giving Garden.

## Senior Citizen Utility Discount - MUST BE RENEWED BY END OF NOVEMBER

Senior citizens who are 65 years of age and older are eligible for a discount on their quarterly utility bill. Individuals can sign up for the discount at City Hall by filling out an application and showing an ID. Individuals who have already signed up for this discount need to come into City Hall to renew it by the end of November 2017.

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Dispatch: (651) 439-9381  
Emergency: 9-1-1

Fire Department:

Office: (651) 459-9390  
Emergency: 9-1-1

Library:

Hours: Tues. & Wed. 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Closed Mondays and Fridays

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## Winning Numbers from Pioneer Day Raffle

The City would like to thank everyone that came out to help celebrate Pioneer Day on August 13th, it was a great day! The City would also like to thank the following sponsors: **3M, Aggregate Industries, Anchor Bank, Boyd's Motel, Cloverleaf Bar and Grill, Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, Fay's Newport Style Salon, Gladstone Used Cars, John Bartl Hardware, Kiss' Auto Body, Marlon Naysmith, Newport St. Paul Cold Storage, Newport Drug, North Pole Restaurant, Northern Tier Energy, Roscher Dental, RSI Agency, South Suburban Rental, St. Paul Park Newport Lions, Subway, Ten-E Packaging, Tinucci's, and Xcel Energy.**

The raffle drawing took place at 2:45 p.m. on Pioneer Day and the winning numbers for prizes that weren't claimed that day are below. These numbers are located on your Pioneer Day button. If you have a winning number, please bring your button to City Hall to claim your prize.

\$20 Tinucci's Restaurant gift card	43, 108, and 145
\$20 North Pole Restaurant gift card	140, 247, 266, 332, and 437
\$15 North Pole Restaurant gift card	373
\$25 SuperAmerica gift card	388 and 551
\$20 Pazzaluna gift card	160
Kiss's T-shirt	165
Kiss's Polo shirt	286
\$25 John Bartl Hardware gift card	337