

Newport's News

Fall 2018

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City Of Newport
596 7th Avenue,
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Upcoming Events:

City Council

September 6, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

September 20, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

September 13, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

October 11, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

City offices will be closed on September 3, 2018 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

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Message from the Sheriff's Office

The Washington County Sheriff's Office routinely receives reports of fraud and identity theft. The suspects are often based out of the state or out of the country making prosecuting them more difficult or nearly impossible. The best protection against becoming a victim is to know what to look for and how to safeguard your information.

In June, reports included: Checks that had been stolen after being placed in a mailbox, altered and then cashed; Calls telling citizens that they have fines they need to pay or they would be going to jail; Theft of personal information for the purposes of applying for credit cards in another person's name. Other scam calls are stating they are from the power company or the IRS. These scammers make many calls a day with the hopes of convincing just one or two people to believe their scam.

Some tips to prevent being a victim of a scam:

- 1) Spot imposters. Scammers pretend to be someone you trust, such as a government official, family member or charity or company you do business with. Do not give out information or money to people that call unexpectedly.
- 2) Don't trust the caller ID. Technology today allows for caller ID to be fake, hang up if someone is asking for money or for your personal information.
- 3) Don't pay money up front. Often scams involving prize winnings, debt collection or a job will ask for money before you can collect.
- 4) Don't deposit a check and wire money back. The delay from confirming a check is bogus THAT IT could take weeks, while releasing funds from a check may only take days.
- 5) Talk to someone. If you think it might be a scam ask a family member or call the Sheriff's Office and ask to talk to a deputy.

Sign up for scam alerts at ftc.gov/scams to get the latest tips and advice.

If you think you have been a victim of a scam contact the Sheriff's Office and report the incident by stopping by city hall or calling 651-439-9381.

-Sheriff Starry

Library and Community Center Update

Upcoming programs and events (all supplies are provided):

- **Family Story Time**— Come enjoy family story time with books being read aloud on Saturday, September 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th at 1:00 p.m.
- **Lizzi Irish: Newport's Pioneer Dairywoman**— Presentation by Robert Vogel on Wednesday, September 12th, at 6:30 p.m.
- **Back to School Elementary & Middle School Party**—Enjoy a treat, September 4th, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- **Back to School High School Party**—Enjoy a treat, September 5th, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- **Books Alive**— Enjoy story time with activities on Wednesday, September 12th, at 5:00 p.m.
- **Window Cling**—Create your own window cling on September 20th, between 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- **P.A.W.S. to Read**— Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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 Water Sense labeled toilet; and \$100 for Water Sense labeled irrigation controllers.

To qualify for the rebate program: Applicants must be Newport residents or business owners and product purchased after June 30, 2017.

Public Works Department

Compost Site - The Newport Compost Site is open through Saturday, November 10, 2018. 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. 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.

Fall Hours: The Public Works Department will revert to its fall hours on Monday, October 8, 2018. The hours of operation will be from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Composting and Recycling

Compost yard waste at Newport's compost site, at home, or have it picked up by your trash hauler. When yard waste is added to a landfill, it takes up valuable space. Each ton of leaves, branches and lawn clippings that ends up in landfills takes up more than three cubic yards of space. This leads to landfills reaching maximum capacity faster and increasing the need for more landfills. Estimates show approximately 44 percent of yard waste is not composted. If you are interested in composting at home, call Washington County at 651-430-6655 or visit www.co.washington.mn.us/628/Composting-and-Yard-Waste.

Do not put plastic bags in your curbside recycling bin. Recycle your plastic shopping bags, food packaging, bread bags, plastic liners from cereal boxes, produce bags, dry cleaning bags, plastic newspaper wrapping, product wrapping, bubble wrap, and plastic shipping envelopes (remove labeling) in the bins at grocery store chains or major retailers (Target, Wal-Mart, etc.).

Water Conservation Tips

Water is our most precious resource and we often take it for granted. Water conservation can reduce the demand placed upon groundwater and surface water sources and municipal water supply systems. Conservation can save water users money by reducing water bills or reducing electrical consumption and maintenance costs for private well owners.

Here are some conservation tips from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources:

- To get an idea of your summer water use, compare a winter water bill to a summer one
- Raise your mowing height to 3-4 inches. Taller grass requires less water, tolerates heat better and helps promote root growth
- Water your lawn no more than 1 inch per week; depending on the type of soil (1 inch may be too much for clay soil)
- Once or twice a week watering is better than every other day because it encourages deeper roots
- Water only in the early morning or evening to avoid evaporation
- Allow your lawn to go dormant during dry periods of the summer (Brown is ok during the heat of summer)
- Install a rain sensor for automatic sprinkler systems and inspect and replace irrigation spray nozzles and repair leaks immediately
- Consider your lawn from a water wise perspective: Group plants according to their water needs and limit turf areas to those needed for recreation or other functional purposes (Use the rest for alternative plants that are beautiful but less water needy)
- Mulch flower gardens and around young trees to reduce evaporation, limit heat stress, and reduce weeds.

Cleaner Streets=Cleaner Water

Storm drains help to keep our streets and neighborhoods from flooding, but they also connect to nearby lakes and streams. Litter, chemicals and yard waste can pollute our waterways and cause algae blooms.

DON'T DUMP:

- NEVER dump used engine oil or soapy water into storm drains.
- DON'T wash out painting supplies in your driveway or the street.

These chemicals end up in our lakes and rivers and might kill fish and other animals. Dumping liquids and materials into storm drains is considered an illicit discharge and is against the law!

RAKE & SWEEP YOUR STREET

Grass clippings and dirt might be natural, but they contain phosphorus and nitrogen that feed smelly, green algae.

YOU CAN HELP:

- DO turn your mower around when you mow so that clippings blow into the lawn instead of the street.
- DO sweep grass clippings, leaves and dirt out of the street in front of your home and clear debris off of storm drains.
- DO pick up litter in your neighborhood to help keep our community beautiful and our water clean.

Learn more about keeping water clean at www.cleanwatermn.org.

Fire Prevention Week and Fire Department Open House - October 7-13, 2018

Fire Prevention Week has been observed since President Woodrow Wilson issued the very first proclamation back in 1922. This year's theme of "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware—fire can happen anywhere."

Through three simple calls-to-action, this year's theme identifies basic but essential ways people can reduce their risk to fire and be prepared in the event of a fire:

- Look for places fire can start
- Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm
- Learn two ways out of each room.

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 12th at 6:00 p.m. The Open House will be at Fire Station #1 at 155 20th Street. There will be refreshments, door prizes, demonstrations, fire truck rides, and more!

11th Annual Buckthorn Removal Day - October 27, 2018

The City's 11th Annual Buckthorn Removal Day will take place on Saturday, October 27, 2018 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 by Monday, October 22, 2018.

Improvements at Bailey School Forest Park

This spring, with the help of 5th grade students from Cottage Grove Elementary School, Newport Public Works planted 100 tree seedlings in Bailey School Forest. The native white pine, balsam fir, and chokecherry seedlings will fill in empty spaces on the south and east sides of the park created when buckthorn bushes were removed. The fifth graders from Mrs. Gerfast's class, who were recruited with help from School District 833, planted the seedlings on May 9.

Later, volunteers from Wells Fargo and from Newport On The Move put up cages around the seedlings to prevent damage from rabbits or deer. Volunteers will continue caring for the plants this summer by removing grasses and other plants that might shade out the seedlings. If you want to volunteer, please call City Hall at 651-459-5677 or email tbrierley@newportmn.com.

Another improvement to the School Forest is coming later this summer. Through a DNR grant for school forests, a Minnesota Conservation Corps crew will restore part of the trail system to prevent significant erosion and improve access. The trail segment is near the springs area in the center of the park. The trail in that area is steep, has begun to wash away, and can be slippery after a rain.

Express Bus to MN State Fair at the Newport Transit Station on Weekends and Labor Day

This year, the Newport Transit Station will have express bus service to the fair only on weekends and Labor Day. Buses will run approximately every 30 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to midnight.

The Cottage Grove and Inver Grove Heights park and ride stations will have express service running every day of the fair. Visit <http://www.metrotransit.org/state-fair> for more information.

Senior Citizen Utility Discount - NEED TO RENEW BY END OF DECEMBER

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 December 2018.

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Fire Department:

Office: (651) 459-9390
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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 12th, it was a great day! The City would also like to thank the following sponsors: **Andeavor, St. Paul Park-Newport Lions, Boyds Motel, 3M, Newport-St. Paul Cold Storage, Xcel Energy, South Suburban Rental** John Bartl Hardware, North Pole Restaurant/Newport Drug, Old National Bank, Amerect, Inc., Marlon Naysmith, Tinucci's Restaurant, Ten-E Packaging, Fay's Newport Style Salon, Johnson Auto Body, Gladstone Used Cars, Roscher Dental, MidwestOne Bank, Advanced Sportswear, Dogs at Play, Cardinal Corner, Burger King, Royal Tire, Imperial Camper, Jerry's Food, Lamotte & Son Repair, Mastertch Auto, Newport Collision Center, Hagen and Oats, Amerect, Inc., Husnik Meats, Noodles and Company, Courtesy Car Rental, Shannon Glass Company, Red's Savoy Pizza, HyVee, Ed's Trophies, Cloverleaf Bar & Grill, Everyday Disc Golf, McDonald's, NAPA Auto Parts, Bailey's Nursery, RSI Agency

Pioneer Day raffle winning numbers for prizes that weren't claimed are below. Numbers are located on your button. If you have a winning number, please bring your button to City Hall to claim your prize.

Disc Golf Starter Kit—Everyday Disc Golf	323	2 free cones McDonald's	9,31,70,112,133,152,182,252,304,307,313,466,536,549,565	Minnesota Bottle Opener—Hagen and Oats	546
Hamburger/desert-Burger King	312	\$25 to John Bartl Hardware	370	Mug plus—MidwestOne Bank	389
\$25 to Jerry's Food	296	\$25 to Super America	197	Mug plus—Old National Bank	516
\$30 to Red Savoy	355,361	\$50 to Lamotte & Sons	391	Tumbler—MidwestOne Bank	169
3M Gift Box	354,523	Car Detailing-Courtesy Car	385	Wood pen holder-Ed's Troph.	366
Dog Gift Basket-Dogs at Play	192	\$10 to Noodles & Co.	90,211,368,587	Yeti thermos-Royal Tire	13
Oil change-Courtesy Car	381,386	\$10 to Tinucci's Restaurant	107,232,264,320,409,461,500		
Sweatshirt-Advanced Sports.	402	Hydrangea-Bailey's Nursery	364		