

# Newport's News

Spring 2018

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City Of Newport  
596 7th Avenue,  
Newport, MN 55055



## Upcoming Events:

City Council

March 1, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

March 15, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

April 5, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

March 8, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

April 12, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

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## Message from the Sheriff's Office

### Community engagement

Community engagement is a fundamental component to the overall mission of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Through engagement, we can improve the way we deliver police services, identify trends, and deter crime. As the Newport Community Engagement Liaison, I welcome your thoughts, suggestions, and concerns so that together we may continue to build upon our success and enhance our existing partnerships. I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to participate in this year's Citizens Academy. The Academy will be held every Thursday night from March 29 to May 17 at the Washington County Law Enforcement Center in Stillwater. For more information or to obtain an application, email [laura.jackson@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:laura.jackson@co.washington.mn.us) or visit our website at [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us). Hurry, the application deadline is February 28 and spaces are limited! Thank you for your support and I look forward to hearing from you soon! **Deputy Laura Jackson**

### Code Enforcement

The city of Newport has requested the Washington County Sheriff's Office to take a more proactive approach to enforcing ordinance violations. In an effort to make this task feasible for the deputies and equitable for citizens, we will be emphasizing the following issues in the upcoming months:

- Unregistered/inoperable vehicles
- Vehicles parked on unimproved surfaces
- Too many vehicles on the property

Please visit the City of Newport's city code at [www.ci.newport.mn.us/city\\_code.php](http://www.ci.newport.mn.us/city_code.php) to review specific information pertaining to these ordinances. Our mission is to gain compliance with the help of the community. Other violations will be emphasized in future months. Thank you, **Sgt. Bill Harrell**

## Library and Community Center Update

Upcoming programs and events (all supplies are provided):

- **Abraka Doodle**—Craft a favorite troll & learn color mixing on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 1:00-2:00 pm.
- **Story Time**—Come enjoy family story time with a few good books being read aloud on Saturday, February 24th at 1:00 pm. and Saturday, March 10th at 1:00 pm..
- **Create a Lucky Rainbow**—Come and create a Lucky Rainbow for St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 17th between 2:00-4:00 pm.
- **P.A.W.S. to Read**— Tuesdays at 6:30 pm., children can read to a dog for 15 minutes. P.A.W.S. to Read teaches children how to be safe around dogs and be comfortable reading out loud.

The city is looking for Library and Community Center volunteers, 18 years or older. Interested individuals should contact city hall at (651) 459-5677.

## City Council Approves New Code

No person shall park on any public street from November 1 through April 1 between the hours of 2:00-7:00 a.m. No parking will be allowed anytime on public streets when a snow emergency is declared or the snow depth exceeds two inches until the streets are fully cleared. Snow emergencies will be posted on the city's Facebook page and website. (See section 32-45 in city code)

Any trailers weighing more than 10,000 pounds cannot be parked on private property or public streets in a residential zone for more than 24 hours. (See section 32-29 in city code)

Shore land management was updated to meet DNR requirements. (See section 36.328 in city code)

For more information, contact city hall at (651) 459-5677 or [www.ci.newport.mn.us/city\\_code.php](http://www.ci.newport.mn.us/city_code.php)

## Water Conservation Rebate Program

The City of Newport and Washington County are offering rebates for residents and business owners to promote water conservation. This program includes rebates for Energy Star clothes washing machines, WaterSense toilets and Irrigation Controllers.

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 toilet (maximum of two toilets per property); and \$100 for irrigation controllers.



### REBATE PROGRAM:

To qualify for the rebate program:

- Applicants must be Newport residents or business owners
- Properties must be connected to City water
- Products must be purchased and installed at the address listed on the utility account

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:** Both the tank and the bowl must have a WaterSense label to qualify for the rebate. The rebate is a maximum of \$50 per toilet (limit two toilets per household).

**Irrigation Controllers:** The sensors allow for normal watering when the soil is dry. The rebate is a maximum of \$100.

Visit the City's website ([ci.newport.mn.us](http://ci.newport.mn.us)) for the rebate forms. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Deb Schulz, Accountant, at (651) 459-5677 / [dschulz@newportmn.com](mailto:dschulz@newportmn.com).

## 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 law 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

## Betty Haugen Memorial Heritage Preservation Award

The City is seeking nominations for the 2018 Betty Haugen Memorial Heritage Preservation Award. The Haugen Award is given annually during Preservation Month (May) to recognize the outstanding contributions of an individual or group to the preservation, protection, and use of Newport's historical, architectural, and archaeological landmarks. The award honors the memory of Betty Ann Haugen, a longtime Newport resident and original member of the Newport Heritage Preservation who passed away on January 2, 2002.

To be eligible, a person, group or project must be located in or have a direct connection to Newport. A committee appointed by the chairperson of the Heritage Preservation Commission selects the award recipient. Past winners have included home and business owners, architects, and organizations for projects from restoration of historic buildings to promotion of community-based heritage conservation initiatives.

Nominations should be submitted in writing and are due April 14, 2018. Letters should be addressed to the Heritage Preservation Commission at City Hall. For more information, please contact Robert Vogel, at (507) 498-3810 / [rcvogel@pathfinderocrm.com](mailto:rcvogel@pathfinderocrm.com).

## Community Garden

The City's Community Garden is located at the north east corner of 4th Avenue and 15th Street on the west side of Highway 61. There are 16 individual garden plots that can be rented out. The 10 foot by 10 foot plots are \$20 each and the 5 foot by 10 foot plots are \$10 each. Each plot also requires a \$20 deposit. If you are interested in reserving a spot for the 2018 season, please contact City Hall at (651) 459-5677.

**Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed for the Newport Giving Garden at the Community Garden. All of the produce grown in the Giving Garden is donated to the *Friends In Need Foodshelf*, which serves Newport, St Paul Park, and Cottage Grove. Volunteers don't need to be experienced gardeners, amateurs are welcome. Work times are flexible and don't require an on-going commitment. Help is most needed in July and August. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marge, at [mecphi@gmail.com](mailto:mecphi@gmail.com) or City Hall at (651) 459-5677.

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## Veterans' Memorial

The City has a Veterans' Memorial in Pioneer Park. Brick pavers are inscribed with the names of individuals, living and deceased, who served honorably in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, National Guard and Coast Guard. Pavers are available for sponsorship for \$75. If you would like to have a brick installed during the spring of 2018, please submit an application to City Hall by March 31, 2018. For additional information, please contact City Hall, at (651) 459-5677. Please note that installation will depend on the weather.

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## Compost Site - Opens Saturday, April 14th

The Newport Compost and Brush Site will be open for the season on Saturday, April 14th. The hours of operation 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. All brush must be less than six inches in diameter and incurs a fee of \$5 per cubic yard. Grass and leaves incur a fee of \$5 per vehicle load. Please note that only brush and leaves in compostable bags will be accepted.

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## Adopt-a-Park Program

**Adopt-a-Park/Trail Program** - The City would like to thank the multiple families, organizations and individuals who have taken it upon themselves to adopt a park or trail in Newport. Currently, 16 of the 25 parks and trails are adopted! The remaining parks and trails are **Busy Beaver Park, Loveland Park, Red Rock Cemetery, Hastings Avenue between Glen Road and Red Rock Cemetery, Maxwell Avenue, Red Rock Road, and the flower gardens at City Hall, Oliver Overlook, and the east end of the 12th Street Pedestrian Bridge**. If you would like to adopt any of these, or would like more information, please contact Deb Schulz at (651) 459-5677 / [dschulz@newportmn.com](mailto:dschulz@newportmn.com).

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## Tips for Grilling and Recreational Fires

To keep you and your family safe, the Newport Fire Department wants you to follow these general guidelines:

### Grilling Safety Tips and Reminders:

- Grills should be placed at least 10 feet from flammable materials and never grill in your garage
- Never leave a grill unattended by an adult
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease buildup in the grill and in the trays below
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area
- It is against Newport city ordinance to use any grill (charcoal or gas) on a balcony or other similar area in any multi-story, multiple-family dwelling
- On propane grills, check all connection points and tighten connections if loose

### Recreational Fire Safety Tips and Reminders:

- Recreational fires do not require a permit and an adult must be present at all times
  - Keep children and pets away from the fire
  - Be a good neighbor by being aware of wind conditions and where the smoke from your fire is traveling
  - Never use gas or other flammable liquids, even if you think the fire is completely extinguished
  - Fires cannot be any larger than three feet in diameter by three feet high
  - Only clean unpainted and untreated wood is allowed. In addition, no brush, yard, building or household waste may be burned
  - Fires must be 25 feet from any building, structure, or combustible material, and no closer than 10 feet from any property line
  - A hose connected to a water supply, fire extinguisher, or other means of extinguishment must be available while the fire is burning
  - The fire must be extinguished completely before being left unattended
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Washington County Sheriff's Office

Records: (651) 430-7600  
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.

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## Voucher for FREE Bulky Item Disposal

The City of Newport and Washington County are partnering together to provide one voucher to each Newport household for the free disposal of **one** bulky item at the Recycling and Energy Center located at 100 Red Rock Road in Newport. Residents will enter the center from Red Rock Road which is located off of Maxwell Avenue, north of 494. Residents can use the voucher for: tires, tire rims, furniture (excluding mattresses), and appliances. The Recycling and Energy Center is open Monday - Friday from 5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Please bring the voucher printed below along with a form of ID showing that you are a Newport resident when you are dropping off your item.**

Below is a list of all bulky items accepted at the Facility and their rates:

- **Tires:** \$8.00 each
- **Tire Rims:** \$10.00 each
- **Mattress/Box Spring:** \$30.00 each plus tax
- **Large Furniture:** \$20.00 each plus tax
- **Appliances:** Non-Freon - \$16.00 Each, Freon - \$20.00 Each
- **Electronics:** \$30.00 each

Please note that electronics and several other items can be disposed of for free at the Washington County Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129. The Environmental Center is open Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Visit the County's website at [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us) and click on "Environmental Center" to view a full list of what's accepted at the Center.

### City of Newport Voucher - Good for the Disposal of One Bulky Item

Recycling and Energy Center, 100 Red Rock Road, Newport, MN 55055, (651) 768-6670

Collection Hours: Monday - Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Voucher is good for the following items: tire, tire rims, furniture (excluding mattresses), and appliances.

This voucher is only for Newport residents. Please bring a form of ID showing your Newport address when dropping off your free item.

Expires: December 31, 2018