

Newport's News

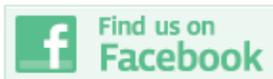
Summer 2016

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City Of Newport
596 7th Avenue
Newport, MN 55055



Upcoming Events:

City Council

May 19, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.

June 2, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.

June 16, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

June 9, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

City Offices are closed on May 30, 2016 due to Memorial Day and on July 4, 2016 due to Independence Day.

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Recycle Everywhere You Go!

Summer is almost here! People all over the Twin Cities are flocking to parks and lakes for the afternoon, or heading up to cabins and campgrounds for a weekend away. There is no better way to celebrate nature and the wonderful activities that Minnesota has to offer than to get out of the house and take advantage of warmer weather. Even if you're no longer at home, you can still actively participate in recycling. Take care of the Earth by recycling now and be sure to be able to enjoy nature for many years to come. Make decisions that are environmentally friendly no matter where you are by taking your commitment on the road.



Green Away From Home

You've done so much to make environmentally conscious decisions at home and you've worked hard to make sure that recycling is the norm at your house, but do you take that with you when you leave?

A little bit of planning ahead along with the willingness to seek out recycling options goes a long way in helping your efforts while away from home.

Plan Ahead

Before you leave, take a few small steps to ensure that you will be able to recycle while out. Here are some tips to make environmentally friendly choices everywhere you go.

- Don't buy individually wrapped snacks. Instead buy snacks in bulk or make sure that packaging is recyclable (or stick with snacks that have no packaging like fruit!).
- Don't buy big packs of bottled water. Instead bring a refillable water bottle.
- Don't throw things in the first trash bin you see. Instead look for recycling bins or bring a bag to store recyclables.
- Don't get discouraged!

Don't see it? Ask for it!

If you don't see recycling options, simply do your part to ask for it. For example, Hennepin County offers many resources as a part of their Recycle Everywhere campaign. Check with your county for additional resources – contact information is at RethinkRecycling.com.

In Minnesota about 47% of waste generated is recycled. If everyone pitches in, that number can be greatly increased. If you attend a special event and recycling is not provided, contact someone from the organization and let them know that you would have liked to have been able to recycle while at their event. Write a letter after the event or ask someone during the festivities.

If you are hosting an event, be sure to encourage recycling among your guests and make recycling an easy option. Free downloadable signs at <https://www.rethinkrecycling.com/businesses/signs> can help your event make recycling easy for all of your guests.

About RethinkRecycling.com

Minnesotans recycle over 2.3 million tons of paper, glass, metals, plastics, yard waste and more each year, which creates new products such as cans, cardboard, newspaper, carpet, clothing, furniture and much more. RethinkRecycling.com, provided by the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board, is your go-to guide for waste and recycling in the Twin Cities.

This information was provided by the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board as a part of the Rethink Recycling Education Campaign.

Information on Parks and the Community Garden

Reserving Parks - The City of Newport has over 140 acres of parkland that is available to its residents and the surrounding community. The City would like to remind its residents that the parks are open from 7:00 a.m. to dusk and are available for family get-togethers or company picnics. Individuals may reserve a park by completing a form and providing a \$100 deposit for groups less than 25 people and \$150 for groups with 25 people or more.

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, 13 of the 25 parks and trails are adopted! The remaining parks and trails are **Busy Beaver Park, Loveland Park, 10th Street, 12th Street, and Park Place Overlooks, Hastings Avenue between Glen Road and Red Rock Cemetery, Hastings Avenue south of Glen Road, Maxwell Avenue, Red Rock Road, and the flower gardens at City Hall, Oliver Overlook, and the east end of the 12th Street Pedestrian Bridge.**



Community Garden - Plots are still available at the Community Garden for the 2016 season!

Contact the City at (651) 459-5677 for more information on any of the above items.

Compost Site

The Newport Compost and Brush Site is now open for the season. 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. Grass and leaves are \$5 per vehicle load. Brush may be no more than 6" in diameter and also incurs a fee of \$5 per load. As the compost site is only open to Newport residents, please provide a photo ID or a current utility bill indicating your Newport address. Please note, plastic bags are not accepted and must be emptied and retained. If you choose to bag yard and organic waste, compostable bags are accepted. This reduces processing costs and enhances the quality of the finished compost, as the amount of plastic being sent to the landfills is greatly reduced. You may also drop off loads of unbagged yard/organic waste.

The City would like to remind residents that dumping of any kind, including leaves, brush, compost, or other debris onto City or neighboring property is prohibited by City ordinance and could result in a citation. Please be considerate of your neighbors and place your compost/waste in appropriate receptacles, compost gardens, or compost sites.

Code Enforcement

The condition of one property has a direct effect on neighboring properties such as decreased property values, the inability to sell a home or property, and increased criminal activity. Due to this, the City of Newport takes a proactive approach to code enforcement. Your property may be inspected if a complaint is made regarding the condition of your property or if City staff notices a violation upon your property. Once a property has been inspected and a violation is noted, the City will take the necessary steps to resolve the issue, which can include a warning or citation. Be sure to keep your home and property up to code in order to prevent yourself from receiving a warning or citation. Some common exterior code violations to watch for include:

- **Damaged exterior material, including peeling paint or other damaged finishes upon the house, garage, fence, or shed:** Every exterior surface shall be maintained to avoid noticeable deterioration of the finish. No wall or other exterior surface shall have peeling, cracked, chipped, or otherwise deteriorated surface finish on more than 20% of any one wall or other flat surface.
- **Accessory Structures and Covered Storage Buildings:** Residential properties may not have more than two accessory buildings, which includes garages, sheds, and covered storage buildings. Additionally, accessory structures over 150 sq. ft. must be compatible with the principal structure in terms of design, roof, color and materials. Covered storage buildings such as tent garages or carports cannot be in the front yard and must be screened from the street and adjacent property.
- **No address numbers on the house or garage:** All properties within the City shall have its street numbers affixed to the house so that they are visible from the street. If this is not possible, a sign with proper numbers may be placed on a post in the front yard so that it is plainly visible from the street. A street number on a mailbox is not satisfactory.
- **Exterior storage of materials, equipment, or personal property:** All materials and equipment shall be completely screened from eye-level view of adjacent property and public streets. All refuse, recycling and containers shall be kept in a building or screened from the road and neighboring properties, except before a scheduled collection.
- **Lawn maintenance:** Grasses and weeds may not exceed a height of eight inches (8"). All trees, bushes and hedges must leave a clear view of all traffic approaching an intersection.
- **Vehicle parking/storage:** All vehicles must be parked or stored on the driveway or in the garage. All vehicles stored outside must be licensed and street operable. Parking vehicles on the boulevard or grass is prohibited.
- **Unpaved driveways:** Prior to the sale or property title transfer, non-paved driveways shall be paved with asphalt, concrete or other durable surfacing as approved by the City. Please note that a permit is required prior to paving a non-paved driveway.

What to do if you receive a warning or citation

If you do receive a warning or citation, **do not ignore it!** Instead, take the necessary steps to correct the issue(s) listed on the notice. Always feel free to call City Hall at (651) 459-5677 if you do not understand the notice or need more time to correct the issue. Failure to resolve the issue may result in additional actions such as fines, a formal court complaint, or City facilitated abatement.

How to report code violations

Complaints may be filed with the City in person, by email, calling, or by mail and will be inspected by the City. Please note that all complaints are kept anonymous. To report a possible violation, please contact City Hall by visiting 596 7th Avenue, calling (651) 459-5677, or emailing abrunick@newportmn.com.

Summer Happenings

Summer Rec Program

School's out and summer's in! With that, the City of Newport's Parks and Recreation Department is getting ready to kick off another summer of fun. The Summer Rec program for Newport youth is scheduled to begin **Tuesday, June 14th** and will run through **Friday, August 12th**, with no program activities scheduled for the week of July 4th. This year's activities will be held at Pioneer Park. Preschool children, ages 3 to 5, will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. School-age children, ages 6 to 14, will meet from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to enroll your child(ren) in the Summer Rec program, you may stop by City Hall, or download an application form from the City's website at www.ci.newport.mn.us. Please mail, drop off or email the form by June 13th. Both sessions will have a limit of 30 children. For more information, please contact City Hall at (651) 459-5677.



63rd Annual Booya - July 10th

The Newport Fire Department will be holding its 63rd Annual Booya on **Sunday, July 10th** at Fire Station #1. Serving will begin at 11:00am; you may eat in or take-out. In addition to the Booya, there will be refreshments, games for children and adults, bingo, raffles, and a beer tent. Booya weekend will kick-off **Saturday, July 9th** with a parade through Newport, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Newport Firefighters will be going door to door **June 27th and 28th** selling raffle tickets for the cash drawings of \$500 for first prize, \$100 for second prize, and \$50 for third prize. Winners need not be present and will be announced at the end of Booya Day at 5:00 pm.

Night to Unite - August 2nd

Newport residents and their friends are invited to participate in Minnesota Night To Unite (NTU) on **Tuesday, August 2nd**, at Newport Lutheran Church, 900 15th Street, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. NTU is an evening to gather with friends and neighbors to get to know each other and promote community awareness. It is designed to heighten drug and crime prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Activities include police and fire equipment and personnel, food, children's games, and community or- ganization displays.

Pioneer Day - August 14th

Once again, it's time for the City's annual get-together celebration! This year's festivities will take place on **Sunday, August 14th**, at Pioneer Memorial Park and is jam-packed with fun! Below is a schedule of events for the day:

- **Parade at 11:00 a.m.** - The fun will kick off with a parade beginning at Newport Fire Hall, 155 20th Street. The parade will make its way down 2nd Avenue to 17th Street where it will go to 4th Avenue and make its way to Pioneer Park.
- **Live Music from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.** - The Ziggy Smalls Band will be performing from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and plays a variety of classic rock, southern rock, blues, and country. Chris Olson will be closing out the festivities with his Memories of Elvis Show at 5:30 p.m.
- **Balloon Artist from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** - A balloon artist will be walking around Pioneer Day making balloon animals for free!

As usual, there will be food, vendors, games, bingo, inflatables, a car show and the St. Paul Park-Newport Lions Club's beer and wine tent. All you can eat corn on the cob will be available with the purchase of a Pioneer Day button, which will be available at Newport City Hall, the Library and Community Center and at various local businesses. You may purchase a button for \$3, or 4 for \$10. The buttons are also used for the raffle drawing. Individuals do not need to be present for the raffle drawing as winning numbers will be placed on the City's website, Facebook page, and Channel 18.

Looking for Volunteers - The City is looking for volunteers to help out on Pioneer Day. The City and Anchor Bank will be co-sponsoring the corn tent once again this year and is seeking volunteers to help prepare the corn between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering at the corn tent, please contact City Hall at (651) 459-5677.



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Tuesday 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
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2016 Elections

The State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 9th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The polling place for all of Newport is Newport Elementary, 851 6th Avenue.

The City of Newport will have the Mayor position and two City Council positions (four-year terms) on the ballot during the November General Election. Persons interested in running for office may file at Newport City Hall. The candidate filing period opens at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 2nd and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16th. The candidate withdrawal period opens at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 17th and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18th.

If you are unable to vote in person on Election Day, you may vote either in person or by mail during the 30 days prior to Election Day. If you wish to do so, or if you have questions regarding this process, please contact Washington County's Property Records and Taxpayer Services Department at (651) 430-6175. If you are planning to vote by mail, please apply early so that you are able to mail back or deliver your absentee ballot before Election Day.

Election Judges

The City of Newport is currently accepting applications for Election Judges for the 2016 Elections. Election Judges are the officials who staff the polling location and ensure that voter rights are protected on Election Days. The required qualifications for Election Judges are: minimum age of 18 years old, U.S. citizen, Minnesota resident, cannot have had your voting rights revoked, need to be able to read, write, and speak English, and complete a minimum 2 hour training. In addition to these minimum qualifications, Election Judges need to be able to communicate clearly with voters, enjoy helping others, be available to work long hours, and have attention to detail. The rate of pay for Election Judges is \$10.00/hour.

Election Judges are essential to our democracy. Serving as an Election Judge provides an opportunity to learn more about the election process and is a great service to our community. If you would like to serve as an Election Judge, please contact City Hall at (651) 459-5677 for more information.

Visit the City's website at www.ci.newport.mn.us/elections.php for more information on the 2016 Elections and voter registration.