

# Newport's News

Spring 2019

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



## Upcoming Events:

City Council

Feb. 21, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

March 7, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

March 21, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Feb. 14, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

March 14, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

## Mayor:

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## Message from the Sheriff's Office

Ever wonder what it's like to be a Washington County Deputy?

Here's your chance! Join us Tuesday nights this spring for our 2019 Citizen's Academy and get an inside look into the Washington County Sheriff's Office and observe first-hand the daily responsibilities of our dedicated deputies.

The Citizen's Academy is a hands-on, interactive 8-week program that examines various functions of our agency, from the street to the courtroom and beyond! Participants will investigate crimes, make traffic stops, and have the opportunity to see the County from a squad car as a ride-along during a patrol shift.

For more information on candidate requirements or to obtain an application, contact Deputy Laura Jackson at [laura.jackson@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:laura.jackson@co.washington.mn.us) or 651-430-7670 ext. 5374.

## Newport Elementary School Enrollment Night—February 19th

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten enrollment night at Newport Elementary School is Tuesday, February 19. Pre-K will be from 5:00-6:00 pm and Kindergarten will be from 5:30-6:30 pm.

This enrollment is to register your children for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, please call 651-425-4301.

## Library and Community Center Update

Upcoming programs and events (all supplies are provided):

- **Fabric Rose**—Make a beautiful fabric rose for yourself or someone special on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 4:00-6:00 pm.
- **Story Time**—Come enjoy family story time with a few good books being read aloud on Saturday, Feb. 16 and 23, at 1:00 pm. and Saturday, March 10th at 1:00 pm..
- **Books Alive**—Join the activities pertaining to the story reading on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 5:00 pm.
- **Poetry Reading/Open Mic Night** - Join the fun and read your poem or one close to your heart, Thursday, Feb. 14, from 6:00-8:00 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 Library and Community Center is looking for volunteers, 18 years or older. Interested individuals should contact Sara at (651) 459-9631 or [library@newportmn.com](mailto:library@newportmn.com).

## Message from Mayor Lund/Kudos to Newport Schools

One of the first things most homebuyers look for is the quality of the local schools and Newport is winning folks over in that department. Newport Elementary, the new Oltman Middle School, and East Ridge High School are all outstanding educational institutions.

Newport Elementary was named a school that's "Beating the Odds" for the second year in a row by the Star Tribune for test scores in math and reading. The success of Newport Elementary is being noticed by developers and homebuyers. So, the exceptional performance of Newport Elementary is a direct driver behind the significant private residential development we are seeing in Newport. I offer hearty congratulations and thank you to all of our educators, parents, and students. Your hard work will make our community stronger for years to come!

## 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.

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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, 17 of the 25 parks and trails are adopted! The remaining parks and trails are **Busy Beaver Park, Loveland Park, 12th Street & Park Place Overlook, Hastings Avenue between Glen Road and Red Rock Cemetery, Maxwell Avenue, Red Rock Road, and the flower gardens at City Hall, and Oliver Overlook.**

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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## SMART Salting Tips

Practice SMART salting this winter to protect our water.

Road salt helps to melt ice but it also pollutes our lakes, streams and groundwater. In the Twin Cities metro, 40 lakes and streams are contaminated by too much chloride, 40 are almost impaired, and 30 percent of private wells have elevated levels of chloride. Here's what you can do this winter:

1. **Shovel:** Clear walkways before snow turns to ice, and before you apply salt. The more snow you clear manually, the less salt you'll need.
2. **Scatter:** Use salt only where it's critical. A 12-ounce coffee cup of salt is enough to cover 10 sidewalk squares or a 20-foot driveway.
3. **Select:** Salt doesn't melt ice if the pavement is below 15°F, so use sand for traction when it's too cold or a different de-icer.
4. **Sweep:** Clean up leftover salt, sand, and de-icer to save and reuse as needed.

If you have a sewer backup or low water pressure, please call public works at 651-459-2475. We are here to help!

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## Tips to Improve the Health, Safety and Beauty of Newport

These are ten ways to improve your home and neighborhood:

1. **Required Maintenance:** City Code requires that all structures, landscaping and fences be maintained so as not to be unsightly or present harmful health and safety conditions.
2. **Debris and Waste Disposal:** Garbage, yard waste, construction/demolition waste, and other refuse shall be kept in approved containers and out of public view from neighboring properties and roadways until disposed of in a timely and appropriate manner.
3. **Trash/Recycling Container Storage:** Containers may be placed out for collection no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the evening before collection day and must be put away no later than 8:00 p.m. on collection day.
4. **Grass and Weeds:** City Code states that grass and weeds shall not reach a height greater than eight inches.
5. **Permits:** Building plan reviews and permits are required for most interior and exterior home improvement projects. The reviews help to ensure the project is built safely and to state code.
6. **Final Inspections:** once your project is complete make sure you have obtained all the required inspections.
7. **Accessory Structures:** Two accessory structures are allowed per home (attached and detached garages). Depending on the zoning, any accessory structure on the premises must meet certain criteria regarding the size of the structure and the placement.
8. **Exterior Storage:** Unlicensed and inoperable vehicles, equipment, machinery, unused household goods and most other materials must be stored out of public view from neighboring properties and roadways.
9. **Vehicle Parking Limit:** City Code state than no more than three vehicle may be parked outside of an enclosed structure on a single property.
10. **Vehicle Storage:** City Code requires that off-street parking of vehicles, boats, trailers, and recreational vehicles must be on an improved parking surface that meets construction and property line setback guidelines. As you plan to add additional storage area, please bring your plans to City Hall for review.

Any questions regarding City Code or Zoning Ordinances can be addressed to Travis Brierley, Assistant to the City Administrator by calling 651-459-5677 or by email [tbrierley@newportmn.com](mailto:tbrierley@newportmn.com) or stopping by City Hall during normal business hours.

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## 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 2019 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 Food Shelf*, 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 2019, please submit an application to City Hall by March 31, 2019. 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 13th

The Newport Compost and Brush Site will be open for the season on Saturday, April 13th. 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. Otherwise, you must remove the leaves and brush from non-compostable bags and take the bags with you.

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## Carbon Monoxide-The Invisible Danger

The Newport Fire Department has seen a significant increase in Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms in the past year. This is due to both the increased use of CO Detectors (which is great), and the age of the detectors (which is not so great). Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas and propane) burn incompletely.

Heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide in your home. Vehicles or generators running in or near an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

### SAFETY TIPS

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound and follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; check the date of manufacturer and replace them according to the manufacturer's guidelines, usually after 5 to 7 years.
- If you need to warm your vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure the vents for your dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- Generators should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Never use propane or charcoal grills inside, or in your garage.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call 911.

A person can be poisoned by even a small amount of CO. Carbon Monoxide poisoning is often confused with flu symptoms, food poisoning and other illnesses. Some symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light headedness or headaches. High levels of CO can be fatal, causing death within minutes. So If the CO alarm sounds, move outside and call 911 and stay outside until the Fire Department arrives.

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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: Mon. & Wed. 2:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Tues. & Thurs. 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday 12:00 - 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, 2019