

# Newport's News

Summer 2019

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## Upcoming Events:

City Council

June 6, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

June 20, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

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

City Offices are closed on May 27, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day and July 4, 2019, in observance of Independence Day.

Public Notices are posted at City Hall and [www.ci.newport.mn.us/public\\_hearings.php](http://www.ci.newport.mn.us/public_hearings.php)

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## Message from the Sheriff's Office

With warmer weather approaching, please keep an extra eye out for children riding their bicycles on the streets.

As you use the beautiful parks in Newport and elsewhere, please do not leave valuables in your cars. Thieves prey on areas where people leave their cars unattended looking for purses and other valuables. If you need to leave your purse or other valuables in your car, it is a good idea to put it in your trunk before you get to your destination so the would-be thief does not know it is there. They have been known to watch parking areas for people to leave their vehicle.

And as always, if you see something suspicious please call 911. We are always happy to check it out! Have a fun, safe summer!

## Library and Community Center Update

Upcoming programs and events (all supplies are provided):

- **Wind Sock** – Create a colorful wind sock for Spring, Wednesday, May 22, from 4-6 pm.
- **Story Time** - Come enjoy family story time with books being read aloud on Saturday, May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 1:00 pm.
- **10 Things Craft**—Craft a 10 things I like about you craft, Tuesday, June 4, from 4-6 pm.
- **Books Alive** - Join the activities pertaining to the story reading, Wednesday, June 5, at 5 pm.
- **Alan Johnson Comedy Juggler Extraordinaire**- - Come join the fun on Saturday, June 8, at 2 pm. This program is made possible through Washington County Library and funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, in collaboration with the Newport Library.
- **Dream Box Craft**- Create your own Dream Box to fill with special papers, trinkets, or anything your creative mind desires, Wednesday, June 26, from 3-5 pm.
- **Patriotic Sun Catcher**—Make your own unique suncatcher, Monday, July 1, 3-5 pm.
- **Summer Talent Show**—Dress rehearsal for the talent show, Thursday, July 25, from 4-6 pm. and the talent show will be Saturday, July 27, at 2:00 pm.

## Code Enforcement

### Parking areas and vehicles -

- Vehicles in the front yard MUST be on concrete or blacktop, NOT GRASS OR DIRT
- Driveways and parking spaces in the front yard must be paved with asphalt, concrete or other material as approved by the city. One driveway access to a public road is allowed for each lot.
- Only operable vehicles are allowed to be stored outside.

Prior to the sale or title transfer, non-paved driveways shall be paved. A \$16 permit is required.

### Recreational vehicles -

- No equipment (trailer, back-hoe, front-end loader, etc) can be parked for more than 24 hours.
- Recreational vehicles can be stored in the following ways:
  - Front yard - On an established driveway and entirely on the equipment owner's property. Recreational equipment may not be parked on public property or a street right-of-way.
  - Side yard - Abutting a garage, no closer than five feet from the side lot line. Area must be surfaced with asphalt, concrete or as stated by the public works design manual. Parking or storage on the side yard abutting the principal building is prohibited.
  - Rear yard - No closer than five feet from the rear and side lot lines.

### Accessory structures and covered storage buildings -

- No more than 2 accessory buildings per lot
- Covered storage buildings (including carports) can only be 1 per lot and cannot be in the front yard or adjacent to the driveway, must be screened from the street and adjacent properties.

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## Information on Parks and the Community Garden

Parks are open from 7:00 a.m. to dusk and are available for get-togethers. Individuals may reserve a park by completing a form and providing a \$100 deposit for groups less than 25 and \$150 for groups with 25 people or more. Contact the City at (651) 459-5677 for information.

**Adopt-a-Park/Trail Program** - The City would like to thank the volunteers who adopt a park or trail in Newport. Currently, 14 of the 25 parks and trails are adopted! The remaining parks and trails are Busy Beaver, Loveland and Pioneer Parks, 12th Street/Park Place Overlooks, 20th Street Ped. Bridge East and West End, Hastings Avenue north of Glen Road, 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 want more information, please contact City Hall at (651) 459-5677.

**Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed for the Newport Giving Garden. Produce grown is donated to the *Friends In Need Food Shelf*. Volunteers don't need to be an experienced gardener and don't require an on-going commitment (flexible hours). Help is most needed in July and August. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marge, at mecphi@gmail.com or City Hall at (651) 459-5677.

**Compost Site:** Hours of operation are Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30-6:30 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Grass and leaves are \$5 per vehicle load. Brush may be up to 6" in diameter and is \$5 per load. The site is only open to Newport residents, so provide a photo ID or a current utility bill. Plastic bags are not accepted and must be emptied and retained. Compostable bags are accepted.



## Message from Mayor Lund/Water Utility Bills

Water utility bills have gone up for all residents, especially those who have the senior discount. While residents on the senior rate still receive up to 8,000 gallons of water per quarter free, they now pay the standard rate for sewer service. These rate increases are a huge concern to the City Council. We understand they are very difficult for many residents.

A primary factor is the annual sewer charges to Newport from the Met Council have risen 37 percent over the last two years. Met Council sewer charges are based on flow from Newport into their system. High infiltration and inflow (I/I) to our sanitary sewer system contribute to the City's rate increases. Infiltration into pipes is particularly difficult for Newport due to our high bedrock and groundwater table. Inflow is when residents have sump pumps and floor drains connected to the sewer system and illegally add flow during flooding and heavy rains.

New construction is a big help to keep rate increases down as it spreads out the costs of I/I without introducing new sources of I/I. We are working to address the worst sources of infiltration through repairs and pipe replacement. In addition, we are actively lobbying for outside support. We have asked the Met Council to allow us to redirect sewer charges resulting from I/I flow towards projects to fix the problem. We have also lobbied Senator Karla Bigham and Representative Anne Clafin to help with our uniquely difficult and costly repairs to the lines.

## Don't Flush Your Disposable Wipes

Disposable wipes, used for changing diapers, housecleaning and more, cause major problems when flushed down toilets. **Although, many brands of disposable wipes are labeled "flushable," don't flush them!** Because they don't break down the way toilet paper does, these wipes clog homeowner and City sewer pipes, put stress on community wastewater collection and cause cities to spend thousands on premature equipment replacement. Wipes snag on any imperfection in sewer pipes, catch passing debris and create a "ball" that will grow to plug the pipe. Municipalities must manually clear out pumps or remove clogs. The clogs and backups they cause may result in expensive plumbing bills for your home or increased wastewater fees from the City.

Source: the MN Pollution Control Agency.



## Grass Clipping (Green up your lawn, not the Mississippi River)

**Green looks great on our lawns, but not in our lakes and rivers.** Grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste contain lots of nutrients. When it rains, clippings in the street get washed into storm drains that lead to the Mississippi River. The nutrients feed algae that makes the river green and smelly. **To solve this problem, simply turn around while mowing your lawn so that grass clippings blow into the lawn instead of the street.** The clippings will break down over time, acting as fertilizer. If you blow grass into the street, sweep it up to protect the river and prevent storm drains from clogging and flooding the road.

Source: Clean Water MN

## Water Quality Report

The City annually publishes the results of its monitoring of drinking water in the Consumer Confidence Report. This report informs consumers of the need to protect our water resources, as well as to heighten consumers' understanding of drinking water and the process involved in making drinking water safe. The 2018 Consumer Confidence Report can be found on the City's Homepage or directly at <http://ci.newport.mn.us/documents/2018consumerconfidencereport.pdf>. If you would like a paper copy, call public works at 651-459-2475.

## Free Meals at Newport Elementary School for Children up to 18 Years Old

Newport Elementary will provide free breakfast from 9-9:30 am and lunch from 11-11:30 am from July 8 to August 1 for children up to 18 years. Summer Skoolie will be at Newport Elementary on Tuesdays from 5-6:30 pm providing free food and fun from June 17 to August 15.

## Newport's Rec Program Partners with Woodbury's Summer Rec Program

The Summer Rec program for Newport youth is scheduled to begin **Tuesday, June 11th** and will run through **Thursday, August 8th**, with no program activities scheduled for the weeks of June 26th and July 3rd. Children ages 3-5 will meet from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and children ages 6-14 will meet from 12:30 -3:00 p.m. at Pioneer Park. To enroll your child(ren), you may stop by City Hall or download an application form from the City's website at [www.ci.newport.mn.us](http://www.ci.newport.mn.us). Please return the form by June 6th. Both sessions will have a limit of 16 children.

The City of Newport has partnered with the City of Woodbury's summer recreation programs. The program will extend Woodbury resident rates to Newport residents for several programs. Fee assistance will be available for those who qualify.

Woodbury summer recreation programs being held at Newport parks this summer:

- June 20—Puppet wagon at 11:45 am at Busy Beaver Park
- July 11—Puppet wagon at 11:45 am at Pioneer Park
- August 8—Puppet wagon at 11:45 am at Busy Beaver Park

Refer to the brochure sent in the mail or visit [www.woodburyrecreation.com](http://www.woodburyrecreation.com) for all programs and field trips available to Newport residents.



## 66th Annual Booya - July 13th and 14th

The Newport Fire Department invites you to our 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Booya on **Sunday, July 14th**. The event is held at Fire Station #1, with serving beginning at 11:00 am; you can eat at the event, bring some home, or our favorite - do both. We will once again be offering traditional and Cajun flavored Booya. In addition to the Booya, there will be refreshments and kid games. For the adults, we have "Beat the House," bingo, pull tabs, raffles, and a beer tent. Booya festivities kick-off **Saturday, July 13th** with a parade through the streets of Newport beginning at 6:30 pm.

Newport Firefighters will be going door-to-door **June 24th and 25th** selling raffle tickets for a chance to win cash prizes of \$500, \$100 and \$50. Winners need not be present (but it's always more fun when they are) and will be announced at the end of Booya Day at Fire Station #1 at 5:00 pm. We hope to see you at Booya!

Be sure to follow the Fire Department on Facebook at [facebook.com/newportfiredepartmentmn](https://facebook.com/newportfiredepartmentmn).

## Anoka/Washington County Head Start-Early Head Start Program-Now Enrolling

This program is FREE for eligible families with children from birth to age five and pregnant women. The Head Start classrooms offer a full day, four-day school week for children three to five years old. Head Start classrooms are in Newport, Stillwater, Oakdale and Forest Lake. The Early Head Start Child Care Partnership center site in Washington county is in Stillwater. The program also now offers an Early Head Start home-based option in Washington county. The program offers highly qualified staff, research-based curriculums, parent volunteer opportunities, free meals at school and much more.

Please contact Anoka/Washington County Head Start-Early Head Start Program at 763-783-4300 or visit [www.accap.org](http://www.accap.org).

## Pioneer Day - August 11th

Pioneer Day is the City of Newport's annual get-together celebration! This year's festivities will take place on **Sunday, August 11th**, at Pioneer Memorial Park. 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 makes its way down 2nd Avenue to 17th Street and then to 4th Avenue and make its way to Pioneer Park.
- **Live Music from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m.** - The Bad Companions, a rockabilly band, will be performing from 12:00 - 2:10 p.m. Them Dots, a classic rock band, will be performing from 2:50 -5:00 p.m. Chris Olson, memories of Elvis Show, will be performing from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **Sheriff's Office K-9 Demo at 3:00 p.m.**
- **Balloon Artist, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., will be making balloon animals for free!**

There will be food, vendors, games, bingo, a car show and the St. Paul Park-Newport Lions Club's beer and wine tent. All you can eat corn on the cob with the purchase of a Pioneer Day button, available at City Hall, the library and at various businesses. Purchase a button for \$4, or 3 for \$10. The buttons are also used for the raffle drawing, which will take place at 2:20. Individuals do not need to be present for the raffle drawing. Winning numbers will be on the City's website and Facebook page.

**Looking for Volunteers** - The City and Old National Bank sponsor the corn tent and are seeking volunteers to help prepare from 9:00am.-12:00pm. To volunteer, please contact City Hall at (651) 459-5677.



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Emergency: 9-1-1

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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.  
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
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## Code Enforcement Cont'd

### Exterior storage and garbage -

- No exterior storage shall be allowed in the front yard. Accumulation of garbage and other materials is considered a public nuisance.
- 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 traffic approaching an intersection.

### What to do if you receive a compliance notice, warning or citation

If you do receive a compliance notice, warning or citation, **do not ignore it!** Take the necessary steps to correct the issue(s) listed on the notice by the deadline. Please call City Hall at (651) 459-5677 with questions or if more time is needed to correct the issue.

## Severe Weather Awareness

The Newport Fire Department wants to help you prepare for severe weather before it strikes.

### Develop and practice an evacuation plan ahead of a severe weather event

- Include a plan for pets and destinations in the plan
- Prepare an emergency supplies kit for both family members and pets ahead of time
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency
- Unplug appliances and other electrical items, such as computers and TVs, to prevent damage from surges caused by lightning strikes
- Be prepared to evacuate if authorities tell you to do so

When there is a chance of severe weather pay attention to weather reports and be ready to change plans, if necessary.

**During a Tornado or Severe Thunderstorm Warning**-avoid windows; go in the basement and under some kind of sturdy protection; if there is no basement, go to the lowest floor, small center room (like a bathroom/closet), under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows.

Washington County activates the sirens in Newport based on the following criteria-a tornado warning is issued for Washington County by the National Weather Service or if a Fire or Sherriff's official requests activation due to imminent danger to life and/or property.

Outdoor warning sirens are meant to be heard outside. When sirens sound, residents should seek shelter and tune to local weather info.

If you are evacuated, do not return to your home until the Fire Department or Sherriff's Office says it is safe. Always assume fallen power lines are energized, stay away from the area and call 911. Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. We want to make sure we can find you when you need help.