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Monday - Friday

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1100 Bailey Road
651-459-2475
Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Library & Community Center
405 7th Avenue
651-459-9631
Hours vary

Washington County Sheriff's Office
651-430-7600

WELCOME!

We are glad that you have chosen Newport as your new home.

Newport is a river community with a small town atmosphere and charm, but with a progressive attitude toward change making it a desirable place to live, work, and conduct business.

Newport is a 1st ring suburb and has a population of 5,321 residents (2023 Census estimate) and is approximately 3.63 square miles. Strategically located in the southeast metro area, Newport has convenient access to Interstate 494 and Highway 61 and is just minutes from downtown St. Paul, the MSP International Airport and Mall of America.

Newport is primarily a residential community, boasting over 140 acres of parkland, beautiful bluff lands along the Mississippi River, and great historical pride. The City is committed to preserving open space and sustaining the quality of life our residents have come to expect and enjoy.

This guide is designed to familiarize you with the City of Newport's services and facilities. Please visit newportmn.gov for more information on items such as community events, government meetings, city newsletters, local businesses, city code, and other resources.

Welcome to the neighborhood!



Council Chambers

Mayor and Council

The Newport City Council consists of the Mayor and four Council members and is responsible for determining the direction of City policy and operations.

Newport's City Council is elected by the citizens of Newport. Each member serves a four year term. Local elections take place in November of even numbered years.

Elections

National, state, and local elections for Newport are held from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November at Newport Elementary, 851 6th Avenue, Newport, MN.

Voter registration cards for early voting are available at Washington County Service Centers. Call 651-430-6000 for locations. To register, you must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of Minnesota for at least 20 days prior to the election. You may also register at the poll on election day but must have proper identification that includes your current Newport address. If you are unable to vote at the polls on election day, you can cast an absentee ballot through Washington County. Visit newportmn.gov/mayor_council/voting_information.php for more information on elections.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of Newport has the following boards, commissions, and committees on which residents participate to execute the City's goals and mission. Residents apply and are appointed by the City Council. Meetings are open to the public at City Hall, unless otherwise noted.

Planning Commission (Tuesday after the first Thursday each month at 5:30 pm)
The Planning Commission serves as the planning agency for the City. The Planning Commission holds required public hearings and makes recommendations to the City Council on issues involving the establishment of and compliance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the City's Zoning Ordinances, as well as requests for variances, subdivisions, and conditional use permits. The Planning Commission consists of five members.

Park Board (Fourth Thursday each month at 5:00 pm)
The Park Board makes recommendations to the City Council relating to beautification, improvement, development, management, and planning of all City parks and associated facilities. The Park Board consists of at least five members.

Heritage Preservation Commission
The Heritage Preservation Commission seeks to safeguard the heritage of the City by working toward the preservation of historical sites and structures, which reflect elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history. The Heritage Preservation Commission consists of five members.



Historic Kaposia Mission Building, Located at 1596 11th

Library Advisory Committee (Fourth Tuesday of February, May, September, and November at 5:30 pm at the Newport Library)
The Library Advisory Committee provides guidance and recommendations to the City Council concerning the Newport Library and Community Center. The Library Advisory Committee consists of five members.

Newport Economic Development Authority
The Newport Economic Development Authority promotes growth, development, and redevelopment in the City. This includes increasing the City's business community and commercial and industrial tax base, providing employment opportunities, maintaining neighborhood economic stability, and addressing special needs as they arise. The Newport Economic Development Authority consists of five members (City Council members) and meets annually with additional meetings as needed.

City Contact Info Continued

Emergency
9-1-1

Non-Emergency Dispatch
651-439-9381

Fire
651-459-9390

Frequently Called Numbers

Cottage Grove Service Center
651-459-9877

Washington County Environmental Center
651-275-7475

Newport Elementary
651-425-4300

Post Office
651-768-0558

South Washington County School District #833
651-425-6300

Washington County
651-430-6000

Washington/Ramsey County Recycling and Energy Center
651-768-6670

Projects Requiring Building Permits

- Deck
- Demolition
- Electrical
- Fences
- Finish Basement
- Fireplace Installation
- Garage
- Mechanical
- Moving a building
- New construction
- Paving a driveway
- Plumbing
- Porch
- Retaining Wall (Over 4')
- Roofing
- Sewer / Water
- Siding
- Signs
- Storage Shed
- Swimming Pool
- Window Replacement

If you have a question about whether or not a project requires a permit, please contact City Hall at 651-459-5677.

Building applications and supplemental forms may be obtained at City Hall or on the City's website.



Administration

The Administration Department handles planning, zoning, economic development, human resource, labor relations, elections, property tax assessments, finance, utility billing, permits, licenses, and general government administration, including the preparation of agendas and information for City Council, board, commission, and committee meetings. For questions or concerns regarding the above issues, please contact City Hall at 651-459-5677.

Public Works

The Public Works Department is responsible for an array of City services that help provide the highest quality of life for residents. These services include: the maintenance of water and sanitary sewer systems, snow removal, street repairs, and City parks. The Public Works Department can be reached at 651-459-2475. If you have an after hour emergency, contact Washington County Dispatch at 651-439-9381.

Engineering

The City of Newport contracts with MSA Professionals for engineering services. Engineer Jon Herdegen oversees the design, management, and construction of the City's infrastructure, including streets, drainage, sanitary sewer lines, water lines, and other projects to support residents and businesses.

Building Inspections

The City of Newport ensures that all construction is done properly to provide safe buildings that meet building code regulations. The Building Department administers these laws through the issuance of permits and by performing inspections. The City of Newport contracts with the City of West Saint Paul for building services. The Building Department is responsible for plan review and inspection of all new construction. For any questions regarding building permit applications, please call City Hall at 651-459-5677.

Law Enforcement Services

The City contracts with Washington County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services. The Sheriff's Substation Office is in Newport City Hall. To contact the Sheriff's Office:

Emergency: 9-1-1 Non-Emergency Dispatch: 651-439-9381
Records: 651-430-7600
7:30-4:30 M-F Jail: 651-430-7900, 24/7
Sgt. Legut: 651-556-4604/Joel.Legut@co.washington.mn.us

Fire Department

The Fire Department is comprised of paid-on-call firefighters who undergo weekly training and fire drills. Our firefighters are prepared to fight fires, make rescues, mitigate hazardous material situations, and educate the public on fire prevention. Our firefighters also help out neighboring communities by providing mutual aid assistance. The Fire Department can be reached at 651-459-9390.

Library & Community Center

The Newport Library & Community Center, located at 405 7th Avenue, represents a 135 year tradition of literacy and community. Staffed by two part-time employees and several volunteers, the space holds events and provides necessary services to our community. Available services include: public computers, wi-fi, printing, scanning, and material checkouts. For more information or to view the events calendar visit newportmn.gov/residents/newport_library_and_community_center.php.

Compost Site—Newport Residents Only

The Compost Site is located next to the Public Works facility at 1100 Bailey Road. The Compost Site opens the second Saturday in April and closes for the season on the second Saturday in November. Hours of operation are as follows:

- Wednesday: 3:30 -6:30 p.m.
- Friday: 3:30 -6:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Grass, leaves, and brush are $5 per vehicle or trailer. Logs may not be over 6" in diameter. If you choose to bag yard and organic waste, the bags used must be compostable.

Snow Plowing

Snow removal is a high priority for Newport Public Works. To ensure safe streets and trails, snow removal begins once there are two inches of accumulation. During this time, please keep all vehicles and trash containers off City streets so that the maintenance workers can provide the best quality service.

A winter parking ban is in effect on all City streets beginning November 1st and ending April 1st. This parking ban prohibits on-street parking between the hours of 2:00 and 7:00 a.m.

Community Garden

The City's Community Garden is located on the northeast corner of 4th Avenue and 15th Street . It has 16 individual garden plots that can be rented for a $10 or $20 fee depending on size and $20 deposit. There is one large plot that has been designated as a "Giving Garden" and is tended by Newport on the Move volunteers. This plot grows food for the Friends in Need Food Shelf. Please contact City Hall at 651- 459-5677 for more information.



How do I apply for a permit to purchase / carry a gun?

Washington County handles permits to purchase and permits to carry. Please visit their webpage at www.co.washington.mn.us/ or contact them at 651-430-7600 for information on how to obtain these two permits.

Hydrant Flushing

All water mains in the City of Newport are flushed each Spring and Fall to protect water quality. During this time or during a water main break, you may experience low water pressure or brown colored water. Please check the water before washing clothes. You can clear your water by running cold water only. Keep an eye out for City personnel and inform your children to stay away from work areas.

Gas / Electrical

Xcel Energy provides both gas and electrical services in Newport. To report an electric emergency or power outage, please call 1-800-895-1999. To report a gas emergency or if you smell gas, please call 911 or 1-800-895-2999.

Lead Service Line Inventory

Newport Public Works completed and submitted materials for the service line inventory to the Minnesota Department of Health. The service line inventory is publicly available, and you can check the materials for your service line by visiting the Lead Inventory Tracking Tool (LITT) at maps.umn.edu/LSL/ you may also contact Public Works at 651-459-2475 or Matt Yokiel at myokiel@newportmn.gov with questions or to request hard copies of information.

Scan the QR code to complete the service line inventory survey.

Sewer and Water / Utility Billing

Water, sewer, and storm sewer are provided by the City. Bills are sent out at the end of each calendar quarter and are due January 31st, April 30th, July 31st, and October 31st. Upon moving into or out of the City, please contact City Hall to schedule a meter reading. Residents, 65 years or older, are eligible for a senior citizen discount. Seniors must sign up for this discount each fall. If you have questions about your bill, call City Hall at 651-459-5677. For any problems concerning water, sanitary sewer, or storm sewer, contact Public Works at 651-459-2475.

Water Main Breaks

If you see water coming up from the ground it is likely that there is a water main break. To report this during regular business hours, please call the Public Works Department at 651-459-2475.
After hours, call the non-emergency number for Washington County at 651-439-9381 to have Newport Public Works staff dispatched.

Street Lighting

Street lights in Newport are owned by Xcel Energy. Residents are charged a fee on their utility bill to pay for the City street lights. If a street light has burned out or been damaged, please call Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-4999.

2025 Rates

Residential and Senior Water, Sewer, and MCES Rates		
Flat Rate	$66.08	
0-8,000	$11.13	Per 1,000 gallons used (Senior-first 8,000 gallons of water free)
8,001-20,000	$11.83	Per 1,000 gallons used over 8,000
20,000+	$13.23	Per 1,000 gallons used over 20,000
Multi-Family Water, Sewer and MCES Rates		
Flat Rate	$49.57	Per Unit
0-8,000	$11.13	Per 1,000 gallons used
8,001-20,000	$11.83	Per 1,000 gallons used over 8,000
20,000+	$13.23	Per 1,000 gallons used over 20,000
Commercial Water, Sewer, and MCES Rates		
Flat Rate	$91.24	
0-30,000	$11.13	Per 1,000 gallons used
30,001-70,000	$11.83	Per 1,000 gallons used over 30,000
70,000+	$13.05	Per 1,000 gallons used over 70,000
Storm Water and Street Light Rates		
Storm Water	$19.37/Residential Equivalent Unit (REU)	
Resident Street Light	$9.25	
Multiplex Street Light	$67.10	
Commercial Street Light	$111.76	

Washington County Environmental Center

The Washington County Environmental Center provides free disposal of household hazardous waste, electronics, and recyclables and is located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury. Hours are Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday & Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., call 651-275-7475 with questions. Proof of residency is required. Below is a list of some of the hazardous materials that the Center accepts:

Household Items
- Drain cleaner
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fluorescent lights
- Oven cleaner
- Partially filled aerosol cans (empty aerosol cans may be placed in the garbage)

Electronics
- Cell phones
- Computers
- Printers Peripherals (keyboards, mice, computer etc.)
- TVs
- Some household cleaners

Automotive and Recreation
- Lubricants -
- Brake fluid
- Gasoline
- Propane tanks
- Rechargeable batteries
- Used motor oil and filters

Home and Construction
- Driveway sealer
- Latex paint, liquid (dried latex paint may be placed in the garbage, leave lids off cans)
- Oil-based paint
- Paint remover/stripper/thinner
- Stain / varnish

Yard and Garden
- Bug spray
- Insect/roach/ant killer
- Pool chemicals
- Weed killer

Recyclables
- Glass, plastic bottles, and jars (rinse clean and remove lids)
- Steel and aluminum cans (rinse clean, labels are okay)
- Boxboard
- Corrugated cardboard (flatten)
- Magazines and catalogs
- Mail and office paper
- Newspaper with inserts

Food Scraps Pickup Program



All residents of Newport can sign up for the Food Scraps Pickup Program through Ramsey/Washing Counties. Food scraps such as fruit and vegetable peels, eggshells, and coffee grounds make up about 20% of trash by weight. Recycling food scraps turns them into soil rather than waste. Visit FoodScrapsPickup.com or call 651-661-9393 to learn more and order free food scraps bags that can be placed in your trash cart.

Recycling / Trash Haulers

The City of Newport has three licensed trash haulers that are required to offer recycling services as well. Residents can choose from the below haulers for trash and recycling services:

•**Highland Sanitation:** 651-458-0043
P.O. Box 10, Vermillion , MN 55085

•**Republic Services:** 651-455-8634
4325 East 66th St., Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

•**Tennis Sanitation:** 651-459-1887
720 4th St., Saint Paul Park, MN 55071

Recycling and Energy Center

The facility is located at 100 Red Rock Road. The facility is open Monday - Thursday from 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday – Saturday from 6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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: $20.00 each plus tax
- Large Furniture: $20.00 each plus tax
- Appliances: Non-Freon - $16.00 each, Freon - $20.00 each
- Electronics: $30.00 each plus tax
- Acceptable Waste: $130 per ton; min. $20 per load plus tax

Unacceptable Waste

- Construction or demolition debris such as sheetrock, shingles, siding, insulation, concrete, asphalt or fencing
- Loads containing large quantities of metal
- Hot loads
- Materials subject to fire damage
- Boats, vehicles or engines of any kind
- Hot tubs
- Propane tanks

Park and Trail System Regulations

The following rules apply to all City parks:

- Unauthorized motor vehicles are not permitted on park land or trails.
- It is unlawful to hunt or trap on park land unless approved by the City Council.
- No drugs or intoxicating liquor are allowed within City parks.

Park Reservations

City parks may be reserved. For Newport residents, reservations can be made for a pavilion by filling out an application at City Hall accompanied by a deposit. After your event, if the park is found in the same condition as it was prior to usage, your deposit will be shredded or returned. For non-residents, there is a $50 reservation fee. Additional portable restrooms may be required at your expense depending on the size of your gathering.

A beer permit may also be obtained for a $50 non-refundable fee, the person reserving the park would need to take out liability insurance to cover anyone that was served alcohol. The permit application must be approved by the Newport City Council.

Parks

Busy Beaver Park
Busy Beaver Park is located at 990 17th Street. Here you can enjoy playground equipment, small pavilions, and a community grill.



Busy Beaver Park

Dog Park
Newport Dog Park is located at the corner of 5th Avenue and 3rd Street. This spacious, fenced-in park features a walking trail, offering a safe and enjoyable environment where dog owners can let their dogs play off-leash and explore.

Lions Park
Lions Park is located at 155 20th Street. The park has a pavilion and swings.

Loveland Park
Loveland Park is the City's second largest park and is located at 1500 Glen Road. Park amenities include three pavilions with grills, tennis courts, ball fields, batting cages, skating and hockey rinks, playground equipment, off-road hiking trails, and horseshoe pits.

Newport Bailey Family School Forest Park
Newport Bailey School Forest Park is located at 1751 Wildridge Trail. The park is a City park where residents can enjoy a relaxing walk on well maintained trails, as well as an officially designated school forest that serves as an environmental learning park for students in South Washington County School District. The park is the City's largest and is a great place to picnic, walk, reflect, observe, and during the winter, cross country ski or snowshoe. The park has one large pavilion.



Historic Grove Street Overlook

Pioneer Park
Newport's oldest park, is located at 611 4th Avenue. This park has two pavilions with grills, playground equipment, a basketball hoop, and horseshoe pits. The park is home to Newport's Veteran memorials.

Overlooks
The City of Newport has four Mississippi River overlooks located along 2nd Avenue at its intersections with 6th Street, Park Place, 10th Street, and 12th Street. The overlooks are ideal spots to visit while enjoying a stroll on a warm spring day, long summer evening, or crisp fall afternoon.



Bailey School Forest Park Trail

Adopt-a-Park / Trail

Although City Staff do their best to maintain the parks, it can be difficult keeping up with the day to day traffic flow and resulting litter. That's where you can help. Through the efforts of volunteers, the City is able to make improvements that wouldn't otherwise be possible. When parks are litter free they are more inviting to Newport's citizens, their guests, and to prospective businesses and visitors. By volunteering to Adopt-A-Park / Trail, you increase the pleasure of park visits for everyone and you take ownership of your City.

The Adopt-A-Park / Trail program is available to community groups, civic organizations, churches, families, and individuals interested in becoming more involved in the community. Adopt-A-Park volunteers remove litter and debris from one of Newport's parks, usually one time per month in April, May, and September, and two times per month in June, July, and August, for a minimum period of one year.

Below is a list of the parks and trails you can adopt. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Newport City Hall at 651-459-5677 or visit newportmn.gov to see if they are available.

- Parks and Civic Areas (Pick up litter)
  - Bailey School Forest
  - Busy Beaver Park
  - Frances and James Park (pocket park by Fire Station #2)
  - Lions Park
  - Loveland Park
  - Newport Library
  - Pioneer Park
  - Red Rock Cemetery
  - 10th Street Overlook
  - 12th Street / Oliver Overlooks
  - 12th Street Pedestrian Bridge (east or west ends)
  - 20th Street Pedestrian Bridge (east or west ends)



Pedestrian Bridge

- Trails (Pick up litter)
  - Glen Road
  - Hastings Avenue between Glen Road and Red Rock Cemetery
  - Hastings Avenue south of Glen Road
  - Maxwell Avenue
  - Red Rock Road

- Flower Gardens (Weed)
  - City Hall
  - Flower pots along 10th Avenue
  - Oliver Overlook
  - Planters along Hastings Avenue near Glen Road
  - 12th Street Pedestrian Bridge (east or west ends)

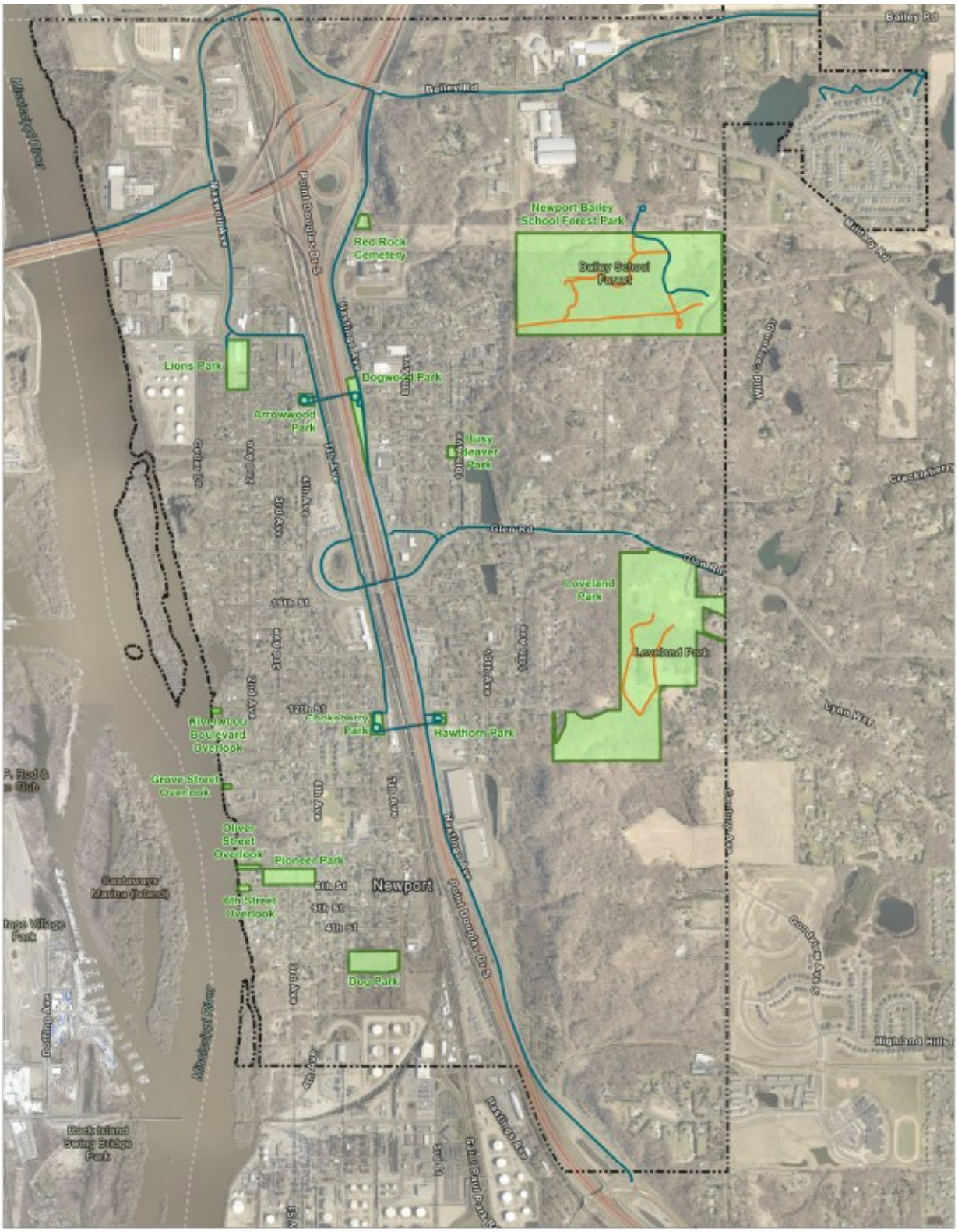
Veterans Memorial



In 2011, the City dedicated the Newport Veterans Memorial in Pioneer Park. Pavers are inscribed with the names of individuals, living or deceased, who served honorably in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, National Guard and Coast Guard. The City initially installed the first round of bricks in the fall of 2013.

Bricks are available for sponsorship at City Hall for $75 and may be sponsored by individuals, family members, companies, or groups. The City will order bricks twice a year to install. For additional information, please contact City Hall at 651-459-5677.

Parks and Trails Map



City Events

Below are different events that take place in the City throughout the year. Visit the City's website at newportmn.gov, call City Hall at 651-459-5677, or view the quarterly newsletters for more information on specific events.

Summer Rec Program

The Cities of Newport and Woodbury have partnered to provide access to Woodbury's parks and recreation programs. Newport residents are invited to participate in these programs at Woodbury resident rates.

Woodbury's recreation programs brochure will be mailed to Newport residents. Program information is available at woodburymn.gov/384/Recreation. Fee assistance is available for select programs.

Fire Department's Annual Booya

The Newport Fire Department hosts an Annual Booya Festival in the Fall. Visitors will enjoy homemade booya, refreshments, games, rides, raffles, bingo, and a beer tent.

The weekend starts with a parade on Saturday evening and festivities continue during the day on Sunday.



Pioneer Day

The City's annual festival, Pioneer Day, takes place the second Sunday in August at Pioneer Park. The festival starts with a parade at 11:30 a.m. and continues at Pioneer Park through 5:00 p.m. Visitors will enjoy live music, a petting zoo, a car show, crafts, food, bingo, games, and a beer tent.

Please contact city hall at 651-459-5677 or check the City's website at newportmn.gov or Facebook page for information.







Park Board Events

Check the City's website at newportmn.gov and the quarterly newsletters for more information on the below Park Board events.

Winter and Summer Family Fun Night

The Park Board hosts a Winter Family Fun Night in January and Summer Family Fun Night in June each year. The events take place at Loveland Park and are full of activities and games.

Buckthorn Removal Day

The Park Board hosts a buckthorn removal day in October of each year at Bailey School Forest. Residents are encouraged to volunteer to help. Buckthorn invades yards and woods, forms a dense, prickly undergrowth, and competes with native plants for light, water, and nutrients. By volunteering you can help one of Newport's most beautiful parks and learn how to control and prevent buckthorn's spread.

Code Enforcement

The condition of a property can significantly impact neighboring properties, leading to decreased property values, difficulty selling homes, and increased criminal activity. To maintain the safety, appearance, and value of our community, the City is committed to proactive code enforcement. City staff regularly conducts inspections to identify violations, and also responds promptly to complaints. When a property is inspected and a violation is discovered, the City will take appropriate action to address the issue, which may include issuing a warning or citation.

How to Report a Code Violation

Please note that all complaints are kept anonymous. To report a possible violation, please visit newportmn.gov/how_do_i/report/report_a_code_violation.php or call 651-459-5677.



Dog Licenses

All dogs must be licensed with the City. Annual dog licenses go on sale in November. From November until January 31st of each year, dog licenses cost $10. After this date the cost is $20 per license. A current rabies vaccination record is required to obtain a license. Residents filing for the first time will need to complete an application. Contact City Hall at 651-459-5677 with questions.

Animals Running at Large

No owner shall permit any dog, farm animal, wild or exotic animal to run at large. An animal is running at large unless it is on the premises of its owner or is on a leash not exceeding 15 feet in length and is accompanied by a person or restrained by a cage or other barrier. Failure to comply with this ordinance may result in the impounding of the animal and/or a citation. If a deputy finds a dog with a City license, the deputy will attempt to return the animal to its owner before resorting to impounding the dog.

Hunting Regulations

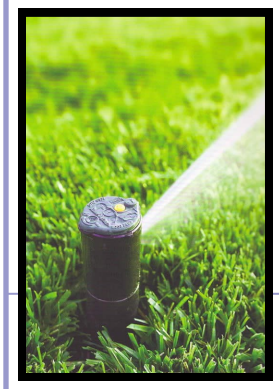
Hunting on any land in the City of Newport is prohibited, with the exception of archery deer hunting. The City adopted an Archery Deer Hunting ordinance to designate areas and regulate archery deer hunting.

Per the ordinance, individuals are allowed to hunt deer with a bow and arrow during the regular season on private land. Additionally, the private land that hunters are hunting on must be at least five (5) contiguous acres and hunters must possess written permission from the property owner when hunting. Visit newportmn.gov/residents/maps.php to view the areas for archery deer hunting.

House Numbers

For your safety, house numbers are required to be displayed at your residence. If it is not possible to display the numbers on the home itself because it is set back too far, a sign with proper numbers may be placed on a post in the front yard, plainly visible from the street. A street number on a mailbox is not satisfactory for safety purposes.





Weed Control

In an effort to ensure that our community is a safe and attractive place to live, City ordinance requires that residents control the growth of weeds and grass on their property. Weeds or grass in excess of eight inches in height on any lot are a public nuisance and are prohibited. The owner or occupant of such a lot will be given notice of non-compliance, after which, if the weeds or grass are not cut, the City has the authority to hire someone to cut the grass or weeds and assess the cost against the property.

Watering Restrictions

The City does not impose a watering ban at this time.

Fences

Fences require a city permit. Fences in residential zones may be placed along a property line providing no physical damage of any kind results to the abutting property. The side of the fence considered the face, or the finished side, shall face the abutting property. Fences in the front yard (property abutting a street) shall be one color or pattern and may be no more than four feet in height. Fences may be no more than six feet in height in a side or rear yard.

Garages / Accessory Buildings



A property may contain no more than two accessory buildings, including garages, sheds, or covered storage buildings. Attached garages are considered one accessory building. The total square footage of the accessory buildings combined can be no larger than the footprint of the livable area of the house. No detached accessory structure shall be located in any front yard and must meet the setback requirements outlined in Section 36-208 of the city code. No garages or accessory buildings shall be placed any closer to the public right-of-way than the principal structure on the lot.

Exterior Storage / Garbage

In efforts to keep the community an attractive place to live, an owner or occupant of a dwelling may not allow garbage, equipment, personal property, or any other type of storage to visibly accumulate on a property.

Inoperable / Junk Vehicles

If a vehicle is not in operable condition or is partially dismantled, it is deemed an inoperable or junk vehicle. This ordinance also includes any vehicle not properly licensed by the State with current registration. If an inoperable or junk vehicle is on one's property, it must be stored in a garage or accessory building.

Storage of Recreational Vehicles & Equipment

Recreational vehicles and equipment shall be stored within a building, unless the equipment is operable and licensed. In such case, units may be parked or stored on property outside a building as follows:



- In the front yard, provided they are kept on an established driveway and entirely on the equipment or vehicle owner's property.
- In the side yard, on an area surfaced with asphalt or concrete abutting an attached or detached garage, provided the recreational equipment is not closer than two feet from the side lot line.
- In the rear yard on an area surfaced with asphalt or concrete, not closer than five feet from the rear or side lot lines, and not within drainage and utility easements.

Only vehicles belonging to the property owner may be stored at the property.

Code Enforcement Cont'd

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 or issues listed on the notice. Always feel free to call 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.



City Ordinances

Where to Find Information

All City Ordinances can be found on the City's website at library.municode.com/mn/newport/codes/code_of_ordinances or at City Hall. Below is a list of frequently searched ordinances:

- **Chapter 6, Animals** - This chapter outlines ordinances on animal licenses and what animals are allowed within the City.
- **Chapter 8, Buildings and Construction** - This chapter outlines ordinances on building permits, swimming pools, and rental units.
- **Chapter 18, Nuisances** - This chapter outlines nuisances, building and property maintenance, driveways, lawns, and vacant buildings.
- **Chapter 32, Traffic and Vehicles** - This chapter outlines ordinances such as traffic regulations, parking, and recreational vehicles.
- **Chapter 34, Utilities** - This chapter outlines ordinances on utilities.
- **Chapter 36, Zoning Code** - This chapter is the Zoning Code and outlines ordinances such as allowed uses, setbacks, lot coverage, fences, accessory structures, allowed materials, etc.

Selling Your Home?

Televise Sewer Lateral: No property connected to the City of Newport's sanitary sewer shall be sold unless the City's contracted service provider has provided a point of sale certification that the property sewer lateral has been inspected and is in compliance with City standards. There is no charge to the homeowner for this inspection. Please contact city hall at 651-459-5677 with any questions.

Paved Driveway: All parking areas and driveways must be paved with asphalt, concrete, or other materials as approved by the City. Coal-tar based sealer is prohibited. Non-paved driveways or driveways beyond serviceable life shall be paved prior to the sale of a property, except for properties whose main access is a non-paved roadway. There may be only one driveway per lot. Residents must receive a paving permit for paving a new driveway or parking area.

Signs

No signs shall be erected or temporarily placed within any street right-of-way or upon any public easements. For more specific criteria pertaining to signs, please see Chapter 36, Article IX of the City of Newport Code of Ordinances.

Winter Parking Ban

A winter parking ban is in effect on all City streets beginning November 1st and ending April 1st. This parking ban prohibits on-street parking between the hours of 2:00 and 7:00 a.m.



Recreational Fires

Newport City Ordinance prohibits residents from disposing of refuse, leaves, or other debris by open burning. Recreational fires are allowed, as long as they are less than three feet in height and three feet in diameter, they are no closer than 25' to a building or combustible material, at least 10' from property lines, and a means for extinguishing the fire is present while the fire is burning. Only unpainted and untreated wood, coal, or charcoal shall be burned.

Curfew

The Washington County Sheriff's Office enforces a curfew for all youth in the City. Youth are not allowed in public areas or establishments during the following hours:

Age	Sunday - Thursday	Friday - Saturday
Under 15	10:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.
15-16	11:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.	12:00 - 5:00 a.m.

It is unlawful for any parent or guardian of a juvenile, or the proprietor of any establishment, to knowingly permit a juvenile to be in any public place or to remain in/on the establishment's property during these prohibited hours.

Post Office

The Newport Post Office is located at 303 21st Street. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. (The office is closed from noon to 1:00 p.m.), and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The telephone number is 651-768-0558 and the website is www.usps.com.

Motor Vehicle License Center

The Bulletin License Center in Cottage Grove serves all Newport residents. The Bulletin License Center is located at 8599 West Point Douglas Road, Suite 700, in Cottage Grove. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information please call 651-459-9877.

Food Shelf

Friends in Need Food Shelf in St. Paul Park serves Newport residents. The food shelf is located at 535 4th Street in St. Paul Park. Service hours are Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Appointments are required.

Identification and proof of residency are required to access these services. Emergency assistance for new clients is provided by appointment. For more information, please call 651-458-0730.

Basic Needs Thrift Shop and Food Market

Basic Needs Thrift Shop is located at 6990 80th Street South, Suite 200, in Cottage Grove and open Monday - Friday 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. & Sunday 12:00-4:00 p.m. Items are distributed at no cost to some and sold at low prices to others. For information, call 651-458-9786 or visit www.basicneedsmn.org.

Basic Needs Food Market is located at 8475 East Point Douglas Road, Suite 106, in Cottage Grove and open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday 10:30 a.m.. - 5:30 p.m. There are no eligibility requirements and no appointments required. For information, call 612-489-6192 or visit www.basicneedsmn.org.

School District

South Washington County School District 833 serves the students of Afton, Cottage Grove, Denmark, Grey Cloud Island, Newport, St. Paul Park, and Woodbury. The District Service Center is located at 7362 East Point Douglas Road in Cottage Grove. For more information, call 651-425-6300, or visit their website at www.sowashco.org.

We hope you enjoy your new home in Newport!

Mission Statement

The City of Newport is committed to serving the people and businesses of Newport by creating an environment which encourages pride in the community, promotes prosperity for businesses, and improves the quality of life for all.







Vision Statement

Newport is a historic City on the Mississippi River where small-town tradition is preserved, strong work ethic and self reliance is valued, and a shared sense of community pride fosters active family neighborhoods, expanding business opportunities, and a healthy lifestyle for all to enjoy.