

# Newport News

Fall 2023

651-459-5677



City Of Newport  
2060 1st Avenue,  
Newport, MN 55055



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## Upcoming Events:

### City Council

Sept. 7, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

Sept. 21, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

Oct. 5, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

### Planning Commission

Sept 12, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

October 10, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

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## Sheriff's Office

Whenever you see something suspicious, please do not hesitate to call the Washington County Sheriff's Office. We can be reached 24/7 at 651-439-9381 or 911.

## Library and Community Center

**Flat Stanley's End of Summer Party—August 30:** Visit the Newport Library to share stories about your fun summer activities, play games, and share the antics of your "flat friends."

**Peer Tutoring**—Available free of charge to all students in grades K-8. Contact 651-459-9631 or [Library@newportmn.com](mailto:Library@newportmn.com) for scheduling.

**Banned Book Week—October 1-7:** Stop in during open hours to share your favorite "Banned Book," partake in fun activities and take a selfie at our themed selfie station.

### Save the Date—November 6 at 6:00 pm:

Musicians Siana & Dallas share music of the Congo. You won't want to miss this free concert. This event is made possible through Washington County Library and funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Legacy Fund.



*Musicians Siana & Dallas*

## Mayor Elliott: Outside Funds Boost Newport

We have been working diligently to secure money such as state bonds, congressionally directed spending and other federal funds, grant applications, and local business assistance. These outside funds are supporting Newport priorities.

- **\$2 million State funding:** This summer's sewer system t-lining project will help reduce our inflow and infiltration (I+I) of rain water into the sewer system which impacts resident's utility bills.
- **\$1 million County funding:** This contribution in excess of \$1 million is for the trail extension project along 21st Street and 7th Avenue. This will complete the final segment of this trail making it completely paved and off road.
- **\$350,000 Congressionally Directed Spending:** These funds are being used for additional generators for lift stations, water towers and the Public Works building. This will ensure better lift station and water supply management and more efficient use of City staff during power outages.
- **\$67,000 State DNR funding:** Removal of ash trees and replacing them with a variety of species to reduce the impact of future tree disease and infestation issues.
- **\$25,000 Washington County CDA:** This is paying half the cost of our Hastings and 7th Avenue corridor study to plan for future development in these areas.
- **\$2.74 million State funding:** This money was just secured during the 2023 legislative session for additional I+I work.

We continue to apply for and advocate for funds through many sources. We are grateful to our US, State, and County legislators and partners, as well as local businesses who are supporting our community and residents in moving Newport forward!

## Food Scraps Pickup Program-Update

Beginning Fall 2023, the food scraps pickup program will be available to all residents in Newport. Visit [FoodScrap.sPickup.com](http://FoodScrap.sPickup.com) or call 651-661-9393 to learn more about the program and sign up to receive email notification about when the program will become available for all Newport residents. Once available, residents can:

- 1) Order a free supply of food scrap bags.
- 2) Collect food scraps. Once a week or when the bag is full, tie a knot at the top to close the bag.
- 3) Place the bag inside your trash cart or dumpster.

Ramsey and Washington counties are rolling out a new way to recycle food scraps from home—the food scraps pickup program. Food scraps such as fruit and vegetable peels, eggshells and coffee grounds make up about 20% of trash by weight in these two counties. Recycling food scraps turns them into soil rather than waste.

There will be no charge to residents for bags. Bags can be ordered online or by phone. The City’s Facebook page will provide more information as the program expands to serve all Newport residents.



## Clean Storm Drains Protect the Mississippi

Items in storm drains flow to the Mississippi River. Washington County Environmental Center will safely dispose of materials for free or a nominal fee that could otherwise end up in a storm drain.



The most common materials found include hazardous waste, electronics, batteries, recyclables, food scraps and household sharps. Environmental Center hours are Tues 11:00 am-7:00 pm, Thurs and Fri 8:00 am-4:30 pm, and Sat 8:00 am-2:00 pm. The Center is located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury. Visit [co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter](http://co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter) for more information on what materials are accepted and the drop off process.

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## City Compost Site-Open Until November 8

Newport residents can compost yard waste at the compost site next to the Public Works Building at 1100 Bailey Road. The compost site is open until Wednesday, November 8.

The hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30-6:30 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Grass, leaves and brush less than 6 inches in diameter are \$5 per vehicle load.

The compost site is only open to Newport residents, please provide a photo ID or a current utility bill.

Plastic bags are not accepted and must be emptied and retained. If you choose to bag your yard waste, compostable bags are accepted. Un-bagged yard and organic waste are also accepted. Food waste is not accepted.

## Pioneer Day—Thank You

The City would like to thank all donors and volunteers that helped to make Pioneer Day a success this year.

A Special Thank You to the financial sponsors:

**Marathon Petroleum Corporation**

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Newport Collision Center**

**North Pole Restaurant   Tinucci’s Restaurant  
Xcel Energy**

**Cloverleaf Bar & Grill   Fay’s Newport Style Salon   RSI Agency**



## Fire Prevention Week 2023

This year's Fire Prevention Week is October 8th through the 14th. Fire departments across the country have observed Fire Prevention Week since 1922 making it the oldest public observance on record.

This year's theme of **"Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention"** focuses on cooking safety and simple but important steps you can take to help reduce the risk of fire when cooking at home, keeping yourself and those around you safe.



The following are a few cooking safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

- Always keep a close eye on what you're cooking.
  - \*For foods with longer cook times, such as those that are simmering or baking, set a timer to help monitor them carefully.
- Clear the cooking area of combustible items and keep anything that can burn away, such as dish towels, oven mitts, food packaging, and paper towels.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Keep a lid nearby when cooking.
  - \*If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Create a "kid and pet free zone" of at least three feet around the cooking area and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared.

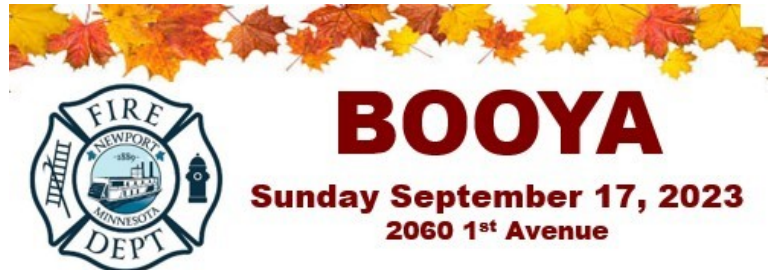
"Staying in the kitchen, using a timer, and avoiding distractions that remove your focus from what's on the stove are among the key messages for this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign."

Newport Fire will be hosting a Fire Prevention Open House on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/newportfiredepartmentmn](https://www.facebook.com/newportfiredepartmentmn)) for more information as the date draws nearer.

## Newport Fire Department Annual Booya

The Newport Fire Department invites you to the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Booya on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-4:00 pm. The event will be the first in-person since 2019 and the very first at the new fire station (2060 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue). Adding to the list of "firsts" is this will be the first Booya in the Fall.



We will again be offering traditional and Cajun flavored Booya. In addition to the Booya, there will be other food and refreshments for guest of all ages. Booya day events include plenty of games for the kids. For adults, there will be "Beat the House," pull tabs, raffles, and a beer tent.

We hope to see you on September 17<sup>th</sup>!

Please follow us on Facebook for the latest updates. ([facebook.com/newportfiredepartmentmn](https://www.facebook.com/newportfiredepartmentmn)).

## Annual Reminder from Newport Fire to Change Detector Batteries

Daylight Savings time ends on November 5<sup>th</sup> and is the perfect time to replace the batteries in your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors.

- Please remember to change the batteries in both your smoke and CO detectors (if you have separate detectors).

You should also use this opportunity to check if the detectors themselves need replacing.

- Smoke and CO detectors should be replaced every five to seven years.
- Check the date on the back of your detectors and replace according to the manufacturer's guidelines.



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**Public Works:**

Phone: (651) 459-2475  
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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 9:00 am-8:00 pm  
Tues 2:00-8:00 pm (1st & 3rd)  
Tues 2:00-5:00 pm (2nd & 4th)  
Wed 1:00-8:00 pm  
Thurs 4:00-8:00 pm  
Sat 12:00-5:00 pm

Please email [library@newportmn.com](mailto:library@newportmn.com) or call City Hall to verify hours or volunteer.  
Phone: (651) 459-9631



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## Senior Citizen Utility Discount-Renewal

Senior citizens who are 65 years or older and own a single family home are eligible for a discount on their utility bill. The discount applies for city water connections only.

Individuals can sign up at City Hall by filling out an application and showing an ID. Individuals who have already signed up can come into City Hall or call 651-459-5677 to renew it by the end of 2023.

## Leash your Dog When Outside Your Property

Newport City Code requires that all dogs are on a leash not exceeding 15 feet in length and accompanied by a responsible person when outside of the owner's yard. A dog can be in an owner's yard unleashed if under the control of a responsible person. The dog cannot wander into neighboring yards or the street.

No person owning, being in custody of, or having control over an animal shall cause or allow the animal to be in any park system, pedestrian hike and bike trail, or along any street unless the animal is controlled by and connected to the owner with a leash. The owner, or person in custody, shall be responsible for the pickup and removal of any and all animal feces.

## 2023 Area Study

The City of Newport is working in partnership with HKGi and LOCi Consulting to perform an area study of the Hastings Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridors. The purpose of the study is to create a vision for the future growth of Newport. The Steering Committee is comprised of the Mayor, a Council Member, the City Administrator, the City Planner, and two Planning Commissioners. Previous steps taken in this process include a market research study and a workshop held at the end of July to review the results of the community survey.

The next steps include finalizing a conceptual vision for the future of Newport and presenting the results to the City Council this fall. More information about the 2023 Area Study can be found on the City's website under the Departments tab.

