

# Newport's News

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City Of Newport  
596 7th Avenue  
Newport, MN 55055



## Upcoming Events:

City Council

May 19, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.

June 2, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.

June 16, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

June 14, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.

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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## Residential Parking Ordinance

The City Council adopted Ordinance No 2022-02 which updated residential parking regulations for the City. The changes include, but are not limited to:

- On-street parking is limited to 24 hours for all vehicles, trailers, and equipment
- Semi trucks, trailers, and any commercial vehicle over 14,000 pounds or 20 feet are prohibited from being parked on a residential property
- No more than four vehicles are permitted to be parked or stored on a residential property at any time
- Off-road vehicles are prohibited from being parked in the front yard
- Two recreational vehicles are permitted to be stored on a property and are not included in the four vehicle maximum if screened from public view
- Definitions of types of vehicles have been added to the ordinance

A copy of the approved parking ordinances (sections 32-39, 36-1, 36-161, and 36-163) can be found at [www.ci.newport.mn.us/city\\_code.php](http://www.ci.newport.mn.us/city_code.php). Call City Hall at 651-459-5677 with any questions regarding parking ordinances.

## Library and Community Center Update

**Paws To Read**—Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 pm. Come visit Charlie the registered Therapy Dog.

**Make your own Flower**—Thursdays in May—Flower making crafts for youth.

**Family Storytime** — Saturdays at 1:00 pm—Come share in a family friendly story or two.

**Books by the Bag Sale.** Fill a grocery bag with sale books for \$5 all through the month of May.

**Rainy Day Movies are Back** until fall, if it is raining during open hours, we play a family friendly movie.

**Father's Day Craft**—Available June 13-18.

Sign—up for monthly library updates by emailing [Library@newportmn.com](mailto:Library@newportmn.com).

## Message from the Mayor-Newport Parks Offer Many Fun Options

Newport has five main parks with a variety of activities residents can enjoy.

**Pioneer Park, 611 4th Avenue.** Our oldest and most historic park has a large play structure for children, with pavilions, grills and running water. A basketball hoop and horseshoe pits are also available. The Council just approved new play equipment with an ADA accessible surface. Installation is expected late summer or early fall.

**Loveland Park, 1500 Glen Road.** Newport's second largest park is 67 acres. It offers basketball courts, tennis courts, ballfields, batting cages, a playground and horseshoe pits as just some of the recreation options. It also has nearly four miles of natural hiking trails, pavilions and grills.

**Bailey School Forest, 1751 Wild Ridge Trail.** This park is a great place to hike on paved and natural trails, have a picnic, nature watch, and relax in a natural forest surrounding. This 80-acre park was donated to the City and School District by Gordon Bailey Sr. for use by residents and as an environmental learning park for students.

**Busy Beaver, 990 17th Street.** This tot lot has playground equipment for the younger age set, a grill, pavilions and a picnic table.

**Lion's Park, 155 20th Street.** Much of this park was removed for construction of the new City Hall/ Public Service building. The City will develop options for rebuilding the park after the new building is open and the old fire station is removed. Take some time this summer to discover all of Newport's many park offerings!

## Compost and the Community Garden

**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](mailto: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.



## Newport Elementary-Free Pre-K for 2022-2023 School Year for Newport Residents

Newport Elementary School offers free pre-kindergarten preschool for Newport residents with children 4 years old by September 1, 2022. To take advantage of this opportunity, you must register your child online at <https://sowashco.ce.eleyo.com/child-care/3/four-s-preschool>. If you have any questions, please contact Newport Elementary at 651-425-4301.

## Summer Storm Water Tips

**Install a rain barrel**-rain barrels are positioned under downspouts to capture rainwater for later use. By having a rain barrel, you reduce the surge of water from a storm which reduces erosion and limits the amount of sediment and chemicals that can be washed off streets and into the river. The rain barrels also allow you to water plants well after the storm has passed and eliminates the need to pump more fresh groundwater. Rain barrels through Washington County are sold out for 2022 and sales begin in March 2023 for next year. Rain barrels can also be purchased through various retail stores.

**Point your downspouts onto your lawn**-this reduces the amount of water your lawn will require by allowing rain to soak into the ground. Rain that soaks into the soil helps to recharge groundwater supplies and reduces the chance of rain eroding soil and washing chemicals into the storm sewer and river where they are not supposed to be.

**Reduce chemical and fertilizer use**-read and follow labels for any product used on your lawn. Excess fertilizer and chemicals that are not absorbed by your lawn can be washed into the storm sewer which leads directly to the Mississippi River. Fertilizer in the river leads to algae and other undesirable plant growth which uses the oxygen fish need to survive and thrive.

## Before Selling a Home in Newport

**Televisе Sewer Line**—Properties connected to the City of Newport's sanitary sewer shall have the sewer lateral inspected and certified to be in compliance with City standards prior to sale or title transfer.

**Paving Parking Areas and Driveways**—All parking areas and driveways that are unpaved or past serviceable life that are connected to paved roads are required to be paved with asphalt, concrete or other materials approved by the City prior to sale or title transfer.

**Water Meter Reading**—Contact City Hall at least two days before a closing date to set up a final water meter read. The final read fee is \$25. If you have any questions call City Hall at 651-459-5677.

## 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 2021 Consumer Confidence Report can be found on the City's Homepage or directly at <http://ci.newport.mn.us/documents/2021consumerconfidencereport.pdf>. If you would like a paper copy, call public works at 651-459-2475.

## Special Vehicle Permits

Just a friendly reminder about the city of Newport Ordinance pertaining to snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and similar vehicles. In 2019, the city implemented a permit requirement for these vehicles to be operated on city streets. The permits can be obtained at city hall for \$15.00 annually. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or stop by city hall.

In order to operate a snowmobile, ATV, golf cart, or similar recreational vehicles on Newport streets, residents must follow these rules:

- Obtain a permit. Proof of liability insurance is required;
- Be at least 16 years old with a valid driver's license;
- Operate the vehicle at speeds not exceeding 15 mph;
- Operate the vehicle with lights and/or slow-moving vehicle markers; and
- Operate the vehicle only when there is at least 500 feet of visibility.

Recreational vehicles are only permitted to operate on private property with permission and on city streets. County, State, and Federal roads may be restricted from recreational vehicle use.

Drivers must be sober as operators can be arrested for DUIs under Minnesota State Statutes.

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## Summer Grilling Safety Tips from the Newport Fire Department

Grilling is a great summer tradition. The Newport Fire Department wants you and your family to be safe with these easy tips:

- Keep barbecue grills at least 10 feet away from anything that can burn: Your house, cars, dry vegetation, etc.
- Stay with the grill when it is lite, and keep children and pets well away from the area.
- Barbecue grills must never be used inside the home because, in addition to the fire hazard of indoor grilling, the grill can easily cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

### Charcoal Grills

- Only use starter fluids (never use gasoline) designed for barbecue grills.
- Use a limited amount of starter fluid before lighting the fire. If the fire is too slow, rekindle with dry kindling and add more charcoal, if necessary.
- Don't add liquid fuel to re-ignite or build up a fire as flash fires can result.
- Soak the coals with water before you discard them in a metal container.
- Leave the grill away from the house until completely cool.

### Gas Grills

- Store the propane cylinder outside of and away from structures.
- Turn off the main valve to the propane tank when not in use.
- Check your grill frequently for leaks in connections by using a soap-and-water mix that will show bubbles if gas is leaking. Repair or replace and do not use if a leak is present.

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## Newport Fire Department Drive-Thru Booya

Based on the continued construction of the fire station at the new City Hall/Public Safety Building, Booya will once again be held as a drive-thru event. This year's Booya will be on Sunday, July 10, 2022, with the drive-thru opening at 10:00 a.m.

As always, we truly appreciate the support of the residents of Newport and surrounding communities.

Please follow us on Facebook for updates and additional details on this year's Booya at <https://www.facebook.com/newportfiredepartmentmn>.

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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. 2:30 - 5:30 pm  
Wed. 1:00-8:00 pm  
Thurs. 1:00 - 6:00 pm  
Sat. 12:00 - 5:00 pm  
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## Newport Continues Partnership with Woodbury's Summer Rec Program

For four years, the City of Newport has partnered with the City of Woodbury's summer recreation program. This provides Newport residents with a wide variety of summer group activities including athletic, music, creative, and educational. The program extends Woodbury resident rates to Newport residents. Fee assistance will be available for those who qualify.

## Pioneer Day—August 14th

Pioneer Day is the City of Newport's annual get-together celebration! This year's festivities will take place on **Sunday, August 14th**, at Pioneer Memorial Park. Below is a schedule of events for the day:

**Parade at 11:00 a.m.** - The fun kicks 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 down to Pioneer Park.

**Live music and entertainment from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

- The Bad Companions, a rockabilly band—12:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- The Raptor Experience, live birds presented by the Raptor Center—3:00-4:00 p.m.
- Love that Dirty Water: Preserving the Mississippi River interactive demonstration—4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Sheriff's Office K-9 Demo at 2:30 p.m.**

**Bingo (large pavilion) from 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

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 various businesses. Purchase a button for \$3, or 4 for \$10.

