

# Newport's News

Winter 2022

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City Of Newport  
2060 1st Avenue  
Newport, MN 55055



## Upcoming Events:

### City Council

December 1, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.

December 15, 2022, @ 5:30 p.m.

### Planning Commission

December 13, 2022, @ 5:30 p.m.

### City Hall Closed:

November 24, 2022-Thanksgiving

December 26, 2022-Christmas Day Observed

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## Message from the Sheriff's Office

### Winter Parking Ban:

No person shall park any vehicle or trailer on any public street from November 1 through April 1 between the hours of 2:00 am and 7:00 am. Also, no person shall park any vehicle or trailer on any public street when two inches of snow accumulates or a snow emergency has been declared.

Let's help our public works department keep our streets clean. Reminder notes will start being put out soon and violators are subject to receiving a citation or towing.

To receive snow emergency and other notifications, sign up for Washington County code red alerts at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/5BD6DBC2457>.

## City Hall/Public Safety Building Address is 2060 1st Avenue

Please remember to send utility bill payments to 2060 1st Avenue, even payments made through bank accounts should be updated. A number of payments are going to the old address and eventually the post office will stop forwarding mail sent there.

Also, remember that residents can set up auto pay and email billing through Payment Service Network by visiting the City's website at [www.ci.newport.mn.us](http://www.ci.newport.mn.us) and clicking on the button "Utility Bill Pay/Email Billing."

Residents can make one-time payments or set up auto pay. There are no fees for payments made from a bank savings or checking account. A 3.3 percent fee applies to all other payments.

## Message from the Mayor

**Newport has much to Celebrate!** Many exciting events and celebrations have been happening in Newport over the past few months.

**City Hall/Public Safety Building Opened August 4** - We began operations in our new City Hall and public safety building in early August. Administration, law enforcement and the fire department spent the next few weeks finalizing their move-in. Finishing touches continue as follow-up items are completed for the final stages of construction.

**Pioneer Park Playground Completed September 29** - Our new ADA accessible playground was opened at Pioneer Park after several weeks of construction. It features a poured-in-place rubber surface and up-to-date play equipment. Children tried out the new structures the moment it was ready and it's been a busy place ever since!

**Heritage Preservation Commission 30th Anniversary Celebrated November 2** - Newport's Heritage Preservation Commission is one of the older heritage commissions in the area. Jo Bailey and Beverly Bartl were recognized for serving on the Commission for the full thirty years. The Commission supports the preservation, protection and use of historic resources in Newport.

**Community Open House for New City Hall November 16** - Residents and local dignitaries were invited to the formal open house for our new City Hall and public safety building. Visitors also had a chance to visit the administrative, fire and law enforcement areas in the building, and meet our new City Administrator Joe Hatch.

## Fire Department's Annual Food and Toy Drive

The Newport Fire Department will once again be hosting our annual "Steve Cozad Memorial" Food and Toy Drive. We will have drop-off barrels at Clover Leaf Bar & Grill and the North Pole Restaurant beginning mid-November. We will also be at the Newport Center on Sunday, December 4, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. collecting donations.

All donations will support our local Friends in Need Food Shelf in St. Paul Park. Monetary donations are also accepted. If you are writing a check, please make the check payable to the "Friends in Need Food Shelf." If you are unable to stop by, you can drop donations at the food shelf located at 535 4th Street in St Paul Park.

## 9th Annual Winter Family Fun Night - January 28, 2023

The Newport Parks Board and Newport on the Move will be hosting Winter Family Fun Night on Saturday, **January 28, 2023**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Loveland Park so be sure to mark your calendars now!

Enjoy an evening of family skating, fun winter games, music and refreshments. All activities can be enjoyed by skaters and non-skaters alike! There are a limited number of skates to loan out. More information will be available in January 2023.

## Recycling: The Right Stuff

People tend to increase waste by 25% this time of year. Do not place these items in your recycling container:

- No packing, shipping or Styrofoam material. (Some plastic can be recycled at Target, Cub, Walmart, etc.)
- Old holiday lights.
- To keep food waste out of recycling, give your recyclable a good rinse.
- Keep items loose (not bagged), and always flatten cardboard boxes that are not small.
- When putting your cart out, leave two feet of space between your carts and other objects, such as trees, fences, garages or snow piles. Do not put your cart in the street, this can interfere with plowing.

## Wipes Clog Pipes

Please avoid flushing anything other than toilet paper and human waste down the toilet. Even though many wipes are labeled "flushable" and they will go down a toilet, they do not break down like toilet paper. This leads to sewer backups and plugged pipes, and higher maintenance and insurance costs for Newport residents. If you choose to use disposable wipes or other cleaning products please throw them in the trash so they can be disposed of properly.

### DO NOT FLUSH THE FOLLOWING:

Flushable or baby wipes  
Trash of any kind  
Medications

Feminine hygiene products  
Kitty litter  
Dental floss or Q-tips

Paper towels/napkins  
Grease/food waste  
Hair

## Public Works Department

**House Numbers** - During winter, when daylight is shorter, it is important to ensure that you have properly visible house numbers displayed on your house. The street number should be visible to the casual observer passing on the roadway. If this is not possible, a sign with proper numbers may be placed on a post in the front yard so that it is visible from the street. A street number on a mailbox is not satisfactory.

**Snow Plowing** - In the winter, the City will be looking to the residents of Newport for assistance in keeping snow that has been cleared from sidewalks and driveways off the public streets. Pushing and blowing snow from driveways and sidewalks onto or across public roads is punishable as a misdemeanor under Minnesota State Statute.

Snow deposited or left on roadways is illegal and creates a hazard to pedestrians and motorists, which can cause accidents.

**Christmas Trees** - Residents may discard their Christmas trees at the Public Works site, located at 1100 Bailey Road, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday until January 6th. Please ensure that all lights, garland, and decorations are removed from the tree.

## Thank You Volunteers!

The City of Newport and the Newport Park Board want to thank the eight volunteers who assisted in the removal of buckthorn from Bailey School Forest Park on October 29th. The effort put forth by the volunteers made a difference to the forest.

Another huge thank you goes out to the volunteers that donate time to keep Newport's parks and trails clean. The efforts of these volunteers are a great gift and helps preserve the beauty of our community. If you would like to adopt a park or trail, please contact Deb Schulz at (651) 459-5677 / [dschulz@newportmn.com](mailto:dschulz@newportmn.com).

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## Newport Ice Rink at Loveland Park

The skating rink will be open up at Loveland park again this year. Once the temperature drops below freezing, the hours will be Monday through Friday 4:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00-9:00 p.m. The City's Facebook page will announce when the rink is ready for use. Please like and follow the City of Newport, Minnesota's page. Enjoy skating outside on a beautiful winter day. The warming house will be closed when it is in the best interest and safety of the community.

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## Winter Fire Safety Tips

While staying warm in the winter is everyone's goal, history has taught us that winter can be the busiest time of the year for house fires. The Newport Fire Department has some winter safety advice, to help prevent fires and other fire related dangers.

- Make sure your fireplace fire is out completely before going to sleep. Do not close the damper if hot ashes are in the fireplace. This may force carbon monoxide into your home.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to keep sparks out of your living area.
- Be cautious when disposing of fire ashes. Coals can remain "hot" for several days. Place ashes in a metal container and cover tightly. Never place ashes in a plastic container.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate a fire.
- Do not leave a burning candle unattended (Battery candles are a great and safe option). If you use a traditional candle, be sure to keep burning candles away from curtains, lampshades, blankets and other flammable materials.
- Do not run any cords under rugs or carpeting. The constant friction of walking over a rug can cause the cord to crack or break which could cause a short circuit and lead to a fire or electrocution.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet from bedding, drapes, furniture or other flammable materials.
- Use space heaters that meet the latest safety standards and are certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriter's Laboratories (UL).
- Place the space heater on a level, hard, nonflammable surface; don't place on rugs, carpets, on top of tables or counter-tops, and turn the space heater off when you leave the area.

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## Don't Be Salty!

Using salt to melt ice on driveways can damage your concrete, kill surrounding plants and is hard on pets' feet and most importantly, contaminates our fresh water supply. Here are a few tips to help reduce the need for salt:

1. Shovel—The more snow and ice you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it will be.
2. Temperature—15 degree Fahrenheit is too cold for salt. Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use sand instead for traction but remember that sand does not melt ice.
3. Apply less—More salt does not mean more melting. Use less than 4 pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet. One pound of salt is about a heaping 12 ounce coffee mug. 1 tbsp of salt can contaminate 5 gallons of water in a river.
4. Sweep up extra—If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. Use this salt or sand somewhere else.

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## 2023 Dog Licenses - All dogs must be licensed with the City annually

Annual dog licenses are on sale at City Hall for \$10 through January 31, 2023. The fee will increase to \$20 after this date. **Newport residents must license their dogs annually.** An updated rabies vaccination is required at the time of purchase.

Requiring a dog license helps ensure all dogs in the city are vaccinated for rabies and serves as a resourceful tool to help in returning your dog, should it get picked up running at large. Additionally, any household that has four or more dogs must obtain a kennel license. This license is approved by the City Council and costs \$50.

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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 p.m.  
Tues. 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. & Thurs. 1:00-8:00 p.m.  
Sat. 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Closed Fridays , Sundays and Holidays  
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## Library and Community Center Update

**Weekly Activities:**

- Monday Morning Rap Session from 10 am-12 pm.
- Tuesday Cursive Club from 4-5 pm-Youth can learn the art of Cursive writing.
- Wednesday Adult Craft Group from 1-3 pm-Bring a project and come share fellowship.
- Saturday Family Storytime at 1 pm.

**Upcoming programs (all supplies are provided):**

- Nov 21, Monday, 2-8 pm-Thanksgiving Napkin Ring Craft: Participate in our annual Thanksgiving craft and make a new napkin ring for your holiday table.
- Nov 26, Saturday, 12-5 pm-Adult Crafting Time.
- Nov 29, Tuesday, 12:30-3:30 pm-PAWS to Read with Charlie, the registered therapy dog.
- Dec 10, Saturday- **Save the Date** Holiday Review: Join us for the return of the Newport Library & Community Center annual Talent Show-the Holiday Review. Participate as a performer by contacting Newport Library. See Newport December Calendar for Show Details.
- Dec 19, Monday, all open hours-Holiday Ornament Crafting: Stop in to make ornaments to celebrate the season.
- Dec 29, Thursday, all open hours-Annual New Year's Craft: Stop in and make a noise maker to ring in the New Year.

**Attention Veterans and proud families:** Newport Library & Community Center is honoring our Veterans and current service members during our Holiday Review. Please email photos to [Library@newportmn.com](mailto:Library@newportmn.com) or stop in to have photos scanned.

**Give the Gift of Time This Holiday Season:** Volunteer at the Newport Library & Community Center for two hours a month to make a big difference in your community. Contact [Library@newportmn.com](mailto:Library@newportmn.com) or 651-459-9631.

## Keep Trash Bins on Resident's Driveways

Please keep trash bins on resident's driveways so plows can clear the streets curb to curb. Also, the City of Newport does not allow residents or businesses to plow snow onto or across the street.