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City Manager Shares Good News

With the coming of autumn change is all around us. At this time we reflect on where we are and what we have accomplished during the last few years. Newport is a 219 year-old city that has a tremendous amount of aged infrastructure and is situated in the center of the Greater Cincinnati metropolitan area. This alone can create some rather challenging issues. Add a significant number of visitors and traffic to the equation and the challenges become even more difficult.

Newport has been a major retail center for as many years as people can remember and we have learned to deal with certain issues such as traffic congestion and accommodating visitors; however, maintaining our infrastructure will continue to be a challenge for generations to come. Our planning and budget process takes these issues into account and funds are set aside for ongoing capital improvements throughout the City.

During the past fiscal year, we welcomed continued development at Newport Pavilion, the completion of VUE 180, the New Riff Distillery, and the St. Elizabeth Medical Arts Building. In addition, the Monmouth Row residential development came full circle and is now 80% leased. The most exciting new announcement has been that Capital Investment Group is expected to break ground this fall at Third and Washington for the development of a $70 million project that will bring apartments, a hotel, a parking garage, and additional retail to the riverfront at the site adjacent to Newport on the Levee. This follows steady growth throughout the City as more businesses and residents choose to make Newport their home.

In the fiscal year 2015 that began on July 1, we anticipate spending nearly $1 million on infrastructure improvement throughout the City, including more than $250,000 on street improvements. A list of streets scheduled for work will be posted on the City web site. We are also examining the issuance of a general obligation bond during the current fiscal year to address other infrastructure and capital improvement needs. Our financial goals continue to be the maintenance of a structural balance, the reduction of debt service expenditures to less than 10 percent of our general fund balance, improving the City's credit rating, and the building of sufficient reserves.

I think you'll agree, there are a lot of great things happening in Newport Now!

-Thomas J. Fromme, City Manager

Parking Today and Planning for the Future

Parking continues to be at a premium in many parts of the city. In an effort to ease the burden to residents while still welcoming the many visitors from outside of the City who patronize our businesses, we would like to remind everyone of the parking lots available for public use and ask that all be respectful of the parking spaces that are marked as restricted for residential parking only or spaces reserved as accessible parking for persons with disabilities. Convenient parking is available at: the public lot on 7th Street behind the bicycle shop; the public lots on Monmouth at 714 (Taylor's Landing), 717 (beside Pepper Pod), and 827 (Phalen Park); the former Riverside Ford lot at 3rd & Columbia, the garage at Newport on the Levee; and several pay lots along Monmouth between Third and Fifth. Remember these options when you are in our business district and tell your visiting friends about these lots when you are meeting them for an evening out.

As we plan for the future, the City is considering issuance of City stickers or residential parking permits. A system may be devised such as each homeowner receiving two permits when their annual property tax bill is paid and additional permits being available for purchase. The concepts under consideration are in the preliminary stages. We welcome your feedback. Please feel free to call the City Manager's office at 859.292.3687 or email bholiday@newportky.gov with your thoughts.

Fall Litterfest Helps You Spruce Up!

Newport's Fall Litterfest will be happening October 20—26. You may drop off items between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the City Garage (1020 East Ninth Street). This is your chance to spruce up your yard, clean out the garage and basement. No paint or liquids of any kind will be accepted. You may drop off yard waste, brush, scrap metal, appliances (any Freon must be removed), propane tanks, car batteries, electronics (televisions and computers will not be recycled from this event), and tires (maximum of 4 per household). These items are only accepted during Litterfest, at other times only recyclables may be dropped at the City Garage.

Fourth Annual Harvest Fest Adds Bourbon and Bluegrass!

Restaurants and retail shops in the Historic Newport Downtown Business District are hosting their fourth annual Harvest Fest on Saturday, October 18. The fun begins at 11 a.m. on Monmouth between Third and Eleventh Street. This year the event has been expanded to include Bourbon Tastings and Bluegrass music. Harvest Fest will still showcase dining, entertainment and shopping venues and specials, and features local artists and musicians. Activities will also include pumpkin carving and a special Kids Zone at Newport Intermediate School. Details at newportky.gov. The merchants, restaurants and pubs appreciate your continued support in making Newport a great place to live, work, shop and play!

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

The Newport Recreation Commission invites all the little ghouls and goblins of Newport to dress up for a costume parade we like to call **"Monsters on Monmouth!"** Get in the Halloween spirit on **Sunday, October 19.** The fun begins when the children assemble at 3:00 p.m. at the Fiscal Court Lot at 11th and Monmouth. The fun parade of characters will travel down Monmouth, over Fourth Street to Columbia, and to the Riverfront. Parade participants will be allowed to visit the USS Nightmare at no charge (tickets given at the start of the parade only.) Your costume doesn't have to be scary to have fun, come join us for a great afternoon!

Kids' Turkey Shoot

Monday, November 24

Registration at 5:30 p.m.

Newport Primary, 1102 York

Children shoot *"fowl"* shots to win a frozen turkey or pumpkin pie. Competition is divided by age for highest score shooting basketball. Only one turkey winner per family. Join the fun, you may win!

Trick-or-Treat Time

Trick-or-Treat hours will be from 6 - 8 p.m. in Newport on Halloween, Friday, Oct. 31. Remember to discuss trick-or-treating safety with your children. The Newport Police Department reminds you and your children of these safety rules.

- ◊ Children should be accompanied by an adult
- ◊ Trick or Treat with a group
- ◊ Be cautious of strangers & do not approach unknown vehicles
- ◊ Do not eat candy until an adult has checked it at home
- ◊ Do not go into houses
- ◊ Walk, do not run
- ◊ Stay on the sidewalks, in well-lit areas, and in the crosswalks
- ◊ Cross the street at the corners and within the crosswalk
- ◊ Carry a flashlight
- ◊ When picking out a costume make sure it fits to avoid falling

We hope everyone has a Spooktacular and Safe Halloween!

News You Can Use From Newport PD

TIP: The Newport Police Department does vacation checks for residents. Simply stop by the police department at 998 Monmouth during regular office hours and fill out a form requesting the vacation check with pertinent information (the dates, contact information, people at the house, etc.). While officers patrol your neighborhood they will be on alert to be especially observant of the homes where a vacation check has been requested. It's also a good idea to stop at the post office to have your mail held if you'll be away for an extended period.

Your Police Chief, Tom Collins

City Taxes Due

City tax bills are mailed out in late September. These bills include the property taxes levied by the City and by the Newport Board of Education. The bills are payable on or before October 31 and are considered delinquent if they are postmarked after that date. For your convenience, the City extends the hours of the Finance Department (on the second floor at 998 Monmouth) for the collection of tax payments during the last days of October. Regular hours are Mon.—Fri. 8—4:30. **During the week of Monday, October 27 through Friday, October 31, the Finance Department will be open until 6 p.m.** Please remember that we do not currently accept credit or debit cards or online payments. We are moving away from taking cash payments and would prefer check, money order, or cashier's check. Personal checks may require a government issued picture ID for verification purposes.

Payments may be made by mail but must be postmarked by October 31st. If the bills are paid after October 31st state law mandates a penalty of 10%, which is imposed immediately, and interest will be added at one half of a percent per month. These fees must be assessed even if you don't receive the tax bill. If you have an escrow account to pay your taxes but you receive the bill, it is your responsibility to forward it to your mortgage company. The City makes every attempt to assure that tax bills are delivered to the property owners in a timely manner. Each year, however, there are a few bills that are returned as undeliverable or that go to the wrong place due to property transfers during the year or mortgage company changes. In order to avoid the potential of being charged late fees, **if you or your mortgage company do not receive a tax bill by October 10th please call the City Finance Department** at 859.292.3660 to receive a copy.

Leaf Collection

Dates for leaf collection will be posted in each neighborhood in the coming weeks. The timing of leaf collection will depend on when the majority of leaves fall. We generally try to follow the regular street sweeping schedule, but **watch for the signs in your neighborhood. Once the signs are up, you can rake your leaves to the curb**. Please try to do this no more than a few days before the collection. We ask that you rake your leaves to the right-of-way area between the sidewalk and the street. Putting the leaves *in* the street creates a problem if they blow or are washed into the storm sewers and cause clogs. If you prefer to bag your leaves you may put them out on your regular trash day (however, bagged leaves will not be composted). Thank you for your cooperation!

Veterans Day

There will be a ceremony on Tuesday, November 11 at 11 a.m. at the City Building at 998 Monmouth Street. Please join us in showing your respect and appreciation to our veterans.

Did You Know?... Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day, in May, is when we remember and honor military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor **ALL** those who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank **LIVING** veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty. (Source/Learn more at: www.va.gov.) The City offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11 in observance of the holiday but our emergency personnel are always on duty.

October is Fire Safety Month

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, October 8-10, 1871, a fire that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings. The tragedy inspired reform across the United States, spurring new fire safety codes and public awareness campaigns. Each October, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) serves as the official sponsor of a nationwide fire prevention campaign to highlight the importance of fire safety education, this years theme focuses on a very important activity-testing your smoke alarms every month!

Smoke Alarm Basics

•Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, to include the basement.

•Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home for the best protection. This allows all the alarms to sound when one goes off.

•Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

•Replace smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not respond properly when tested.

•An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires, and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. Both types of detection alarms or combination photoelectric/ionization alarms, also known as dual-sensor alarms, should be installed in the home.

•Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths happen from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

•When smoke alarms don't work, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead.

Remember, working smoke alarms save lives. Test yours every month. For more information on Fire Prevention Week or any other Fire Prevention tips, please visit nfpa.org, or as always you can follow Newport Fire/EMS on Facebook or Twitter.

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Fire Administration	292-3612
City Building	292-3666
Property Tax/City Licenses	292-3660
Building Permits/Code Enforcement	292-3637
Recreation/ Park/ Fields	292-3686
Campbell Co. Library	572-5035
Child Support Enforcement	431-0522
Circuit Court	292-6314
County Jail	431-4611
District Court	292-6305
Driver's Licenses	292-6311
Duke Energy	513-421-9500
Family Support/Food Stamps	292-6700
Health Department	431-1704
Marriage Licenses	292-3885
Rumpke (Trash & Recycling)	472-7339
Sanitation District 1	578-7450
Northern KY Water District	578-9898
Vehicle Registration	292-3850
Voter Registration	292-3885

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Monday, Nov. 24 - Kids' Turkey Shoot

Saturday, Dec. 6 Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting

Sat. Dec. 6 & Sun. Dec. 7 - East Row Tour & Tea

Sun. Dec. 7—Pearl Harbor Remembrance at Noon at James Taylor Park