



The City Public Works Department provides this annual free curbside collection for residential customers. Different materials are picked up on different days subject to weather conditions, but **please have all materials at your curb by Monday, April 17** and follow these guidelines:

- ✂ Keep piles away from utilities and meter pits.
- ✂ Old appliances that contain Freon, including dehumidifiers, must have it safely removed and tagged by a certified technician. (Call area HVAC businesses to see if they provide this service.)
- ✂ Materials must be separated into groups:
 - ♦ **Construction/demolition**—dry wall, lumber, etc.
 - ♦ **Junk**—furniture, toys, lamps, box springs, etc.
 - ♦ **Metals**—water heaters, grills, mowers, etc.
 - ♦ **Limbs, brush & thorny vegetation**
 - ♦ **Bagged yard waste** (leaves, grass clippings, etc) — You can start setting bagged yard waste out early.
- ✂ **Excluded materials include normal recyclables, household trash, hazardous wastes (motor oil, pesticides, solvents, paint, etc.), liquids, tires, concrete or large amounts of wood.**



SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE

The City of North Newton has met with Bethel College and Kidron Bethel Village for a preliminary review of our next sidewalk project plans. We are currently waiting on KDOT for review of our right-of-way permit application. Once we have our permit, we will work to finalize the plans to be able to accept bids for the project.



1ST QUARTER CITY HAPPENINGS

- The Police Department received its new patrol vehicle.
- City paid off KPERS unfunded actuarial liability 12 years early for a significant savings to the City.
- Entered into a three-year sewer cleaning contract with Mayer Specialty Services.
- Passed Ordinance 652-23 establishing new building permit fees. (See website for details.)
- *Celebrate Kansas Day* held in January at Kauffman Museum attracted almost 900 visitors and volunteers.
- Newton Public Library held a groundbreaking January 31st. North Newton Council has committed \$100,000 towards this project over a 5-year period.
- Kidron Bethel Village hosted a building dedication for the construction completed as a result of their Live Forward campaign.
- Installed a new multi-function copier at City Hall, replacing our nearly 16-year-old machine.
- The interior of City Hall was repainted as part of our ongoing building updates.
- Council approved a bid for two playground shade structures. Goldenrod Tot Lot and Campus Woods Park will each have one installed later this year. These structures were made possible by the SEED Grant, which was awarded in collaboration with projects in the City of Halstead.
- Approved Ordinance 653-23 prohibiting parking on the west side of Ivy Drive (Kidron Bethel campus) from Bluestem to 30th Street.
- Approved the purchase of a Hustler mower to replace a 20-year-old mower.
- Awarded a KDHE waste tire grant in the amount of \$1,135 to be used for picnic tables.



MEET OUR NEWEST EMPLOYEES

Leda Graybill has been with the City on an as-needed basis for over ten years, but on January 3 she took over the position of part-time Municipal Court Clerk. Although Leda grew up in



Newton, she spent seven years in Texas and 14 years in Pennsylvania. She holds a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science from Southwest Texas State University with an emphasis in Criminal Justice. Over the years Leda has dispatched for a large Pennsylvania police department, been a secretary for a court magistrate, a children's dental assistant and done accounting work. Leda has been married to Melvin for 37 years.



Matthew Newfield became the City's newest Public Works employee on February 6. He grew up in Newton and graduated from Newton High School in 2011. Matthew served as a firefighter in the Army reserves for six years and worked nearly eight years for KDOT. He is married to Claudia and they have three children ranging in ages from seven months to eleven years.



NNCF UPDATE

Since its beginning North Newton Community Foundation's objective has been, in the words of Andrew Carnegie, "doing real and permanent good". The foundation will grant up to \$11,000 this year to non-profits that serve the North Newton community. Applications for grants from NNCF are now being accepted and the application period ends Wednesday, April 5 at 5:00 P.M.

Interested parties should contact: NNCF Grants Chair Nathan Murphy at 316-214-0069, Nathan.murphy@intrustbank.com or Kristie Diller at 316-283-5474, kristie@centralkansascf.org.



OFFICER PFAUTZ RECEIVES AWARD



Officer Colt Pfautz responded to a call of an unresponsive person who was determined to not be breathing. Officer Pfautz and bystanders administered CPR until EMS arrived and took over. At the February 13 Council meeting Officer Pfautz was presented a Life Saving pin by the NNPD with his son doing the honors of pinning the award on. ✿

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

Our Mayor and Council members now have dedicated email addresses.

Mayor Ron Braun – mayor@northnewton.org

Council President Ron Ratzlaff –

[ratzclaff@northnewton.org](mailto:ratzlaff@northnewton.org)

Mark Jenkins – mjenkins@northnewton.org

Gregg Dick – greggd@northnewton.org

Dennis Campbell – dcampbell@northnewton.org

Kurt Friesen – kfriesen@northnewton.org



Once again, we remind citizens of North Newton not to flush anything but toilet paper. That goes for cigarette butts, aluminum foil, rags, etc.! **Personal hygiene and cleaning wipes that SAY they are flushable do NOT break down and cause stoppages.** These things cause serious sewage problems, backups into residential basements and are costly to remediate.



GOOD TO KNOW

► If you have a public sidewalk on your property please clear hazards that could cause trips and falls, such as sticks, seed pods, ice, etc.

► Contract negotiations for Southcentral Recycling are continuing. Any changes to your trash and recycling procedures will be communicated in your utility bill and on the City's Facebook page and website.

► Sewer consumption was re-averaged on each residential customer's April utility bill. That means the water usage found on your January, February, and March bills was averaged together then plugged

in as your new sewer consumption. The city does take into consideration when verified leaks discharge water into the ground. However, indoor plumbing issues that occurred during the re-average period are the customer's responsibility.

► The City Council will hold a spring work session April 4 at 6:00 p.m. Although the public is welcome to attend, there is not a time for public comment.

► The next three regularly scheduled City Council meetings will be April 10, May 8, and June 12 at 7:00 P.M. Opportunity is given at the opening of each council meeting for members of the public to speak.



LOCAL ORDINANCE REFRESHER

Since North Newton's incorporation in 1938 there have been 653 local ordinances passed over the years. While many have been repealed over time, quite a few remain on the books. Ordinances passed since 2015 can be viewed on our website.

Here is a brief look at some that may be of interest:

Ord. 444 – Our "Fireworks" ordinance addressing the type of fireworks one can possess and the discharge of fireworks on July 4th only.

Ord. 472 – Requires removal of animal feces by owner, walker, or keeper of a pet from public areas, sidewalks, paths, parks, etc.

Ord. 476 – Annual city pet tags are required for all dogs and cats.

Ord. 561 – Our "Environmental" ordinance addressing unsightly and hazardous conditions.

Ord. 568 – Our "Peddler" ordinance requiring door-to-door salespersons to obtain a City permit.

Ord. 577 – Prohibits open dumping of solid waste.

Ord. 582 – Pertains to the removal of tall weeds, grasses and brush on private property that exceeds 12" tall and is deemed a blight.

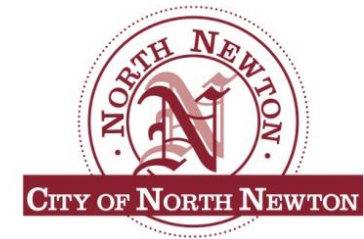
Ord. 590 – Curfew ordinance for those under the age of 18 with certain areas and times given. There are exceptions.

Ord. 593 – Our "Noise" ordinance that sets noise restrictions during certain hours and in certain locations. There are exceptions.

Ord. 649 – Relates to the care, placement and removal of trees in public rights-of-way and removal of dead or diseased trees on private property.



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