

SECOND QUARTER UPDATES

- Jointly dissolved the Historic Preservation commission and Planning and Zoning Commission. North Newton formed its own Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Council directed City staff to come up with ideas for a City flag.
- Approved the purchase of up to five tasers for the police department.
- City Hall updates and repairs completed. City is now requesting bids for foundation work.
- City is requesting bids for additional sidewalks along Main, 30th, Ivy Dr and Anderson.
- Awarded a Hazard Mitigation Grant to cover 90% of an additional tornado siren. It will be placed near the water tower and provide additional coverage and redundancy to residents.
- Received a clean 2022 audit with no findings.
- Allocated American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase a new sewer pump.
- Approved bid for intersection repairs at 30th and Main.



TRASH & RECYCLE SERVICE CHANGING



The North Newton City Council held a special meeting June 1 to select a new residential trash and recycle collection provider. Three local companies submitted proposals. *Our provider for the last 30 years, South Central Recycling, did not submit a proposal.* The

council selected Nisly Brothers from Hutchinson as our new residential solid waste and recycling collection company.

Monday, July 3rd will be the first trash collection from Nisly Brothers and the first recycle collection for one half of North Newton using the green and tan roll-away carts they provide. Trash will be picked up every Monday and recycling on alternating Mondays depending on your location. The division will generally be north and south of West 26th Street, with all portions east of Main Street included with the

southern portion. See the map in the mailed information to confirm your recycle pick up schedule.

- Trash and recycling carts are to be put out no sooner than 5:00 p.m. the day prior and no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of service.
- The carts are also to be removed from the curb within 24 hours of pick up.
- Carts should be stored behind the front line of the house and kept in a clean, sanitary condition.
- On pick up day, carts should be placed within two feet of the edge of the road. Placement in the gutter is acceptable. There should be at least five feet of clearance between carts or other objects to allow the cart-tipper trucks to maneuver.

Trash and recycling rates on your August utility bill (service period 6/15-7/14/23) will increase to \$18.00 a month per living unit. *Our previous provider had asked for an increase to \$20.00 per month.* If you need an additional trash or recycling cart, one can be requested for \$7.00 additional per month.



PICNIC TABLE & SHADE STRUCTURE ADDED TO PLAYGROUNDS



The City received two grants to help with the addition of shade structures, concrete pads and handicap accessible tables at the Goldenrod Tot-Lot and Campus Woods Park.

The SEED Grant was in partnership with the City of Halstead and provided \$17,685 in funds for these projects. The Waste Tire Management Grant through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment provided 50% of the funding for the picnic tables. These tables are made from 100% recyclable materials, including milk jugs and old car tires. They are sturdy and made to last, while reducing what could have gone into the waste stream.



MAYOR AND COUNCIL CANDIDATES IN NOVEMBER 7 ELECTION

Election Day is November 7 and newly elected individuals will take office in January 2024. Mayor and council member terms are for four years. More information will be made available at a later date.

Candidates For Mayor

Keith Schroeder grew up in Newton. Most of his career was with the Williams Corporation. His work led him to the Tulsa and Houston areas, but retired from IT management in 2021. Keith states he wants to "make sure we continue to manage our City with integrity and provide a welcoming place to attract families and businesses."



Ron Ratzlaff is Director of Human Resources at Kidron Bethel Village. He has served as a council member for 21 years (10 as council president). Ron has been instrumental in a number of improvements to our city during his time on the council.

Candidates for Council (two open seats)

Marissa Murphy is a wife, mother of two and a critical care nurse at NMC Health. She loves the North Newton community having lived here for 30 years. Marissa feels she will add diversity to the city council as a younger, female voice.



Kurt Friesen (incumbent) is running for his 2nd term on the council. He believes in pursuing a higher quality of life for North Newton's residents while pursuing fiscal responsibility. Kurt is employed at Friesen Tool Company and if not there can usually be found working around the house or watching Chiefs football.



2024 BUDGET IN PROCESS

The City Council will have a budget work session at 6:30 p.m. on July 6th at City Hall. Topics include: equipment replacement, street improvements, city software updates, cost of living adjustments and reserve funds. Budget adoption is anticipated in September.



NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HANDS OUT AWARDS

North Newton Community Foundation held its annual grant presentation on June 20th at The Local Table at Kidron Bethel. A total of \$11,000 was presented to organizations that help meet needs in North Newton. Organizations receiving grants are: Kaufman Museum, So-Shine Foundation, Safehope, Community Playschool, Peace Connections, Newton Meals on Wheels, Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts, and Bluestem Communities.

The foundation is a grant making public charity that is dedicated to improving the lives of North Newton residents. We bring together the financial gifts of individuals, families and businesses to support non-profits that serve our community. Current assets are approximately \$1.4 million. Foundation board members are Bill Hake, Nathan Murphy, Thomas Jackson, Mark Janzen, Ray Olais, John Torline, Ray Penner, and Pam Tieszen.

Also on the agenda for the foundation is an opportunity to earn \$70,000 in matching funds. Details will be finalized soon, but if this teaser has piqued your interest, please contact Bill Hake at 288-5678. North Newton Community Foundation is an affiliate of Central Kansas Community Foundation.



SOME PARTING REMINDERS...

- Class C, or common **FIREWORKS**, can be discharged in North Newton only on July 4th between 10:00 a.m. and midnight. Clean up your fireworks debris afterwards, please!
- Keep **STREET GUTTERS** around your residence clear of grass clippings, decaying matter, trash, silt, etc. for better water flow.
- Residents with city right of ways on their property are reminded they must **MOW THE RIGHT OF WAYS**. Examples would be mowing up to a street or road and up to an alley.

→ Dog owners, please be mindful to **PICK UP DOG WASTE** when walking your dogs. Carry your own waste bags and dispose of properly.



- **PEDDLING** (door-to-door sales or canvassing) is allowed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the City of North Newton with a permit. Outside of those hours, peddlers should not be coming to your door. *Peddlers should show you their City of North Newton permit.*
- North Newton's **WATER QUALITY REPORT** for calendar year 2022 is available at <https://tinyurl.com/4vjbd2mx>.
- City staff is striving to keep the **CITY WEBSITE** continually updated and relevant. Many of the questions citizens call City Hall about can be answered by checking the website. Have you taken a look recently at <https://www.northnewton.org>? Be sure to scroll down on the opening page for current news.
- The next three regular **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** are July 10, August 14, and September 11 at 7:00 P.M. Citizens are given an opportunity to make comments at the opening of each meeting. Agendas are always posted ahead on our Facebook page and our website.
- **CITY HALL IS CLOSED:** Independence Day, July 4 and Labor Day, September 4.

July 4th
Annual Fireworks Extravaganza

- FREE
- Outdoor event
- Family fun with games and give-aways
- Hotdogs, chips, drinks & Salted Creamery ice cream

Arrival may begin at 7:30 p.m.
Fireworks begin at sundown

3001 Ivy Dr.
North Newton, KS

A Health Care Benevolent Fund benefit

USD 373 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Families New to USD 373

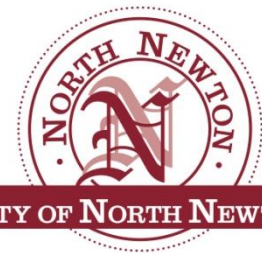
Enroll your pre-kindergarten through 12th grade student using the New Family Online Registration Portal at <https://usd373-ks.schoolloop.com/enroll>.

Existing & Returning Families

Access enrollment application online through your Parent Portal. Contact your student's school for assistance or visit the Infinite Campus Portal page.

<https://usd373-ks.schoolloop.com>

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