

CHIEF OF POLICE NEWS



After ten years of service to North Newton and 32 years in law enforcement, Chief of Police Randy Jordan retired at the end of September. His plans are to hunt, assist an area building contractor and assist his son coach basketball at Central Christian Academy.

The City of North Newton is pleased to announce the promotion of Jim Bethards to Chief of Police.



Jim has served the citizens of North Newton as our Deputy Police Chief since late 2014 and has over 15 years of law enforcement experience. When asked what he looks forward to in this position, Jim said "... Leading the department and continuing to build upon our strong partnerships with the community. Together, we will continue to keep North Newton a safe place for all."



Fall Festival

October 12 – 15, 2023

Complete schedule available at
www.bethelks.edu/fall-fest.

Alumni Office: 316-284-5251

alumni@bethelks.edu

Facebook - <https://fb.me/e/2uPob>

Twitter - @ThresherAlumni

Public Shred Event November 7 - 9 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. City Hall Lobby



- Bring your documents and empty them into bins in the City Hall lobby.
- Paperclips and staples are allowed.

- NO CD's, non-paper media or hardbound books.
- Bins will be stored securely and transported off-site at the end of the week for shredding.
- Provided by Underground Vaults and Storage, a company committed to document destruction services and secure document storage.



Fall Clean Up November 6 to 10

- 1 Please have all yard debris at the curb no later than Monday morning November 6. Keep in mind different yard materials are picked up on different passes through town and it takes several days to complete the project.
- 2 Bag leaves, grass clippings, garden waste and manageable brush.
- 3 Do not mix trash or recyclables in bags of yard waste.
- 4 Bushes, thorny brush and small limbs can be placed in piles. Place larger limbs parallel to the street for easier grapping.
- 5 Keep piles away from meter pits.
- 6 Contractors YOU hire to cut down limbs or trees must haul the debris away!
- 7 NO household junk, furniture, appliances, etc.
- 8 Do not place fall clean up material near items that could be stolen by passersby, such as ladders, tools, mowers, etc.



3RD QUARTER HAPPENINGS

- The City Council approved:
 - 2024 budget--the mill levy will remain 51.881 mills; plans to increase water minimum charge by \$2.00 and sewer minimum charge by \$1.00 due to increasing expenses;
 - The purchase of a trail dedication sign for the Kidron Loop Trail;
 - A bid for sidewalk construction throughout North Newton, in partnership with Bethel College, Kidron Bethel Village and Mennonite Central Committee;
 - A bid for foundation construction at City Hall to begin October 2; and
 - The purchase of a receipts management software module at City Hall.
- Awarded \$30,000 from the Local Safety and Security Equipment Grant to purchase new radios and mobile data terminals for our Police Department.

- Hosted 15 Bethel College students on their September 20 service day. They picked up trash, trimmed trees, and painted no-parking areas in North Newton.
- As the recipient of a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant, the City had a second tornado siren installed near the water tower. This siren allows for redundancy and now allows greater warning coverage to our community and areas in Harvey County.



RESERVE-A-DUMPSTER and BULKY APPLIANCE PICK UP



Moving out, downsizing, or just cleaning out the clutter? If you get a North Newton utility bill and pay a trash fee you can reserve a small dumpster for a one-week period at no extra charge. Call City Hall to reserve. The dumpster is delivered on a Wednesday

and placed on the street in front of your house. The dumpster cannot be used for demolition and construction waste or bulky appliances. Call Nisly Brothers directly at 1-866-662-6561 to request bulky appliance pick up if you are a North Newton utility bill customer.



PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING CHALLENGE

The Bethel College Mennonite Church is participating in a challenge to collect 1000 pounds of plastic bags and plastic film in one year for the Trex composite decking company. Collection boxes are at the church and City Hall. Bring your **clean, dry** bags and plastic wraps to a collection site!

What is accepted in this program? Grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, re-closable food bags, cereal box liners, case overwraps (such as bottled water cases), air pillows, salt pellet bags, pallet wraps, wood pellet bags and produce bags.



DO NOT include frozen food bags, candy bar wrappers, chip bags, mesh bags, pet food bags, compostable bags, pre-washed salad mix bags, any meat packaging, lamination film, crinkly wraps, six-pack rings, vinyl shower curtains or gloves.

Generally, if the plastic can be stretched it's acceptable; if it's shiny and sounds "crunchy" it's not acceptable. A complete list is available at City Hall or BCMC.

KBI CRIME INDEX STATISTICS

Number of crimes per 1000 people:

Year	North Newton	Newton
2022	3.8	29.8
2021	6.8	33.8
2020	8.0	28.0
2019	4.0	27.1
2018	3.4	38.1
2017	15.5	42.7
2016	5.5	38.0
2015	6.7	40.0

the LOCAL TABLE

A daytime eatery at
Kidron Bethel Village

Open Wed-Sun
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

3001 Ivy Drive
North Newton, KS 67117
316-836-4850

GOOD TO KNOW



➤ **2024 pet tag season** is coming! Citizens are required to tag their dogs and cats annually. Get your 2024 city pet tags between December 1, 2023 and March 1, 2024. Tags are \$3.00 for spayed and neutered pets or \$5.00 for unaltered pets. After March 1, 2024 a \$15.00 penalty is

applied. **Always provide current proof of Rabies vaccinations when getting pet tags.**

➤ Please **trim tree limbs** that hang low over your street so the trash truck does not accidentally snag them.

➤ **Sewer re-averaging** advance notice—the water consumption amounts you will see on your January, February, and March 2024 bills (service periods covering mid-Nov. to mid Feb) are averaged and applied as your new *sewer consumption* on the April 2024 bill. That new sewer consumption and corresponding charge stays on your bill a full year. Start checking for plumbing leaks now and fix them before sewer re-averaging!

➤ The next **City Council** meetings are October 9, November 13, and December 11 at 7:00 p.m. An opportunity is given for citizen comments. Agendas for each meeting are posted on our Facebook page and website before each meeting.

➤ **Daylight Savings Time** ends Sunday, November 5.

➤ City Hall **holiday closings**: November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving, December 25 and 26 for Christmas, and January 1 for New Year's.



*"September tries its best to have us forget summer."
- Bernard Williams*

GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 7, 2023

For Mayor and City Council
& USD 373 School Board

Go to www.northnewton.org to learn
more about the North Newton Mayor
and Council candidates.

ADVANCE VOTING BY MAIL

- Registered voters may apply for an Advance Ballot by Mail at <https://www.HVCoKSvote.gov>.
- A separate form is required for each election. Ballots begin mailing 20 days prior to election.
- Requests must be submitted by Oct. 31.

EARLY VOTING IN-PERSON

- Begins on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at Harvey County Courthouse 1st floor Commission Room, 800 N Main.
- 8 am to 5 pm Mon-Fri and 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday Nov. 4, ending at 12 noon on Monday, Nov. 6.
- Photo ID is required.

IN-PERSON VOTING ON ELECTION DAY IN NORTH NEWTON

- Held at North Newton City Hall building – East entrance
- 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Photo ID is required.

For more information:

Harvey County Election Office –
(316)284-6840 ♦

<https://www.HVCoKSvote.gov> ;

<https://www.ksvotes.org> for online voter
registration and advance ballot information

October 2023



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North Newton, KS 67117

Office Hours

8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Mon. – Thurs.
8:00 A.M. to Noon, Friday

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