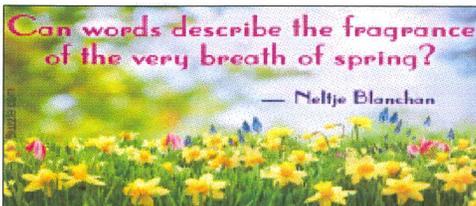




## APRIL 8 - 12

The City Maintenance 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 8** 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
  - ◆ Junk
  - ◆ Metals
  - ◆ Limbs & thorny vegetation
  - ◆ Bagged yard waste.
- ↳ More information is also available at City Hall or at [www.northnewton.org](http://www.northnewton.org).
- ↳ Excluded materials include normal recyclables, household trash, hazardous wastes (motor oil, pesticides, solvents, etc.), liquids, tires, construction waste such as concrete or large amounts of wood.



## TRASH & RECYCLING



**Citizens of North Newton who pay a solid waste (SW) charge on their utility bill are invited to attend a forum about the current trash and recycle program. It will be held Monday, April 15 at 7:00 P.M. in City Hall. Steve Meyer of South Central Recycling and City staff will be there to take your questions and comments.**



### BUSY CONSTRUCTION SEASON AHEAD

The City Council has authorized the issuance of 1.6 million dollars in general obligation bonds to fund completed and anticipated projects.

*The completed projects include the following:*

- ★ Long term financing of the water and sewer line extension to North Woods Plaza. These lines were installed about a year ago.
- ★ Kidron Bethel's Lakewood Circle Project in Campus Woods Estates including paving, curb, gutter, water lines, sewer lines and pickle ball court. This project is largely complete with the finishing touches on the court to be completed this spring. While Kidron Bethel will be responsible for the ownership and maintenance of the court, it will be available for use by the general public.

*Projects planned for construction later this year include the following:*

- ★ Extension of water lines from North Woods Plaza to the water tower; connect existing water line between 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Anderson Avenue.
- ★ KDOT plans to receive bids in July for the construction of the walking/hiking path. Construction will begin late summer or early fall.
- ★ Milling and overlay of Bluestem Street and 27<sup>th</sup> Street from Anderson to Main Street. This project

is part of a larger Harvey County sponsored project. There will be periods of traffic disruption, but adequate notice will be provided to those directly affected.

★ Entryway signage into the City at various locations. Design of the signage is currently underway. Construction is anticipated this summer. Regier Construction of Newton is the contractor.

★ Replacement of storm sewer on Bluestem near Goldenrod Road. This project is currently underway with contractor Vogts Parga of Newton.

*The following projects will be funded with City funds on hand:*

★ Replacement of valley gutter and wheelchair ramp at 25<sup>th</sup> Street and College Avenue with PPJ of Wichita as the contractor.

★ Chip sealing of various streets around the community. This project will occur this summer. Circle C Paving of Goddard is the contractor.

Approximately half of the annual debt for the above projects will be paid for by the owners of the property being benefitted or from water and sewer revenues. The remaining portion will be paid by tax levy. We anticipate that this will increase the levy approximately two mills for the first few years and decline thereafter unless additional general obligation bonds are issued.



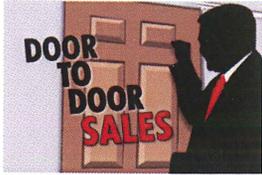
### MAYOR & COUNCIL ELECTION AHEAD



On Tuesday, November 5, 2019 registered voters of North Newton will have the opportunity to vote on two city council positions and the mayoral seat to four-year terms. **The deadline to file to run for these positions is noon on June 3.** Candidates must file with the County Clerk at the courthouse. There is a \$20 filing fee or candidates may file by petition. Candidates elected in November will take office January 13, 2020. Currently, council members Ron Ratzlaff and Paul Harder as well as Mayor Ron Braun will be completing four year terms. Ron Braun and Paul Harder first took office in 2007. Ron Ratzlaff has served since 2001.



## ADVICE FROM OUR POLICE DEPT.



If persons come to your door trying to sell you products, wares, subscriptions, publications, foodstuffs or services of any kind, ask them if they have obtained a North Newton Peddlers License. Turn them

away if they cannot show you a **North Newton** license for that date, then call 9-1-1 to alert the police. Non-profits, charitable organizations, education associations and school groups are exempt from requiring a Peddlers License. Ordinance No. 568 Be aware of possible scam "charitable" organizations going door-to-door, however.



## NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The mantra of the Carnegie Foundation, "Doing real and permanent good" describes well the on-going programs of the NNCF. At the 2019 Awards Ceremony scheduled for early June 2019, the Foundation will be awarding about \$8,800 to several deserving North Newton area philanthropic organizations. The March 11, 2019 asset base of the Foundation stands at \$243,692, up 10.1% for the year! At the end of 2018 the North Newton Area Cultural Enhancement Fund was established at the \$10,000 level, with \$5,000 coming from City match funds and \$5,000 from private donors. Annual proceeds of about \$500 will be available to support a wide range of culturally-related activities in the North Newton area.

### Use an online bill-pay service?

Payments for these transactions come in the form of a check from processing centers across the country. Be aware that it could take over a week for the actual payment to reach City Hall. Penalties still apply if those payments reach us after the 15<sup>th</sup>.

This does not apply to citizens who pay on time at [www.northnewton.org](http://www.northnewton.org) or have signed up for automatic bank pay through the City.

## CHECK YOUR SEWER CLEANOUTS!

If you have a sewer cleanout in your yard, please check that it is capped to prevent surface infiltration. While the City has not

had to pay an excessive use charge to the City of Hesston yet, we have noticed an increase in flow during times of heavy rain at the sewage pump station. A likely point of infiltration is from improperly capped or uncapped cleanouts in residential yards. Please help all of us in keeping our costs down.



## WORTH NOTING

- ❖ Residential customers' **sewer consumption** was re-averaged this billing. The sewer consumption figure and monthly charge will remain on your bills for a year.
- ❖ Dog owners and dog walkers—PLEASE remember to "**scoop the poop**" on streets, sidewalks, trails, and in parks. It's City ordinance.
- ❖ Interested in renting the City's **Community Room**? Call for rates, availability and our rental policies.
- ❖ City Hall will be closed **Memorial Day**, Monday, May 27.
- ❖ The next three **City Council meetings** are April 8, May 13, and June 10 at 7:00 P.M.
- ❖ City Hall closes over the noon hour once a month for **staff training**. This is typically held the Tuesday after a City Council meeting.



### Online payments accepted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Service fees apply

[www.northnewton.org](http://www.northnewton.org)

click "Pay Online"

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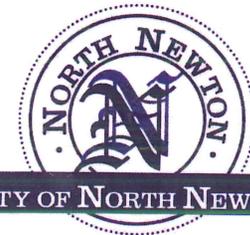
call toll-free 1-888-604-7888

If prompted for a Pay Location Code:  
Utility bill payment code - #a001w5  
Court fines payment code - #a001w6  
Miscellaneous payment code - #a001w7

We ask that you use one of the above methods when paying by card from home rather than calling City Hall. Cards will be processed at City Hall when paying in person, however.



April 2019



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