

Newton Town News

October 2021



Newton Town

Office Hours:
Monday & Wednesday
9:30 to 11:30 AM
PHONE:
563-9283

Newton Town Council – Meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Newton Town Hall.

Newton Planning Commission – meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Newton Town Hall.

To place items on either agenda, please contact Karla Ferguson, Town Clerk, at least three days prior to the scheduled meeting.

To place items in either the Town Newsletter or Town Bulletin Board at the Post Office, contact Karla.

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Newton Town Corporation

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Mayor:
Kevin Rhodes

Council Members:
Gordon Anderson
Kent Fabricius
Kathryn Rigby
Jed Woodward

Notes From the Mayor:

Two weeks ago, I visited a rural town (more rural than Newton) that my ancestors settled in the mid-1800s. Generations have been proud to tell stories about how orderly grandpa's place was and that his moniker was "plow a straight furrow". But as I drove through the streets, I was embarrassed. What would grandpa think if he came back to pay a visit? Weeds were higher than the fences. Fences needed mending, barns needed painting, and old buildings were a safety hazard. I'm sure to those that live there, it was not an embarrassment. They were used to seeing it every day. It is wonderful to live in a rural community. But rural does not mean junky. Please join me and conduct a fall assessment of your property. Take a drive by your home with a fresh set of eyes. If there are "abandoned, discarded or unused objects or equipment such as automobiles... lumber, implements, junk, trash, or debris". (town code 4-2-5) Please remove them from your property and town right-of-ways. Pay special attention to the area between your property and the road. Remember, there is a 99ft street right-of-way. It is unlawful for you to "place or permit to be placed (in this area next to the road) building materials, refuse, fencing, permanent or temporary structures" (town code 7-1-3). Furthermore, if you live on a corner, you must not obstruct a motorist's "clear view of the intersection"

(town code 11-8-9) which means "nothing over 2ft high within a triangle area formed by a diagonal line connecting lines at the edge of the right-of-way 40ft from the projected intersection".

Let's work together to make Newton a beautiful and safe place to live.

---Mayor Kevin Rhodes

Flu & COVID Vaccine Clinic

Bear River Health Department will conduct the clinic on **Monday, Oct. 18, 6:30 to 8:00 pm** at the Newton Town Hall.

The COVID vaccine will be Pfizer. The COVID vaccine will be available for first dose and those eligible for a booster dose. A third dose is available for those 65 and older immunocompromised and for people who work in high exposure occupations, such as, medical, teacher, etc.

Please bring your insurance card. All major insurances are accepted. The flu shot is \$30 without insurance.

If you are unable to attend the clinic, you may visit the health department in Logan. Health Department Clinic hours are Monday - Thursday 8am - 6pm and Friday 8am - 1pm.

If you are strictly homebound (in Newton), please contact Raelyn Rigby directly at 563-9293 for home service.

Voting

Election Day is November 2nd. Cache County will begin mailing out ballots this week. The State of Utah requires this to be an election done by mail only. If you are an active registered voter, you will automatically receive a ballot in the mail. An official ballot drop box has been installed outside on the north end of the Newton Town Hall for voted ballots with the signed envelope. Newton has opted to participate in ranked choice voting. We have included the instructions on how to vote with ranked choice voting in the newsletter. For more information, please go to vote.utah.gov or newtonutah.org

"MEET THE CANDIDATES"



MEET AND SPEAK WITH YOUR Newton Mayoral and Town Council candidates.

Ask questions important to you!

Email questions to:

newtontown@comcast.net

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Newton Town Hall

51 South Center, Newton

Fire Department

The fire department is in need of your help, please enquire about joining today. Talk to a member of the fire department for details.

Change your clock, change your batteries.

Change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when you turn back your clocks for Daylight Saving Time, November 7, 2021. Make sure to check the alarms with the new batteries installed.

Newton Youth Council

We are looking forward to another great year with the Newton Youth Council! There will be some exciting new activities that we hope many of the youth will join us for.



Come if You Dare!

Saturday, October 30

5:30 - 7:30 pm Younger Children,

\$3 per person

(less scary option with lights)

8:00 - 11:00 pm All Ages

\$4 per person

(includes donuts/hot cocoa)

17 West Main Street, Newton

(Old Sheep Office)

Come support the

Newton Youth Council



Newton Town Library

The Library has many resources and items to check out. Looking for a book, movie, audiobook, or even a telescope? Come to the library to check something out.

The Library Book Club will meet on Oct. 21st to discuss the book 'A Girl waits with Gun' by Amy Stewart. November's book will be 'Snow Flower and the Secret Fan' by Lisa See. January's book will be 'Beartown' by Fredrik Backman. February's book will be 'News of the World' by Paulette Jules. We meet in the Library at 7:30, normally on the

2nd Thursday of the month. Books are available at the library for checkout.

Come join us at the library for our annual KUED Reading Marathon in November. If you read each day, come join the fun and then celebrate with a Super Reader Party in January.

Story Time at the Library is every Thursday at 10:30 am. Come and join us for lots of fun.

Newton Holiday Tree Lighting

December 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m., outside Newton Town Hall. We will have a count down to turn on the lights. A short program will follow and we will welcome Santa. Santa will then be at the library from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. The library is planning to have Santa inside this year with the chance that plans may change depending on community health protocol.



Our Merry & Bright Night is fast approaching. In order to keep our tree lighting and Santa welcome "Merry & Bright" the community needs your help. We need your help in either two ways: 1. Funds or 2. Folks who would be willing to help. If you would like to make a donation, it could be sent to: Newton Town, Attn: Merry & Bright, PO Box 146 or in the payment drop box at the Town Hall. We would be so happy to accept your help as a committee member. If interested, let Annette Benson 563-5422 or Sue Petersen 760-0937 know. Whatever we are able to do, we hope it helps to make the Christmas season more special for you all.



Instructions For Voting

- You are receiving a ballot by mail because the State of Utah conducts elections by mail.
- This booklet contains information about how to vote and return your ballot.
- If others in your household have not received a ballot, they may not be registered to vote at their current address. Please have them check their registration at: vote.utah.gov

Why Does My Ballot Look Different?

The ranked choice ballot is designed in a side-by-side column format and lists the names of all candidates on the left side. This format allows a voter to select a first-choice candidate in the first column, a second-choice candidate in the second column, a third-choice candidate in the third column, and so on.

Votes are tabulated using all first-choice votes. If no candidate has more than 50% of the votes cast, the candidate with the lowest amount of votes is eliminated. This process repeats until a candidate has more than 50% of the votes cast.

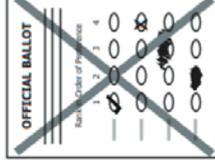
If your first-choice candidate is eliminated, your vote is then transferred to your second-choice candidate. If your second-choice candidate is then eliminated, your vote is transferred to your third-choice candidate, and so on.

- **Mark the oval next to your choice(s) using only black or blue ink**

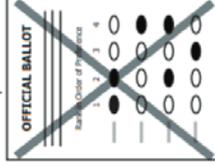
Completely fill in the oval and vote for as many or as few candidates as you would like



Avoid stray marks and ovals that are not completely filled in



Do not vote for more than one candidate per rank, or one candidate in multiple ranks



Step 1 Place Ballot Inside Return Envelope



Step 2 Sign your Envelope

- Sign the voter declaration on your envelope
- Verify that you are not signing someone else's envelope
- Power of Attorney cannot be used for voting
- **IMPORTANT:** Your vote cannot be counted without your signature



Step 3 Seal your Envelope

Step 4 Return your Ballot

BY MAIL	BY DROPBOX	IN PERSON

Drop It In A Box To Save Tax Cost!

If You Make a Mistake
Contact the Cache County Clerk/Auditor Office for any Questions

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