

Newton Town News



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Newton Town Corporation

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Newton Town

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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.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

From the Mayor

Each year as a community we come together to celebrate Pioneer Day. The celebration draws many back to visit Newton because of prior ties to the community. We invite all to come to the park that day for food, games, and visiting with friends and neighbors.

We have a great community, but that does not happen on its own. The town ordinances were established to ensure that Newton would always be a place that we would be proud to call home or a place that we looked forward to visiting.

As a town council when we are elected, we are required to enforce our town's ordinances. One ordinance that is of great concern to us at the present time deals with the town's right-of-way. So that everyone will know the exact wording of this ordinance, the town will be communicating the ordinances that deal with the right-of-way on our town website and at the post office.

Please take the time to review this part of the town code and understand how it may apply to you. Then, take what steps are necessary to comply. Do not rely on someone else to solve whatever problems may arise.

Thanks, Mike

Newton Youth Council

We are looking forward to finishing this year strong with parades and the town celebration. We are already looking forward to next year and are accepting applications for the 2023-2024 council now. All those who will be entering eighth grade are welcome to apply. Applications will be available at our cotton candy/snow cone booth at the town celebration. If you have any questions, contact any member of the Newton Youth Council.

Newton Library

The Library Book Sale and Phone Book Sale will be held during the Town Celebration in front of the Town Hall on July 21-22. Phone books will be available inside the library after this date.

Come support the Library, Fire Department, and First Responders Fundraiser Dinner on Friday, July 21 from 5:30 to 7:00. We will be serving Pulled Pork, French Dip, and Homemade Sloppy Joes, along with sides.

Mark your calendar for July 27th at the park at 10:30 for a closing party for summer reading. Lots of Prizes will be handed out along with a treat. There will be fun activities so come join the fun.

Story time will be held in August every Thursday at 10:30 am. USU extension will be hosting Create, Food, Fun & Reading for 5 weeks. Come hear a story, learn about nutrition, and have a snack.

"Merry and Bright"

"Merry & Bright", Newton's very own holiday event's goal is to expand and add to our holiday decorations each year. As in the past, we will be having a "fund raising" event during our town's July 24th celebration. This year, we are again honored to have a donation from the Margaret Griffin family of one of her beautiful, handmade quilts as a prize. In addition, an item or two that will be super fun for activities will be given away. This "fund-raiser" only supplies a part of the monies needed for the "Merry & Bright" event. We rely on donations for a good share of what we do. Donations can be sent to Newton Town. Also, we would be thrilled to have you work on our committee. If you would like to donate and/or work on the committee, please contact Annette Benson or Craig & Sue Peterson. Thank you for any donation and/or help you may be able to give.

Fire Department:

Fireworks Safety:

- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
- Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- A responsible adult SHOULD supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area, away from buildings, vehicles, and dry vegetation.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Never carry fireworks in your POCKET or shoot them into METAL or GLASS containers.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.

Let's all have a safe and fun summer.

Town Celebration

Fireworks:

As we celebrate our pioneer heritage here in Newton, we look forward to the fireworks display that will be held on Friday the 21st. For the safety of those wishing to enjoy the fireworks, we ask that personal fireworks be left at home. So please come and enjoy the show that is provided.

ELECTION

The State of Utah has changed the date of this year's election by two weeks. The election will be held Tuesday, November 21, 2023.

Newton has two seats open for Newton town council members for 4-year terms.

Only one candidate has made a declaration for candidacy – Jed Woodward. There is still time to do a write-in declaration of candidacy.

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."

– Author unknown

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

To become a valid write-in candidate for the election, a person must file a "Write-in Declaration of Candidacy" form with the Town Clerk in person no later than 65 days before the November election. The candidate must also qualify for all the requirements of the office.

2023 NEWTON TOWN CELEBRATION

"THIS IS MY HAPPY PLACE"

Friday, July 21st

- Dinner: 5:30-7:00 p.m. (Library, EMT, Fire Department Fundraiser) Sarah Rigby & Greg Jorgensen
Menu: Sloppy Joe's, Pulled Pork, & French Dip. Drink & 2 sides included.
- T-shirt Sale Julie Christiansen
- Newton Outstanding Citizen Presentation: 7:15 p.m.
- Entertainment including BINGO and a movie: 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- Fireworks: 9:45p.m. Jeff Benson

Saturday, July 22nd

- Dam Run: 7:00 a.m. (\$1.00 per person) Christine Phelps
- Breakfast: 7:30-9:00 a.m. Newton Town Council
- Flag Ceremony: 8:30 a.m. Newton Youth Council
- DUP Bake Sale: 8:00 a.m. DUP
- Parade (9:30 a.m. Line up) 10:00 a.m. start time Kim Parkinson/Kelli Myers
- Lunch at the Pavilion: 11:30-2:30 p.m. Sue and Norm Gregory
Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs & Nachos
- Bounce Houses/Water Slides: 11:00-3:00 p.m. \$5.00 per wristband* Gene & Carrie Dayley

Free Kids Activities: Saturday

- Fire Truck Tours (Town Hall) 11:00-12:00 p.m. Greg Jorgensen
- Pioneer Games & Activities (DUP Cabin): 11-2 p.m. Heidi Hodgson
- Candy & Water Balloon Catapult at 2 p.m. (baseball diamond) Jim Hodgson

Saturday All Day Events

- Volleyball: (sign-ups contact Susie or Todd Maughan, \$10.00 per team)
- Horseshoes: (sign-ups contact Roland or Ben Griffin, Roland 435-770-4658)
- Town Phone Books & Library Book Sale: Sarah Rigby
- Cotton Candy & Snow Cones (Newton Youth Council Fundraiser) Carrie Milligan, Kevin Rhodes

Special thanks to: Our many volunteers, firework donors, Chris Richardson with Sinclair, local Dairy Farmers Association, and Newton Market.

Cash, Checks and Credit/Debit Cards will be accepted this year.

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