

NEWBURGH NEWS OF NOTE



Fall 2019

Town of Newburgh

THE BURGH
EVENING ON THE OHIO
October 12, 2019
3-6 PM

Join Newburgh Police Department and Newburgh Fire Department at the Old Lock and Dam Park for a fun-filled evening of food and activities along the river-front.

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Leon Key	Superintendent

STREET DEPARTMENT

John Heck	Superintendent
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POLICE

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Information	812-853-1723
Eric Mitchell	Chief of Police

FIRE

Emergency	911
Information	812-853-7651
Nick Donnan	Fire Chief

SENIOR CENTER

529 Jefferson Street
812-853-5627

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT/ MAIN STREET

Historic Newburgh, Inc.
812-853-2815



Trick-or-Treating Hours

Designated Trick-or-Treating hours in the Town of Newburgh for Thursday, October 31, 2019 will be **4 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

- Houses wanting to be visited by Trick-or-Treaters should leave porch lights on.
- Parents should accompany all young children.
- Children should take their treats home for parents to inspect before eating.
- Please walk, not run, between houses and use sidewalks.
- Use caution when crossing the street and cross only at intersections when traffic is clear.
- Motorists should be careful and alert during and around these hours.



A NOTE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

As Labor Day approaches and kicks off a new season, I wanted to take a second and reflect on the purpose of this holiday. It occurs to me that it's not just about a day off work and a family picnic. It's about celebrating the social progress and achievements of the American worker and the enhancement of the well-being of our communities and nation as a whole. I think about our public safety employees. The ones that voluntarily head into harm's way. Our street department who silently keeps us safe by clearing roadways and clogged drains on top of the daily struggles of maintaining our beautiful town. Facilities maintenance and janitorial staff, who are challenged with keeping our aging public spaces not only clean and safe, but innovative and relevant. Our utility workers that provide necessary infrastructure for safe neighborhoods, economic development, and protect our waterways from pollution. Your Town of Newburgh Team is diligently working on projects and resolving issues that directly affect you and your quality of life. As these goals are set and prioritized, funding mechanisms have to be identified, expense and feasibility studies cost money. Each department of our town needs to respond and adapt to the 'new normal' – which is stagnating revenues and higher expenses due to rising demands on services.

The Parks Board is moving forward with the renovation of Lou Dennis Community Park and will hold a public forum on the proposed overall design. The Parks Board is considering the issuance of a \$2 million bond supported by property tax revenue which would cost the average in-town home owner \$5 a month. This bond would support Phase 1 which could include demolition of the old pool, construction of a splash pad and playground, renovation of the existing pool house for use as a rentable indoor small event space and bathroom facilities, as well as some sports courts. Part of the bond would be reserved as match for a possible \$250,000 grant to fund an additional phase of the project. Park Pals is working with town staff to initiate a large capital fundraising campaign which will be required to complete the proposed Phase 2 and 3 of the renovation, which includes an outer walking trail with fitness pods, an adventure play area boasting a zip line within a small ropes course and a neighborhood pool with amenities.

Storm water issues are increasing, as are people's concerns about property damage and flooding in some of our aging and low-lying neighborhoods. The Town crew is clearing ditches, unclogging culverts and performing small drainage projects all over town. The Storm Water Board has instituted a private property cost share program where residents can apply for assistance for help with private property drainage issues. The Board also commissioned a town-wide stormwater master plan this spring which identified a multitude of projects that need to be completed. They are discussing a \$3.00 increase to the monthly fee that could support a \$1 million-dollar bond that would be used to complete a portion of the identified projects.

This summer, members of the Warrick County Council started the discussion of a Public Safety Local Income Tax. A County controlled funding tool that local municipalities, like Newburgh, have been discussing for several years. City and Town Leaders have been working together on a unified public safety plan that will be presented at the September 5th County Council meeting as we ask for them to enact this local level funding tool. A half a percent increase on the income tax would give Newburgh's Public Safety departments \$435,000 annually in additional revenue to sustain current levels of public service, replace outdated life-saving equipment and put more police presence in our schools and parks. The tax would be an additional \$5 a for a person earning a \$50,000 wage and does not affect anyone not earning an income.

The opportunities I'm championing above would have a direct impact on our citizens and deliver transformative quality of life projects and peace of mind. There is no magic grant or program that is going to relieve our issues.

Projects we are currently working on include:

- Road projects scheduled in August include repairs to French Island Trail, Lamey Lane, Polk Street, Adams Street, Bartlett Street and Carole Drive.
- Spring 2020 road projects have been submitted to the state and are awaiting news on 75% grant funding for a total of \$1 million in project costs. Forest Park Drive and East Jennings Street both include drainage improvements.
- The Rivertown Trail Phase IIIA Extension is under construction with the anticipated completion date in October of this year.
- The Amphitheatre, funded entirely with private donations, should start construction this fall.
- Thanks to Warrick Trails, The Gene Aurand Trailhead improvements are underway and almost complete. Part of the project includes expanding the parking lot this fall. By the end of the year, an additional trailhead will be constructed by Warrick Trails at the New Lock and Dam terminus of the trail and at the Mulzer's terminus of the trail.
- A residential grant program has been established by your Historic Preservation Committee for historic home renovations. Call Town Hall for more details.
- Alcoa awarded the Town a \$40,000 grant for a recycling initiative. This money will be used as matching funds to apply for an additional \$40,000 for new trash and recycling containers.
- The Indiana Historical Society awarded a \$34,000 grant for repairs to Preservation Hall.



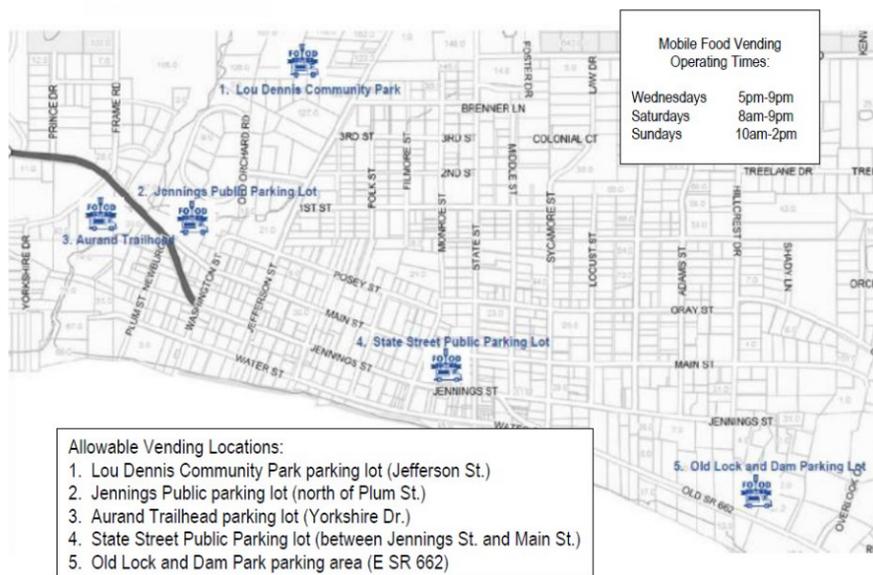
Your vocal support of these projects will be as important as your patience while they come to fruition. We have a lot more to do! I've learned firsthand that this community knows the value of working together as a whole and achieving something greater than we could individually. Let's get to work on progress!

Food Trucks

On June 12, 2019 the Town of Newburgh Town Council voted unanimously to pass Ordinance 2019-08, *An ordinance to create a new chapter 116 of the Newburgh Code of Ordinances for the Purpose of Regulating Mobile Food Units.*

Food trucks are required to provide the following before a permit will be issued by the Town of Newburgh:

- ◇ Certificate of Insurance (\$300,000 general liability)
- ◇ Proof of Health Department approval
- ◇ Trash receptacles for use by customers
- ◇ Required fee of \$75.00



To obtain a food truck application or if you have questions about food trucks, please contact Christy Powell at 812-853-1720 or by email at cpowell@newburgh-in.gov.

» UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7th
Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department
Dodgeball Tournament—10am
Lou Dennis Community Park

September 14th
Last Farmers Market of the Season

September 20th & 21st
Sir Brit Car Show
Old Lock and Dam Park

September 27th & 28th
Newburgh Community Theater
Dinner Theater—Preservation Hall

October 4th & October 5th
Newburgh Community Theater
Dinner Theater—Preservation Hall

October 12th
The Burgh—Old Lock and Dam Park
Hosted by Newburgh Police and Fire

October 18th, 19th & 20th
HNI Ghost Walks

October 26th
Ghostly Stroll & Harvest Festival

November 23rd
Silver Bell Saturday

November 23rd
HNI Free Family Holiday Movie Night
The Grinch playing at Town Hall

November 30th
Shop Local/Shop Small

December 6th & December 7th
Newburgh Celebrates Christmas

December 14th
HNI Polar Express Movie
Preservation Hall

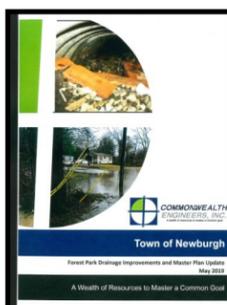
Jon Lybarger Memorial Bench

On July 30, 2019 the Town dedicated a bench to former Clerk-Treasurer Jon Lybarger. Jon served as Clerk-Treasurer from 2013 until his death in December of 2018. Jon was passionate about the Town and enjoyed his job. Many family, friends, and coworkers came out to dedicate the bench to Jon on what would have been his 71st birthday.



Storm Water Master Plan

Councilman and Storm Water Liaison, William F. Kavanaugh, would like to announce that at the June 17th Storm Water Board meeting, the final draft of the *Forest Park Drainage Improvements and Master Plan Update* was approved. The full plan can be viewed on the Town website at www.newburgh-in.com. For questions about the plan, please contact the Zoning Administrator Tavi Wydicks at 812-853-1720 or by email at twydicks@newburgh-in.gov.



Are You Interested in Serving on a Town of Newburgh Board or Commission

The Town of Newburgh has ten Boards and Commission that are made up of local residents, Town staff and Council Members.

The Boards and Commissions are as follows:

Arts Commission
 Board of Aviation Commissioners
 Board of Zoning Appeals
 Economic Development Commission
 Historic Preservation Commission
 Newburgh Building Corporation
 Parks Board
 Planning Commission
 Rivertown Trail Committee
 Storm Water Management Board

If you are interested in serving, please send an email to Andrea Balboni (abalboni@newburgh-in.gov) with the following information:

- Name and Address
- Email address
- Contact number
- Board or Commission you are interested in serving on
- Please explain why you are qualified for this Board or Commission

Public Transportation

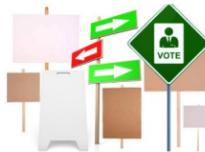
Ride Solution operates the WATS bus routes that connect with the Evansville METS transportation system. No advance scheduling required. Just get on board at any of the stops.



- The fare is \$1.00 per person.
- 60 years & over is \$0.50 per person.
- Children 6 years & under ride free with a paid adult.
- Door-to-Door service available in the WATS service region.

To download a route map or to learn more about Door-to Door service visit www.ridesolution.org.

SIGNS WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY



Pursuant to IC 9-21-4-6 and the Newburgh Code of Ordinances Section 157.196, private signs, including political signs are prohibited within the right of way.

Please note that signs placed within the public right of way may be removed by the Town staff without prior notice. Town personnel generally remove signs from the right of way as they are encountered in normal street maintenance activities. Removed signs will be taken to the Town Maintenance Facility located at the corner of First and Polk Street, where they can be picked up.

Clerk-Treasurer News

Due to the unfortunate passing of our previous Clerk-Treasurer, Jon Lybarger, I have been given the challenge to step in where he left off. Needless to say, it has taken me several Clerk-Treasurer conferences, discussions and a whole lot of questions to wrap my mind around how this all works. These are just a few of the things I have learned and would like to share with you, the residents and taxpayers of Newburgh.



1. Our main source of income is property taxes. Several years ago, the State implemented something called a tax cap. A tax cap is a great thing for all of our tax paying citizens (including myself) but not for the Town. Our revenues level out and do not increase much from year to year. Due to the cost of living and the cost of service and supplies going up, it means our Town's budget suffers tremendously.
2. The Town operates out of one bank account called the General Fund (GF). The GF account houses the expenses for the following departments: Civil Town (general town operations), Police, Park, Plan and Fire.
3. We have several State mandated "restricted" funds. These funds house the revenue from specific taxes such as Surtax, Wheel Tax and Local Roads & Street Distribution among others. These are minimal revenues and have very specific rules. They cannot be used to support our GF expenses. Unfortunately, due to the cost of maintaining our infrastructure, these funds alone are not enough. We have to use a creative approach when trying to fix these issues, such as federal grants.
4. Storm water is a restricted fund. This means all of your storm water fees that you pay on a monthly basis can only be used for storm water expenses.
5. The State did provide us with an Economic Development Disbursement. The intention of these funds is to help with Economic Development within the Town. These funds do not have restrictions so they can be used for anything within our GF budget. Unfortunately, the last several years we have had to use these dollars to pay for GF expenses including our Police salaries and benefits.
6. Another potential restricted fund is Public Safety Local Income Tax (LIT). If the County Council passes this tax benefit, it can only be used for Police and Fire expenses. It would be a huge help in this arena.
7. Federal grants are available to assist us in completing projects, but they do not pick up the full cost. There is almost always a required match, 50/50 or 75/25 for example.
8. We can and have filed for many grants to help cover these expenses, ranging from bulletproof vests, fire education, fire equipment, street paving, infrastructure building assistance, etc. We are lucky enough to get some grants, but not others.

If you ever have the chance, I would like to invite you to a Town Council meeting on the second or fourth Wednesday of each month. I am doing my best to educate those who have an interest on the financial status of our Town. My door is always open and I am a phone call away if you ever have any questions.

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Newburgh Neighbor Residential Grant Program

The Town of Newburgh's Historic Preservation Commission and Historic Newburgh Inc. recognize that the downtown commercial area is strengthened by having healthy and vibrant neighborhoods nearby. Restoring and rehabilitating the neighborhoods within the Newburgh Historic Districts is an important part of making our community more livable. So, in a joint effort between the Newburgh Historic Preservation Commission and Historic Newburgh Inc., the Newburgh Neighbor Residential Grant Program was created.

As the owner of a home located in one of the Town's Historic Districts, you have the opportunity to participate in the Newburgh Neighbor Residential Grant Program. The program is a matching grant program that will assist property owners in restoring and rehabilitating homes within the Newburgh Historic Districts. Grants are limited to exterior preservation, restoration, or rehabilitation of homes. Examples of work that would qualify include painting a house, repairing wooden windows, rebuilding a porch, repairing wood clapboard siding, and repairing or replacing doors. Grant funding is limited to owner-occupied residences and there is a \$2,000.00 grant fund maximum, with a \$1,000.00 owner match (2/1).

If you have any questions regarding the program, would like more information on the grant program, or to obtain a grant application, please contact the Historic Preservation Commission Administrator Tavi Wydicks by phone at 812.853.2728 or by email at twydicks@newburgh-in.gov.

Funding for this program is provided by Old National Bank Foundation & a Private Donor

Soak Up the Rain: Rain Barrels

Have you noticed the rain barrels at Town Hall, Old Lock and Dam Park or the many others located around Town? Rain barrels capture water from a roof that would otherwise run off as drainage. Using rain barrel water reduces or eliminates using treated water, which saves energy and resources required to treat water.

Each year Historic Newburgh, Inc. (HNI) receives a private donation from a local family to pay for the floral hanging baskets and their watering. This year, HNI asked Stacey Cobb to be in charge of the flowers. Stacey used part of the private donation to purchase rain barrels to cover the future cost of watering and Farm 57 donated the hanging baskets. The Warrick County Conservationist Department will also reimburse HNI for part of the rain barrel fee.

The remaining money from the private donation was then used to purchase the giant street planters you see around Town. Colonial Classics Landscaping donated the flowers that went into the planters and will also pull the flowers in the fall to replace with holiday greenery.

A group has been created called *Keep Newburgh Beautiful*. The group has volunteers that rotate daily to water the hanging baskets and the street pots. If you would like to volunteer, please email Stacey Cobb at staceycobb@me.com or visit the *Keep Newburgh Beautiful* Facebook page.

The Allen Family Amphitheater

Arts Commission Liaison and Councilwoman Carol Hicks-Schaefer along with the Town of Newburgh and the Newburgh Arts Commission would like to extend a huge thank you to the Allen Family for their generous support of the Newburgh Riverfront Pavilion Amphitheater.



A luncheon on June 27th, hosted by Councilwoman Stacie Krieger, saw the signing of the Allen Family Amphitheater contract by Ray and Jann Allen.

The amphitheater will be located in Old Lock and Dam Park next to the Little Red Brick Building. The Allen Family Amphitheater will be the epicenter of arts and culture within the Town of Newburgh. The goal of the Allen Family Amphitheater is to build a thriving music and art scene in Historic Newburgh that allows the expansion and creation of performing and creative arts. Along with arts and culture, we hope the amphitheater will become a destination for weddings and a gathering space for the public to enjoy the park and the scenic view of the Ohio River.

All funds raised for the Allen Family Amphitheater were raised through donations. If you would like to donate or purchase a brick, please visit the Newburgh Arts Commission Facebook page.

Indian Hill Overlook Park Work Day



On May 30, 2019 the Town of Newburgh, along with Vanderburgh Soil & Water Conservation District and Purdue Extension, hosted a community volunteer work day to clean up the invasive species around the pond at Indian Hill Overlook Park. The Town would like to thank all the volunteers that came out to help start the process of clearing the invasive species from the park. It is a big project that will take time, but the Town along with Purdue Extension and Soil & Water Conservation, are already scheduling more work days. Make sure to check Facebook and the Town Website for work day dates.

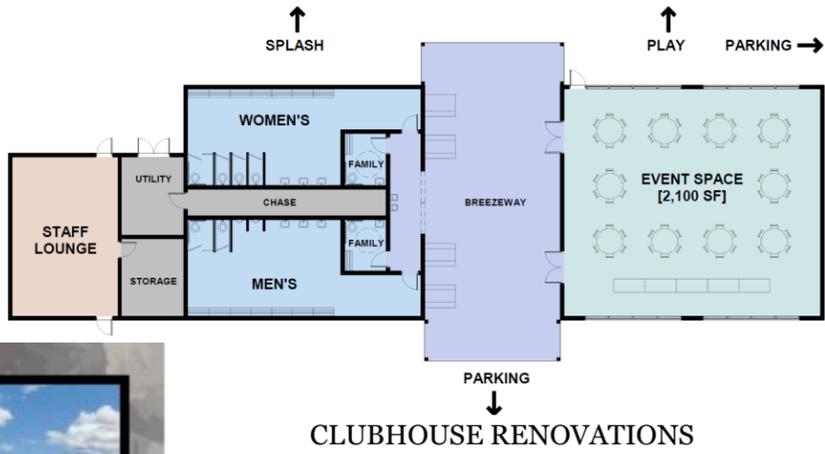


Lou Dennis Community Park Master Plan

On Thursday, August 8th the Newburgh Parks Board was presented the Master Plan for the Lou Dennis Community Park. The new plan will include a splash pad, a new playground along with additional sports courts, a walking trail with fitness pods, a new adventure play area and increased parking. The plan will keep the existing guardhouse but it will be renovated into restrooms, staff space and a rental facility. The park will also include two new rental pavilions as well as keeping the existing pavilion. The Master Plan for Lou Dennis Community Park also has reserved a space for a future water feature.

If you would like to donate to the Lou Dennis Community Park renovations or have questions about sponsorship, please contact Andrea Balboni at abalboni@newburgh-in.gov or call 812-853-1729.





CLUBHOUSE RENOVATIONS



Lou Dennis Community Park

PUBLIC FORUM

August 26, 2019

7:00 pm

Town Hall Council Chambers

The Town of Newburgh Parks Department is hosting a public meeting to discuss the plans for the renovation of Lou Dennis Community Park. The Parks Board welcomes your input, and we hope you can join us for the discussion.

Parks Board Members, the Town Manager, the Facilities Coordinator, the Town Council Liaison and the park architects from Lamar Architecture & Design will be there to talk about the plan for the park.

If you are unable to attend but have questions, concerns or comments; please call Andrea Balboni, the Facilities Coordinator, at 812-853-1729 or email your question to abalboni@newburgh-in.gov.

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Waste Management

INCREASED PUBLIC RECYCLING

Councilwoman Allyson Claybourn was approached by a local teen resident who was concerned about the lack of recycling containers around Town. Allyson worked with the Town's Facilities Coordinator, Andrea Balboni, and created a map of the trash and recycle receptacles around Town. With only seven receptacles that allow for recycling, Allyson submitted a grant to the ALCOA Foundation to fund purchasing for new dual trash and recycling receptacles. The grant was approved and the check was presented to the Town of Newburgh at the Parks Board meeting on August 8, 2019.



The grant from the ALCOA Foundation will allow the Town to replace all the trash receptacles that do not have recycling along the Rivertown Trail, will provide receptacles for the new trail extension, and will update all the receptacles in the downtown shopping area.

The funding from the ALCOA Foundation has also allowed the Town to apply for the State's Recycling Market Development Grant. This additional grant will allow for more dual receptacles to be purchased. This grant will allow all receptacles at the Indian Hill Overlook Park and Lou Dennis Community Park to be updated to the new dual trash and recycle receptacles. Notice of award is in November of 2019.

The Town of Newburgh is partnering with the ALCOA Foundation and applying for additional grant money to replace these receptacles to increase public recycling, decrease the amount of waste that is sent to our landfills, protect our stormwater drains from debris which can end up in the Ohio River, and to keep our town litter free.

Ohio River Sweep

The Ohio River Sweep was on Saturday, June 15th from 7:30am to 12pm. The Town would like to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers that came out, including the 29 Berry Global employees. The Town would also like to thank Donut Bank for supplying donuts to the volunteers and Advanced Disposal for supplying the dumpster for the event.

Over 100 bags of trash were collected off the banks of the Ohio River along with debris like mouse traps, Christmas lights, a refrigerator, a porta potty seat, multiple tires and barrels. Once the bags and the debris was put in the dumpster, Advanced Disposal reported to the Town that 2,020 pounds of debris and trash was removed from the river banks—that is 1.01 tons!



Fall Leaf Pickup



- Friday, October 25, 2019
- Friday, November 8, 2019
- Friday, November 22, 2019
- Friday, December 6, 2019
- Friday, December 20, 2019

Limb Pickup



Street Department Liaison and Councilwoman Anne Rust Aurand would like to remind everyone that Advanced Disposal will pick up small tree limbs. The tree limbs are not to be over 3" in diameter and bundled in lengths not to exceed 4' and not to exceed 30 pounds. It is also helpful for the tie to be brightly colored so the driver can see that the limbs are properly bundled and not just stacked loosely.

We also ask that any limbs or trees that have fallen into the right of way be reported to Town Hall at 812-853-1720. The Street Department will be notified and those obstructions will be removed promptly to ensure everyone's safety.



Christmas Tree Pickup



- Friday, January 10, 2020
- Friday, January 24, 2020



Spring Leaf Pickup



- Friday, March 13, 2020
- Friday, March 27, 2020

Missed Trash and/or Recycle

All missed trash and/or recycle must be reported to Town Hall at 812-853-1720. The Town will notify Advanced Disposal of the missed container.

Reminder: Advanced Disposal starts picking up trash at 6AM. To ensure your trash and/or recycle is not missed, please have all containers out by 6AM.



Trash & Recycle Container Curb Removal



Per Newburgh Code of Ordinances §50.03, all refuse containers and containers for recyclables shall be removed from the curb side within 24 hours of the time such refuse or recyclables have been removed from the container by the contractor of the town.

2019 Town of Newburgh Collection Schedule

- Week A: Recycling for residents WEST of State Street
- Week B: Recycling for residents EAST of State Street
- Holiday

Be sure to place items curbside prior to 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.

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Holiday Schedule

There will be no pickup on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

Routes will be pushed back one day following a holiday. For example, if a holiday is on Tuesday and your normal collection day is Wednesday, you will be serviced on Thursday. Customers who are normally serviced on Friday will be serviced on Saturday.



Town of Newburgh Winter Snow Event Guidelines



As the winter season approaches and the possibility of winter snow storms increase, residents are reminded of the Town of Newburgh's approach to snow removal for the 2019-2020 winter season.

Please take caution during any snow storm. If at all possible, please remain home when it is still snowing outside. During snow cleanup operations, the Town of Newburgh snow plows will inadvertently push snow onto sidewalks. This is unavoidable and it is the responsibility of the adjacent residential or business owner to remove these snow berms from the sidewalks. Residents should try to get their vehicles off the streets until the Town crew have had a chance to clear the streets.

Streets

Street plowing operations are performed in the following order:

1. Major snow routes
2. Start salting all hills and intersections
3. Secondary Streets
4. Widen roads to full street capacity

The Town does NOT plow alleys



Snow removal crews work long hours to keep the streets clear and safe. We ask for everyone's cooperation to help keep streets safe as well. Remember, snowplow trucks cannot stop or turn as readily as most vehicles.

It should not be expected that streets would immediately be clear to pavement.

A mixture of sun, sand and traffic is utilized to help with the de-icing process. Some snow is left on the street after plowing because allowances must be made for manhole lids and other above pavement obstacles to avoid damaging snow plow blades.

When plowing is required, snow berms are created across driveways. The plow operators do not have control over the snow berms of snow coming of the edge of the blade. The Street Department tries to keep this problem to a minimum.



Shoveling Recommendations

The following are shoveling recommendations for residents and commercial property owners.



- Commercial property owners are responsible for plowing commercial parking lots, driveways and public sidewalks adjoining their businesses.
- Residential property owners are responsible for shoveling or plowing public sidewalks adjoining their homes.
- For safety, snow should not be shoveled or plowed into the street.
- Shovel out fire hydrants that are in or around your property and around meters to aid utility meter readers.
- Uncover your mailbox and create a path for postal vehicles to pull up to mailboxes.
- Help your neighbors. For many residents, age or medical conditions make it difficult to shovel snow.

During Snowfall Events

The Town of Newburgh will mobilize its street crew when there is a measurable accumulation of snowfall or if the winter mix is causing a hazardous driving situation such as freezing rain. The Street Department is responsible for around 22 miles of roadway with a fleet of 4 snow plows and a crew of 4 employees. The Street Crew rotates on a 2-man crew until all streets are cleared.

Report an Issue—The Town of Newburgh makes every effort to clear the roads from curb to curb where cars are not parked on the street. In some situations, the snow plow may damage/remove mailboxes that are set close to the street or damage the street itself. This is unavoidable. Mailbox, sod damage or road damage complaints will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. If you believe you have damage caused by a snow plow, please call 812-853-1720.

2020 CENSUS

Counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place

Once a decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States creating national awareness of the importance of the census and its valuable statistics. The decennial census was first taken in 1790, as mandated by the Constitution.

The census provides vital information for you and your community.

- It counts our population and households, helping determine how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries. Redistricting counts are sent to the states by March 31, 2021.
- It helps redistribute more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to support states, counties and communities' vital programs. Impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident's needs including new roads, schools and emergency services.
- Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.
- Businesses use census data to determine where to build offices and stores—and these create jobs.
- Real estate developers and city planners use the census to plan new homes and improve neighborhoods.



Counting Young Children in the 2020 Census

An estimated 5% of kids under the age of 5 weren't counted in the 2010 Census. That's about 1 million young children, the highest of any age group. The 2020 Census needs your help in closing the gap.

Common situations where young children aren't counted:

- The child splits time between two homes.
 - Count them where they stayed on Census Day, April 1. Coordinate with the other parent or caregiver, so the child is not counted at both homes.
- The child lives in a lower income household.
 - Responding to the census helps determine \$675 billion in local funding for programs such as food stamps, National School Lunch Program and Children's Health Insurance Program. When children are missed in the census, these programs miss out on funding that is based on the number of children counted.
- Child is a newborn.
 - Babies should be included on the census, even if they are still in the hospital on April 1.



Key Milestones

- January 2020—The first enumeration of the 2020 Census takes place in Toksook Bay, Alaska. Local census takers must get a head start while the frozen ground allows easier access to remote areas with unique accessibility challenges
- March 2020—The public can begin responding to the 2020 Census online at 2020census.gov. Replying by mail or phone will also be an options.
- April 2020—Every 10 years we observe Census Day on April 1.
- June 2020 through July 2020—Census takers go door to door to count people who have not responded to the 2020 Census. Census takers are Census Bureau employees and will provide proof that they are official government personnel.
- December 31, 2020—By this date, as required by law, the Census Bureau reports to the President of the United States the population count and the apportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives to each state.
- 2021—Initial 2020 Census data are made available to the public on census.gov.

The law is clear No personal information can be shared

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses, even to law enforcement agencies.

By law, your census response cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the FBI, CIA, DHS and not by ICE.

The law states that the information collected may only be used for statistical purposes and no other purpose.

To support historical research, Title 44 of the U.S. Code allows the National Archives and Records Administration to release census records only after 72 years.

All Census Bureau staff take a lifetime oath to protect your personal information, and any violation comes with a penalty of up to \$250,000 and/or up to 5 years in prison.

The law requires the Census Bureau to keep our information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics.

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Council Meetings

Town Council Meetings are held in the Council Chambers in Town Hall at 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

Sept. 11	Sept. 25
Oct. 9	Oct. 23
Nov. 13	Nov. 26
Dec. 11	Dec. 30
Jan. 8	Jan. 22
Feb. 12	Feb. 26
Mar. 11	Mar. 25

*Note: The November 27th has been moved to November 26th and December 25th has been moved to December 30th due to the holidays.

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Town Hall Closings

September 2—Labor Day
November 5—General Election Day
November 11—Veterans Day
November 28—Thanksgiving
November 29—Day After Thanksgiving
December 24—Christmas Eve
December 25—Christmas Day
January 1—New Years Day
January 20—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 17—President's Day