

The Village will begin distributing a newsletter in electronic format in order to communicate with residents and businesses. This initial mailing is being sent to all addresses in the Village in order to obtain email addresses. Please provide your email address to Ms. Becky Fairley at bfairley@newtownohio.gov in order to receive future newsletters and important Village information and updates.

Comprehensive Plan for the Village

The Village retained a professional planning firm, McBride Dale Clarion, and is updating its comprehensive plan. A 12-person steering committee composed of residents and business representatives is working with the planners. A public workshop was held on October 23 and approximately 20 residents and business owners attended to share their vision for Newtown. The next meeting of the Steering Committee is December 11. The plan will then be presented to the public for comment at an open house on January 22, 2020. We urge residents to attend the open house and participate in planning for Newtown's future. The comprehensive plan will go before the Planning Commission and the Village Council for adoption in February and March. You can stay up to date on upcoming news and events about the comprehensive plan at: www.PlanNewtown.com.

Safety Services

Violation	Cited
Marked Lanes	29
Speed	29
Red Light	15
Expired Tags	9
Traffic Control Device	6
Driving Under Suspension	5
Fail to Yield	5
Stop Sign	4
Expired Operator License	1
Tarp Violation	1
Following Too Close	1
Obstructing Traffic	1
Turn Signal	1
Fail To Display Op License	1
Shortcutting /Private Property	1
Assured Clear Distance	1
Total Citations Issued	110

Warning	26
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Warrant - Non Arrest	5
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Warrant - Arrest	2
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Drug Possession	3
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Stolen License Plate	1
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Newtown Police conducted a traffic blitz on October 7 through 11 after receiving several complaints and witnessing several instances of aggressive driving. The results of the blitz are shown in the table to the left.

Regarding the opioid crisis, in July Chief Synan spoke at the National Institute of Justice National Opiate Conference in Washington, D.C. on the impact of opiates on communities. On November 13-15, Chief Synan met with members of Congress and Congressional staff on funding and potential legislation to develop non-opioid pain medications.

The event sponsors cover Chief Synan's expenses to attend the events. Detective Spencer Bischoff was awarded the department's Medal of Merit in June for investigating and helping recover nearly \$1 million for a resident in an international fraud case.



Fire Chief Richard Martin and the Anderson Township firefighters completed the Newtown Firefighter Memorial at the Newtown station in October. The beautiful memorial to Newtown's firefighters is pictured here. Please remember that residents are always welcome at the Newtown firehouse, and such a visit can be an exciting adventure for a young child.

Maintenance

Leaf pickup is underway and continues through mid-December. Please remember to keep leaves away from storm drains. If you see maintenance issues which need attention, feel free to email our Maintenance Supervisor Chuck Morgan at cmorgan@newtownohio.gov or call him at 513.271.2009. In November, the Village purchased its first new dump truck since 2006, a Ford F450, which will be used for snow plowing and salt spreading this winter.

A major maintenance project in December is the replacement of the wood timbers supporting Little Dry Run Road. The timbers are essential for maintaining the integrity of the road. The project is scheduled to start in mid-December and should take two to three weeks to complete. Little Dry Run road will be restricted to one lane during the construction, and signals will direct the flow of traffic on the one open lane.

Parks

Many residents may not know that the Village has a 74-acre park, with a 50-acre lake surrounded by a 1.4 mile asphalt walking trail. Lake Barber can be accessed from Round Bottom Road by turning right onto Edwards Road. A walking path from the parking lot will take you across a bridge to the lake. Fishing is permitted on a catch and release basis. For safety reasons, no swimming or boating are permitted. Bald eagles have been spotted at the lake and Canadian geese are frequent visitors to the lake. We invite you to explore the area by walking, running or biking. The Village hopes to connect Lake Barber to the Little Miami Scenic Trail in the future. In October, the Village received a \$10,000 nature grant from Duke Energy. The funds will assist the Village in preserving the natural habitat at the lake. Ms. Becky Fairley was responsible for preparing the successful grant application. Duke Energy has been a great partner to the Village and has provided grants in the past.



Newtown Civic League

The Newtown Civic League puts on several events each year, including an Easter egg hunt, the Memorial Day parade, a “Touch a Truck” event for children to see safety vehicles, a Halloween party, and a visit with Santa, held at Newtown’s Fire House Station 22. People interested in volunteering to assist the Newtown Civic League can contact Council Member Chuck Short at cshort@newtownohio.gov.

Traffic Improvements

Eastern Corridor Study

In June, the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) presented its plan for Newtown as part of its Eastern Corridor Study. ODOT’s slide presentation is available at the Municipal Center and involves enhanced signal timing and an improvement to SR 32 from Round Bottom Road to the eastern end of the Village. The current plan envisions (i) a dual southbound left turn lane at the Round Bottom and Main (SR 32) intersection and two east bound lanes to Little Dry Run Road, (ii) a right turn lane onto Little Dry Run Road and intersection improvements, and (iii) a widening of SR 32 from Little Dry Run Road to the eastern edge of the Village for a center turn lane. The projected cost of the project is \$15.82 million, with a 10%-20% match provided by the Village, obtained primarily through grants. Village Council approved of ODOT’s plan in concept, and ODOT is in the early planning stage of the project, which is probably at least four to five years out.

Update on Newtown Fill

Newtown Fill is a construction and demolition debris (“C&DD”) landfill which receives materials from the construction and demolition of man-made structures. The landfill does not receive any material that is a hazardous waste, infectious waste or material removed from the structure prior to demolition. The south slope of the landfill along SR 32 is under construction and has received a temporary cover of dirt. Two feet of additional dirt and clay will be placed on the slope as the landfill gets closer to full closure. The landfill is near its maximum height. An aerial survey of the landfill is due to the Hamilton County Board of Health by December 15. The survey will allow the landfill’s engineer to update the design and permit drawings and determine the location of a drainage ditch and how much of the vegetative buffer will remain. The landfill is regulated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Hamilton County Public Health (“HCPH”). According to HCPH, the landfill is operating in compliance with the rules and regulations for C&DD landfills. A representative completed C&DD landfill is pictured here. Questions on the landfill are best directed to HCPH at 513.946.7879.



Wishing you Happy Holidays,

Your Mayor and Village Council

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