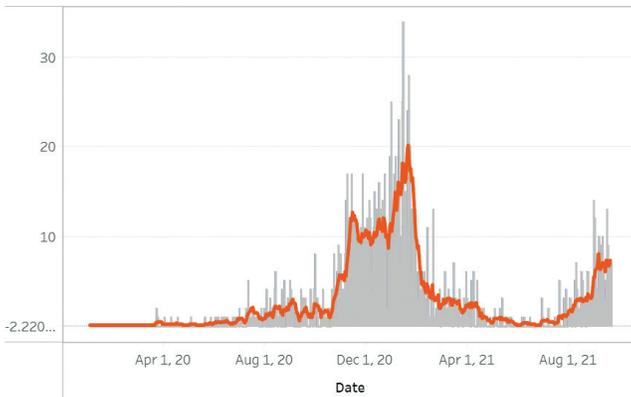


COVID-19

A few months ago, we saw declining COVID-19 cases in our Zip Code. Now cases are trending up as depicted in the chart from Hamilton County Public Health. Vaccination is the way out of the pandemic, according to Health Commissioner Greg Kesterman.

Daily Cases



The Village Municipal Center is open and in-person council meetings resumed on June 8, 2021. The Village Council is meeting once a month this year, on the second Tuesday of each month, because of the pandemic. Village facilities, such as the house at Moundview Park and the pavilion, are again available for rent. It is recommended by the Ohio Department of Health that unvaccinated persons wear a mask.

The Village recently received its first payment of two under the American Rescue Plan Act recently for \$139,790 and the total amount under the Act for the Village is to be \$279,581. Last year, the Village received \$225,095 in Coronavirus Relief funding, including a \$50,000 grant to revitalize Short Park. These are your federal tax dollars at work.

Halloween

The Newtown Civic League will host its annual Halloween Party for children at the Newtown Fire Station on **October 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Burger Farm's annual Fall Festival – one of the largest fall events in Cincinnati -- runs every weekend starting September 25th through Sunday, October 31st with pumpkins, corn stalks, mums, gourds, apple cider, animated pumpkin land characters, games, food, music, farm animals, crafters and more.

Trick-or-Treat will be **Sunday, Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** CDC guidance is to:

- Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Give out treats outdoors, if possible.
- Set up a station with individually bagged treats for kids to take.
- Wash hands before handling treats.
- Wear a mask.

November Election – November 2, 2021

Four Village Council positions are to be elected in November for a 4-year term and four candidates are on the ballot.

- Jeffrey R. Drescher
- Terry L. Fairley
- Peg L. Quallen
- Jerry W. Schwab

Three members are to be elected to the Forest Hills School Board of Education for a 4-year term and there are seven candidates on the ballot.

- Rachel Baker
- Bob Bibb
- Wendy Strickler Biederman
- Michelle L. Easton
- Forest T. Heis
- Sara Jonas
- Katie Stewart

One member is to be elected to the Forest Hills School Board of Education for the unexpired term ending 12/31/2023 and three candidates are on the ballot.

- Andrea Granieri
- Linda Marie Hausfeld
- Amy Richardson

Early voting begins **October 5, 2021** and election day is **November 2, 2021**.

Air Monitoring Program

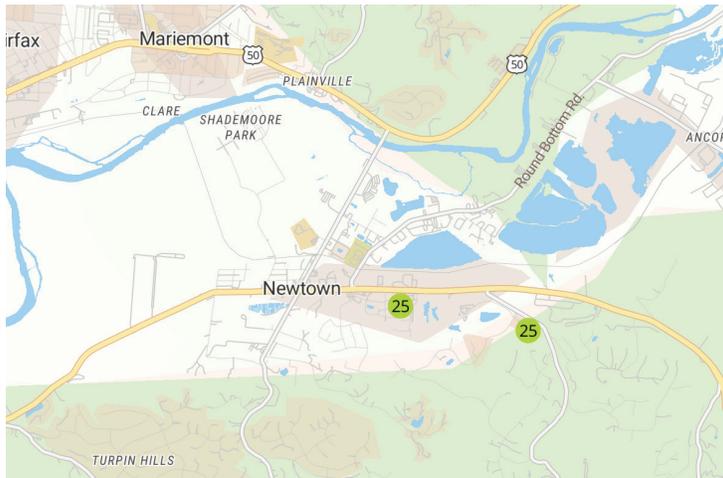
The Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency ("SWOQA"), a division of the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services, and the representative of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("OEPA"), started an air monitoring program in the Village in September 2020, which will continue through the asphalt season this year. Data is posted online as it is collected on SWOQA's website under "Monitoring." OEPA will present its findings in a report which will be made available to the Village.

If a citizen has a complaint regarding air quality, SWOAQA has a complaint form at its website or you can call 513-946-777 to register a complaint. The Complaint form can be found at

<http://www.southwestohioair.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=6462995&pageId=6595458>

SWOAQA has also made available a sampling air canister which the Fire Department will place in response to a resident complaint regarding air quality. The canister is available at the Newtown Fire Station (Station No. 22) and arrangements can be made with Assistant Chief Bob Herrlinger of Fire Station No. 22 (513-688-8093) to have a canister placed in the Village.

In addition, the Village has purchased and installed two PurpleAir monitoring devices with the help of a Village resident. PurpleAir sensors have become a standard for monitoring air quality in areas dealing with wildfires. A map of PurpleAir locations and air quality is available to everyone at <https://map.purpleair.com>. The data from our monitoring stations is providing a new level of air quality information to help both residents and our industrial partners understand how to better manage air quality in the region.



Public Hearing – Valley Asphalt Air Permit

A public hearing was conducted by OEPA on April 21, 2021 at 6 p.m. on Valley Asphalt’s request for a new air permit. Valley Asphalt is seeking to install a new burner element at its facility and add three additional storage silos. Annual production capacity is to remain the same and emissions are not expected to increase. More than 50 persons participated in the hearing and many concerns were raised about emissions from the plant and air quality in the Village. Newtown has two major asphalt plants and an asphalt sealing plant within a one mile area. The nearest permanent OEPA air monitoring station is located in Batavia, which is unlikely to detect air issues in Newtown. OEPA has not yet issued a decision on the permit.

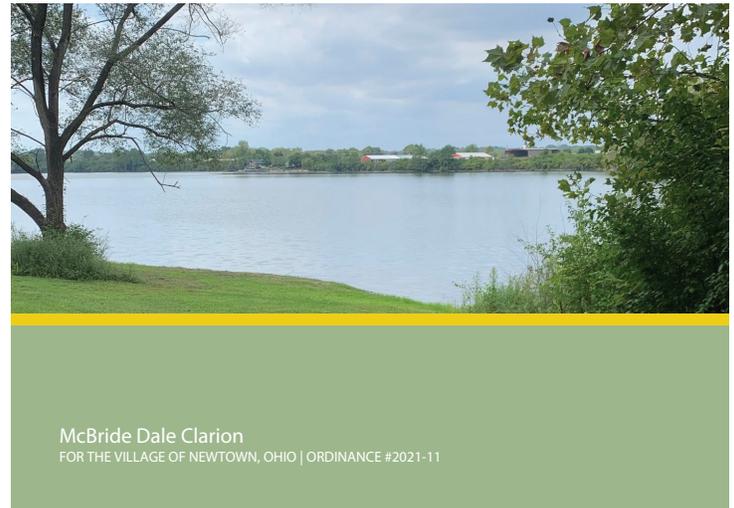
Comprehensive Plan

The Village adopted a Comprehensive Plan in July for guiding the development of the Village. The plan was the work of a 12-person steering committee and the firm McBride Dale Clarion over a period of two years. The next step is to update the Village’s zoning code. Public hearings will be held on the zoning code before it is adopted by the Planning Commission and the Village Council. A copy of the Comprehensive Plan can be obtained at the Village Municipal Center.



A Comprehensive Plan

ADOPTED JULY 13, 2021



Economic Development

Shoot Point Blank opened the shooting range on Round Bottom Road which was formerly the Ready Line Shooting Complex on September 24, 2021. The Motz Group is renovating the rear of the Hensel building for its corporate headquarters. This project is a great addition to the Village.



Safety Services

Police: The Department acquired two Chevy Tahoes to replace its Dodge Chargers. Dodge stopped making the Charger with all-wheel drive for the police market, so the Department opted for the Tahoes. The Department's choices were limited given COVID-19. The Chevy Tahoe offers winter weather capabilities and high resale value and low maintenance cost. Every year the Department evaluates its vehicle rotation plan, and utilizes the State Bid process to secure the vehicles at the lowest cost.



Officer Andrew Niederschmidt was appointed a full-time Newtown Police Officer on September 23, 2021. Andrew was previously a part-time officer with the Village.



Fire: The Village renewed its contract for the provision of fire and EMS service with Anderson Township for another three-year term for the period 2021-2023. Under the agreement, four firefighters/paramedics will be stationed in the Newtown Station 24/7. This arrangement has worked very well for the Village. Anderson Township firefighters provide excellent service and the Village has not had to increase its fire levy during the term of the agreement.

Parks

Short Park: The walking trail at Short Park was resurfaced in September and a grass soccer field will be installed at the lower level in October. The gazebo was repainted and an ADA drinking fountain was installed. The park has undergone a significant revitalization this year. The lower parking lot will be paved next year.

Lake Barber: Duke Energy granted the Village a license for a walking path over Duke's property, which will connect the sidewalk at Valley and Round Bottom Road with the trail at Lake Barber. This will provide an additional access point to the Lake Barber trail at the Round Bottom and Valley intersection and will be installed next year.



Federal Census

According to the Federal Census of 2020, Newtown has a population of 2,702.

Update on Newtown Fill

Newtown Fill -- a construction and demolition debris landfill -- plans to begin final grading and cap placement along the north end of the landfill. When final grades are met, the operator will place a final cap of two feet of dirt and clay over the entire landfill and then the cap will be seeded. A completed landfill is pictured below. There is no update on when the landfill will be completed. Recycling operations will continue at the site even after the landfill is capped and closed. The landfill is regulated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Hamilton County Public Health ("HCPH"). Questions or complaints on the landfill should be directed to HCPH at 513.946.7879. HCPH will investigate instances of odors and residents are urged to contact HCPH at the number above to report a complaint.



Newtown Business Spotlight – Hydro Systems Company



Hydro Systems Company is one of Newtown's largest employers. Established in 1963 and originally located in the Golf Manor neighborhood, Hydro Systems, a leader in dispensing and dosing solutions, was initially devoted solely to designing and manufacturing pressure washers. In 1980, the company moved to Newtown and built the first phase of its headquarters on Round Bottom Rd.

Over the years, Hydro Systems continued to evolve, entering the dilution control market in 1983 thanks to the vision of Jack Roy, the company's modern-day founder. Entering this relatively new market brought growth, which led to the expansion of the Round Bottom facility in 1994 and 2012. The second expansion added 25,000 square feet to the existing 55,000-square-foot building. Additionally, in 1997, Hydro Systems was acquired by Dover Corp., a global manufacturer of industrial products, which further accelerated its capabilities and global growth.

Today, Hydro is the world's largest independent manufacturer of proportioning and dispensing equipment. Its global headquarters remains in Newtown, and it has additional sales and manufacturing locations in Cincinnati; Duisburg, Germany; and Tianjin, China, as well as sales and distribution offices in Sydney, Bangkok and Shanghai.

The company offers solutions and services for numerous markets, including facility cleaning, industrial and on-premise laundry, kitchen, agriculture/farm, car wash and manufacturing. This means that whether you're dining at a local restaurant, staying in a hotel across the country or having your car professionally washed, you've benefitted from Hydro's equipment that upholds cleanliness in these environments.

Over the last year and a half, the pandemic has further accelerated the need for Hydro's dosing and dispensing solutions. This is because dispensers accurately and reliably mix cleaning chemical and water so that employees can clean and disinfect surfaces within facilities, dishwashing machines can deliver clean plates, mugs and silverware and laundry machines can remove soils and germs from linens used in hospitals, long-term care facilities and hotels. Hydro further pushes cleanliness into the future with Internet of Things (IoT) innovations that give facility managers remote visibility into their operations to drive better results and reduce costs and chemical use.

Throughout the pandemic, Hydro has been devoted to sharing cleaning and disinfecting best practices with businesses to protect public health and safety. The company also ran a contest recognizing custodial workers and donated \$2,500 to the winner's organization of choice: the John Flowers Foundation, which offers food aid to those in need in Poughkeepsie, New York. With custodians being some of the unsung heroes of the pandemic, Hydro wants organizations to understand the importance of arming essential workers with high-quality cleaning equipment so they can protect themselves and others.

In addition to supporting operations around the globe, Hydro Systems is also committed to its local community. Sourcing local talent is a continued focus. Currently, the company is hiring for full-time and part-time day-shift and night-shift manufacturing roles, as well as engineering, marketing, supply chain, and customer service positions. To apply for a career with Hydro, visit hydrosystemsco.com/careers/ and learn more at hydrosystemsco.com.

Maintenance

Leaf pickup starts in mid-October and runs through mid-December. Please remember to keep leaves away from storm drains. The Village Maintenance Department patrols the Village daily for litter and other maintenance issues. If you see issues which need attention, you can email the Village Maintenance Supervisor Chuck Morgan at cmorgan@newtownohio.gov. or call him at 513.271.2009.

Civic League Events

The Newtown Civic League puts on several other events each year and people interested in volunteering to assist the Newtown Civic League can contact Council Member Chuck Short at cshort@newtownohio.gov.

With best regards,
Your Mayor Mark Kobasuk



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