

Upcoming Events

Burger Farm's annual Fall Festival – one of the largest fall events in Cincinnati -- runs every weekend starting September 24th through Sunday, October 30th, 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 Monday, Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Winterfest is back. This popular holiday event is December 10 and will feature food, drinks, craft vendors, children's activities, caroling, ice sculptures, fireworks and more. Event sponsors include:

- Doscher's Candy
- First Baptist Church of Newtown
- Newtown Village Tavern
- Newtown United Methodist Church
- Newtown Civic League
- Village of Newtown

If you would like to help sponsor this great community event, please contact Pastor Jamie Trascritti, President/Director of Operations for Newtown Winterfest, at jtrascritti@gmail.com for more information.



Natural Gas Pricing

Since 2014, the Village has provided a natural gas aggregation program to eligible residents and small businesses. AEP Energy has been selected as the preferred natural gas supply provider. Through the program, eligible residents and businesses will receive the secure rate of \$0.839 per Ccf for a period of 24 months starting with the October 2022 meter-read date. All eligible residents and small businesses located in the Village will automatically be enrolled in the program unless you choose to opt out.

To opt-out, you must call the AEP Energy Customer Care Team toll free at 1-888-659-3888 and opt out by September 30, 2022. If you have any questions regarding the aggregation program, you can reach out to Energy Alliances at 513-794-5555. For more information see energyalliances.com/village-of-newtown.

Air Monitoring Program

The Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency, a local air Agency for Ohio EPA, completed two years of air monitoring in the Village in August 2022. The data will be analyzed by Ohio EPA and a report generated and presented to the Village in the future. The Village has installed two PurpleAir monitoring devices. 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.

On September 2, 2022, a production malfunction at Valley Asphalt caused asphalt smoke to affect the Ivy Hills community. The picture below was taken at 9:15 a.m. and that is not fog but air pollution in the photo.



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>

Proposed Apartment Project

Sunset Property Solutions, a residential developer, has proposed a multi-family development on the east side of Church Street between Main Street and Jefferson Street. While the scope of the proposal is still in the preliminary stages, the initial site concept includes the construction of six apartment buildings, three and four stories in height, containing a total of 216 high-end apartments located on 11 acres of property, with parking to be located under the buildings. The development would have a swimming pool and clubhouse for its residents and maintain approximately 40% of the property for open or green space. The project is estimated to cost \$35 million and would generate significant tax revenue for the Village. The developer met with several nearby residents in March who shared their concerns about the project. No plans have been formally presented to the Village and nothing is expected to be presented in the near future, as the developer is continuing to refine the details of the project. A special council meeting will be called if the developer wishes to proceed with the proposed project and residents will be able to ask questions and provide comments before Council takes any required action.

Zoning Code Update

The Village adopted a Comprehensive Plan for guiding the development of the Village, and the Village is now in the process of updating its 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.

Economic Development

The Motz Group is working to complete its new corporate headquarters in the Village. The construction is visible behind the Newtown Fire Station. The Village is grateful to the Motz Group for remaining in Newtown and bringing additional jobs to the Village.



Safety Services

Police: Mitch Powers was sworn in as a part-time police officer on September 13. The Police Department received a grant for body cameras which are now deployed.



Parks

Short Park. The gravel parking lot on the lower level of Short Park off Debolt was paved in September. With the resurfaced basketball courts and walking trail and a new grass soccer field, Short Park has been significantly revitalized. New basketball backboards and poles will be installed in the near future.



Lake Barber.

A walking path was installed connecting the sidewalk at Valley and Round Bottom Road with the trail at Lake Barber. A crosswalk and signals are on order and are expected to be installed before the end of the year. The Village is grateful to Duke Energy for its generosity in providing the license for the walking path over its property and a \$5,000 grant towards the trail construction.



Update on Newtown Fill

Newtown Fill – an Ohio EPA permitted construction and demolition debris landfill – estimates it will be three years (2025) before the landfill is capped and closed. This is just an estimate set forth in its annual license application and is non-binding. Due to the pandemic, waste volume has been less than expected. A completed landfill is pictured below. 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.



SR 32 Improvements in Newtown

In October ODOT will pave SR 32 from the Beechmont Levy through Newtown to Riverhills Drive. Expect lane closures in October between 8:30 am and 4 pm and overnight between 7 pm and 6 am. ODOT also completed a feasibility study for major SR 32 improvements that have been proposed to make travel along SR 32 through the Village easier and safer. The study and its recommendations are posted on the Eastern Corridor website for public review. No funds have been secured for the project and there is no certainty as to its completion.

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.

Forest Hills Board

Exploring the Sale of Anderson High School

A Forest Hills School Board meeting attendee's question on Tuesday revealed that three of the five members of the Forest Hills School Board, Bob Bibb, Linda Hausfeld and Sara Jonas, have held separate meetings with both developers and consultants for the last several months exploring both the sale of Anderson high School and the consolidation of several school buildings in the District. Just prior to that Board meeting the other two Board members, Katie Stewart and Leslie Rasmussen, were briefed on the plan. The plan, as described in a Cincinnati Enquirer article dated September 23, is to sell the Anderson High School property to a developer, consolidate both Anderson and Turpin High Schools into one high school on the Turpin High School campus, move and redistrict some existing elementary school children and all current Mercer elementary students into the remaining five Forest Hills elementary schools, renovate Mercer to become part of the Turpin campus and build an addition to Nagel Middle School to allow all District sixth graders to attend there.

To date the Board has not presented any of this in a public meeting nor has scheduled a meeting to do so. The District is currently paying off a \$103 million Bond issued in 2014 that renovated all the District's schools.

Forest Hills community: Here are board members' and superintendent's emails if you want to let them know how you feel about the consolidation plan or any other school board business.

Board@ForestHills.edu (goes to all board members)

sarajonas@foresthills.edu

leslierasmussen@foresthills.edu

lindahausfeld@foresthills.edu

bobbibb@foresthills.edu

katiestewart@foresthills.edu

Larryhook@foresthills.edu (superintendent)

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



Village of Newtown

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Please provide your email address to Ms. Becky Fairley at bfairley@newtownohio.gov in order to receive future electronic newsletters and for important Village information and updates.

General information contact:

Becky Fairley, *Assistant to the Mayor*
bfairley@newtownohio.gov

Maintenance issues contact:

Chuck Morgan, *Maintenance Supervisor*
cmorgan@newtownohio.gov
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Local Income Tax Info - Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) contact:

Keri Everett, *Fiscal Officer*
keverett@newtownohio.gov

Newtown Civic League information contact:

Chuck Short, *Council Member*
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