

Newtown Fill Closing

Newtown Fill is closing -- although nothing official has been submitted to Hamilton County Public Health on closure. The operators withdrew their license addendum application for the C&DD processing operation and have represented to various parties that the landfill is accepting a few final loads of debris and will close in the near future. A cap of two feet of clay and dirt will be placed over the landfill and this capping process will take approximately one year. A representative from Hamilton County Public Health will attend a Council meeting early next year and update the Village on the landfill. A capped landfill is pictured below.



Fall Events

Burger Farm's annual Fall Festival -- one of the largest fall events in Cincinnati -- runs every weekend starting September 30th through Sunday, October 29th, with pumpkins, corn stalks, mums, gourds, apple cider, animated pumpkin land characters, games, food, music, farm animals, crafters and more. Special events are planned for Friday October 6 and 13.



Halloween Party -- The Newtown Civic League and the Village Baptist Church will host a Halloween Party on **October 28** at the Village Baptist Church. Time to be determined.

Trick-or-Treat in the Village will be Tuesday, **October 31** from **6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

November Election

Local candidates in the November 7 election are:

For Mayor

Mark Kobasuk

For Member of Council – Two to be Elected

Tracy Boone

Sarah Donahue

Chuck Short

For Forest Hills Board of Education – Two to be Elected

Wendy Strickler Biederman

Kevin Comerford

Kenneth Kuhn

Jason Simmons

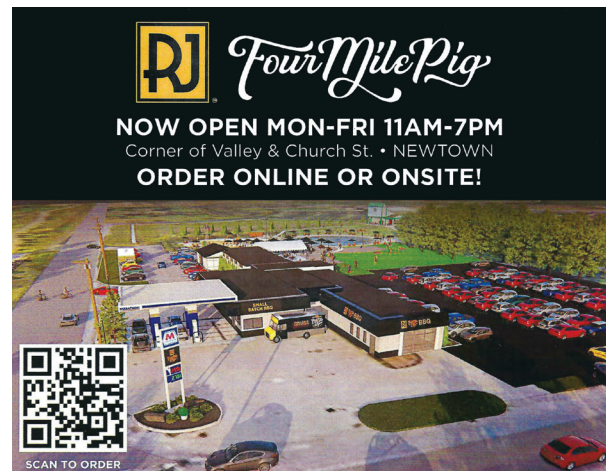
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Economic Development

The Motz Group opened its new headquarters located on 1 Motz Way in June. The renovation of the old Hensel building to house Meridian Bioscience operations and the Motz Group added approximately 60 new jobs and retained 32 jobs in the Village. The Village is grateful to the Motz Group for remaining in Newtown and bringing additional jobs and tax revenue to the Village.



RJ Four Mile Pig barbeque opened this summer at the old Wags Dog Park site. There are plans for additional renovations at the site.



New townhomes are coming to the 6700 block of Main Street. The proposed townhomes are pictured below. Construction is projected to begin this fall.



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. The developer has acquired approximately 11 acres of property and has retained an architect to develop conceptual plans. Such a project would generate significant tax revenue for the Village. No plans have been formally presented to the Village. Residents will be kept informed of the proposed project and the developer plans meetings with residents in 2024 to explain the proposed development and solicit input on the project.

Air Monitoring Program Completed

The Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency (“SWOAQA”), a local air Agency for Ohio EPA, completed two years of air monitoring in the Village in August 2022. SWOAQA released its report on its findings on March 3, 2023 and made a presentation on the report at the May council meeting. The report is available on the Village website. 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>

Zoning Code Update

The Village Zoning Code was updated and approved by Council in August and a copy can be found on the Village website.

Safety Services

Police: Chief Synan and Officer Quinlan completed training in June with Tristate Trauma Network, Mental Health Trauma Informed Care.

Fire: In addition to emergency responses, the fire department offers a variety of services to residents, which include blood pressure checks, CPR, AED, First Aid, Stop the Bleed, fire extinguisher, fire safety and emergency preparedness classes. In addition to classes, complimentary home smoke alarm and safety checks are available. There are trained technicians to evaluate, inspect and install car

seats (appointments are required). For neighborhood events or parades, the fire department can stop by and show its vehicles and equipment. Paint and brushes are available if residents want to paint neighborhood fire hydrants. The fire department has a Home Knox Box Loan Program, and if a resident suffers from an ailment that hinders one’s ability to get to the door in an emergency, a key box can be loaned to the resident which allows emergency personnel to access the resident’s door without causing property damage. If residents wish to take advantage of any of these services, please contact **Assistant Chief Robert Herrlinger** at rherrlinger@andersontownshipoh.gov or 513-688-8070.

Parks

Moundview Park. The Village will be installing a new septic system at Moundview Park.

Lake Barber. A crosswalk and signals have been installed for the walking path connecting the sidewalk at Valley and Round Bottom Road with the trail at Lake Barber.

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.

GoFundMe for New Playground in Newtown

The Cincinnati Soccer Club (“Cincy SC”) has set up a gofundme site to raise money for a new playground at the First Baptist Church in Newtown so there is a new safe play area for children. To date, \$11,899 has been raised towards a goal of \$50,000. Cincy SC is a registered nonprofit and donations are typically tax deductible. The site is <https://gofund.me/580b8774>



New Planning Commission Member



Jon DeCurtins was appointed to the Village Planning Commission for a six-year term. The Village appreciates Mr. DeCurtins' willingness to serve the Village and advance its development.

Residents interested in serving the Village should provide their name to Ms. Fairley or me.

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.

Newtown Business Spotlight

My Flower Service

My Flower Service brings vibrancy to the Village with their Luxury Container Gardens. It has been a well-established business in Newtown for over 20 years and gained new management and ownership in late 2021. My Flower Service is a sister company to Urban Blooms and Plant Trolley under the ownership of Tyler Wolf. Each season, the business installs high quality floral designs in containers and bedding throughout the Cincinnati area, creating gorgeous outdoor displays. My Flower Service also offers Floral Academy classes for each season, as well as DIY Kits where you receive a design of florals to plant yourself.



Proclamation Honoring John R. Russell



WHEREAS, John R. Russell was born on October 31, 1942. In 1974, John and his wife, Sandy, purchased their home in Newtown, Ohio, where they resided together for over 49 years; and

WHEREAS, John Russell was an accomplished architect and co-founder of Cole &

Russell Architects, Inc., now CR architecture + design, a nationally recognized and acclaimed architecture firm that has grown from its original Cincinnati office to having six offices spread across the country; and

WHEREAS, for 48 years John Russell selflessly offered his time and talent as a public servant for the Village of Newtown, serving as a member and Chairman of the Village Planning Commission since 1975, as a member of Village Council from 1976-1980, and Mayor from 1980-1988; and

WHEREAS, John Russell cared deeply about the preservation of historic Newtown and played an instrumental role in the drafting and adoption of historic preservation guidelines and standards, ensuring that the historic character of Newtown will continue for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, John Russell's measured and thoughtful approach to the matters he was involved in has made a positive impact on the Village and its residents in immeasurable ways, for which the Village is deeply grateful;

WHEREAS, while his contributions to the Village of Newtown are countless, above all, John Russell was a dear friend and colleague to all who had the privilege of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2023 John Russell passed away at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife, Sandy, and his many children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, John Russell is an exceptional example of public service for all citizens through his unwavering commitment to his family and the Village of Newtown; and

WHEREAS, John Russell will be dearly missed by the Newtown community;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Kobasuk, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of Newtown, do hereby recognize John R. Russell for his many contributions and urge all citizens of the Village of Newtown to remember John R. Russell and his family on this 23rd Day of June, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd Day of June, 2023.

Mayor Mark Kobasuk

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.

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Chuck Morgan, Maintenance Supervisor
cmorgan@newtownohio.gov
513.271.2009

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
cshort@newtownohio.gov

With best regards,
Your Mayor Mark Kobasuk



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