



Hello to all of our amazing residents and business owners of Newtown!

They say 'time flies when you're having fun,' and I cannot believe that we are already heading into fall! Since taking office in January, I have really tried to focus on getting to know everyone better while also becoming more familiar with my new role serving as Newtown's first female Mayor!

This year has brought quite a few other changes to the Village too. We welcomed newly elected Council members Ali Alspaugh and Scott Thompson, along with returning members Terry Fairley, Sarah Donohue, and now Vice-Mayor Jerry Schwab. Jordy Collins was appointed to fill my vacant Council seat. Jordy is a familiar face to many in our community and brings a strong commitment to family, community, and service.

We have also made some changes behind the scenes. McBride Dale Clarion is now assisting the Village with our planning and zoning needs, and the Hamilton County Engineer's Office is handling Village building permits. Both partnerships have been a positive change for Newtown, and additional information and contact details can be found on the Village website. I would also like to thank Gerry Stoker of X-Pex for his many years of service to Newtown and wish him all the best!

One thing has become obvious to me this year: while our Village staff may be small, we are incredibly fortunate to have a group of hardworking and dedicated employees who are committed to giving 110% to Newtown and the people they serve.

Throughout the year, we have had opportunities to recognize some of the people who work every day to keep Newtown running so smoothly. In April, we celebrated Becky Fairley, Assistant to the Mayor, and Keri Everett, Fiscal Officer, for Administrative Professionals Day. In May, we recognized our Police Department, led by Chief Tom Synan, during National Police Week and our Maintenance Department, led by Chuck Morgan, during National Public Works Week.

There is a lot happening in Newtown, and still plenty of work ahead of us. I hope this newsletter gives you a glimpse of what has been happening throughout our Village, some of the progress we have made, and a few of the exciting things still to come.

I want to thank everyone who has taken the time to reach out to me this year with questions, concerns, suggestions, or simply to share an idea. I really do appreciate hearing from you, and I hope you will continue to reach out. I believe some of our best ideas come from the people who live and work here, and I want everyone to feel comfortable sharing those ideas with me. Together, we can continue to make Newtown even more amazing than it already is!

You can always reach me at tboone@newtownohio.gov.

Kind regards,
Madam Mayor Tracy Boone

OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION

Last fall, Newtown was fortunate to partner with Sheila Warman through the Ohio History Service Corps to help us begin organizing and preserving the Village's historical collection. Through the program, Sheila's time and expertise were provided at no cost to the Village, and I cannot thank her enough for the knowledge, guidance, and enthusiasm she brought to Newtown! We accomplished so much during her time with us, and I am incredibly grateful for Sheila and the wonderful group of volunteers who have dedicated countless hours to this project! Those volunteers are Rob and Jeanie Champlin, Brendan McEachern, Scot and Nancy Rogers, Bill Bennet, Jerry Schwab, Stephanie Rickets, and Sharon Scott.

Although Sheila's time with the Ohio History Service Corps has ended, she continues to help with our history efforts as we look toward the future. If you are interested in getting involved, we would love to have you! Sheila can now be reached at historyexplorer100@gmail.com.

Tracy Boone Receives Ohio Local History Alliance Champion Award

Submitted by Sheila Warman

Congratulations to Newtown Mayor Tracy Boone, recipient of the Ohio Local History Alliance's Champion Award! The award recognizes Tracy's leadership and commitment to preserving and sharing Newtown's history. Tracy will be honored at the 2026 OLHA Annual Meeting held in Columbus on October 3rd.

Working with AmeriCorps member Sheila Warman and a team of eight community volunteers, Tracy helped transform two storage rooms and a collection of scattered documents, photographs, maps, and artifacts into usable History Rooms and a budding local-history program. The team processed approximately 1,000 historical items, including maps, architectural drawings, photos and scrapbooks, and created an inventory for future researchers. Tracy also secured shelving and archival supplies to help preserve the collection.

Through her enthusiasm and leadership, Tracy has brought volunteers together and helped

ensure that Newtown's history will remain accessible for generations to come. This award is a well-deserved recognition of a true champion of local history!



MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Our Maintenance Department continues to work hard behind the scenes to keep Newtown running smoothly. This year, the Village added a new 2025 service truck to the fleet, and the department continues to make improvements throughout the community.

Leaf Collection: Note leaf collection runs from Thursday, October 15 through December 14, 2026. DO NOT INCLUDE: sticks, rocks or other debris in leaf piles; these items will damage the equipment. Brush pickup is suspended until leaf collection has been completed.

For those unaware, the Village is responsible for maintaining the Flag Spring Cemetery. Many residents are unaware that our Maintenance team handles the cemetery, including burials and headstone foundations.



RUMPKE'S ORANGE BAG PROGRAM

Newtown also recently began participating in Rumpke's Orange Bag Program, which offers another opportunity to support community cleanup and waste reduction efforts. The Hefty Renew Orange Bag Program helps keep hard to recycle plastics out of our landfills. Please go to www.hefty.com/hefty-renew/communities to learn more about this program.

POLICE AND FIRE UPDATES

Our Police and Fire Departments also continue providing valuable services that extend far beyond emergency response. Their commitment to protecting and serving our residents is something we deeply appreciate.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Honoring 25 Years of Service: Lieutenant Shawn McBreen Goes Above and Beyond

At the July Council Meeting, the Village celebrated a remarkable milestone for one of our own. Police Lieutenant Shawn McBreen marked 25 years of dedicated service to our community. For a quarter of a century, Lieutenant McBreen has been a cornerstone of our local safety and well-being, consistently redefining what it means to protect and serve.

In law enforcement, twenty-five years is a monumental achievement on its own. However, what truly sets Lieutenant McBreen apart is not just the time spent on the clock, but his history of daily putting others first. Known throughout the village for regularly going above and beyond the call of duty, he has spent decades prioritizing the needs of residents, neighbors, and strangers alike.

Whether responding to emergencies with steady reassurance, leading community outreach, or quietly helping someone in need during his daily routines, Lieutenant McBreen embodies the true spirit of our village. It is this unwavering compassion and hands-on dedication that has earned him the deep respect and affection of everyone in our community.

Please join us in expressing our profound gratitude to Police Lieutenant Shawn McBreen for 25 years of exceptional, heartfelt service. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated leader keeping our community safe.

Thank you, Lieutenant McBreen, for twenty-five years of always putting others first.



Lieutenant Shawn McBreen

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

The letter of Commendation recognizes those of exemplary duty, professionalism and community impact. Police Chief Tom Synan presented a framed Letter of Commendation to Lt. Shawn McBreen and Sgt. Jim Vontz during the recent recognition ceremony. The award honors both officers for their outstanding dedication, exceptional leadership, and continued service to the department and the community.



Featured left to right, Sgt. Jim Vontz, Chief Synan and Lt. Shawn McBreen

FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS:

SAFETY SERVICES DAY

October 10 (FUN FAMILY EVENT)

The community is invited to the annual Safety Services Day on October 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Beechmont Fire Station, 7954 Beechmont Avenue. Come meet local emergency personnel and learn about fire and safety services. Emergency vehicles and interactive activities will be available for children and families, including firefighter demonstrations, fire hoses and more.

FIRE HYDRANT SERVICING UNDERWAY

Our annual fire hydrant servicing program is underway. Fire personnel are checking hydrants throughout the community, clearing weeds and making sure they are ready for the upcoming winter season. Residents may see fire personnel and equipment along the roadway near hydrants. Please use caution when driving through these areas.

CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS

Working smoke detectors, installed in the proper locations, are essential for protecting your family. If you need a smoke detector or have detectors that are 10 years old or older, please contact one of the local fire stations for assistance. Fire personnel can help ensure detectors are properly installed and located. Newtown Station 22 is located at 7036 Main Street.

FIREPLACE ASH SAFETY

As cooler weather approaches, remember that fireplace ashes can remain hot for several days. Allow ashes to cool undisturbed for at least 24–48 hours before disposal. Place ashes in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid—never plastic or cardboard. Wetting the ashes is preferred. Store the container outdoors on a non-combustible surface, at least 10–15 feet away from your home or other structures, and allow them to remain there for at least 96 hours (four days) before final disposal.

Stay safe this fall, and thank you for helping keep our community safe!

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

Last year, many residents and council candidates expressed an interest in seeing greater involvement and long-term planning in the Village's budgeting process. For the 2026 appropriations, department supervisors and their committee chairs had greater involvement in developing proposed budgets, and Council members were encouraged to review the information, ask questions, and reach out before meetings so they could be better prepared for budget discussions and decisions.

Following the 2026 process, department heads and Council members were surveyed for feedback, and those recommendations are helping guide our planning for 2027. Our goal is to continue increasing Council involvement so members have a better understanding of the proposed appropriations, the priorities behind them, and the Village's overall financial picture before final appropriations come before Council for a vote.

Council member Fairley is also leading an effort to develop a five-year financial outlook to help guide future planning and priorities. The next planning meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 2nd at 2p, and residents are always welcome to attend.

PLANNING A PROJECT OR BUSINESS? START HERE!

The Village of Newtown has zoning regulations in place to help guide development and property improvements throughout our community. Before beginning a project, residents and business owners are encouraged to check with the Village to determine whether zoning approval or a permit is required.

Projects such as installing a fence, changing a driveway configuration, adding a structure, or making certain other property improvements may require approval **before work begins**.

Opening or taking over a business in Newtown?

A Change of Occupancy form is required when opening a new business or taking over an existing business location. The form is available on the Village website.

Operating a food truck in Newtown? The Village has a permitting process for food trucks. Please contact Becky at bfairley@newtownohio.gov for

more information and assistance obtaining the required permit.

Not sure whether your project requires approval?

We encourage you to ask before getting started. Village staff can help point you in the right direction.

Reminder: Door-to-Door Solicitation Permits Required

As a reminder to all residents, our village ordinances **require all commercial solicitors and transient vendors to obtain a valid permit** from the village offices before going door-to-door. Call Becky Fairley in the Mayor's office to verify if a company was issued a permit to canvas our neighborhoods.

NEWTOWN SUMMERFEST 2026

The Village was excited to partner with Newtown Winterfest for our third year of Newtown Summerfest on Saturday, August 8th! New this year was the Summerfest Passport, which encouraged participants to visit local businesses for a chance to win some pretty incredible prizes. A special thank you to Calvin and NVT for getting so many Newtown businesses involved—the prizes were out of this world! We would like to see even more residents and friends take advantage of the Passport and join in the fun next year!

We were incredibly grateful to receive a \$15,000 grant from the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners to help support Summerfest 2026. We are also thankful for our sponsors, NVT and Mercantile on Main, and to our community supporters: MotzScapes, Newtown UMC, The Village Church, The Motz Group, Burger Farm, M.E. Lyons YMCA, Cincinnati Public Library, and Moore Family Funeral Homes.

Most importantly, a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make Summerfest such a success! A special thank you to our Summerfest planning committee—Jamie Trascritti, Samantha Bonar, Megan Craig, Jen McComb, Calvin Klein, Sarah Donohue, Jordy Collins, and Tracy Boone—who spent months planning and preparing for the event. Thank you also to our Village employees and volunteers who worked throughout the day, the vendors and businesses who participated, and everyone who came out to enjoy Summerfest. It truly was a community effort, and we could not have done it without all of you!

WINTERFEST 2026

Mark your calendars! Newtown Winterfest returns on Saturday, December 12, 2026! Follow Newtown Winterfest online and on social media for updates and details.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

The Village Post

The Village Post is a family owned and operated business founded in 2018 by our late father, Mark Burgess. Mark was a social man who could strike up a conversation with anyone, and he did just that with almost everyone he met. His welcoming spirit is one we've strived to maintain with our customers today – whether utilizing our packing, shipping through all major carriers, printing, faxing, copying, passport photos, background check, notary, or PO box services, you can be assured you will be welcomed as a valued member of our community. We look forward to serving Newtown for years to come and hope to see you soon!

Village Post is located at 6809 Main Street in Newtown. For inquiries, phone at **513.873.3330** or email **info@shipnewtown.com**. Please visit **www.shipnewtown.com** to learn more about The Village Post.



Let's Work Together to Beautify Our Village This Fall!

Fall is Coming: Simple Ways to Boost Your Curb Appeal

As the leaves prepare to change, now is the perfect time to give your property a cozy, welcoming autumn makeover. Whether you are raking leaves, trimming overgrown bushes, or cleaning up your porch, every small effort helps spruce up our shared neighborhood spaces. Something as simple as a fresh Autumn Wreath for your front door brightens

up your space and encourages others to do the same.

Warm up your lighting along your walkways with solar or low-voltage LED landscape lights.

Lend a hand to a neighbor who might need assistance. Thank you for doing your part to keep our community welcoming, safe, and beautiful for everyone this season!

FALL FESTIVAL – BURGER FARM

The fall festival starts the last weekend in September through October 24th/25th, 10am to 6pm. For more details, visit burgerfarms.com



AM250-OH NEWTOWN

As the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary, Newtown is proud to be an official AM250-OH community. Our local committee (Tim Pulskamp, Brendan McEachern, Kasey Ladd, Jerry Schwab, Terry Fairley, Chuck Short, and Tracy Boone) has been working to create opportunities for residents to celebrate, learn about our history, and be part of this historic milestone.

The committee kicked off our local celebration at Summerfest by displaying Newtown's previous time capsule and showcasing some of the incredible progress made by our historical volunteers. We hope you'll join us for the upcoming events as we continue celebrating Newtown's history and America's 250th anniversary! Event details and updates have been posted on the Village website and social media.



Time Capsule and Liberty Tree Dedication

Sunday, September 27th | 6:00 PM

Moundview Park

3130 Newtown Road



Join us as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary and make a little Newtown history!

We'll dedicate Newtown's Liberty Tree and seal a community time capsule preserving a little piece of Newtown in 2026 - to be opened in 2076.

All are welcome!



KAYAK
PADDLE BOARD
WALK THE LAKE
FOOD TRUCKS
CANOE



SPEND THE DAY ON

LAKE BARBER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

9AM TO 3PM



NEWTOWN CELEBRATES AMERICA'S 250TH WITH A DAY ON THE LAKE. UNLOAD YOUR WATERCRAFT BEHIND HYDRO (OFF OF ROUNDBOTTOM ROAD). WALK THE LAKE AND VISIT THE FOOD TRUCKS!



LOOK FOR A VOLUNTEER TO UNLOAD AT 3798 ROUNDBOTTOM RD.





FOOD TRUCKS 11 TO 3



DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Daisy Fields is currently on hold while an issue involving the planned sewer connection is addressed. The developer is awaiting additional information from the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) regarding the next steps needed to move forward. The Village remains in communication with the developer and will continue to share updates as more information becomes available.

Main Street Townhomes also experienced a delay. The Village will provide updates as next steps are announced.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. Residents are always encouraged to attend and stay informed. The remaining Council meetings for 2026 are: October 13, November 10 and December 8th.

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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