NEWTOWN NEWS

SPRING 2025

Summerfest 2025

The Village received a $25,000 grant from Hamilton County for Summerfest. The Village is extremely grateful to Hamilton County Commissioners Denise Driehaus, Stephanie Summerow Dumas and Alicia Reece for the grant award, which will make Summerfest bigger and better this year. Summerfest will be held on August 9th from 2 pm – 10pm. There will be live music, food trucks, craft vendors, activities for all ages and more! Sponsors and volunteers are needed for the event. Those who would like to help sponsor the event or assist in the planning and preparation of Summerfest should contact tboone@newtownohio.gov for more information.

Winterfest

Winterfest is scheduled for December 13th. The Winterfest Committee is already planning this year's event and is looking for sponsors. Please contact theboonefamily@outlook.com for more information.

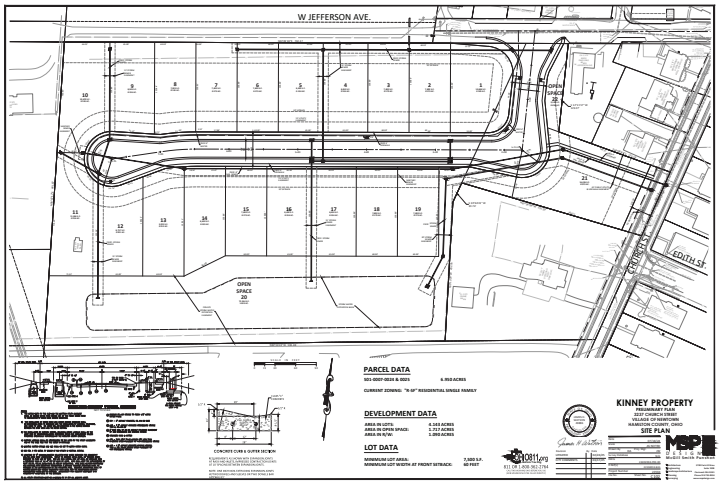
Newtown Fill

Newtown Fill is expected to be capped this year. Construction of the landfill cap was paused during the winter months due to weather and to allow the facility to accumulate additional soil for use in the cap. The cap installation will be certified by a licensed engineer and the certification report will undergo a thorough review by a third-party engineering firm working for Hamilton County Public Health ("HCPH"). Once the certification report is accepted by HCPH, a 5-year post closure monitoring and care period begins. A capped landfill is pictured below. The owner of the landfill has expressed a willingness to scatter wildflower seed during the grass seeding of the cap. The Village, however, is precluded from spending public funds on private property. If interested residents wish to solicit donations for the wildflower seed, the Village staff will facilitate delivering those funds to the landfill owner for the seeding.

Economic Development

A final site plan for a 20-home subdivision on 6.95 acres near St. John Fisher at 3237 Church Street was approved by the Planning Commission in April. The subdivision will be accessed from West Jefferson. West Jefferson will be widened to 21 feet and no parking will be permitted on the street to allow for the access of emergency vehicles. The site plan is pictured below.

The development will feature large home sites, a lake, sidewalks and streetlights. The homes will be a mix of ranch and two-story designs and will be priced around $800,000. Site work for the development should begin in late summer. The developer is John Henry Homes.



Marijuana Dispensaries

On November 7, 2023, Ohio became the 24th state to legalize adult-use cannabis with 57% of voters voting in favor of Issue 2, also known as An Act to Control and Regulate Adult Use Cannabis. On August 6, 2024, sales in Ohio began with dual-use dispensaries opening their doors to recreational consumers.

On March 19, 2025, at a special meeting, the Village Council passed an ordinance prohibiting adult-use cannabis operations, including cultivators, processors and dispensaries in the Village of Newtown. Cannabis operations did not fit with the character of the village, and under Ohio law, adult use cannabis operators cannot operate within 500 feet of a church, public library, public playground, public park or school – which left few sites for cannabis operations within the village.

Paving Projects

Church Street south of Main will be repaved in early June and the project may take three weeks to complete. Expect delays.

Little Dry Run Road will be repaved this fall.

Round Bottom Road has the next lowest pavement condition rating and the Village will be applying for funds to repave it.

Air Quality

If a citizen has a complaint regarding air quality, the Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency ("SWOAQA"), a local air Agency for Ohio EPA, 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.

Safety Services

Police: The Police Department initiated an investigation into alleged criminal violations at the VIP Smoke Shop on Main Street. The investigation uncovered underage sales and sales of marijuana. A search warrant yielded several hundred grams of marijuana. The owner and a clerk were arrested and indicted on several felony charges of possession and trafficking in marijuana.

Two new Dodge Durangos will be purchased for the Police Department this spring.

Fire: Residents of the Village can have their smoke alarms checked by the fire department. In addition, fire suppression staff can arrange for the replacement of outdated and non-operational alarms. The fire department is happy to offer a wide variety of services from CPR and First Aid Classes to infant car seat inspections. If you need your blood pressure checked, stop by the fire station on Main Street. Please contact Assistant Chief Herrlinger at 513-688-8070 or rherrlinger@andersontownshipoh.gov for more information or to request information about other programs.

Parks

The Village is installing a new clock at Bicentennial Park next to the Village Municipal Center.

Beautification Efforts

Spring has brought a renewed focus on making Newtown a more beautiful place to live, work, and visit. From fresh landscaping and planter installations to community clean-up initiatives, every effort counts in enhancing the charm of our Village. Research is also underway into additional beautification efforts that could further improve public spaces and foster community pride. We encourage all residents and businesses to take part—whether it's pulling a few weeds, planting flowers, power washing a driveway, or giving porches and storefronts a good clean. It takes a village—and one person can make a difference.

Maintenance

The 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 Chuck Short at chuck@buckeyefinancial.com.

Business Spotlight – Smith Hughes

Smith Hughes Company, previously located at 3753 Round Bottom Road, has built a new building and is now located next door at 3775 Round Bottom Road. After about three years of construction and planning, the new building was finished in December of 2024, and Smith Hughes Company had its official grand opening on December 20, 2024. This new building is 36,000 square feet, and features more office space, multiple loading docks, a 40 ton bridge crane and many new amenities to make the employees' work days more efficient. Between both buildings, the company now has a combined 54,000 square feet to facilitate the fabrication and repair of their rental boiler fleet and will continue to utilize both locations for the foreseeable future. Smith Hughes Company specializes in the sales, rental, installation, and maintenance of industrial boiler systems. They offer a variety of boilers, including steam, hot water, and hot oil heaters, to meet the needs of industries such as healthcare, food and beverage, and manufacturing.

Since opening in 1946, Smith Hughes Company has had more than a few location changes. From Petoskey Avenue to Oak Street in Mariemont, Smith Hughes Company has now found its place on Round Bottom Road. Smith Hughes, the founder of Smith Hughes Company, was born and raised in Ohio and chose to keep the business close to home, and in the family. Smith Hughes Company has been run by three generations of Hughes', from Smith, to his son Don, and now currently, by Don's son Bradley. Now, after seven decades and approaching its 80th anniversary next year, Smith Hughes Company continues to service and work with large companies all over the country and is grateful to be able to expand their space and stay in its home of Newtown, Ohio.

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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With best regards,
Your Mayor Mark Kobasuk

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