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Newton Town Council – Meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Newton Town Hall.

Newton Planning Commission – meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Newton Town Hall.

To place items on either agenda, please contact Karla Ferguson, Town Clerk, at least three days prior to the scheduled meeting.

To place items in either the Town Newsletter or Town Bulletin Board at the Post Office contact Karla.

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From the Mayor

Welcome spring! It's been quite the year. We've had a little of every kind of weather. Let's hope the days get nice and we're able to enjoy a beautiful spring. With all the moisture, I'm sure the valley will be amazing.

We'd like to thank everyone for being great neighbors and helping each other out with all the water we've had to deal with. It definitely has been a challenge! Thanks to all those people and groups who helped fill sand bags, used their equipment, and were there pitching in and helping in many areas. The county has gone to FEMA and requested funds to help repair all the damage to roadways and culverts. They have asked for a list of all the efforts and repairs that have been done. If you know of man hours, equipment used, or other resources that were used to help divert water or keep it away from homes, we'd appreciate your help in putting that information together. If you could pass that information on to Karla, or a member of the town council, we'd appreciate it. Unfortunately, we cannot count hours spent pumping and cleaning individual basements and they are not eligible for FEMA funds.

As you know, we are working with Clarkston and Trenton to upgrade our springs out north of Clarkston for our culinary water. The contractor

worked into January but finally had to stop due to weather. They are scheduled to start up out there again on April 17th. They have done a lot of work at both North Fork and Birch Creek, and have replaced the collection boxes. There are a couple of the lines that still need to be connected and we have a few more areas we plan to develop in hopes of collecting more water. The engineer feels this work should be finished up in 5-6 weeks. There should be ample time to complete the project before the weather starts to warm up in June. The good news is so far the flows for all the towns have increased. Usually you don't see the increase from a big water year until the following year, so hopefully our flows will continue to grow.

We would like to extend a big thank you to Michelle Griffin for another great Easter Egg Hunt. We would also like to thank those that donated money and candy for the hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt is a great tradition and we rely heavily on your donations and willingness to help. Unfortunately, we could have used more help in dying Easter eggs. This is a great activity for families, Scouts, or other youth groups. Please plan on helping next year.

We are seeing people continue to use the town right-of-ways in illegal ways. Please keep vehicles, farm implements, trailers, etc. off of town

property. Also, we've had people ask if they can farm up to the edge of the road, again the answer is no. We are committed to mowing along the streets and if you'd just make sure the area around your property is clear, we will be able to keep it mowed.

Again, thanks for all your help and we look forward to working with you on our town cleanup, which will be April 29th.

- Mayor Clair Christiansen

Town Clean-Up Day **Saturday, April 29**

Please join your fellow town members to help clean up and beautify our community! Sign up sheets will be available for an individual, group or family to sign up for a specific project. If you don't get to sign up for a project, just come to the park pavilion at 8:00 a.m. for an assignment. We will have donuts and juice at the pavilion before we begin to work. The dumpster will be located at the park from April 22 through May 1. Please do not place any tires or hazardous waste in the dumpster. A trailer for scrap metal will also be available. There is a green waste dumpster located at 200 East and 100 South and it will be there all summer long. Please do not place garbage, plastic bags or lumber in the green waste dumpster. Also, remember to clean up your own spills from the dumpster. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Kathryn Rigby 563-6011. Thanks for your help.

**Newton Town
Celebration will be
July 21 & 22, 2017.**

Library

The Library is having a Birthday on May 2! Come into the library that week from May 1st - 6th and help us celebrate and enjoy a cookie. We have made some great changes this last year. Please come and see for yourself how great the library is. We are constantly getting new books added to our collection, so come and check out a book.

Summer Reading will soon be here. Are you ready for some summer fun? Come enjoy this year's theme: Build a Better World from June 6 – July 27. Come help us kick-off the summer reading program with an Open House Party on June 6 from 10:30 to 12. Sign-ups for summer reading begin the first of June. During the summer the Library will have two different story times. Tuesdays at 10:30 will be for kids ages 8 and up, and Thursday at 10:30 for kids ages 7 and younger. The closing celebration for summer reading will be July 27 from 10:30 to 12.

The library does monthly Scholastic Book orders. Book order forms are on the book sale shelf in the Town Hall foyer or you can order online at www.scholastic.com/readingclub with the classroom code of GM72W. When you order books through the Newton Town Library, you help us get free books.

The libraries monthly Teen Activity is on the second Monday of the month at 4:00 pm. If you are in 6th to 12th grade, come have some fun at the library.

The Library's Annual Luau Dinner will be held Saturday, June 10 from 6 to 8 pm at the Park Pavilion. The menu will be Roast Pig, Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Macaroni Salad or Quinoa Salad, Watermelon and more. Much of the menu is gluten free. This is a fundraiser for the Library Building Fund. Please watch for more information to come.

Library hours:

Mon. 3 to 7 pm,
Tues. 10 to 1 pm & 3 to 6 pm
Wed. 3 to 6 pm,
Thur. 10 to 1 pm & 3 to 6 pm
Story Hour on Thu., 10:30,
Sat 12 to 4 pm.



Baseball Registration

Baseball Registration is now through April 29, at the Town Hall or the Library during business hours. T-Ball is for 5-6 years old and Coach Pitch 7-8 years old. T-Ball & Coach Pitch cost is \$15, Games are held during June. Contact Sarah Rigby with Questions 563-2609.

Newton Youth Council

The Newton Youth Council would like to thank those that participated in our fundraiser and ordered chocolate dipped strawberries this year. We were able to sell enough strawberries for the council to attend the leadership conference on the campus of Utah State University. This conference was attended by over 400 youth leaders from 26 cities/towns across the state of Utah. The group had a wonderful time hearing from motivational speakers and learning different aspects of leadership. Our group actually earned 5th place overall in the activities and challenges as part of the event.

Looking ahead...applications for next year will be available June 15 and are due by August 1. Talk to one of the current members for more information or email us

at: newtonyouthcouncil@gmail.com

Again, thank you for your support of the Newton Youth Council!



Animal Control

Any dog running at large is in violation of Newton Town ordinance and will be declared a nuisance and impounded. A dog shall be deemed running at large when off or away from the premises of the owner or keeper unless such dog is in the immediate presence of the owner or keeper and under their actual control by means of a leash, cord or chain not in excess of ten feet in length. (Ord. 84-1, 1-10-1984)

Dogs are required to be licensed even if they stay inside your home or never leave your yard. Proof of a rabies vaccination is required. All dogs must be licensed starting January 1st and shall be delinquent after April 1 of each year. Delinquent payments shall double the licensing fee. Owners will be issued a citation for failure to have his /her dog properly licensed. Also, please remember that three or more dogs require a conditional use permit and kennel license. Newton Town's animal control services are provided by the Cache County Sheriff Dept. **Please call the Sheriff dispatch at 716-9400 to report a problem with animals.**

Newton Fire Department

Burn Permits: The spring burn season goes from March 30 – May 30. You can obtain a permit by going to www.cachecounty.org/fire, and there you can click on the Utah State Burn Permit Application; just fill in the required information. The application site will also tell you if the clearing index is good for burning that day. Print your permit and keep it with you while doing your burn. People who do not have Internet access may call the Cache County Fire District to apply at 435-755-1670.

Terms and Conditions:

- No open burning is allowed if the clearing index is less than 500, under red-flag (high wind) warnings or during mandatory no-burn periods.
- No burning of residential rubbish, garbage, tires,

flammable solids and liquids, or tar.

- Common combustibles such as wood, yard trimmings and waist should only be burned.
- All burning shall be at least 50 ft. from any building.
- All burn piles must be reasonably dry and free of dirt.
- A means to suppress the fire must be available or on-site.
- A responsible person age 18 or older shall be with the fire at all times.
- All fires shall be out before dark (30 min after sunset).
- Burning must not impact the health and welfare of the public.
- If the smoke or fire is considered a nuisance, fire department/law enforcement can order the fire to be extinguished. If a fire department response is required for failure to extinguish or for unattended fires, the permit holder will be responsible for the cost of extinguishment and may receive a citation for public nuisance.
- Burn permits are subject to local, state, and federal rules and regulations.
- If possible, notify your local fire officials that you will be burning.

Newton Website

For more information, please visit Newton Town's website at newtonutah.org.