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Spring/Summer 2014



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## City Manager Shares Good News

It was a long winter but spring has brought all kinds of exciting developments to Newport. Several new businesses have recently opened their doors. These include Packhouse Meats, Family Allergy & Asthma, Sport Clips, Katharina's, Heritage Bank, and Darla's Unique Boutique. One of the most exciting developments is one we have all been watching take shape over the past year, The New Riff Distillery, which is now open in Newport, just east of I-471, adjacent to the Party Source. This craft distillery is the northernmost point of Kentucky's Bourbon Trail and an exciting addition to our City's growing list of entertainment and tourist destinations. Please remember to support our many local businesses, new and old, as they keep our city going strong.

The reconstruction project on Carother's Road has been progressing on schedule and is due to be completed in June. When completed this project, which was Federally funded, will provide a smooth and much safer flow through this busy area frequented by so many residents from Newport and the surrounding

area. We appreciate your patience during this work and remind you to continue to use extra caution in the area as the project completes.

As the weather continues to warm up you will see road projects and sidewalk repairs underway in several neighborhoods. These improvements are helping to restore the overall essential infrastructure in our historic city. (Read more about future improvements on page 3.)

Join the celebration of all that makes Newport great at our upcoming festivals and community events (calendar on page 4, details at [www.newportky.gov](http://www.newportky.gov)). We encourage your participation.

As you page through this newsletter, I think you'll agree, there are a lot of great things happening in Newport Now!

-Thomas J. Fromme, City Manager



## All the Newport News is Just a Click Away

The City has launched a re-designed, user friendly website where you can find all the news and information you need about what is going on and how to do business in the City.

One exciting new feature is the "How Do I" menu. This should make using our site much easier. Visitors to the site don't have to know exactly what department handles the function they are interested in. They can just use this menu to jump to the most commonly requested items! Another great improvement is the Search feature. Users can type one word into the Search box in the upper right corner and quickly find what they need. This feature will make the site much more user-friendly so residents, business people, and visitors can all find what they need quickly.

The new site was designed and built by Red Hawk Technologies, a company located here in Newport on Fourth Street. Visit [www.newportky.gov](http://www.newportky.gov) and keep up to date on all the excitement in Newport Now!

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## Memorial Day in Newport

The Memorial Day Parade will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 26 . The parade travels from 4th and York, over 6th Street, and up Monmouth to 10th Street. Following the parade there will be a brief ceremony at the City Building. The parade and ceremony will be a respectful tribute honoring Veterans. Your attendance and participation helps recognize this special group while showing pride in our community. The parade typically lasts about 45 minutes.

Participants entering a marching group or "float" in the parade are asked to register in advance and then meet at Fourth and Columbia in the large parking lot adjacent to the Campbell County Courthouse, between by 8:30 am. Volunteers will be present to organize the procession. Groups wishing to participate can get information from [www.newportky.gov](http://www.newportky.gov) or by calling 859.292.3666.

The administrative offices at the City Building will be closed on Memorial Day but our emergency personnel are always on duty!

## Don't Get Caught in a Jam!

### Get Traffic Updates Via Text or Email

Spring is here and several construction projects have already begun in our area. You can check the weekly road report published by the KY Transportation Cabinet through [www.transportation.ky.gov](http://www.transportation.ky.gov) . You can also subscribe for notifications via text or email from KYTC. When you subscribe adjust your settings to receive notifications for our area – District 6 – or all of the Kentucky locations you travel to often.

## PD Announces Crime Tip Line

The Newport Police Department has opened a Crime Tip Line. All calls go directly into voicemail so the caller can leave a message. Calls are confidential and the caller's personal information remains anonymous. Tips can be left 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Messages are checked daily by police personnel. **The number to call is 859.261.TIPS ... 859.261.8477.** If you SEE something, SAY something!

## Taste of Newport Returns to Monmouth Street on Sunday, June 8

Come and get a taste of what Newport has to offer – especially the tempting treats from your favorite eateries! Lots of entertainment throughout the day and businesses offering specials. The 600, 700, and 800 blocks of Monmouth will be closed to vehicular traffic so the fun can overflow into the street!

## Make a Splash this Summer!

### Vets Pool Dates and Rates for the 2014 Summer Season

Located at 26 Caroline Drive, open daily from **Saturday, May 24th through Sunday, August 10th**, weather permitting.

### Pool Hours

Sunday through Thursday hours: noon to 6.

Friday and Saturday hours: noon to 8.

Pool will close early for planned Pool Parties & Swim/Dive Competitions.

### Admission Rates

Special Pricing announced to open the pool season - for Memorial Day

Weekend, Saturday, May 24th through

Monday, May 26th, pool admission is only \$1.

### Regular Rates for the 2014 Season:

Children 4 and under	Free
Children 5-12	\$3
Ages 13 - Adult	\$3
Seniors (65 & up)	Free
Military with ID	Free

### Pool Passes and Parties

A Single Pass is \$50; a Family Pass is \$150 for up to 5 household members (additional family members \$25); Institutional Passes are \$350 for 1 adult and 10 children.

Pool Parties are from 8 p.m.-10p.m. The cost is \$250 for up to 75 people in the pool or \$300 for over 75 people.

## City Improvements

As we move into 2014 and beyond there are several infrastructure needs that we must address throughout the City. As you are probably aware the City instituted an ongoing street repaving program a few years ago and that program will continue. However there are more improvements that need to be done in order to keep our infrastructure at an appropriate level of repair. Some of these necessary repairs or upgrades include the flood wall, the landfill, installation of underground utilities in various areas, replacing old street lights with energy efficient lighting, development of necessary parking structures, and repair of and installation of public sidewalks as necessary.

Since the costs of these improvements are quite high, we have been reviewing the possibility of issuing a bond for these expenses. If we try to make these improvements through the General Fund there is little likelihood of them being completed in a reasonable time frame.

An example of one of these projects is the certification and repair to the flood wall system. FEMA has mandated that our flood wall be inspected and certified. Without this certification, residents that live within the flood plain could be required to purchase flood insurance for their home. The total cost for the flood wall work could exceed \$350,000. Planning continues for the best solutions to these needs.

There are many good things happening in Newport. We have come a long way. With your continued help and input we can continue to create a community that we are all proud to be part of.

## Stormy Weather

### What You Can Do to Prevent Neighborhood Flooding

Please do not blow, sweep, or hose grass clippings, debris, or litter into the street. Do not throw anything into the sewers. This can clog the storm sewer basins and cause localized flooding. Our Public Works crews operate the City's street sweeper routinely covering the entire street grid of the City on a monthly basis from March through November. Please abide by the posted no parking signs in the neighborhoods. There are two reasons for this request. First, our crews frequently work in rainy weather since "sweeping" when the road is wet can be more effective. Secondly, there are times that the street sweeper needs to return to make a second pass. Having the path clear for the street sweeper is the best way for you to help us keep the streets clean. Cars can be ticketed during the posted days and times for street sweeping even if you think the sweeper may have passed or isn't coming that day.

## Saving Money In New Ways

The City and Newport Independent School System have announced a plan to save resources by entering an agreement to employ a shared mechanic. This individual, certified in a variety of required specialties to work on school buses, is also an experienced diesel mechanic who will be able to make repairs to many of the vehicles in the City's fleet. By sharing costs and utilizing the expertise of one specialist, the city expects to realize a substantial savings when compared to costs of outsourcing repairs.

The city is proud to welcome Brett Finnell as our new Mechanic. He has extensive experience having previously worked in a county maintenance garage and we are happy to have him joining us.

## Favorable Audit Report

The Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 was presented to the Board of Commissioners on April 21, 2014. Details of the report are available at [www.newportky.gov](http://www.newportky.gov).

## Safe Places to Play

Help us keep the parks of Newport green spaces that all Newport residents can enjoy. If you see someone defacing or abusing park equipment or property, please call the police immediately. The number to call for Dispatch is 292.3622. If you witnessed illegal activity or someone defacing public property at the park, you can also use the new anonymous tip line to share information with the Police Department. That number is 859.261.8477.



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### Clip & Save List of Helpful Numbers

Emergency Dispatch	911
Non-emergency Dispatch	292-3622
Police Administration	292-3634
Fire Administration	292-3612
City Building	292-3666
Property Tax/City Licenses	292-3660
Building Permits/Code Enforcement	292-3637
Recreation/ Park/ Fields	292-3686
Campbell Co. Library	572-5035
Child Support Enforcement	431-0522
Circuit Court	292-6314
County Jail	431-4611
District Court	292-6305
Driver's Licenses	292-6311
Duke Energy	513-421-9500
Family Support/Food Stamps	292-6700
Health Department	431-1704
Marriage Licenses	292-3885
Rumpke (Trash & Recycling)	472-7339
Sanitation District 1	578-7450
Northern KY Water District	578-9898
Vehicle Registration	292-3850
Voter Registration	292-3885

## Newport Now

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### Mark your calendar for these exciting events!

- Veterans Memorial Pool Opens Sat., May 24
  - Memorial Day Parade Mon., May 26 starting at 9 a.m.
  - Taste of Newport Sun., June 8
  - East Row Garden Walk June 7 & 8
  - Newport Italianfest June 12 - 15
  - Italianfest Golf Outing Fri., June 13
  - Senior Picnic Sat. June 21
  - Motorcycle Rally July 3-6
  - Queen City Sausage Festival July 11-13
  - Kentucky Art Outpost July 25-27
  - Glier's Goettafest Aug. 7-10
  - Great Inland Seafood Festival Aug. 14-17
  - Rides on Monmouth Car Show Aug. 24
  - Riverfest Aug. 31
  - Oktoberfest Sept. 26 -28
- Details and more exciting dates are at [www.newportky.gov](http://www.newportky.gov) !