

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

From April 8 through 12, the City Maintenance Department will provide its annual free curbside residential collection of materials. Different materials are picked up on different days subject to weather conditions and may take several days to complete. **Please have all materials at your curb by Monday, April 8** and follow these guidelines:

➤ **KEEP PILES AWAY FROM UTILITIES AND METER PITS.**

➤ **OLD APPLIANCES (INCLUDING DEHUMIDIFIERS) MUST HAVE FREON REMOVED AND BE TAGGED BY A CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN INDICATING REFRIGERANT HAS BEEN REMOVED.**

➤ **MATERIALS MUST BE SORTED AND SEPARATED INTO GROUPS.**

C & D examples

- Mattresses
- Box springs
- Clay pots
- Lumber
- Dry wall
- Furniture
- Bricks
- Toilets
- Sinks

Junk examples

- Plastic pools
- Wire fencing
- Microwaves
- Garden hoses
- Books
- Stereo equipment
- Lamps
- Toys
- Vacuums

Metal examples

- Water heaters
- Barbecue grills
- Lawn mowers

Limbs/Thorny Vegetation

- Manageable quantities placed parallel to the curb. (Contractors YOU hire to cut down trees or limbs are required to haul them away.)
 - Thorny vegetation may be piled with limbs & need not be bagged.
- Bagged Yard Waste**
- Do not mix any trash in with compostable waste.

➤ **UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR SPRING CLEAN UP**

- Normal recyclable materials
- Day-to-day household trash (set household trash on the 10th away from clean up materials)
- Hazardous wastes (motor oil, lead-based paint, car batteries, pesticides, etc.)
- Liquids of any kind
- Tires
- Large amounts of construction waste, such as wood, concrete, etc. (Contractors YOU hire for remodel or demolition projects are required to haul off the materials.)

COUNCIL ADOPTS PEDDLER LICENSE REQUIREMENT

Beginning in April, door to door sales people are required to have a North Newton peddler's license issued by City Hall. Local charities such as the sale of Girl Scout cookies are exempt. Peddlers are limited to 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and must carry a copy of the license that has been issued. Citizens have a right to ask to see their copy. To view newly adopted Ordinance #568-13, go to www.northnewton.org.



LOCAL ELECTION DAY – APRIL 2

The voters of North Newton will elect three city council members to four-year terms on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

The voting site for registered voters of North Newton is the City Hall Community Room and polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. **Use the East door and don't forget to bring your photo I.D. along.**



KIDRON BETHEL CAMPAIGN

Kidron Bethel Village, a Bluestem Community, is launching a fundraising campaign in support of developing Kinder Peace Gardens on its main campus in North Newton. The garden is being designed to welcome visitors and families from the area, as well as to provide intergenerational interaction with Kidron Bethel residents.

Phase 1 will be located on the west side of Ivy Drive, just north of Bluestem, and will include seating areas, fire and water features, and flowers and plantings. Phase 2, "Kinder Gardens and Playground," will be just west of Phase 1. This family-oriented space incorporates playground equipment and programming geared toward children and adults exploring the natural world together.

"I'm looking forward to sharing this beautiful garden with the greater community," says Kidron Bethel Village resident and Master Gardener Rosie Goering Brandt. "It's a place of meditation, to feel the strength and the power of God." Kidron Bethel Grounds Supervisor Brad Burch of North Newton designed the Kinder Peace Garden project landscaping and features. For more information, contact Kevin Geraci at 316-836-4826.



ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The City has provided its annual water quality report with your May utility bill in the past. This year most bill-paying customers will not be receiving a paper copy of the water quality report for calendar year 2012. However, you may view it on the city's website (click on *City Services* then *Annual Water Quality Report*) or type <http://siterepository.s3.amazonaws.com/160/ccr.pdf> in your browser. You may also stop in at City Hall or call 283-7633 to request a copy.



NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (NNCF) UPDATE

After 15 months the NNCF, an affiliate of the Central Kansas Community Foundation, holds an asset base of nearly \$30,000, reflecting an initial

matching grant of \$5,000 from the City of North Newton, together with 25 donations from private and corporate entities. Of this total, 17 are considered "Founding Contributors" after contributing at least \$250 during this first year. They are recognized in a permanent wall plaque located in the North Newton City Hall. Earnings over this first year from the four constituent funds in the NNCF totaled \$1,365, with \$1,296 of this available for distribution. This latter amount, together with an additional grant of \$400 from the Kansas Health Foundation was awarded to three community entities on March 25 at the North City Hall. Recipients of these grants, made on the basis of a competitive application process, were: (1) the Bethel College Academy for Performing Arts, Danika Bielek, Executive Director, received a grant of \$796.00; (2) Community Playschool, Inc., a pre-school program directed by Jeanette Leary, received a grant of \$400.00 for nutritional snacks; (3) Bethel College received a \$500.00 grant for campus beautification. These three grants were made possible by the Sher Klassen Neufeld Endowment, the NNCF Impact Fund, and the Kansas Health Foundation. Board Chair, Jim Goering notes, "The amounts are relatively small, but their symbolism is important—a clear manifestation of putting local contributions to use for the good of the community."



YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

- Kenneth & Heidi Larcher – 317 Campus Ct
- Richard & Darla Wyss – 3011 Wildwood Way
- Garran & Stephanie Hodge; Susan Glasgow – 2809 Goldenrod Road



MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS DRIVERS

Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteer drivers for North Newton deliveries. It takes about one hour to complete the route. Regular drivers typically deliver the route at 11:00 A.M. once a month. A volunteer can have their choice of delivery days, but there is a special need for Saturday drivers. Substitute drivers are also encouraged. Contact Twila or Renee at 283-3500 or John Torline at City Hall if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.



HOME WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

◆ The Bathroom

- Test for toilet leaks by adding food coloring to the water tank and wait 15 minutes. If there is color in the bowl, you may have a leak.
- Turn the water off while brushing your teeth and save 8 gallons a minute.
- Take shallow baths or time your showers to 5 minutes or under. Install water saving low-flow showerheads.

◆ The Kitchen

- Run the dishwasher only when it is full.
- Use a bowl of water to clean and prepare vegetables rather than letting the faucet run.
- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing.

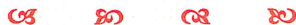
◆ The Laundry

- Run your washing machine only when you have a full load and you could save 1,000 gallons a month.
- Check hose connections for leaks.

◆ The Lawn

- Avoid excessive watering. Most lawns need only an inch of water per week to stay healthy. Measure the amount of time it takes your sprinkler to deliver that much water (using a shallow container), and do not exceed the total time for the week.
- Reduce evaporation by watering in the evening or early in the morning.
- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered.
- Avoid sprinklers that spray a fine mist, which increases evaporation.

Source: Kansas Water Office website



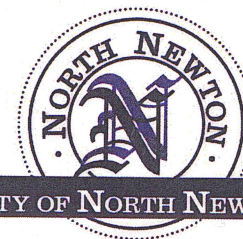
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- ❖ **Sewer consumption** was reaveraged this month and applied to residential customers' April bills. This sewer consumption figure will remain on your bills for the next year. Sewer consumption is based on the average water consumption found on your January, February, and March bills.
- ❖ City Hall will be closed Monday, May 27 for **Memorial Day**.
- ❖ The next three regular **City Council meetings** are April 8, May 13, and June 10 at 7:00 P.M.



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