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See You at the East Row Yard Sale on July 14!

BY PAULA BRANDON

The East Row Yard Sale will soon be here and organizers are quickly closing in on 70+ participating families. That's great news for the crowds of shoppers who come from both sides of the river to roam the East Row in search of, well, everything under the sun.

This year's yard sale is Saturday, July 14, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, rain or shine. Residents participate at no cost, since the East Row Foundation pays all fees and advertising. We post signs, place ads, and distribute

a map of participants. All you need to do is sign up in advance and get your items ready to sell.

Watch our Craigslist ad (garage sale category), Facebook page ([East Row Yard Sale 2018](#)) and listserv for the official yard sale map, which will be updated through the week of the sale. Be sure to make note of the LINK Animal Rescue sale on Park and stop by to support the kitties.

To participate in the yard sale, just send your name and address to Paula Brandon at pabrand1@yahoo.com.

Share Your Thoughts About Our Dog Park

BY JEN SHORTEN

NEWPORT, KENTUCKY



Hello, Dog Park friends and neighbors! We are coming up on the 6th Anniversary of the Newport Dog Park opening. Due to its overwhelming success

and popularity, we have come to realize there are inherent needs for the park that we are trying to address.

We need your feedback and help. Please take a minute

to fill out our survey. This park was and will continue to be built by you and your donations and fundraisers. The future of the park is in your hands. Thank you and we hope you and your dogs continue to enjoy our lovely park!



Take the survey using the QR code or URL: surveymonkey.com/r/NewportDogPark

Don't Forget!

Due to the holiday, this month's ERHF meeting will be held on

Tuesday, July 10

at 7 p.m. at the Sanctuary.

Newport 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget

BY CITY MANAGER TOM FROMME



It is that time of year again when the City Annual Budget is developed. On June 18 and 19, the proposed Budget was read and adopted by the Board of Commissioners. The General Fund

Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 is \$20,822,280.

The Budget can be review on our OpenGov transparency website at <https://newportky.opengov.com/>

The Budget numbers are a best projection for revenues and expenditures throughout the Fiscal Year. Early each calendar year, the City Manager and Department Directors work with the Finance Department to evaluate the projected resources and spending needs for the coming fiscal year. The City Manager then meets with the Budget Committee, comprised of two Commission members, for review and discussion. Through an iterative process, the City Manager completes a final Recommended Budget that is presented to the Mayor and Commissioners for approval. By law, the City must adopt a budget before July 1 of each year.

The proposed Budget continues to focus on capital improvements, including spending the remaining funds from the 2015 Bond Issuance and \$288,000 in street repairs. Projects funded through this Bond are currently 65 percent complete and include projects like Carothers Road improvements and Riverfront Commons.

In the recommended Budget, due to increases in required pension contributions, personnel costs have increased across all departments. Medical insurance continues to be a rising cost and equipment and infrastructure replacement needs are growing and have been deferred over many years due to Budget constraints. To begin to address these needs, this Budget includes the issuance of a general obligation lease for capital equipment across

all departments and improvements to city facilities. This year the City will also participate in the Kentucky Cooperative Emergency program for emergency road and bridge repair, meaning that the State will be retaining 3 percent of our Municipal Road Aid fund as our cost of participation. This Budget also includes a two-percent cost of living increase for non-contract civilian staff.

In order to keep up with these rising costs, this Budget recommends taking the compensating rate, plus four percent for property taxes. New part time positions in Code Enforcement, Public Works and the Police Traffic Division are included in the Budget in order to focus on reduction of overtime and increased parking enforcement.

The City's major revenue streams remain payroll, property, insurance premium taxes and occupational licenses. Business growth in the City continues to increase, which is critical since we rely on payroll as our primary source of revenue, accounting for approximately 35 percent of all revenue. Our largest and fastest growing businesses continue to be PL Marketing, Kroger, Defender Direct, Divisions, Inc., Impact Sales, St. Elizabeth, DJ Joseph Co., National Band and Tag Co. Inc., I-Wireless, and Nexigen Communications. Property tax accounts for approximately 14 percent of revenue.

Several new developments continue to be on the horizon. In Fiscal Year 2018, the New Riff Whiskey Campus was under construction, a new office development was announced for the old Greenline Bus barn, and the Fourth Street School demolition was completed. The Baptist Home is in planning for multi-family residential, more interest in residential development throughout the city has occurred, and project development continues on the Skywheel, Ovation, The World Peace Bell site, and the riverfront Pegasus Project.

From a fiscal perspective, we have seen great success

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this year in growing revenues as demonstrated by the Amended Budget estimates showing a 5.8-percent increase in payroll revenues over the original Budget. We are proposing for the first time in over 10 years, not to renew the City's Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). This is a major accomplishment, as it indicates that the City has sufficient cash reserves to sustain operations throughout the year. Our goals continue to be working

to grow revenues, keeping expenses reasonable, focusing on safety and quality of life, and continuing to catch up on infrastructure improvements and equipment replacement.

As always, if you have any questions email bholiday@newportky.gov or call my office at 859-292-3687. Great things are happening in Newport! 🌸

The Value of History: 7 Ways It Is Essential

ARTICLE FROM HISTORYRELEVANCE.COM

Submitted by Scott Clark, Executive Director, Newport History Museum @ the Southgate Street School

To Ourselves

Identity: History nurtures personal identity in an intercultural world. History enables people to discover their own place in the stories of their families, communities, and nation. They learn the stories of the many individuals and groups that have come before them and shaped the world in which they live. There are stories of freedom and equality, injustice and struggle, loss and achievement, and courage and triumph. Through these varied stories, they create systems of personal values that guide their approach to life and relationships with others.

Critical skills: History teaches critical 21st century skills and independent thinking. The practice of history teaches research, judgment of the accuracy and reliability of sources, validation of facts, awareness of multiple perspectives and biases, analysis of conflicting evidence, sequencing to discern causes, synthesis to present a coherent interpretation, clear and persuasive written and oral communication, and other skills that have been identified as critical to a successful and productive life in the 21st century.

To Our Communities

Vital places to live and work: History lays the groundwork for strong, resilient communities. No place really becomes

a community until it is wrapped in human memory: family stories, tribal traditions, civic commemorations. No place is a community until it has awareness of its history. Our connections and commitment to one another are strengthened when we share stories and experiences.

Economic development: History is a catalyst for economic growth. People are drawn to communities that have preserved a strong sense of historical identity and character. Cultural heritage is a demonstrated economic asset and an essential component of any vibrant local economy, providing an infrastructure that attracts talent and enhances business development.

To Our Future

Engaged citizens: History helps people craft better solutions. At the heart of democracy is the practice of individuals coming together to express views and take action. By bringing history into discussions about contemporary issues, we can better understand the origins of and multiple perspectives on the challenges facing our communities and nation. This can clarify misperceptions, reveal complexities, temper volatile viewpoints, open people to new possibilities, and lead to more effective solutions for today's challenges.

Leadership: History inspires local and global leaders. History provides leaders with inspiration and role models for meeting the complex challenges that face our communities, nation, and the world. It may be a parent,

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grandparent or distant ancestor, a local or national hero, or someone famous or someone little known. Their stories reveal how they met the challenges of their day, which can give new leaders the courage and wisdom to confront the challenges of our time.

Legacy: History, saved and preserved, is the foundation for future generations. History is crucial to preserving democracy for the future by explaining our shared past. Through the preservation of authentic and meaningful places, documents, artifacts, images, and stories, we leave a foundation upon which future Americans can build. Without the preservation of our histories, future citizens will have no grounding in what it means to be an American. 🌸

NBA July Meeting

BY BEV HOLIDAY, NBA VICE PRESIDENT



The Newport Business Association (NBA) will be discussing “Workforce Readiness” presented by Gateway Community and Technology College,

Interactive College of Technology and Center for Employment Training at its meeting on Wednesday, July 25, at 8:00 am at the City Building (998 Monmouth Street) in the Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting is free to attend and open to the public. 🌸

Newport High School 2018 Graduation

BY KELLY GRAYSON

Newport High School celebrated its 2018 graduating class on June 2, with 86 seniors receiving diplomas. The graduating class made their entrance into the ceremony as the Newport High School Band performed “Pomp and Circumstances.” Principal Kyle Niederman gave opening remarks welcoming everyone to graduation and introduced special guests.

Caralyne Wallace was named Valedictorian and Andrew Siebler served as Salutatorian. Each offered words of celebration, success, and a bright future to fellow

graduates. Applause and cheers were heard as Assistant Principal Mike Hunter read each graduate’s name as they walked forward to receive their diplomas from Mrs. Ramona Malone, Chair of the Board of Education, Mr. Kelly Middleton, Superintendent, and Newport High School teachers.

The Newport High School Class of 2018 received more than 1.4 million dollars in scholarships over four years. Many of the students will be attending Northern Kentucky University, University of Cincinnati, Western Kentucky University, University of Louisville, Thomas More College, and Berea College. 🌸

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