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**Deadline for submissions is the  
10th of the month.**

**Next Meeting:**

Joint meeting for Gateway and Mansion Hill neighborhoods is 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, at The Sanctuary (Monroe and 6th Streets.)

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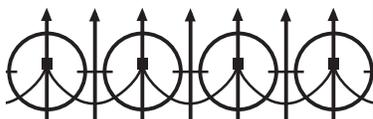
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## Victorian Christmas Tour Dec. 6 and 7

by Brian Malone

The 21st Annual East Row Victorian Christmas Tour will be held this year on Dec. 6/7, from noon – 6 p.m. both days. This year's tour will feature six beautiful homes plus The Carnegie Event Center, St. John's United Church of Christ, and the Robert Burns Lodge #163, F. & A.M.

Tour tickets may be purchased in advance online for \$16 at [www.eastrow.org](http://www.eastrow.org) or on tour days for \$18. The tour will begin at The Carnegie Event Center, 403 Monmouth Street. Children age 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. 🍷

## Christmas Tea

For the sixth year, the popular Victorian Christmas Tea will be held on both days of the Christmas Tour in a beautiful East Row home. (The address for the Tea will be given at the time of on-line ticket purchase.) A traditional savory-sweet English tea will be served, including tea sandwiches, scones (with homemade clotted cream and jam), assorted cakes, tarts and cookies. Seatings will be at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 4 p.m. Advance purchase tickets are \$30 and are available online only at [www.eastrow.org](http://www.eastrow.org). Tickets are very limited so we suggest you purchase early!

NOTE: Tickets for the Victorian Christmas Tour and the Victorian Christmas Tea are separate. 🍷

## Volunteers Needed

The East Row Victorian Christmas Tour and Tea is only one month away and we are still in need of volunteers! It is an exciting event in which to participate, and requires just a few hours of your time.

The volunteer shifts are noon to 3 p.m. and 3 – 6 p.m. There is also an opportunity to volunteer at the Carnegie Center for ticket sales. Anyone who volunteers receives a complimentary voucher to attend the tour.

If you are interested in helping with this great event, please contact Stacey Varley at [denslersm@yahoo.com](mailto:denslersm@yahoo.com) or 859.743.4038. 🍷



# Unbridled Learning: Career and/or College Readiness for All

## NEWPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS RECEIVE DISTINCTION FOR IMPROVEMENT IN TEST SCORES

Submitted by Amy Gillison, Chief Academic Officer – Newport Independent Schools

Kentucky's assessment and accountability system, now called Unbridled Learning: Career and/or College Readiness for All, has been revolutionary for public schools. The current Unbridled Learning model includes two accountability components: Next-Generation Learners and Program Review. Next Generation Learners include student achievement measures in six content areas: college and career readiness; high school graduation rates; a focus on growth of student achievement; and includes measures on closing achievement gaps. Program Reviews is structured to look at how well a school has integrated arts and humanities, practical living and career studies, and writing into the school's programs, curriculum, instruction, and assessment. The accountability model holds all school and districts accountable for improving student performance while focusing on improving the quality of teaching and curriculum.

### NEWPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS 2013-2014 OVERALL ACCOUNTABILITY SCORES & STATE RANKINGS

| Type                 | Level      | OVERALL SCORES |           |                  | STATE RANKINGS |           |                  |
|----------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|-----------|------------------|
|                      |            | 2012-2013      | 2013-2014 | Amount of Change | 2012-2013      | 2013-2014 | Amount of Change |
| Newport Intermediate | Elementary | 44.3           | 57.5      | +13.2            | 706/719        | 656/719   | Up 50 Levels     |
| State Average        |            | 64.2           | 68.7      | +4.5             |                |           |                  |
| Newport Middle       | Middle     | 43.0           | 51.1      | +8.1             | 324/330        | 317/330   | Up 7 Levels      |
| State Average        |            | 62.0           | 66.0      | +4.0             |                |           |                  |
| Newport High         | High       | 55.6           | 61.3      | +5.7             | 231/248        | 232/248   | Down 1 Levels    |
| State Average        |            | 66.8           | 71.3      | +4.5             |                |           |                  |

With the release of scores for the 2013-2014 accountability year, data shows that the Newport Independent School District well-exceeded its Annual Measureable Objective (AMO). In addition, the District was awarded the designation of being named a High Progress District due – in part – to a gain of 9.9 points in the District's overall score. Meeting our current year AMO, student participation and graduation rates, as well as having an improvement score that placed the district in the top ten-percent of improvement within the state, were all determining factors in awarding the District with such a distinction. This year, only seventeen districts – out of a total of 174 school districts – received this designation.

Newport Intermediate School (NIS) also received the distinction of being named a High Progress School for improvement in their school's data. NIS increased their overall school score by 13.2 points this year. There were seventy-four schools – out of Kentucky's 1233 schools – that received this reward distinction in the state.

Improvement was evident across the district with all schools meeting their AMO goals. Even though all of the schools are classified as Needs Improvement, they are also recognized as Progressing. The District is focused on making continued improvements to exit state assistance at Newport High School, removing the Focus School labels at Newport Middle and Newport Intermediate, and removal of the Focus District status.

District data revealed that all schools made significant progress in the areas of achievement, gap, and growth. Within achievement, the schools made significant improvements to decrease the number of students scoring novice while increasing the number of students scoring proficient in the six tested core areas. All of the schools also increased their gap total points, their growth points, and increased their program review scores.

College and Career Readiness (CCR) and graduation rate data were other areas that showed improvement. CCR scores at Newport Middle School increased by three points while Newport High School raised their CCR score five points. The graduation rate at NHS increased over two points this year.

Although great success was evident throughout the District, plans are being developed and revised to see continued progress. Each school is working with their staff to target improvement areas in their school. Through the development and implementation of effective plans and remaining focused on student achievement, our District is striving for continued progress. Across the District, teachers and administrators are working hard to help students succeed, master content standards, and preparing them to reach the goal of being college and career ready. 🦋



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# Fall and Winter Activities

by City Manager Tom Fromme

Fall is upon us with winter not far behind, and the City is busy with preparations. The Public Works Division is currently working on leaf collection throughout the city and will do so as long as weather permits. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays they will be collecting in the East and West Ends. In the South End, collections will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Residents may rake their leaves to the curb for pick-up.



We recently completed work on a new salt shed which is capable of holding 1,000 tons of salt. This should greatly reduce the possibility of running out of supplies during snow emergencies. We recently signed a contract with a supplier to purchase up to 2,000 tons of salt and believe that this will be more than adequate to deal with the type of winter weather that is predicted.

Public Works also treats our salt with beet juice, which gives it a color that resembles sand. Typically, untreated salt will be effective in melting snow to a temperature of 20 degrees Fahrenheit. The addition of beet juice allows the salt to be effective to a temperature of five degrees Fahrenheit.

As we move closer to the new year, we are eagerly looking forward to the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony with Santa at City Hall on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. and the annual East Row Victorian Christmas Home Tour & Tea. We particularly want to thank those residents who have opened their homes and others who volunteer to make the tour a huge success.

Things are happening in Newport!! Thanks for your efforts to continue to make Newport a great place to live, work, shop and play.

# Newport Crime Statistics

The following are the statistics discussed in the East Row Neighborhood meeting on Oct. 7, 2014.

Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky metropolitan population: 2,174,110 (32nd largest in country)

Cad System Entries: A 'CAD' number is a number attached to police activity as assigned by the Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch Center (i.e. vacation checks, area checks, business checks, traffic stops, self-initiated police activity, etc.)

- **Newport Police: 37,624 Cad Entries** (Source: Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch Annual Report for 2013)
- **Disturbance Complaints/Police Calls** for service Newport Police: 7,904 Calls (Source: Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch Annual Report for 2013)
- **Amount of Officers designated for 'Patrol Duties': Newport Police - 41 Sworn Officers 33 Designated for Patrol (\*80.4 percent)**

\*80.4 percent of Newport police officers are designated for 'Patrol Duties' as compared to the 64.2 percent average of the surrounding departments discussed at the meeting. The Patrol Section is the backbone of a police department. Newport Patrol Officers focus on being highly visible as a means for 'crime prevention'.

- **Amount of Arrests/Charges per Officer in August 2014** (Figures are determined as follows: number of arrests/charges divided by number of officers in patrol) Newport Police 21.9 per officer (\*Includes traffic charge statistics) 16.75 Per Officer (\*Not including traffic charge statistics).

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# Tree Planting Day a Huge Success!

by the East Row Tree Revitalize Team

If you've walked around East Row in the last few weeks, likely you've seen the beautiful new trees that were planted on Oct.

11. The planting event, organized by the East Row Tree Revitalize team, brought together a group of more than 80 neighborhood volunteers and local tree professionals who planted 91 new street trees that day. And what a perfect day it was!

The day began with volunteers gathering at St. John's Church. Teams met and enjoyed coffee and breakfast, then watched a tree planting demo given by arborist and Tree Revitalize leader Rachel Comte. After the demo, the teams grabbed their shovels and planting began under sunny skies with pleasant temperatures. Most groups were finished by noon, when they returned to St. John's for a delicious lunch from Newport Pizza Company.

THANK YOU to everyone who made the day a success - the homeowners, the wonderful volunteers, The City of Newport, East Row Garden Club, East Row Historic Foundation, St. John's United Church of Christ, and our sponsors - Bernhard Bakery, Carabello Coffee, Corona Tools, Neary Inspections, Newberry Bros., Newport Pizza Company, and Roy Davis & Audrey Ann Photography. And thanks to those who worked so hard to put this wonderful event together, especially Rachel Comte, Pat Altenau, Tom Comte, Chris Comte, Susan Whitehead, Mike Whitehead, Clare Finney, John Gilliam, Mary Jo Gerwe and Joe Gerwe.

If you haven't already, check out the beautiful new trees and view planting day photos on East Row Garden Club's Facebook page! New tree owners, don't forget to care for your new tree! If you didn't receive instructions on how to do this, let us know via [trees@eastrowgardenclub.org](mailto:trees@eastrowgardenclub.org).

Tree Revitalize is a group of East Row residents who have started an independent program to assess, maintain, and build our urban forest. If you have a question, comment, or want to join the Tree Revitalize Team, contact us at [trees@eastrowgardenclub.org](mailto:trees@eastrowgardenclub.org).



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# Somewhere in Between

A movie to help unravel the mystery of adoption

In profiling Chinese adoptees in contemporary America, Linda Goldstein Knowlton has created a deeply moving documentary illustrating that even the most specific of experiences can be universally relatable. Of the roughly 80,000 girls who have been adopted from China since 1989 - a decade after China implemented its one child policy - the film intimately follows four teens: Haley, Jenna, Ann and Fung. These four wise-beyond-their-years, yet typical teens, reveal a heartbreaking sense of self-awareness as they attempt to answer the uniquely human question "Who Am I?" They meet and bond with other adoptees, some journey back to China to reconnect with the culture and some reach out to the orphaned girls left behind.

This movie will be shown on Nov. 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Newport Public Library. There will be discussion after viewing. Questions? Contact Bob Chastang, state director, American Adoption Congress, at 859.393.3406.

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