

NEWTON WELFARE OFFICE AND FOOD PANTRY

The Welfare Office had a busy year helping families who were struggling financially. The Welfare Office provides education, resources, and direct services. If you find yourself in need, you can call the Welfare Office for a confidential assessment.

The Food pantry is open to all Newton families on a need basis. If you need help, you can contact me at 382-0348. Donations to the Food Pantry are welcome throughout the year.

Thanks to everyone that brought a child a Christmas gift, made cash donations, or brought in food for a holiday meal. Your willingness to give makes a difference to families at Christmas and throughout the year. A special thanks to CBI for their generosity. They were able to make Christmas extra special for a Newton family.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Smith
Welfare Agent

TRANSFER STATION

During this year, we continued using Mello Disposal Co. for our trash disposal company. The change to 50 yard household trash packers has been very successful and continues to reduce our hauling costs even though the volume has increased due to the population growth.

The Pay per Bulk program raised over \$85,000 to be used toward future site closing costs and for recycling programs. The Transfer Station has an indefinite extension on its final capping and closing requirements due to proper operation guidelines and good groundwater testing results.

Although our recycling program is voluntary, this year Newton residents continued to increase their recycled materials. Note the following volume of the recycled items:

Electronics (tvs, monitors, etc)	18.03 tons	Waste oil	2,000 gallons
Refrigerators & Ac	over 270	Propane tanks	over 200
Glass	18 tons	Plastic & tin cans	7 tons
Tires	837	Scrap metal	155 tons
Mixed paper	50 tons	Cardboard	40 tons

This comes to a Recycling Program of over 300 tons of materials, of which many items were sold for revenue.

The new location of the “Burn Pile”, in the rear of the Station, has been a very positive move with most of the smoke now going into the woods.

Our present hours are Tuesday and Thursday noon to 7 PM, and Saturday 8 AM to 5 PM with occasional posted holiday variances. We continue to add new programs and look for recommendations from the residents, which can be made through the Selectmen’s Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Clark
Transfer Station Manager

RECREATION COMMISION

The Newton Recreation Commission is made up of volunteers appointed by the Selectmen. The Commission is responsible for providing Recreation programs for the town as well as maintaining Newton's Recreation areas. The Commission includes 7 members including one Selectmen Ex Officio representative. The Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the back of town Hall, meetings start at 8:00 PM. All meetings are open to the public.

The Recreation Commission had two significant changes in 2005 regarding our spring/summer programs. The tennis program added a highly qualified teaching professional to run a daytime tennis program that was added to our PM adult and Jr. programs. Under the guidance of our Tennis Director, Rick Bailey, we entered two junior tennis teams in the New Hampshire USA Jr. Tennis league. The expanded tennis program offered lessons for all ability levels for kids and adults. Look for new programs to be available in 2006.

The summer swim program and town beach management was directed by Newton resident Jon Holden. Jon did an outstanding job of stepping in to run the Newton swim program as well as manage the town beach. We are very excited to have Jon run the Newton swim program. Jon came up through the Newton swim program and has knowledge and experience regarding running the Newton swim program. Special thanks to Selectman Gary Nelson and Police Chief Streeter to supply our town beach lifeguards with communication equipment.

We are thankful to the Newton Girl Scouts and leaders Lisa Babcock and Yvette Nicol who organized and ran our 1st Easter egg hunt at Memorial School. We also would like to thank the Newton Boy Scouts and Scoutmaster Paul Taylor for running the town Halloween party. Newton Boy Scout troop 91 has run this event for 14 years.

Very special thanks to our longtime Commission member Janice Amero for organizing the Memorial Day parade and events. Janice works with local veteran groups and Collaborates with the town of Kingston to make this event possible for Newton. Weeks of hard work and communication are required to ensure Newton honors those who gave for our freedom.

This year our Newton Family Fall fair was held in conjunction with a walk for Allie. We would like to thank Newton resident Catty Surret for working with us to join our events. Recreation members Nancy Slombo and Deb Stewart coordinated all the events for this years successful Fair.

We are pleased to have a new secretary Lisa Babcock, join our team. Lisa has done a great job in keeping our team organized and on track.

The Recreation Commission will continue to work to add new programs and improve our existing programs. Please help us in 2006 with your input. Our future plans include, upgrading Greenie Park, expanding Town Recreation areas and facilities to keep pace with the increase in town population and demand for Recreation areas.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Bailey, Chairman