



ENGAGE NEWPORT NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Engage Newport newsletter; it is part of our continuing effort to reach residents to communicate important city projects and news. We will be sending this newsletter on a quarterly schedule in the city water bill mailing. This enables us to get the news into your home at no additional postage cost. If you have a suggestion for a section or article you would like to see, send us an email at: engagenewport@cityofnewport.com



Edward King House to Celebrate Annual Senior Week

The Edward King House Senior Center will host its Annual Senior Week from Monday, July 20 to Sunday, July 27. Events will include lectures, a memorial tea, a free concert and an ice cream social, old-fashioned field day, day trips and much more. The historic building in Aquidneck Park that houses the senior center will be open for free tours during an open house and lectures will be given on its history. A schedule of events will be posted to the King House site at www.edwardkinghouse.org with hard copy calendars found at public venues throughout Newport.



Newport Clean City Bulky Item Pickup Program

Curbside collection has changed! Bulky items once collected curbside now need a pre-paid Bulky Waste Sticker to be affixed to the item and an appointment made to be eligible for curbside collection. A "Bulky Item" is any item that does not fit in your cart. For items that cannot be donated or recycled, you may use the Bulky Waste Item Pickup Program:

- Step 1:** Purchase Bulky Waste stickers at the Collections Office in City Hall, 43 Broadway, Newport, RI. Stickers come in \$15 increments and are payable by cash or check. *(item cost can vary)*
- Step 2:** Call Waste Management at (401)847-0230 to schedule an appointment for pick-up.
- Step 3:** Affix stickers to your item(s) and place them on the curb outside your address on the scheduled collection day before 6:30am.

Note – Collections take place on the first and third Thursdays of the month

CAMPS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS:

The Newport Recreation Department offers a variety of Summer Camps and Youth Programs for grades K-10. You may register for the Playground Program and the Extreme Teen Club on a daily or weekly basis. Please be advised that you must register for a minimum of two days. All registrations **MUST** be confirmed in advance!! All payments must be made at the Recreation office at least one week in advance. All camps are staffed with leaders certified in CPR and first aid. Maximum camper to staff ratio is 10:1. Extended hours are available until 5:30. A variety of specialty camps are also offered. *See reverse side for programs.* Visit cityofnewport.com/departments/recreation/recreation-activities for details and registration information.





COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: NEWPORT PARTNERSHIP FOR FAMILIES

The Newport Partnership for Families is about people working together to promote the health and well-being of everyone in Newport County. The Partnership serves residents, the social service community, and social change-makers. It is a collaborative comprised of 37 member organizations, which include social service agencies, businesses, and community entities. The member organizations vary in size with both small social service providers as well as large businesses. To see a full list of partner organizations visit their new website at newportpartnership.org to learn about how the Partnership is tackling big challenges in Newport County.



Ash Tree Treatment -- A Smart Investment

Since it was discovered in Michigan in 2002, the invasive Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle has had a devastating effect on the ash tree population across the eastern United States. The Asian beetle has spread to 21 states, killing tens of millions of ash trees, and has recently been found in neighboring communities in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Once noticeable symptoms of EAB infestation become apparent in an ash tree, even the healthiest of trees cannot be saved. However, if action is taken before infestation occurs, ash trees can be successfully protected against the pest, and the prohibitive cost of removing and replacing a dead ash tree can be avoided altogether. The treatment currently proven most effective is a trunk injection of emamectin benzoate, a safe pesticide inoculation which will not leak into the soil or endanger bees. Costing approximately \$150 to \$200 per tree, treatment is typically guaranteed effective for two years with the latest studies suggesting effectiveness lasting three to four years.

A generous grant from the Helen Walker Raleigh Tree Care Trust has enabled the City of Newport to treat and save all of its public ash trees, so important to the health and beauty of our town. Over a hundred public ash trees are currently found along Newport streets and in parks and other public areas, many in prominent locations such as Americas Cup Avenue. (Visit newportarboretum.org to view a map of all of Newport's public trees.)

As a significant portion of our city's ash trees are located on private property, the Newport Tree Society is launching a campaign to identify privately-owned trees and inform property owners of the options available to save their trees. Pre-emptive inoculation can help avoid tree removal costs ranging from \$750 to \$1200 per tree -- a smart investment.

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Playground Program: Offered for children entering grades K-4 in the fall of 2015. The program runs from June 29 through Aug. 21, 8:00 am -3:00 pm and meets at Vernon Park. In the event of rain, the program meets at The Hut. Campers participate in a variety of games and activities during the week, as well as weekly off-island field trips. A bag lunch is also included!

Extreme Teen Club: For boys and girls entering grades 5-8 in the fall of 2015.

Provides middle school aged students a place to congregate and participate in a supervised environment. The Extreme Teen Club meets at The Hut from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm and is offered in weekly sessions beginning June 29 and ending Aug. 21. Weekly off-island field trips are included in the weekly fee, as is a bag lunch!

C.I.T. LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: The CIT (Counselor in Training) program is designed to prepare participants as a future camp

counselor. Participants will develop leadership skills, learn team building and communication skills, as well as the confidence needed to work with peers and children. The CIT will be integrated into the camp program in order to get hands on experience and shadow veteran staff members. Open to boys and girls entering grades 9 & 10 in the fall. The program runs from July 13-Aug. 21 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only from 10:00 am-3:00 pm (Fridays – 8:00 am-3:00 pm). Open to Newport residents ONLY!