

# Courtesy News

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## LOCAL MEETINGS

- Town Council meets the 2nd Thursday at 6:00pm.
- Planning Board meets the 3rd Monday at 5:30pm
- Recreation Advisory Commission meets the 3rd Thursday at 5:30pm
- Each of these meetings takes place in the Newport Town Hall

## TOWN COUNCIL MAKES MAJOR PURCHASES

**July 10, 2014-** During the regular meeting of the Newport Town Council, the Council voted unanimously on two very important issues.

The first item discussed was the purchase of over 750 radio read meters. This purchase will finish a meter change out program that began over 4 years ago. The meters will be ordered very soon and installation will begin in early September. The process should be completed by January 2015. Three crews of two men each will begin at the East end of Town and work their way to the West

side where the last 350 meters will be installed. As our water customer, you should not experience any significant interruption of service, but if you do, please report to it to the Town Hall.

The second significant approved purchase was a 2014 Chevrolet Wheeled Coach ambulance. This purchase was made in conjunction with a purchase made by Pine Knoll Shores. The cost for the new vehicle is \$163,420. The Town will borrow roughly \$93,000; use \$35,200 from the Fire Fund balance and the Carteret County Fire Reserve

Fund will cover the balance of \$15,300. The operation of a second ambulance will mean a reduction in calls that were handled by mutual aid departments. By answering these calls, we will see the revenue staying in Newport. Chief Bergamini noted the Towns' busiest calls times are from 7 AM to 7 PM. He has staffed the Fire Department with additional employees to cover this time frame.

The Fire Department also recognized the recent accomplishments of Jessica Lindquist and Gary York for Paramedic Degrees.

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## WERE YOU PREPARED FOR ARTHUR?

Hurricane season began on June 1st. Were you caught off-guard by Hurricane Arthur? There are several websites where you can search for information on hurricane preparedness beginning with [www.ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes).

There are also some fun resources for [children](#) here. Carteret Count also has a [notify me](#) tab where you can subscribe to any number of notification alerts. One other way to stay informed is to sign up for [Code Red](#) alerts. You can do this by using the link or

accessing the Carteret County website. [NOAA](#) also has some useful information, including hurricane tracking charts on line. Visit these sites to become more aware and prepared for this 2014 Hurricane season.

**NEWPORT'S NEWS**

**Did you know?**

Newport Community Garden recently donated 85 pounds of fresh produce to Matthew 25 food bank. For more information or to volunteer please call (252) 422-2900. The garden is located on West Railroad Blvd. next to the water treatment plant. Newport Police Depart-

ment uses "[Twitter](#)", use this link to sign up and begin following your NPD. Pickin' N Grinnin' meets every Friday night at 6:30 PM at the Newport Community Park Pavilion. String instruments are welcome. Come join the fun! The Town's mulch pile has been relocated. It is now

under the water tower located on Verdun Street. Please, help yourself to the pile, your plants will appreciate it. Newport Public Works has been busy. Your Town Hall has been freshly landscaped. You may notice the addition of rose bushes there and at the Library. Take time to smell them.



**Town Hall and Library recently beautified with rose bushes**

**NEWPORT 14 / 15 BUDGET SET**

*Tax rate to remain the same; water and sewer rates see increase*

The Town's budget for fiscal year 14/15 was passed in June and the property tax rate will remain unchanged at .357. New water and sewer rates went into effect on July 1st, but you won't see any change until your utility bill arrives in late Au-

gust. The new base rate for in town customers is \$35.00. This rate includes 1,000 gallons of water & sewer. The rate per 1,000 gallons over 1,001 to 3,000 gallons is \$9.00 per. The rate for 3,001 to 6,000 is \$14.00/1,000 and 6,001 to 10,000 will be \$18.00/1,000.

You may come by the Town Hall to get a flyer explaining the new water & sewer rates. August 1st the Water department will begin accepting credit/debit card payments for your convenience. There will be a nominal fee of \$2.99 per transaction.

**WORTH MENTIONING**

The following Holidays will be observed by the Town of Newport Offices:  
Sept. 1-Labor Day  
Want to receive the Courtesy News? Please send your email request to [courtesynews13@townofnewport.com](mailto:courtesynews13@townofnewport.com)

August curbside recycling days are the 8th and 22nd. Yard debris pick up days are August 6th and 20th. The Newport Recreation Advisory Commission is considering adding addi-

tional seats to it's membership. If interested in serving in this capacity, please take the time to file your Application with the Town Clerk.



**Celebrating 150 years in 2016**