

Newport Named One of the Fifty Best Cities for Entrepreneurs

Touted as a hotbed for startups, Newport was recently recognized as one of fifty best cities for entrepreneurs! Over the summer, Entrepreneur Magazine partnered with the website Livability.com to rank the best small and midsize cities to launch and operate a business. Securing a spot at number twenty-nine out of fifty, Newport made the cut due to the 125 Small Business Administration (SBA) loans and more than \$13 million granted to our small businesses in the past five years.



Ranking was developed based on data including the number of businesses and employees between 2011 to 2015; unemployment rates; number of VC deals in the past 10 years; business tax rate; value of SBA and 7(a) living; commute time; accessibility of high-speed broadband; projected household income and population increase from now to 2020; "leakage and surplus," which charts whether people spend their money outside a city on goods and services rather than in it; the growth of good jobs and high-income positions; and Livability's own LivScore rating of overall quality of life. Congrats and welcome to those who've made their business and life in our City by the Sea!



Looking for a convenient and easy way to recycle before this holiday season? The City of Newport's Clean City Program will be hosting a Fall Recycling Day for 'harder to recycle' items on Saturday, October 29 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. rain or shine in Easton's Beach east parking lot, 175 Memorial Blvd., Newport. This event will accept the following items for recycling:

- Paper shredding
- Scrap metal
- Rigid plastics
- Clothing and useable household items
- Books
- Cooking oil
- Cardboard
- Bicycles

Please visit <http://engagenewport.com/clean-city> under the events tab for a detailed list of items accepted and restrictions.

Another portion of the event is open to Newport Residents ONLY – Bulky Waste Amnesty Day – to dispose of TWO Bulky items per household MAXIMUM (there is a six item max for homeowners who own multiple homes.) Acceptable mattresses and box springs will also be recycled from Newport Residents only. ONLY mattresses and box springs that are clean, dry and absent of any living organisms will be accepted (there is a 4 item limit). Residents must call in advance to make an appointment and they must bring proof of residency the day of the event.

Please call (401) 845-5617 or email cleancity@cityofnewport.com. Appointments will be accepted until close of business on October 26, 2016. There will be no entry until 8 a.m. and gates will promptly close at 12 p.m. This event will NOT accept hazardous waste, electronics, Freon containing items (ACs and refrigerators) plastic bags and Styrofoam.

Thank you for keeping Newport Clean and Green!



Newport Recreation Department Hosts the Creepy Carousel

On Sunday, October 30th the Newport Recreation Department will be hosting the Creepy Carousel. The Creepy Carousel event is not scary and is suitable for children of all ages. Participants will make several crafts, decorate a cookie, receive a goody bag and ride the carousel. Any child wearing a costume will also receive a second free ride on the carousel. The cost is \$5 per child and tickets can be purchased at the door.

The event will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Easton's Beach Rotunda Ballroom and Carousel. For more information please contact the Recreation Department at (401) 845-5800.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Baby Steps Newport

Baby Steps Newport is a program of the East Bay Community Action Program.

The Baby Steps mission is to actively engage parents and caregivers with

birth to 36 month old children in activities that model effective parenting and learning strategies in a supportive community. September through May monthly Education Programs bring parents and their children together for an interactive Saturday morning of crafts, music, reading and speakers addressing parenting and educational topics.

The educational component follows three independently developed curricula organized around the parent as teacher, child developing as an independent learner and the Rhode Island Early Learning Standards. The three curricula are centered on: approaches to learning, social and emotional development, language development and communication. The literacy program is led and created by the Newport Public Library.

In addition to the educational components of the Saturday Programs, participants are provided breakfast and have access to baby supplies, gift cards and gently used clothing and toys. In support of in home teaching each family has access to the book donation program (new and gently used books) and they are encouraged to leave with as many books as they wish. Transportation to the Saturday sessions is provided in cooperation with the Boys & Girls Club of Newport County.

To learn more about Baby Steps Newport go to:

<http://www.ebcap.org/Services/BabyStepsNewport/BabyStepsNewportAboutandMission/tabid/731/Default.aspx>



Now I'm a Registered Voter... What's Next?

As a public service Alliance for a Livable Newport will again this year host local public forums where candidates for City Council and School Committee will answer tough questions concerning issues they will face if elected to public office. Audiences will watch as candidates respond to questions they have not seen prior to the forums.

These candidate forums, moderated by officers of the Rhode Island League of Women Voters, are designed to help voters make informed decisions about which candidates they will support in the November election.

If you can't attend, the forums will be videotaped and the tapes will be available for viewing on Public Access TV and on the ALN website, <http://newportalliance.org/videos>

Be a confident, savvy voter! There are a number of new names on the candidate lists. We hope our questions and their answers will be an important addition to the information you need about local elections to make informed choices.

The last public forum will be held Tuesday, October 18 at Newport School Committee Candidates, 6 p.m. at the Pell School Cafetorium 35 Dexter St, Newport, RI 02840, First Floor.

To find out more information on the 2016 City Council and Newport School Board Elections, go to:

<http://newportalliance.org>



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