



What is a “Snow Parking Ban”?

City snow plowing operations are in effect for snowfalls of approximately two (2) inches or more. Higher total snow accumulations and/or severe weather conditions may lead city officials to call for a parking ban on certain streets. All parking of automobiles on these streets is banned for limited periods to facilitate road treatments and the removal of snow. The number of streets included in the parking ban ordinance was increased earlier this year to 24. The streets included in the ordinance are:

Annandale Road, Bellevue Avenue: (Kay Street to Bowery St), Bedlow Avenue, Bliss Road, Broadway, Coggeshall Avenue, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, East Bowery Street, Farewell Street, Friendship Street, Gibbs Avenue, Gould Street, Kay Street, Powell Avenue, Spring Street, Summer Street, Thames Street, Third Street, Warner Street, Washington Street, Washington Square, West Narragansett Avenue, William Street, and Van Zandt Avenue, from J.T. Connell Memorial Road East to Malbone Road.

Motor vehicles parked on a named street one-half hour after the public ban has been announced may be towed to a place of storage at the owner’s expense. Residents are urged to plan for where they will park if a ban is announced and to keep up with state, local and social media about any enacted bans. Residents can also check for any bans as posted on the city web site and sign up for Code Red alerts to be advised of any parking bans at www.cityofnewport.com. Residents can utilize the parking lots at the Gateway Center, Mary Street and Easton’s Beach free of charge during parking bans.

Thompson Middle School Holiday Card Winner



This year’s winner of the 9th Annual Newport Holiday Card Contest was Cristina Burns, an eighth-grade student at Thompson Middle School. Cristina’s award-winning design portrays a stunning view of the Pell Bridge decorated for the holidays. Councilor Lynn Ceglie presented the award at the Thompson Middle School music concert on December 13th. Congratulations to Cristina and to all the students who participated!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT Seamen’s Church Institute

The Seamen’s Church Institute is an organization dedicated to providing a variety of services to those associated with the sea since 1919. Seamen’s offers The Aloha Cafe, Crow’s Nest lodging, maritime library, frescoed chapel, a maritime exhibit space, garden, public restrooms and showers, and wifi access. Whether rich or poor, local resident or world traveler, each person is welcomed. Seamen’s is known for its strong presence in the maritime and local community by providing services through their Community Meals, Lodging and Basic Needs Programs. Seamen’s is open 7:00am-4:00pm, 365 days a year. In the winter, SCI is open for half days on Sundays, 7am-noon. This winter, as the temperatures drop, Seamen’s is committed to staying open as the only overnight emergency warming center in Newport. However, they are only able to do this with the help of dedicated and compassionate volunteers. To find out how to volunteer at Seamen’s and to learn more about this great historical institution, go to: seamensnewport.org





Holiday Recycling Tips for the 2016-2017 Season

It's the holiday season again! The time when we collectively create more throw away material than at any other time of the year...Just because we create it, doesn't mean we have to throw it away...With Newport's curbside collection program, recycling drop off program and other recycling resources, you can make the holiday season the season of reuse and recycling! You can reuse or recycle gift boxes and recycle wrapping paper; cards; junk mail; magazines; catalogs; plastic, glass and metal containers; and more!

- Got bulky cardboard from presents? You can bring your flattened cardboard to The Newport City yard and recycle it in the "cardboard only" dumpster M-F 8:30am-4:30pm, no appointment necessary.
- Have a little extra holiday trash that can't be composted or recycled? There are over ½ dozen local retailers who offer Newport specific overflow trash bags to supplement your trash cart if needed.
- There are many organizations in Newport and the surrounding communities that need your gently used items to help the people they serve. These include the Salvation Army, Goodwill and the local donation centers in Middletown for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State at 1341 West Main Road and Planet Aid at 7 West Main Road.
- If you send holiday cards, buy recycled-content cards and envelopes. Better yet, make your own cards or gift tags out of last year's cards and the wrapping paper you saved!
- Use reusable shopping bags. This will reduce the number of plastic bags that get trashed and minimize the amount of petroleum used to make them. If you receive plastic bags, remember to recycle the clean ones at your local grocery store.
- Remove your name from the mailing list of any catalog you no longer wish to receive. Eliminate unwanted offers by calling 1-888- 5OptOut (1-888- 567-8688).
- If you use traditional gift wrapping, avoid wrapping gifts in materials that are not recyclable or reusable, such as foil or metallic papers.
- One light bulb out on that entire string of lights? All you need is one replacement bulb and that string is good to go for another season.

If you are not planning to compost your holiday tree in your back yard, don't forget to place it out for curbside collection the week of January 9th along with regular yard debris so it can be mulched and composted. For the full 2017 Yard Waste and Holiday calendar, go to:

<http://cityofnewport.com/departments/public-services/clean-city>

City Hall Holiday Tree

The Broadway corridor is alive with lights this holiday season. Outside City Hall at 43 Broadway stands a magnificent Fraser fir tree, lit utilizing energy efficient LED lights, further adding to the glow. The last time a tree was installed at City Hall was in 2000! This year, the Aquidneck Land Trust (ALT) offered to assist the City with obtaining a donated holiday tree from Spruce Acres Farms. ALT is currently seeking funding to save Spruce Acres for future generations. Visit www.ait.org for more information. Steve Casey, of Casey Tree Specialists donated the crane service to lift the tree at the farm and again to place it at City Hall. City Staff secured the tree and installed the lights. The tree will remain on display until the end of the Christmas in Newport season. Come downtown and be part of the holiday happenings!



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