



# ENGAGE NEWPORT NEWSLETTER

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**W**elcome 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](mailto:engagenewport@cityofnewport.com)



## Edward King House offers Free Tax Prep Services

The Edward King House will be hosting FREE individualized Tax Preparation sessions offered to low and moderate income taxpayers, especially those 60 or older. This service is being offered by the AARP Foundation Tax Aide program. The help is free, individualized and with no strings attached. Contact the King House at (401) 846-7426 to get information on what you need to bring.

The sessions are offered on Mondays from 9am to 12pm February 2nd to April 13th.

No appointments necessary. Walk-ins welcome!



## City Presents Innovation Hub and Accelerator at Washington D.C. Innovation Summit

**F**rom February 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> the City of Newport recently presented at the preeminent energy innovation summit, the Department of Energy's ARPA-E Innovation Summit (Advanced Research Projects Agency for Energy) in Washington DC. Projects and breakthrough technologies were exhibited to influential government, military and private sector leaders. Newport presented the Innovation Hub and Technology Business Incubator & Accelerator and with these projects highlighted our goals of entrepreneurship, technological innovation and job creation. The City presentation occurred during ARPA-E's "State & Global Network" Technology Showcase and Reception. Newport was one of the few municipalities invited to present. The event had over 2,000 attendees, 16 government agencies, 45 states and 20 countries.

## 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program

The 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) proposed planning document, which provides a realistic and predictable projection for the cost of providing facilities and equipment to meet service needs, has been released. Capital improvements include facilities, infrastructure, major equipment replacement, land purchase or large asset acquisition. A PDF of the CIP is at : [cityofnewport.com/departments/finance](http://cityofnewport.com/departments/finance) or at [engagenewport.com](http://engagenewport.com) where you can take a survey to prioritize the proposed projects for the next five fiscal years.





## Employees Honored

In January the City of Newport recognized those employees who have reached milestone years in their career. This recognition breakfast has been hosted by the City for the past 18 years. During the breakfast the 2014 Employee of the Year was also announced -- Lieutenant Robert L. Dufault of the Newport Fire Department. Photos of all award recipients are on the bulletin board outside City Hall and shared on [www.engagenewport.com](http://www.engagenewport.com)



## 2015 Spring Tree Planting Program Takes Bloom

While it's cold and dreary now, the sun will soon shine a little brighter and spring tree planting will begin. To get your home and garden ready, you can reserve your tree for the City's spring 2015 tree planting program.

Urban forests are essential to a city's wellbeing; from purifying the air we breathe to reducing water runoff and flooding on your property, the tree planting program is beneficial for all citizens. The New York Times reports that homes with street trees sold for \$7,130 more, on average, than homes without trees. Residents in neighborhoods that lack significant tree cover can improve home values and quality of life by participating in the city tree planting program. On streets blessed with a canopy of trees, we are losing many to old age and it is time to begin replanting.

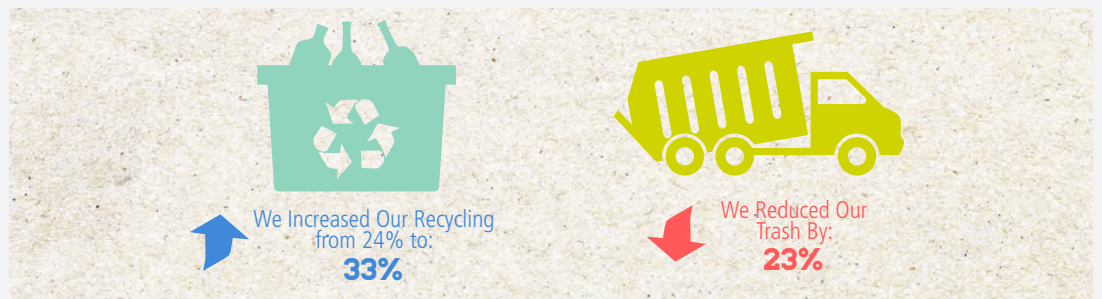
For the wholesale cost of \$70 and 11 varieties to select from, the City of Newport will provide and install a 1' 3/4" diameter bare root trees (approximately 8 -12' tall) or a 1' 1/4" balled tree for residents. Trees may be planted in the public roadside or setback up to 20' onto private property.

Applications are available at the Public Services Department office at 280 Spring St. and online at: [cityofnewport.com](http://cityofnewport.com). To request a mailed application or to have questions answered, contact Carol Bowman at (401) 845-5804 or by e-mail at [cbowman@cityofnewport.com](mailto:cbowman@cityofnewport.com). Pictures of each tree can be viewed online at [engagenewport.com/projects/springtree/spring-tree-gallery](http://engagenewport.com/projects/springtree/spring-tree-gallery). Click on the tree pictures for links with additional tree information.



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### Savings by the Numbers\*

We increased our recycling rate from 24% to 33%. We reduced our trash by 23%. 1,147 tons of trash in Nov. - Dec. 2013 vs. 884 tons of trash in Nov.-Dec. 2014. \*Based on information from the first two months of Trash & Recycling Cart Collection System (Nov 3-Dec 31, 2014).



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