



Featured from left to right are Monty Burnham, Scott Wheeler and Jocelyn Sherman

Wheeler Receives Laurel Award

Best known as the Department of Public Services Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, Scott Wheeler is also Newport's Tree Warden and this year's recipient of the 2017 Preservation Society of Newport County's Laurel Award for Horticulture. With 20 years of dedication to the City's arboretum, Wheeler is responsible for the maintenance of 35 parks, 8 historic cemeteries, the iconic Cliff Walk, 18 tennis courts, 12 baseball and softball fields, 3 soccer fields, and a skate park. Wheeler has also assisted Newport in obtaining recognition as the second "Tree City USA" in the State of Rhode Island.

Hi, Newport!

The 2015 "Newport Waves!" campaign reminded locals and visitors to stop, look, and wave in order to protect our bikers and pedestrians. Thanks to its popularity, the campaign was relaunched on July 26, 2017. Mayor Harry Winthrop explained, "We want everyone on our roads to behave safely, with this campaign, we can help that happen- with a wave and a smile. Folks can look up, signal 'I see you', and proceed when it's safe to do so. Do the wave and we'll all be that much safer." Anyone can access downloads at www.NewportWaves.org for assorted print materials. For more information, email info@newportwaves.org.



Community Spotlight: The Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission

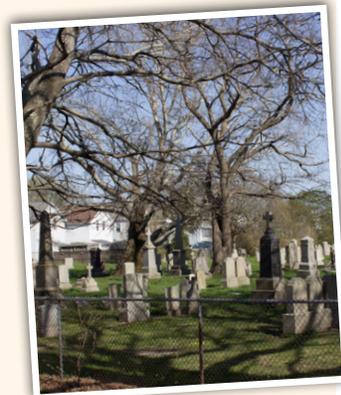
Newport's historic cemeteries contain slate gravestones that were carved as far back as the 1600s and are artifacts and pieces of American folk art. The stones also reflect the artistry, society, and history of colonial New England. Many of these stones were created in the John Stevens Shop on Thames Street, which has been in operation since 1705.

The Department of Public Services' Buildings and Grounds Division maintains the City owned sites: Braman Cemetery, Clifton Burial Ground/Golden Hill, Coddington/Governors Burial Ground, Common Burial Ground, John Clarke Burial Ground, Judge Anthony Wilbur Lot, and North Common Burial Ground. The Coggeshall Burial Ground is owned by the City and maintained by the Preservation Society of Newport County.

The seven-member Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission, re-established in 2016, assists the City in its efforts to preserve, protect and promote Newport's historic burial grounds. Since 2016, the Commission has selected stones for work by the gravestone conservator hired by the City; created a policy governing the restoration of any gravestone in an historic burial ground; and procured funding and guided the restoration of the Duchess and Violet Quamino stones located in the Colonial African Cemetery, God's Little Acre. The Commission also created a self-guided walking tour of the Common Burial Ground. Maps of stone sites are available at both the Farewell Street and Warner Street entrances.

Current work includes initiating a fundraising campaign to restore the sign that marks God's Little Acre; providing assistance to members of the public looking for gravesites of departed family members; and advising organizations regarding the restoration of stones in the Common Burial Ground.

Meetings of the Commission (second Wednesday of the month) are open to the public. Additional information about the Commission may be found on the City's website cityofnewport.com/departments/public-services/buildings-and-grounds or by emailing the Commission directly at nphistoricalcemeteries@gmail.com.



Government 101: Newport Fire Department

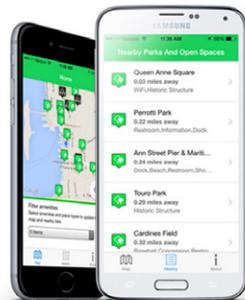
The mission of the Newport Fire Department (NFD) is to preserve lives and property. While fighting fires and providing emergency services is foremost, the NFD also contributes to other city-wide efforts. Here are a few of their additional efforts within the past year:

- 14 Community CPR classes were conducted with the certification of 112 members of our public in both CPR and in First Aid.
- EMT ride-alongs were provided to 26 EMT students, allowing each to obtain their EMT licenses.
- Community service engagements including assistance to the Boys & Girls Club of Newport in the installation of a new roof on their dining lodge.
- A donation of \$700.00 to benefit local charities during the holiday season with nearly \$500.00 worth of items delivered to the Martin Luther King Center to aid in their annual Thanksgiving Food Basket and Food Pantry Programs.
- Sponsorship of the 2016 Annual Holiday Toy Drive to benefit Child & Family Services resulting in the donation of over 130 gifts.
- Continued repairs and maintenance to all our aging firehouse facilities for safety and aesthetic purposes including painting, carpentry work, plumbing and electrical work.

The NFD is comprised of 95 personnel divided into Administrative, Fire Prevention and Fire Suppression/EMS branches. They provide services to over 24,000 citizens with professionalism, dedication and competence. Thank you NFD for all that you do.

Download the free Newport Parks and Open Spaces app to learn more about facilities and everything that they have to offer!

<http://engagenewport.com/openspace/mobile>



Tip Fee Rebate for Newport Recycling



Congratulations Newport recyclers! Newport reached a recycling rate of 30.51% in the 2017 fiscal year, which means that the City will receive a “tip fee” rebate of \$2 per ton of trash disposed at RIRRC Central Landfill, a total of \$11,972.54. This is the third year that the City has received the tip fee rebate, so let’s keep up the good work by recycling often and recycling right! Your efforts are truly paying off!

Did You Get Your Re•Uses Bag?

The Newport Re•Uses campaign continues with free reusable bags available at the Information Desk at City Hall and at the Newport Aquidneck Growers’ Farmers Market on Memorial Boulevard on Wednesday afternoons. For additional information about the initiative and how to get involved, visit www.newportreuses.com. Help Newport get rid of single use plastic bags!



All the best to you Chief Connerton!



Fire Chief Peter Connerton retired in July after more than 29 years with the Newport Fire Department. The City of Newport, the Department and all Newport residents are the better for the steady leadership he gave to us. Thank you Chief Connerton for your commitment to our community and please accept our best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.



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