

# CITY OF NEWTON WEEKLY REPORT

Week of May 11, 2018

## FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR...



Brandon Pratt and Curt Hopkins from the Lion Development Group attended the May 7th City Council Meeting to announce their intent to construct a market rate, multi-family housing complex on the old Seed Store lot in Downtown Newton. City staff is working through the process of bringing a development agreement to the City Council for their consideration at the June 4th City Council Meeting. The May 21st City Council Agenda will contain a resolution that would set a public hearing for June 4th to amend the North Central Urban Renewal Area Plan and to make a TIF pledge for the project. A consultation with affected taxing entities is scheduled for Friday, May 18th at 11:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Centre for Arts and Artists Canvas and Wine Class on May 11, 2018, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM @ Centre for Arts and Artists
- Thunder Nites in Newton on May 11, 2018, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM @ DMACC Newton Campus - West Parking Lot
- Jasper County Conservation DIY Prairie Series at the Refuge on May 12, 2018, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM @ Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge's Prairie Learning Center
- Newton Community Schools Family Fun Fest on May 12, 2018, 3:00 PM-6:00 PM @ Noble Auto Group
- United Way of Jasper County Treasure Hunt Fundraiser on May 18, 2018, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM @ Westwood Golf Course
- Pedal the Prairie on May 19, 2018, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM @ Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge

Find more events at [www.newtongov.org/communitycalendar](http://www.newtongov.org/communitycalendar)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE NEWTON  
PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

# LIBRARY

## LIBRARY RENOVATION UPDATE

Painting is wrapping up with their second coat and painting trim. New electrical wiring is being run and old wiring removed by Van Maanen this week. Carpet is expected to be delivered by Friday, May 11th. Book Movers will be back next week to begin coordinating moving the stacks back into the library while carpeting is finishing. The Library will be open by June 4th with hopes that we may be able to open a few days sooner. However, when opening the Library will not have its new custom desks just yet. The desks are scheduled to be installed starting on Monday, June 18th and will not require the Library to close. Patrons will get a first-hand look of the installation of the new desks that will be serving them for years to come.

Photos of the construction are being withheld to encourage the community to visit upon our re-opening and see the changes themselves.

## NEWTONIA YEARBOOKS ONLINE

Alumni weekend is fast approaching in Newton and we have just the thing that past Newton graduates will be looking for: Seven decades of Newton High School yearbooks available online! Newtonia yearbooks dating back to 1911 can be viewed on the library website, [www.newtongov.org/818/Digital-Archives](http://www.newtongov.org/818/Digital-Archives). New yearbooks are being added weekly.

## SERVICE OFFERED DURING CLOSURE

While the Library continues to be closed for renovations throughout May, the library office will offer limited services. Library office hours will be Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Our phones are in service and staff are taking calls from the public concerning renewals, card updates, Digital help, and information questions. There will be times that the Library Lobby will have to shut down to the public due to construction and painting within the Lobby.

Story times will be held at the Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa (709 1st Ave W Suite 1, Newton, IA 50208) and the Newton YMCA (1701 S 8th Ave E, Newton, IA 50208) at regularly scheduled times. All other programs will be paused until the building re-opens at the end of May. Ongoing updates will be announced on the Library website and Facebook page.

- Library office open Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- New book requests and inter-library loan
- Hold pickups on new items
- Notary services by appointment
- Public Wi-Fi and daily newspaper in the library lobby

For additional information, please contact the Library at (641) 792.4108.

We may be closed but don't forget we have ebooks and music that you can access from home!

Music: Newton Public Library patrons have the ability to download up to 5 free songs every week with our Freegal music database. This database offers 13.5 million songs and over 40,000 music videos, and all downloads are yours to keep! Go to [www.freegalmusic.com](http://www.freegalmusic.com) to download music today with your library card, or download the Freegal Music app through your app store.

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## STORY WALK AT MAYTAG PARK

On April 21st, Hy-Vee and the Library partnered to bring a Story Walk to Maytag park. A snack was provided by Hy-Vee (bananas and hot chocolate) in the pavilion and families enjoyed the story walk. The story was left up throughout the weekend for families to enjoy.



## SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICK-OFF

**MONDAY, JUNE 4 – 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM**

Summer Reading starts June 4th! Bookworms of all ages are invited to visit the Library and register for the library's Summer Reading program and events. A free hotdog picnic for children will be provided on the lawn, courtesy of Newton Hy-Vee. Musician Dino O'Dell will perform at 5:00 pm. All children who register will receive a plastic book bag and a summer reading book log to keep track of the books they read. This is the first opportunity to register for youth summer reading events. If you are unable to make the kick-off, stop in to the Library any time after during normal business hours to sign up for programs and pick up a book log and bag. More information can be found on our website or on Facebook where all of our upcoming programs/events are listed.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Working with the Enemy: WWII POWs in Iowa*  
**Wednesday, June 6 – 6:00 pm**

As part of a relatively quiet government program, thousands of WWII enemy soldiers were brought to Iowa as prisoners of war. What began as an experiment eventually led to more than 400,000 soldiers interned in the United States, including two camps in the state of Iowa. Professor Chad Timm will discuss the creation of POW camps in Iowa, life in a prisoner of war camp, community relations, the POW labor program, branch camps in more than 30 Iowa communities, and the arrival of Japanese prisoners at Camp Clarinda in early 1945. The story of POW internment in Iowa is a fascinating story of Iowans being confronted by the enemy: an enemy they not only needed to help them meet their wartime goals, but also challenged them to find their humanity. This program is sponsored by Humanities Iowa and is free and open to the public.