

# NEWBURG VILLAGE NEWS

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## Social Committee Planning Neighborhood Picnic

The NVHA Social Committee is currently planning a neighborhood picnic to be held late September or early October. Initial plans include games for kids, music for adults, and plenty of food.



Right now, they need your input. They want to know what activities you'd like to see included (bags tournament, scramble golf tournament, etc.), what type of food you'd prefer (fully catered vs. burgers/hot dogs/brats provided with everyone bringing a dish to pass), and whether drinks should be provided

or if the event should be BYO.

If you have some thoughts on any of these questions or any ideas on how to help make this a successful event, or if you'd like to volunteer to help with the event, please email them to [events@newburgvillage.com](mailto:events@newburgvillage.com). You can also contact Committee Chairperson Debi Ferlita directly at 815-332-4097.

The NVHA Board has agreed to underwrite some of the cost of the event, but the Committee may also ask each family to contribute a small amount to cover the final cost. A lot depends on how the final plans come together. Watch your email for more information coming soon!

## Golf Course Still For Sale

The *For Sale* sign may be gone, but our golf course is still for sale. Purchase negotiations had been progressing with an individual who had a very strong interest in buying the course and who had met with a number of residents regarding his plans for upgrading and improving the course. Unfortunately, those negotiations broke off in late July when they reached a point of disagreement that could not be overcome.

At the present time, the listing with Dickerson-Nieman Realtors has run out, so the sign has been removed. Mr. Streeter plans to continue to try to sell the course on his own.

## Help Needed to Keep Our Streets Clean

We've had a good deal of rain this Summer, and while that may be great for our lawns, it is beginning to cause a couple of problems with our streets.

Grass isn't the only vegetation that loves rain, and weeds have sprouted up along many of our sidewalks and streets. Your help is requested to try to tame this growth not only because it keeps our neighborhood looking beautiful, but – perhaps more importantly – to prevent damage to our streets and sidewalks. Roots grow into cracks, allowing water to penetrate them more easily. During the freeze/thaw cycle we experience in the winter, this leads to cracks becoming potholes, especially along the curb. Our streets probably won't see resurfacing for decades, so please help us keep them as nice as possible by pulling or spraying the weeds on the street and sidewalk near your home.

Second, when it rains, a lot of debris gets washed into our storm sewer grates, sometimes clogging them completely with leaves, sticks, and litter. As we saw during the rains earlier this year, clogged drains can lead to flooded streets. Please check any storm drains in front of your home every few weeks and clean them out if necessary. It also can help if residents would sweep along the curb a couple of times each year to collect the debris before it has a chance to build up and wash into the drains.

Together we can keep our neighborhood looking great and our streets and sidewalks strong and new!

## Doggie Doo .... Don't!

Recently we have received calls from residents complaining about dog owners who are walking their dogs and letting them "do their business" in empty lots, in other people's front yards, and in certain areas of the golf course, and not cleaning up after them. Please be a good neighbor and responsible dog owner and clean up after your dog. Not only is it the respectful and sanitary thing to do, it's the law.



## New Sign Light Installed

By now, everyone should have noticed our new, brighter entrance sign light that was installed in mid-July. This solar-powered light with battery backup is much stronger than what we had before and should allow for better visibility of our entrance sign. Thanks goes out to Steve Burwell for his considerable help in procuring and installing the light.

## Fall Lawn Care Tips

Football season is here but it's not quite time to retire the mower or fertilizer spreader. Fall is an important time to replenish nutrients and prepare for next spring. A premium lawn fertilizer, especially one with a 21-5-10 formula, can supply needed nutrients to stimulate root development, make your grass hardier for the winter months and provide food for next spring's growth. Apply it during September or early October.

This is also the time to apply pre-emergents to control those unseen broadleaf and grassy weed seeds that germinate or form rosettes in turf during the fall. Check herbicide labels before using, and select an appropriate chemical for the weed types and lawn type in your yard. A crabgrass preventer can help control grassy weeds and pesky broadleaf weeds. For our organic gardeners, consider using corn gluten meal as a natural pre-emergent.

And don't retire the lawn mower when the growth of your lawn slows down this fall. As long as the grass continues to grow, it should be mowed. Just begin mowing it shorter as you approach the end of the season.

Early autumn is also the best time of the year for the sowing of grass seed. Grass sown in spring is often killed by hot, dry, summer weather. For more vigorous growth, spread a very thin mulch of clean straw over newly seeded areas. The straw shades delicate seedlings from the hot sun and helps preserve moisture in the soil, yet lets enough light through for germination. By the time cold weather arrives, the grass is fairly well established and ready to grow and thicken early the following spring.

## Lawn Waste Reminder

The Board continues to receive comments about residents storing their lawn recycling bags in front of their garage doors before our regular Tuesday garbage day. Please place bags containing lawn waste/grass clippings by the side of the garage out of public view as best possible until garbage day. This promotes a neat, clean neighborhood appearance and serves to enhance the attractiveness and desirability of the homes in the subdivision. The bags, along with garbage cans and recycling bins, can be placed at the curb up to 24 hours prior to pickup.



## Emergency Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month is sponsored each September by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to increase public awareness of emergency preparedness. If a disaster happens, you might not have time to gather supplies to stay safe during the emergency. You might need to leave your home quickly or you might need to stay in your home for protection. The program urges four

basic steps: get a kit, make a plan, be informed and get involved.

**Get an emergency kit**, including the basics for survival: fresh water, food, clean air, and warmth. You should have enough supplies to survive for at least three days.

**Make an emergency plan** with your family and friends in case you're not together during an emergency. Discuss how you'll contact each other, where you'll meet, and what you'll do in different situations. Be sure, too, to ask about planning at your workplace and your child's school or daycare center.

**Be informed.** Being prepared in an emergency means staying informed. Check all types of media – Web sites, newspapers, radio, TV, mobile and land phones – for global, national and local information. During an emergency, your local Emergency Management or Emergency Services office will give you information on such things as open shelters and evacuation orders.

And finally, **get involved.** Look into taking first aid and emergency response training, participating in community exercises, and volunteering to support local first responders.

More information can be found at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). Preparing your family for a disaster now means you will be ready if a disaster strikes.

## Neighbor Notes

*Neighbor Notes is a place to announce new neighbors, weddings, births, career changes, promotions, and more. If you have something you'd like to announce, email your news to [events@newburgvillage.com](mailto:events@newburgvillage.com). Help keep our neighborhood connected on all the good news in your life!*



Congratulations go out to **John & Jean Lopez**, 7082 Brimmer Way, whose daughter **Kristi** recently presented them with their first grandchild. Jayden Caleb was born July 4.

The following new neighbors have moved into Newburg Village in the last couple months:

- **Chris & Kristie Bellone and children Sam & Nick**, 307 Fairway View

Welcome to the neighborhood!

## NVHA Board Meetings

The NVHA Board meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Christ the Rock Lutheran Church. Meetings are open to the general public and all attendees are welcome. An agenda for each meeting will be posted to our website ([www.newburgvillage.com](http://www.newburgvillage.com)) a few days before each meeting.