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REAL ESTATE

Take a look at the recent listings in Newtown Grant.

Thank you to Debra Granite, Realtor Keller Williams Real Estate.



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ROB'S REVIEW

Drive Carefully – Friendly reminder to please obey the speed limit signs in Newtown Grant which is 25 MPH and Jonquil Drive and fifteen (15) miles per hour on all other streets. All STOP signs at intersections MUST be observed. This is enforced by Newtown Township Police Department.



Game Room & Clubhouse – Starting Tuesday, September 5th Game Room will be available Friday Nights, 4:00pm-8:00pm, Saturdays, 12:00pm-8:00pm and Sundays, 12:00pm-7:00pm. Game Room features a Ping Pong Table, Foosball Table, Billiards Table and Dart Board!

Lending Library – Check out our new Lending Library located in the clubhouse lobby. This is a “leave a book, take a book” library that is available to Newtown residents. Starting Tuesday, September 5th, the library is accessible between the hours of 8:30am-4:30pm Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-8:00pm Fridays, 8:30am – 8:00pm, and from 12:00pm-7:00pm Saturdays and Sundays



Visit Our Website - Visit our Website! - Please visit our website at www.newtowngrant.org for information on the Clubhouse and the Community. You can find info on all the clusters within Newtown Grant. You can also see management contact info for FirstService, CAMCO and Continental Property Management. If you need immediate attention, you can contact our FirstService Customer Care Center at 800-870-0010.



Environmental Review Board (ERB) Reminders for Exterior Home Improvements – As the summer months are in full swing, as a friendly reminder, to please double check with your respective clusters regarding what exterior home improvements require an Environmental Review Board (ERB) to be submitted for board approval prior to scheduling. To view your clusters ERB guidelines, please check out the Newtown Grant website at www.newtowngrant.org, then click on the Master Board & Clusters tab and then your respective cluster. ERB guidelines and forms can be found on the right hand side of the screen. For any questions or additional information, please contact your associated cluster property manager for assistance.

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Anyone observed of having their pet off leash-off their personal property will be subjected to a \$100.00 Newtown Grant Homeowners Association fine and a \$350.00 fine from the Township and State of Pennsylvania.

PICKLEBALL COURT GRAND OPENING!

Newtown Grant Pickleball Courts had its grand opening in August, below are some photos of the opening.



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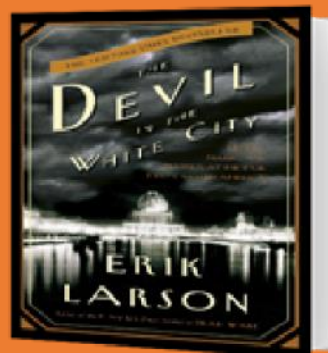
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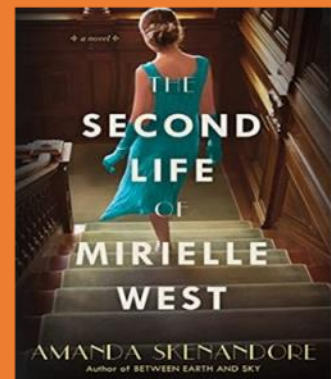
NEWTOWN GRANT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BOOK CLUB

Newtown Grant Homeowners Association Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, September 12th and Tuesday October 10th at 7:30 pm in the clubhouse.

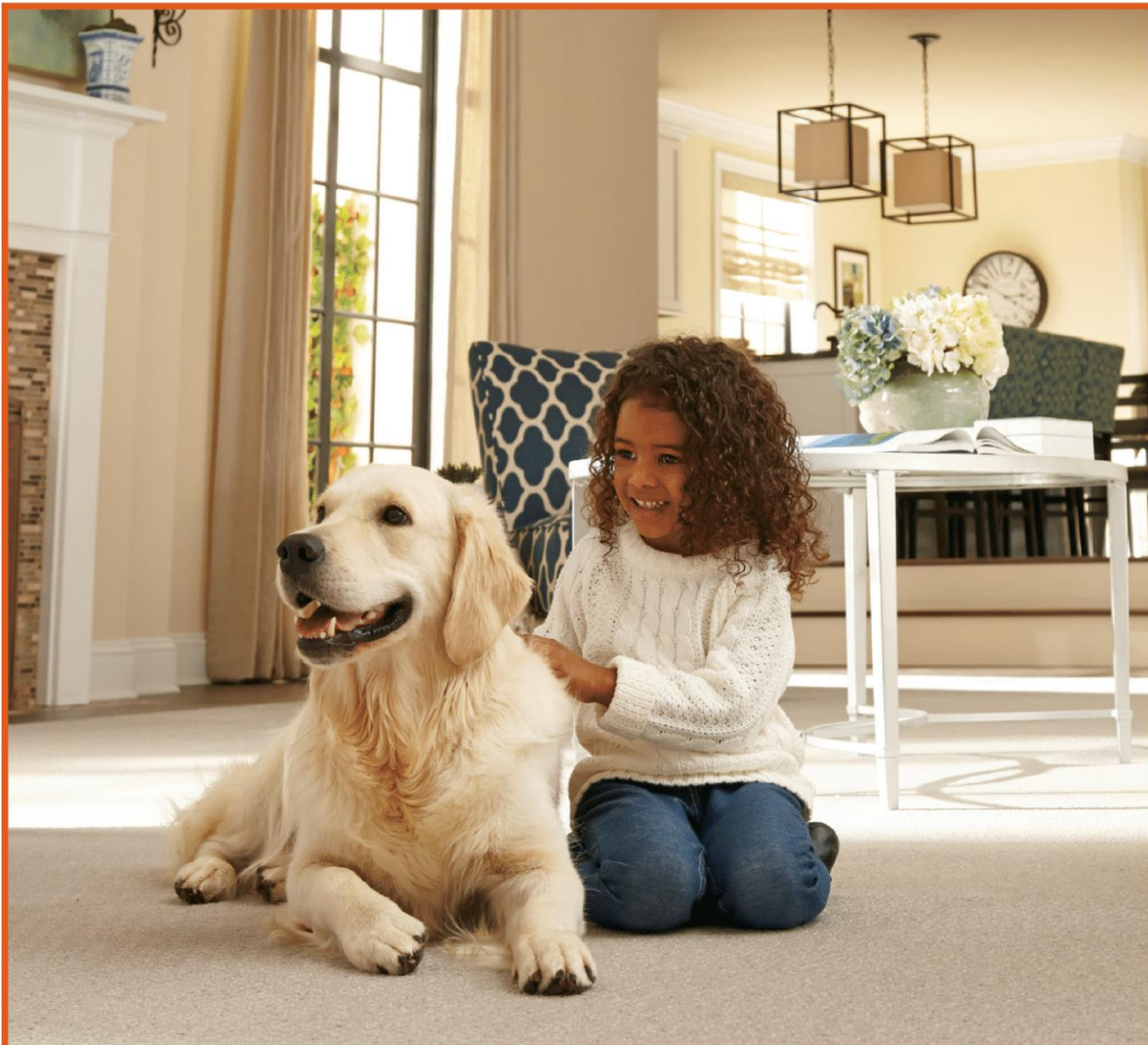
The book that we will be discussing on September 12th is "The Devil in The White City" by Erik Larson.



The book that we will be discussing on October 10th is "The Second Life of Mirielle West" by Amanda Skenandore.



If you are interested in joining our book club, please contact Andrew Bell at Atbell2@gmail.com.



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To obtain a Veteran Discount Card, please visit the Lower Bucks County Government Services Building, Tuesday and/or Thursday at 7321 New Falls Rd in Levittown. Or you may visit the old Courthouse, 55 E Court St. in Doylestown. Doylestown is by appointment. To make an appointment, please call Dan Fraley, Director of Bucks County Veterans Affairs at 215-345-3885.



Veterans General Contact Links:

- www.va.gov
- <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov> Medical Benefits
- <http://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/cost/financialhardship.asp>.
- <http://vetrecs.archives.gov> DD 214
- www.lasp.org Legal Aid of Southeastern PA
- Form SF 180 to obtain Military Medal. VA website or VA office.
- Pennsylvania Dept of Military and Veterans Affairs: www.dmva.pa.gov
 - Philadelphia office – VA Center 215-381-3040 and toll free 866-754-8637
- Bucks County Veterans Affairs, Doylestown, PA:
 - Dan Fraley, Director 215-345-3307 or
 - Betty Carleo, Veterans Asst: 215-345-3885
 - (Bucks County Veterans Bus to VA Medical centers) call Betty 2 week before your appt.
- Levittown Location: Lynn Hanes Veterans Asst. 267-580-3560
- Dental Care: HealthLink Dental Clinic, Southampton, PA
 - 215-364-4247 Call for Income thresholds.
- Career Links of Bucks: 1260 Veterans Hwy,
 - Bristol, PA 215-781-1073
 - Employment opportunities, ask for Veterans Coordinator

NON-SUMMER SEASON CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Starting Tuesday, September 5th. Our non-summer season clubhouse hours are as follows:

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am – 8:00pm

Saturday: 12:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday: 12:00pm – 7:00pm

Game Room will be available Friday Nights 4:00-8:00pm and also on weekends during hours listed above.



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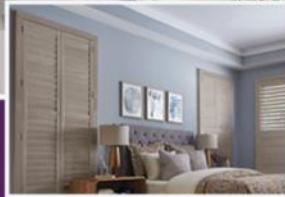
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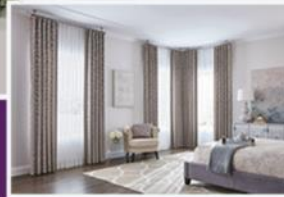
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VACATION HOME CHECKS:

For a number of years The Newtown Township Police Department has provided this service to residents and property owners. While on routine patrol a police officer pays extra attention to your home while you are away. This service can be provided by simply calling the Police Business Office at (215) 579-1000 x398 prior to the departure date and providing the following information:

- Name
- Address of property
- Date you are leaving & when you plan on returning
- Emergency contact information & phone number
- Is the property alarmed?
- Will anyone else be on the property, checking on pets?



In addition to the property check here are some tips to help keep your home secure in your absence:

- Ask a trusted friend to check on the home on a daily basis
- Cancel mail and newspaper deliveries unless you have someone to pick them up on a daily basis to avoid accumulation.
- Use automatic timers for lights both inside and outside the home
- Make sure all doors and windows are secured
- In the summer have someone cut the grass while you are away
- Turn down the ringer on the phone, an unanswered phone will alert someone outside that no one is home



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NEWTOWN GRANT CLUBHOUSE TRASH ENCLOSURE AND ASSOCIATION PET WASTE TRASH CANS

Please be advised that the clubhouse trash cans and the association wide pet waste trash cans are not to be used for the disposal of private household trash. Unfortunately, the association has seen an uptick in the amount of private household trash that are being disposed in these cans.



The pet waste trash cans are smaller gallon cans that are emptied twice a week and when someone disposes a bag(s) of household trash in these cans, these cans begin overflow. Household trash that is generated is the responsibility of that individual household to dispose of with a privately selected trash hauler.

Moving forward, anyone caught illegally disposing household trash in either the clubhouse trash enclosure or the association wide pet waste trash cans will automatically be issued a violation fine of \$350.00

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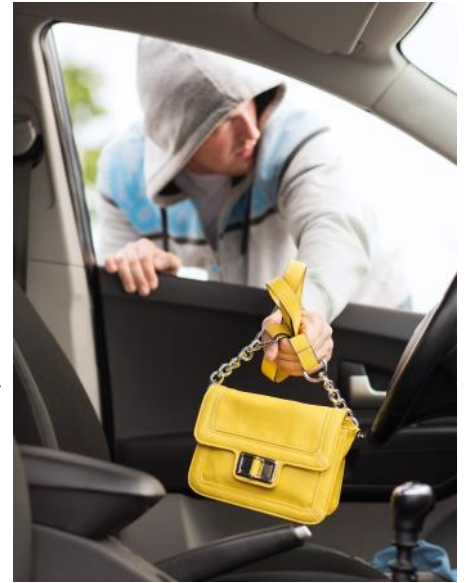


DON'T BE A VICTIM, LOCK YOUR CAR!

Often thefts occur overnight from unlocked vehicles. It can happen in commercial parking lots and residential neighborhoods as well. Offenders look for items that are easily carried and resold. GPS units, cell phones, briefcases, purses, sunglasses, and laptop computers are frequently objects of interest to criminals. Keep in mind that these things are not difficult to pawn or sell.

We urge you to do these simple things that can drastically reduce your chances of becoming a victim: Don't leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicle. Better yet, don't even leave them in the car. Make sure all of the car's windows are shut. Lock your vehicle, even if it is parked in your own driveway.

Lastly, remember to take your keys with you. If you leave your keys in the car, anyone can drive it away.



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ALL PETS (DOGS & CATS) MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES WHILE OFF OWNERS LANDS:

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Dog Park at Core Creek Park:



For those owners/residents who are looking for an off-leash venue for your dog to run at large or roam around without a leash, Core Creek Park which part of the Bucks County Parks and Recreation department has a beautiful dog park. Amenities include benches, landscaped pathways, water fountain, restrooms, convenient parking, waste bags and waste stations. Core Creek Park is a short 10-15 minute drive from Newtown Grant.

Bucks County residents can register and purchase a key fob which will allow you access to the dog park from dawn and until dusk. Dogs must also have a valid Bucks County registration and be up to date with vaccinations.

For additional information regarding the Dog Park at Core Creek Park, please visit the following link: <https://www.buckscounty.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/OffLeash-Dog-Park-47>

Newtown Grant Pet (Dog) Waste Policies:

Any person owning or having the care, custody, possession, or control of a dog(s) while off the person's premises shall have in their possession the equipment necessary to remove the dog's fecal matter and shall so remove such fecal matter deposited by their dog(s) before the owner leaves the immediate area where the fecal matter deposited. Pets shall NOT be walked between buildings (rear or side yards) except in case where side yard is completely private. Pets may be walked in designated areas on the perimeter of the Community. Please dispose of pet waste in the designated trash cans on North/South Drive and Jonquil Drive or in your own garbage can only.



A violation of this Section shall be an infraction, the penalty for which shall be a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), which shall be assessed for a first offense of a violation of this section and Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each occurrence thereafter. These fines will not be waived.

BUS SAFETY FOR DRIVERS

With school in session, Newtown Township Police Department urges you to use caution when driving. If you are driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. Please note that the following are reminders and NOT suggestions.



- Never pass a bus if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus – Pennsylvania law requires at least 10 feet
- You must wait until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving • Do not move until all the children have reached a place of safety
- Be alert and slow down; children can be unpredictable If convicted, violators of Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law will receive a 60 day driver's license suspension, five points on driving record, and a \$250 fine.

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People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks. As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay.

Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the infamous Haymarket Riot of 1886, in which several Chicago policemen and workers were killed. Others gave rise to longstanding traditions: On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history.

The idea of a “workingmen’s holiday,” celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers’ rights squarely into the public’s view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives. On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by Eugene V. Debs, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide. To break the Pullman strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers.

Who Created Labor Day?

In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. More than a century later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified. Many credit Peter J. McGuire, cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, while others have suggested that Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, first proposed the holiday.

Labor Day is still celebrated in cities and towns across the United States with parades, picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays and other public gatherings. For many Americans, particularly children and young adults, it represents the end of the summer and the start of the back-to-school season.

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GAME ROOM FALL 2023 CLUBHOUSE HOURS:

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Stormwater becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Stormwater travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants stormwater carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because stormwater does not get treated!

- Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by stormwater, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.
- Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where stormwater runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.
- Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens.
- Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.



Restoring Rain's Reputation

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent stormwater pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil,
- Cleaning supplies and paint-never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in stormwater runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles.
- Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact stormwater runoff to your community.
- Install innovative stormwater practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture stormwater and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- Report any discharges from stormwater outfalls during times of dry weather-a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess, in a backyard or at the park, stormwater runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute stormwater indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to stormwater.





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2. Check for drafts - Heat loss through windows is responsible for 25-30 percent of heating energy us .
3. Drain your outdoor faucets.- - Drain and disconnect all garden hoses from outside spigots to prevent any water freezing. Not doing this can result to pipes bursting
4. Bring your outdoor furniture in.
5. Fix any cracks in your driveway - When water gets into cracks it freezes, expands, and can make the crack even bigger. Enough small cracks can turn into big cracks, and eventually the concrete can crumble
6. Change your filters - If your filters are clogged, it's harder to keep your home at the temperature you want it to be which will increase your heating bills.
6. Fertilize your lawn - The best offense is a good defense.
7. Test winter equipment - Seriously, just check it all now and make your life easier later.
8. Change your batteries - Once a year you should be checking to make sure all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide devices are working.



Newtown Grant Homes Sold

July 01, 2023 through August, 26 2023



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12 Homes Sold

4 Detached singles, 3 End Unit Townhomes, 5 Interior Townhomes, 0 Condominiums

Address	Type	Beds/Baths		Sold Price	Days on Market
7 Sunflower Court	Detached Single	4	3-1/2	\$ 870s,000	5
10 ChickoryPlace	Detached Single	4	2-1/2	\$ 775,000	5
6 Tulip Drive	Detached Single	4	2-1/2	\$775,000	4
46 Snapdragon Drive	Detached Single	4	2-1/2	\$ 712,000	4
121 Quince Circle	End Unit Townhome	3	2-1/2	\$ 625,000	1
301 Sequoia Drive	End Unit Townhome	3	2-1/2	\$ 600,000	5
93 Laurel Circle	Interior Townhome	3	2-1/2	\$ 565,000	8
23 Cottonwood Street	Interior Townhome	3	2-1/2	\$ 525,000	6
105 Quince Circle	Interior Townhome	2	2-1/2	\$ 500,000	6
23 Tamarack Court	Interior Townhome	3	2-1/2	\$ 472,500	18
1 Laurel Circle	End Unit Townhome	2	2-1/2	\$ 431,000	9
272 Sequoia Drive	Interior Townhome	3	2-1/2	\$ 370,000	2
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Visit Our Website

Please visit our website at www.newtowngrant.org for information on the Clubhouse and the Community. You can find info on all the clusters within Newtown Grant. You can also see management contact info for FirstService and Continental Property Management. If you need immediate attention you can contact our FirstService Customer Care Center at 800-870-0010.



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