

Mark Bolander, Mayor of the City of Newton

Message from the Mayor

Greetings!

In our community, we invite you to Catch the Spirit, Live the Dream! Whether your dream is to enjoy the security of a small town atmosphere or take advantage of the business and residential incentives offered, Newton is the place for you.

We welcome you to explore our community. To name just a few of our quality of life features:

- Our 126-year-old Embarras River Bridge is refurbished and the threshold to our “Eagle Trails” bike and walking trails.
- A granite statue of Burl Ives is the centerpiece of our downtown, providing a place for passersby to stop, take a picture and see what’s going on in our community.
- Our aquatic center continues to be the envy of most municipalities in southeast Illinois.
- Our two city parks, Peterson and Dufrain, provide pavilions, playground equipment, ADA compliant swings, putt-putt, batting cages, basketball, tennis, volleyball, skateboarding, horse shoes and disc golf.
- When you’re hungry, we offer several sit-down restaurants, fast food restaurants and 3 very clean convenience stores.
- When you decide to visit, please use caution for you may like us so much you want to stay! We can accommodate you there, too, at the Riverpark Motel and the new Cobblestone Hotel and Suites.
- Last but certainly not least, the New York Times recently ranked Jasper County, Illinois, in the 92<sup>nd</sup> percentile for raising a family. It’s not just me that believes in Newton/Jasper County.

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