

What is the Newport Revitalization and Preservation Society, Inc.?



NRPS Achievements

☞ The Newport Revitalization and Preservation Society, Inc. (NRPS) is a 501(c)(3) voluntary organization of individuals and businesses who have joined together to enhance the commercial, financial, industrial, civic and aesthetic interests of the Newport community.

☞ Newport Revitalizations Inc. (NRI) was registered as a non-profit corporation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. NRI was incorporated in 1992. In June 2002, NRI merged with the Louise Beard Memorial and the organization became NRPS. The merger provides many advantages and resources to both organizations.

☞ A voluntary Board of Directors, elected by the membership at the annual meeting, runs NRPS. The Board meets on the fourth Monday of every month at the Louise Beard Memorial, 129 N. 2nd St. All members are welcome!

☞ The purpose of NRPS is to preserve the heritage and history of Newport and its environs, enhance our town's future and community spirit and to fulfill and carry out the intents and purposes of the will of Katherine L. Beard. The will states that the Louise Beard Memorial Building is to be used as a community center, meeting place, and a home for collections of articles of historical importance.

☞ Sponsor of the Newport Christmas House Tour.

☞ Railroad station placed on the 2008 Pennsylvania at Risk list by Preservation Pennsylvania.

☞ Created the Façade Improvement Program, established by NRI, which awarded almost \$50,000 in matching grants to Borough residents who made improvements to their facades.

☞ Supported the efforts that results in the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission to include the Borough in the National Register of Historic Places.

☞ Cooperated with Tri-County Housing Development Corp. to obtain funding to refurbish the Butz building, described as the "keystone" of Newport's downtown revitalization. Received a Townie Award from the Pennsylvania Downtown Center for Design and Physical Improvement for these restoration efforts.

☞ Assisted the Borough in obtaining federal funds for Newport's Streetscape to improve the town square.

☞ Implemented the Buy a Brick campaign to raise funds for the Streetscape enhancements. Bricks with engraved messages were ordered by residents and installed in the square.

NRPS Goals and Ongoing Activities



☞ Preserve and restore the railroad station

☞ Assist the Borough in implementation of the Streetscape Enhancement Plan

- Safe crosswalks
- Enhanced lighting, seating and decorative plantings
- Hidden utility wires
- Beautification efforts

☞ Reinstitute the Façade Improvement Program as funding becomes available

☞ Engage in outreach through collaboration with community groups

☞ Organize Canal Day on the first Saturday in October

How is NRPS Financed?

- Memberships
- Fundraising
- Contributions
- Corporate support
- State grants and funding
- Private foundations



Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ New Membership
_____ Renewal

Yearly Memberships

_____ \$15.00 Individual

_____ \$25.00 Family

_____ \$25.00 Business

Lifetime Membership

_____ \$250 Individual

_____ Additional Contribution



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NEWPORT

An Overview

The goal of NRPS is to blend Newport's rich and full past with the present. Looking back on Newport's past, we recognize that the community first grew from a Native American settlement in the 1700s to an active port, first on the Juniata River and then on the Pennsylvania canal in the early 1800s.

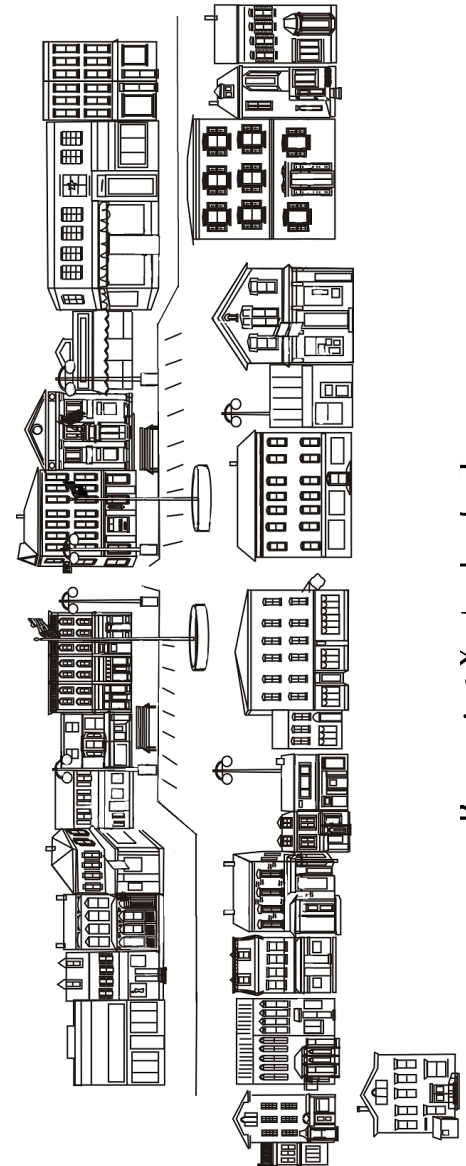
When railroads became the major source of transportation, Newport became a railroad hub. Grain, lumber, leather and textiles produced in the surrounding communities were shipped via the trains passing through Newport. It was during this period that most of the major buildings were erected on the square to house the retail outlets and businesses necessary to support mill owners, workers, and the agricultural community. At the same time, lovely residences reflecting varied architectural styles were constructed.

Today, the community is a blend of commuters, farmers, artists, artisans and business people. Local activities reflect this blended population. Newport is home to the Perry County Council of the Arts, the Perry County Fair, the Perry County Literacy Council, Little Buffalo State Park, the Oliver Grange, and an active 4H Club.

The town is surrounded by magnificent natural beauty: lush valleys; farmland owned by families for generations; the spectacular Tuscarora mountain range; and the lovely meandering Juniata River.

For all of these reasons, the area has been deemed Central Pennsylvania's best kept secret. For its architectural history, it has been said: "There is no other town in the area as rich in architectural design as Newport, and these buildings, unlike buildings in other communities, are all intact. *The town is charming.*"

NEWPORT REVITALIZATION AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY



Preserving Yesterday for Tomorrow
Improving the Resources of Today
For Generations to Come

