



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
COMMUNITY CENTER

**April 11, 2025**

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## **Introducing: The Mobile Food Pantry Cam**

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**Rain, wind, snow or shine - the Mobile Food Pantry delivers to 16 neighborhoods in Newport County every month.**

What a classic New England Spring! Don't like the weather? Just wait five minutes. Our amazing staff, volunteers, and clients were troopers as Mother Nature hit shuffle on the weather. On Tuesday, we had rain, sun, hail, and then back to clear skies in the hour we were there.

The Mobile Food Pantry's schedule can be found on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [our website](#), and as always, at the bottom of this newsletter!



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**The Week of the Young Child**

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**The Week of the Young Child** is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (**NAEYC**). Each year, The Week of the Young Child seeks to bring attention to early childhood education and what children and their families need to help kids thrive.

Our students at the MLK put their own spin on things with themes to go with each day! Here's the breakdown:

- Music Monday (Crazy Sock Day)
- Tasty Tuesday (Crazy Hair Day)
- Work Together Wednesday (Costume Day)
- Artsy Thursday (Wear Your Favorite Color Day)

The kids had a blast and we are so proud of them for showing up and showing out for each theme!




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## Senior Lunch & Learn

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We have a VERY special Lunch & Learn next week with **Ruggles**, Annabel Manning, and the **Newport Art Museum**. Join us for a special Ruggles-themed paint project as well as a delicious meal!

A poster for a 'Senior Lunch & Learn' event. The background is white with blue wavy borders on the left and right. At the top center, the text 'SENIOR LUNCH & LEARN' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. To the right of this text is a yellow circular logo containing a white fork, spoon, and knife. Below the main title, a yellow horizontal line separates it from the event details. The details are in bold blue text: 'Join us for a fun art project with Ruggles, Annabel Manning, and the Newport Art Museum'. Below this, in smaller blue text, is the date and time: 'Wednesday, April 16 @ 12:00 p.m.', followed by the location: '@ MLK Community Center, 20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd.,' and a note: 'Free and open to all in Newport County!'. On the left side of the poster, there is a black dog wearing a blue and white striped shirt, sitting next to a yellow artist's palette with colorful dots and a paintbrush. At the bottom center, there is a logo for the 'DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER' featuring a yellow sunburst and the text 'SINCE 1951'.

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## Touch-A-Truck & Food Drive

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Join us and the [Newport Historical Society](#) with their **Touch-a-Truck Food Drive event on Saturday, April 19th.**

The event is a part of the nationwide [Two Lights for Tomorrow](#) effort to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States. [The Newport Fire Department](#) will be there as well, letting families explore the trucks and teaching us about the history of the department.

Bring something for the drive to support the MLK, celebrate 250 years of the United States, and learn about the Newport Fire Department! See you there!

# Touch-a-Truck & Food Drive



As part of the nationwide Two Lights for Tomorrow effort, the Newport Historical Society will host a Touch-a-Truck & Food Drive event on Saturday, April 19th, to benefit the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center.

Bring the whole family to learn about the Newport Fire Department and get a chance to explore a working fire truck! In addition to the touch-a-truck, the "Raise the Alarm: Newport Fire Department Through the Decades" exhibition will be open for guests to explore with a pop-up Museum & Shop table with items to purchase.

**Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> | 10am to 12pm | Free Event**  
**Richard I. Burnham Resource Center | 82 Touro Street, Newport**  
For more information visit, [NewportHistory.org](http://NewportHistory.org)



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## ArtLink is Back!

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We took a quick break, but Annabel Manning and the Newport Art Museum are back with ArtLink!

**It's back with a new schedule and location: ArtLink will now be on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Community Room.**

We hope to see you there!





# ARTLINK

CONNECTING COMMUNITY + CREATIVITY



## JOIN NEWPORT ART MUSEUM FOR FREE ART WORKSHOPS AT MLK CENTER!

Explore creativity with our open art sessions led by teaching artist, Annabel Manning. This class is designed for individuals aged 16 and older. No experience needed — just bring your creativity!

- Experiment with collage, painting, drawing, and more
- Showcase your artwork
- Enjoy a free tour of the Newport Art Museum

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS, 10AM - 11AM.  
COMMUNITY ROOM**

MLK COMMUNITY CENTER, 20 MARCUS WHEATLAND BOULEVARD,  
NEWPORT RI. PLEASE *USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE.*

FOR MORE INFO:

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(401) 846-4828, EXT. 124

## Toothbrushes and ToothPaste Needed!

The Food Pantry has more than produce and non-perishable foods, we also carry other essentials like cleaning supplies, toiletries, and even pet products.

**If you're looking for a way to support the center, we need toothbrushes and toothpaste.** Dental hygiene is essential to a healthy and happy life, and we are proud to be able to provide that for Newport County with your help.

We receive donations Monday – Friday 8:30 – 5:00 at the Loading Dock. Ring the bell at the Donations and Deliveries door and we'll be glad to receive your donation. **Don't have time to shop? You can make a donation to the food pantry and we will do the shopping for you. [Just click here!](#)**



Give to the Food Pantry

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**Beep! Beep! Here Comes the Mobile Food Pantry!**

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Here's next week's Mobile Food Pantry Locations:

**Tuesday 4/15/25:**

1 Park Holm Newport, RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

AHEPA II Apartments, 87 Girard Ave. Newport, RI 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

*Residents Only*

**Thursday 4/17/25:**

Donovan Manor, 19 Chapel St. Newport, RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Edgar Court, Edgar Ct. Cul-de-sac Newport, RI 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*All are welcome. You do not need to reside in the neighborhood to use the Mobile Food Pantry. Please remember to bring your reusable bags.*

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## PROGRAM CALENDAR

Download April calendar Here

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**Our Contact Information**

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