



Newton Trails

www.newtontrails.org



Greetings!

It's been a hot summer, but we hope you've found time to enjoy a few walks, runs or bike rides on some of the tree-lined trails in Newton County. In addition to reducing air temperature by blocking sunlight, trees cool their surroundings when water evaporates from leaf surfaces through the process of transpiration. We're fortunate to have so many tree-lined trails in our community!

Speaking of tree-lined trails, we know that trail users are eager to access the [new rail trail](#), and, as you'll read below, we're working to open sections as soon as possible. In the meantime, we invite you to begin contemplating names for the trail. We'll be announcing a rail trail naming contest in the coming weeks.

As we've noted previously, developing the rail trail will require community-wide support. We thank the individuals, families and businesses listed in our newsletter sidebar for their support this quarter. Please join the effort by [becoming a Newton Trails member](#) and encouraging your friends, family and coworkers to become members as well. We also invite you to learn more about opportunities for [business sponsorships](#) and [individual donations](#) that will have a lasting impact on our community.

Happy trails!

Follow Us



www.newtontrails.org

Join Us

Your membership helps Newton Trails promote, develop and sustain a connected system of greenway trails.

[Become a Member](#)

New and Renewing Members

A big High Five to all new and renewing members!

Jyl Albertson
Nora Ayala

Feature Story

SRG Global™ Supports Trails

In April, SRG Global donated water for Every Body Walk Newton! and employees participated in the community walk series with their families. Since then, SRG Global has made a financial contribution to Newton Trails to support the development of the rail trail, and the company's community relations and environmental technician, Michael Cook, has volunteered as a walk leader and joined the Newton Trails board of directors.

We sat down with Michael to find out why SRG Global is so enthusiastic about trails in Newton County. [Read more](#)



News

Sections of Primitive Rail Trail to Open Soon

Volunteers are working hard to open sections of the primitive rail trail as soon as possible. Securing the trail's four trestle bridges, installing basic signage to inform users of trail rules and road crossings, and controlling vegetation are key steps to opening the trail to the public.

Lisa Barlow
 Stacy Bell
 Ashley Blackstone
 Jessica Brown
 Ginny and Butch Butcher
 Blaney Carter and Brice Bostian
 Anne and Gene Cranford
 Stephen Farrell
 Nina and Michael Finklestein
 Duane and Sheri Ford
 Randy Harris
 John Hellman
 Rick and Syble Henderson
 Sandra Holland
 Rosalind and Earl Howell
 Elisha, Wes and Addison Hunt
 Courtney Jackson
 Kay Lee
 John Mervis
 Ben and Ralph Miller
 Aaron Nash
 Clay Newman
 Laurie Oliver
 Linda Patrick
 Howard Rowe
 Marsha Sheets
 Linda and Bradd Shore
 Steve and Barri Speeler
 Rhea Spence
 Kathleen and John Stamps
 Nita Thompson
 Bob Thomson
 Helen Weitkamp
 Callie Whitworth

Newton Trails thanks
 the following
 individuals for
 donations in support
 of the rail trail.

Gene "Mac" Cranford
 in honor of
 Order of the Arrow
 American Heritage Girls 0211
 Pack 0211



[Read more](#)

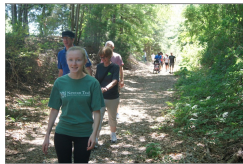
Bridging the Gaps with Trestle Reconstruction



The rail trail in Newton County includes four trestles in various states of repair. Our goal is to reconstruct them all for pedestrian and bike use. We are currently in the process of an engineering evaluation of each of these trestles so that we can set priorities and budget funds.

[Read more](#)

Easy Going on the Rail Trail



One of the nicest features of a rail trail is that it is straight and level. You will especially appreciate this fact if you have ever pushed your bike up the switchbacks of the Eastside Trail or called after you children to "Be Careful!" as they zip down and around one of the steep and curvy sections of the Rockdale River Trail.

[Read more](#)

Jersey Mike's to Host Second Fundraiser for Newton Trails



Our May fundraiser was Jersey Mike's most successful fundraiser ever with over 170 people participating. From Wednesday, August 3rd through Sunday, August 7th, we'll have the opportunity to raise more money for trails. Jersey Mike's will donate \$2 to Newton Trails for every coupon redeemed. [Download the easy-to-print coupons.](#)

[Read more](#)

Events

Covington Century Bike Ride and Volunteer Opportunity



Saturday, July 30th

Cycle through local countryside and towns. With ride lengths of 32, 67 or 100 miles available, the Covington Century has something for everybody. Or, help out at the Newton Trails rest stop. [Read more](#)

Covington Community Bike Ride

Sunday, August 7th and Every First Sunday of the Month (3:00 PM) from the Covington Square

Troop 0211

Gift of \$5,000-\$9,999

G. Douglas Dillard
Mark and Lisa Hanson
Sandy and Betsy Morehouse

Gift of \$10,000-\$14,999

Bob Rutland

Gift of \$15,000-\$19,999

Rob Fowler
Reggie McFarland

[Make a Donation](#)

Business Sponsors

[Newton Trails appreciates donations from the following businesses](#)

Chick-Fil-A

Jersey Mike's Subs

SRG Global

We welcome the support of local businesses and corporations. Host a social, sponsor an event or make a donation. We'll let people know that your business is trail friendly!

[Become a Sponsor](#)

Volunteer

We welcome volunteers for trail work days and special projects, including professional services.

[Become a Volunteer](#)



The Community Bike Ride is a monthly, no-drop, family-friendly bicycle ride. It is the perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon any time of year. [Read more](#)

Second Saturday Rail Trail Work Session



Saturday, August 13th and Every Second Saturday of the Month (9:00 AM-11:00 AM)

Join us for a morning work session on the new rail trail. Individuals, families and groups are invited to participate! [Read more](#)

Piedmont Newton Hospital Walk Series



Thursdays, August 18th and September 15th, 5:30 PM

Hear a short presentation from a local physician and then join him or her for a walk with the opportunity to ask questions on the Eastside Trail. [Read more](#)

Rail Trail First Walk: Elm Street to Eagle Drive



Saturday, September 17th (9:00 AM)

Come explore a Covington section of the rail trail. We'll begin on Elm Street and head east past Legion Field and a variety of neighborhoods to the Covington bypass and back. [Read more](#)

Quarterly Bike Ride, Boating and Overnight in Augusta



Saturday, September 24-Sunday, September 25

Join us to bike the North Augusta Greenway and choose between biking the Augusta Canal Trail and boating the Augusta Canal. [Read more](#)

Rail Trail First Walk: City Hall to Turner Lake Road



Saturday, October 15th (10:00 AM)

Join us to discover how the rail trail makes connections in Covington. We'll walk from Covington city hall past businesses and neighborhoods to Turner Lake Road. [Read more](#)

Trail Spotlight

Shelby Farms Greenline in Memphis



In less than a decade, the Shelby Farms Greenline has helped inspire a new culture of biking and walking in Memphis. About 200,000 people use the Greenline each year. The trail currently runs for nearly 7 miles and plans are underway for expanding the trail. [Read more](#)

Photo Spotlight

Make Your
Purchases Count

[Register Now for our
Shopping Rewards
Programs](#)

kroger community 
rewards

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.



East Bear Creek Trestle Bridge. Photo by Jennifer Holcombe.