

December 2025

City Scene



Photo Credit: Lori Warne—Northern Lights over the City of Newfolden. November 12, 2025

Lori Warne Photography

A MESSAGE FROM NEWFOLDEN FIRE CHIEF - CODY UNDERDAHL

A fire department's water tender is an important piece of equipment, especially living in rural areas. The primary task of this piece of equipment is to shuttle water to a fire where a large supply line is not available.

Our previous water tender was a 1980 Mack that was leased to us in cooperation with the Minnesota DNR. It had little to no exhaust and one, maybe two, emergency lights. However, the emergency lights were not always needed as the top speed was around 49 miles per hour, with a good tail wind. That truck came to our community as a previous military truck. It was built into a water tender and served our community well since 1999. For 26 years it shuttled a great deal of water for not only our community, but also our neighboring communities.

One of Newfolden Fire's recent goals was to update this truck. Through our search process we connected again with our Minnesota DNR partners. They now offer the same assistance program, however this time we were able to purchase a truck. Build it to our needs and it would be ours, instead of leasing it. We were able to purchase a 2006 Freightliner. Much like its predecessor, this truck also in its previous life served the military. The water tank was taken from our previous water tender, cut down, painted, and placed on the newly painted frame and body of the new Freightliner. There were numerous custom pieces added: emergency lights, siren, radio, back-up camera, rear storage container, hitch, 1-inch quick attach line, wildfire line, and external pump with 1 ½ hose capabilities.

This truck was paid in full due to budgetary saving, community donations, and elbow grease. It will proudly serve our communities for decades.

Special thank you to the townships of Foldahl, West Valley, Newfolden, Marsh Grove, and New Maine, Minnesota DNR, City of Newfolden, Tammy Hansen, Ryan Thompson, Randy Rose, all of the Newfolden Firefighters, our community that continues to support us, and a special thank you to Newfolden Fire Fleet Officer Shane Timm for all of his work completed on this project and our entire fleet.

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Water Tender—Before



Water Tender—After



Winter-time Sledding at the Park

The Newfolden City Park hosts many memories for residents of Newfolden young and old. One memory frequently told by the not-so-young is one of sledding on the snow in the Newfolden City Park..

Sledding will once again be available at the City Park—along with the opportunity to create more childhood and family memories. The City will make every effort to clear snow in the city park, while users are asked to abide by the following rules: 1.

1. HAVE FUN
2. Slide only in designated areas.
3. Walk up on the side of the hill, avoid sledding paths.
4. Helmets are recommended.
5. No motorized vehicles on the sledding hill.

A festive pink poster for a Newfolden Seniors Craft and Bake Sale. The poster features a Santa hat, holly leaves, and a Christmas stocking. The text reads: "NEWFOLDEN SENIORS CRAFT AND BAKE SALE DURING SANTA CLAUSE VISITS! 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, December 13 Newfolden Community Center UNIQUE AND ONE-OF-A KIND ITEMS!".

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12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, December 13

Newfolden Community Center

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A festive blue poster for Santa Claus visiting Newfolden. The poster features a large illustration of Santa Claus in a red suit, holding a green gift. The text reads: "Santa Claus Santa is visiting Newfolden! Kids are invited to share their Christmas List and get a treat from Santa! December 13, 1:00 - 3:00 PM".

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A festive white poster for Happy Holidays. The poster features hanging Christmas ornaments and snowflakes. The text reads: "happy HOLIDAYS".

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