



Newton Trails

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**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!

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**Join Us**

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

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**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  
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 Sandra Holland  
 Rosalind and Earl Howell  
 Elisha, Wes and Addison Hunt  
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 Clay Newman  
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 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

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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



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## 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

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

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

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

Bob Rutland

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

Rob Fowler  
Reggie McFarland

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## 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!

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## Volunteer

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

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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](#)

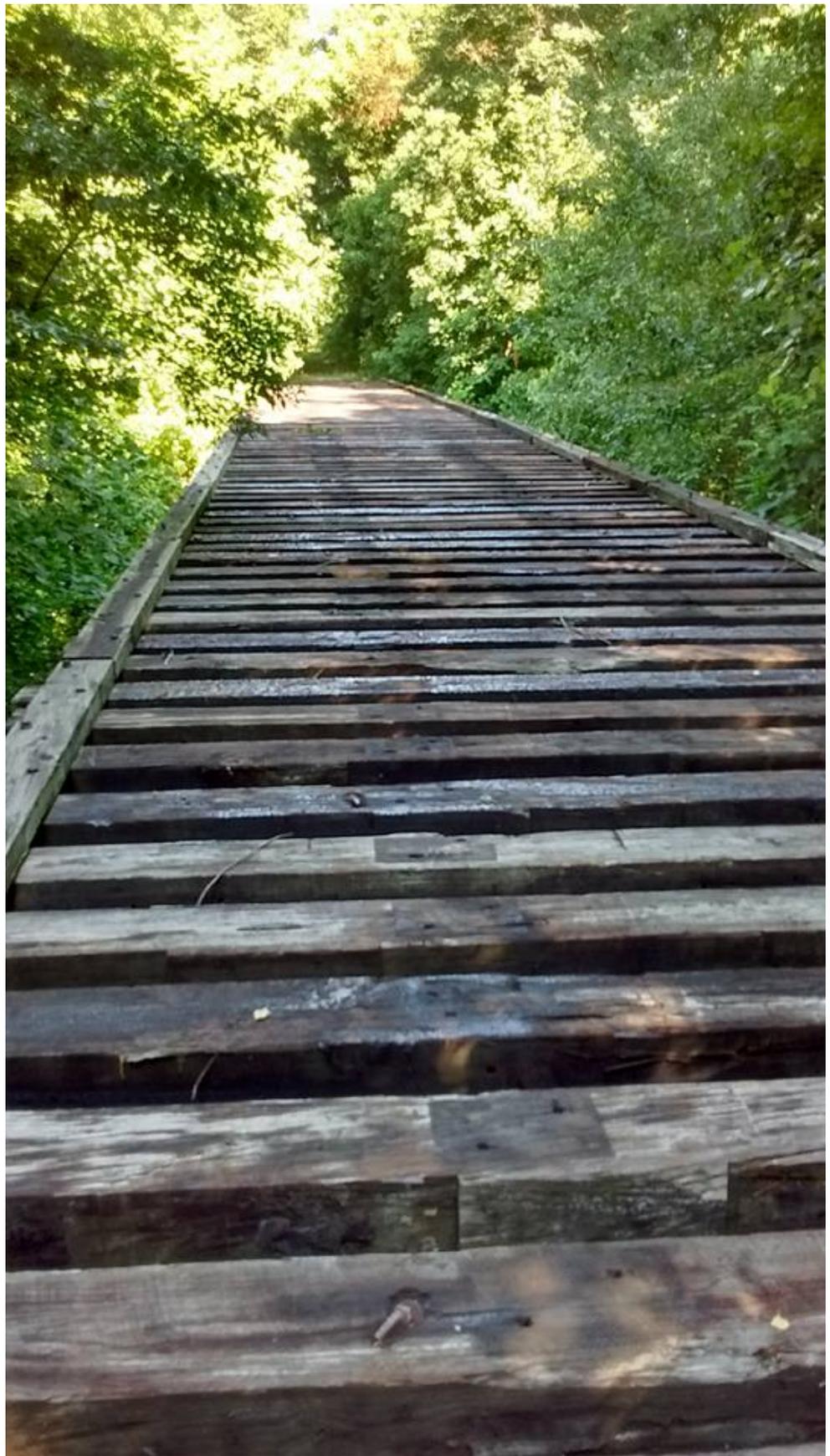
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**East Bear Creek Trestle Bridge.** Photo by Jennifer Holcombe.