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This weekend kicks of strawberry picking in the Willamette Valley.
(Branden Andersen / Newsberg)

Newberg-Dundee U-Pick Guide 2026

It's berry season in the Willamette Valley! Start here for updated, confirmed information from Newberg-Dundee area U-Pick Strawberry farms.

By Branden Andersen
Founding Editor

YAMHILL COUNTY, Ore. — It's berry season yet again, and that means weekend spent out in the fields picking your favorite berries around the Newberg-Dundee area!

Each of these Strawberry U-Pick Farms marked "confirmed" for the 2026 season have been confirmed through their website, social media, or a phone call. Any that are marked as "Call ahead" have not confirmed as of publishing. The other berry farms featuring raspberries, blackberries, and blueberries will be updated as the harvest season approaches.

Curious about the varieties? Scroll to the bottom and see the guide to Oregon Strawberries. I prefer Hoods and Shuksans myself, but they all have their own strengths. The best berry is the one in your hand!

The berry categories are in order of when they become ripe. This is a living list, and

Newsberg will be updating as I hear about more U-Pick farms in the area.

One thing I've learned in the three years publishing this guide: everything is subject to change. Make sure and call before you go. Sometimes the farms are picked out and need a week to recover. Sometimes weather can impact hours. Other times the farms, being family-run, can run into staffing issues and may need to be closed. It's best to pick up the phone or check the websites before heading out.

Each farm card name is linked to the farm's website, and address is linked so you can see the distance from your current location.



► Scan me on your phone to see the full U-Pick Guide

Filing Window Opens for Newberg City Council, Mayor Races June 3

Three incumbents have confirmed re-election bids for Newberg's City Council

By Branden Andersen
Founding Editor

NEWBERG, Ore. — Filing opens June 3 for four seats on the Newberg City Council, including the mayor's office, as the city heads toward its November general election.

The 2026 General Election is scheduled for Nov. 3. Up for election are the mayor's seat and three council positions — Districts 2, 4, and 6 — currently held by Mayor Bill Rosacker and Councilors Peggy Kilburg, Robyn Wheatley, and Derek Carmon. All four terms expire Dec. 31, 2026.

The City of Newberg Council District Map is available at the City of Newberg website.

Rosacker, Wheatley, and Carmon each confirmed via email to Newsberg that they will seek re-election. Kilburg has not announced plans as of press time.

The filing window opens June 3. Incumbent candidates face an Aug. 18 deadline; non-incumbents and appointed incumbents have until Aug. 25. Candidates must reside in the district where they are running, though all seats are elected citywide.

To qualify, candidates must be registered Oregon voters who have lived within Newberg city limits for at least 12 months before the election. Prospective candidates can file either by submitting a declaration of candidacy and collecting 25 signatures from qualified voters in their district, or by paying a \$25 filing fee. Filings are made by appointment with City Recorder Rachel Thomas.

The Yamhill County Clerk conducts the election under Oregon Election Law.

More information is available at the city of Newberg website. To schedule a filing appointment, contact Thomas at (503) 537-1283 or cityrecorder@newbergoregon.gov.

New Brow and Lash Studio Opens in Downtown Newberg

The Opal Fox, founded by esthetician Lindsey Buchanan, offers appointment-only services out of a reimagined downtown space

By Branden Andersen
Founding Editor

NEWBERG, Ore. — A new brow and lash studio has opened

in downtown Newberg, occupying the building that previously housed the Little Lavender Shop.

The Opal Fox, located at 108 S College Street Suite C founded by esthetician Lindsey Buchanan, opened May 1. The appointment-only studio offers brow mapping, lamination, tinting, and lash lifting, with services tailored to the individual client.

"The studio is built around the philosophy that no two services should look the same," Buchanan stated in a press release. "Each service is carefully curated to achieve the guests desired results."

Buchanan graduated from cosmetology school in 2008 and

spent years working as a makeup artist and skincare professional before returning to one-on-one client services in 2019, when she also moved to Newberg.

"When I first moved here, I immediately went to work looking for a studio space that would fit my needs as a solo artist," she said. "The Pollinate Flower Shop/Little Lavender Shop immediately drew me in for it's unique character. Anyone that would come and visit and receive the subsequent tour around town, I would point to the shop and say, 'some day, that's where my studio will be.'"

She said renovation of the space has been a labor of love, but one that's important to her

as she wants to create a unique look and feel that represents her brand.

"I wanted to create a space that was contemporary and refreshing and not a cookie-cutter version of the salons typically seen on social media," she said.

Appointments are appointment only and can be booked at theopalfox.com.



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Civics Corner:
The Rules of the Road for Cyclists in Newberg

From downtown sidewalk bans to e-bike restrictions, here’s what Newberg’s laws say about riding safely around town.

By Branden Andersen
Founding Editor

NEWBERG, Ore. — With warmer weather drawing more residents onto bikes, e-bikes, and electric scooters, local police say the rules around those devices have become a source of community confusion — and, in some cases, safety concern.

“We know the rules can be confusing and are hoping for better legislation to simplify it all,” the Newberg-Dundee Police Department said in a recent social media post. “In the meantime, we are making a plea for common-sense safety practices above all else.”

The department said officers have made contact with children — and their parents — after observing kids operating high-powered devices in traffic.

“We are seeing kids who are essentially operating mini-motorcycles out on the roadways among vehicle traffic,” the post said. “This is very dangerous.”

Under Oregon law, bicyclists are generally allowed to ride on sidewalks unless a local ordinance says otherwise. In Newberg, that exception applies to downtown.

Under Newberg Municipal Code

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10.20.030, riding a bicycle — or any similar device, including scooters, skateboards, roller skates, and unicycles — is prohibited on any sidewalk or city property in the downtown commercial area. The code defines that zone as the blocks between River Street on the east, Main Street on the west, Hancock Street on the north, and Second Street on the south.

Outside of those areas, cyclists can generally use sidewalks — but not without responsibility. Oregon law (ORS 814.410) requires sidewalk cyclists to yield to pedestrians, give an audible signal before passing someone from behind, and slow to walking speed when approaching a crosswalk, driveway, or curb cut if a motor vehicle is approaching.

Darting off the sidewalk and into the path of an oncoming car is also a violation.

E-Bikes: A Separate Set of Rules
Electric-assist bicycles — e-bikes — follow a different set of rules than conventional bikes, and the side-

walk question has a straightforward answer: e-bikes are not allowed on sidewalks anywhere in Oregon, under state law (ORS 814.410).

Oregon law recognizes three classes of e-bikes, all of which are treated as bicycles under the vehicle code rather than motor vehicles:

Class 1: Pedal-assist only; motor cuts off at 20 mph.

Class 2: Throttle-assist; motor cuts off at 20 mph.

Class 3: Pedal-assist only; motor cuts off at 28 mph; must have a speedometer.

No driver’s license, vehicle registration, or insurance is required to operate any class of e-bike in Oregon. Riders must be at least 16 years old. E-bikes are permitted in designated bicycle lanes, on multi-use paths, and in the travel lane when no bike lane is available.



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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY 20
4 p.m. —Newberg Wednesday Market
Downtown Newberg, 116 S College St

MAY 21
5 p.m. — Third Thursday in Dundee
Downtown Dundee

6:30 p.m. — Rally Point! May Veteran Muster Part 2!
Stumptown Waps, 2401 Portland Rd. NE

7 p.m. — Tournament of Plays 2026
Drea Ferguson Theater
2400 Douglas Avenue

MAY 22
11 a.m. — Vaccination Clinic
Chehalem Senior Center, 101 W. Foothills Dr.

6 p.m. — Petals & Pink: Dinner in the Garden
The Allison Inn & Spa, 2525 Allison Ln

6 p.m. — Coppola Movie Night: Rushmore
Domaine Lumineux, 115 North Washington Street

7 p.m. — Tournament of Plays 2026
Drea Ferguson Theater
2400 Douglas Avenue

MAY 23
10 a.m. — 78th Annual Memorial Day Boat Races
Rogers Landing County Park, Newberg

10:30 a.m. — Memorial Weekend Wine & BBQ
Knudsen Vineyards, 9419 NE Worden Hill Rd.

11 a.m. — Taste of Stoller: Pizza-Fest
Stoller Experience Center
16161 NE McDougall RD

1 p.m. — Petal & Pour
Duck Pond Cellars, 23145 HWY 99W

7 p.m. — Tournament of Plays 2026
Drea Ferguson Theater
2400 Douglas Avenue



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