



## 2023 OVERRIDE

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for Newton on  
Three Questions

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## TWO DEBT EXCLUSION OVERRIDES

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	Annual amount to service 30-year bonds
Countryside Elementary	\$2,300,000
Franklin Elementary	\$3,500,000

- *Temporary tax increase for the life of the bonds*
- *Kicks in when we start bonding*

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# ONE OPERATING OVERRIDE

Horace Mann Elementary	\$775,000
Streets and Sidewalks	\$1,400,000
Parks, Fields, Courts and Playgrounds	\$1,000,000
Plant and Nurture Trees	\$500,000
Sustainability and Climate Resiliency	\$500,000
<b>Senior Services and Programs</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
Supporting Student Needs	\$4,500,000
	\$9,175,000

- *Permanent tax increase*
- *Starts on July 1, 2023*





# A Transformational Investment that Cements Newton as an Age-Friendly Leader

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Increasing access to popular programs and services for older adults such as:

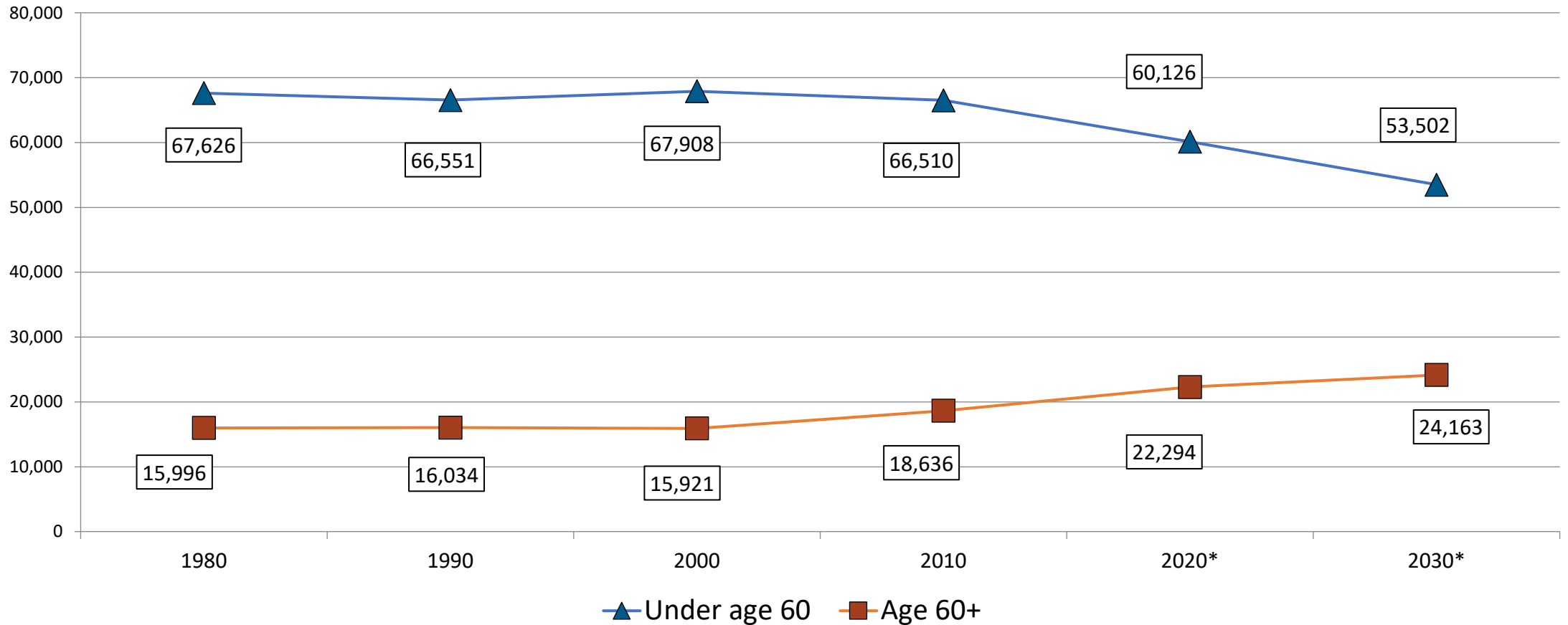
- Fitness
- Educational
- Arts
- Music
- Social Services
- Transportation
- Volunteer Coordination





\$500,000 is a 57% increase in the Senior Services Budget

# Change in the number of Newton residents under age 60, and age 60 and older, 1980 to 2010 with projections to 2030\*



Population figures for 1980-2010 are from the U.S. Census, 1980 thru 2010.

\* Figures for 2020 and 2030 are projections generated by the Donahue Institute, University of Massachusetts: <http://pep.donahue-institute.org/>





Tai Chi



Zumba



Balance and Mobility

## Popular Fitness Programs

This investment will allow these popular programs to expand their capacity.



**Zumba is excellent for cardio health and the friendships made here are incredible.**







**The Tai Chi program  
feeds our mind, body, and spirit.**



**Balance and mobility classes keep us mobile, active, and independent.**







Sometimes we all just want a little more fun in our lives. These funds will increase the fun exponentially.

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Our ceramics program will finally be able to accept more students and expand capacity with these funds.

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**Music lifts our spirits, and  
our music program capacity  
can expand.**

Newton  
Swing



**Whether it's watercolor or oil, painting fuels our souls and inspires our minds. These funds will allow for the expansion of arts program capacity.**





**Educational classes allow us to never stop learning and growing, and this program will be growing as well.**

**Outdoor:**  
**Macro/Garden Photography**  
**Workshop**



Led by instructor  
Steve McGrath

**3 Fridays:**  
**July 9th, 16th, and 23rd,**  
**10:00—11:30 a.m.**

*Under the  
Newton Senior Center tent*

To register, email Ilana at [iseidmann@newtonma.gov](mailto:iseidmann@newtonma.gov)





**Transportation  
opens a world of  
possibilities and  
helps fight isolation.**





**These funds  
will support our  
transportation  
program so older  
residents can stay  
active and engaged.**





# Current Staffing

## FULL TIME

- Director of Senior Services
- Executive Administrator
- Case Manager/Social Worker
- Program Coordinator
- Outreach and Engagement Coordinator
- Custodian

## PART TIME

- Administrative Assistants (2)
- Volunteer Coordinator



# NewCAL - A First Look:

## Current Newton Senior Center

Hours 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Days/Week Mon – Fri

Building Size: 10,000 sf

## NewCAL

Hours could be min. 7:00 am to 7:00 pm  
max. 7:00 am to 10:00 pm

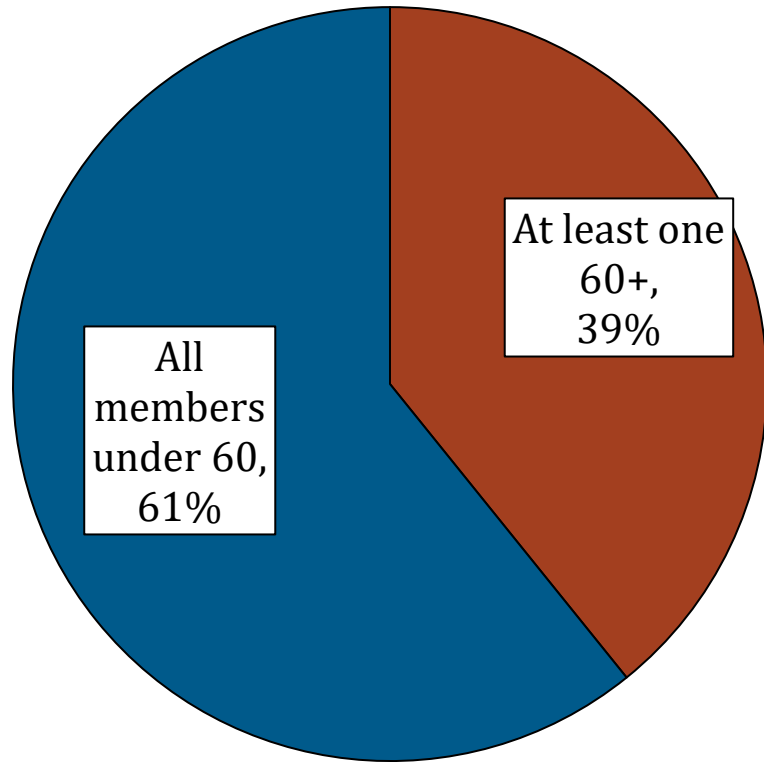
Days/Week could be min. Mon - Fri  
max. Mon - Sun

Building Size: as much 3 times or more  
than current building

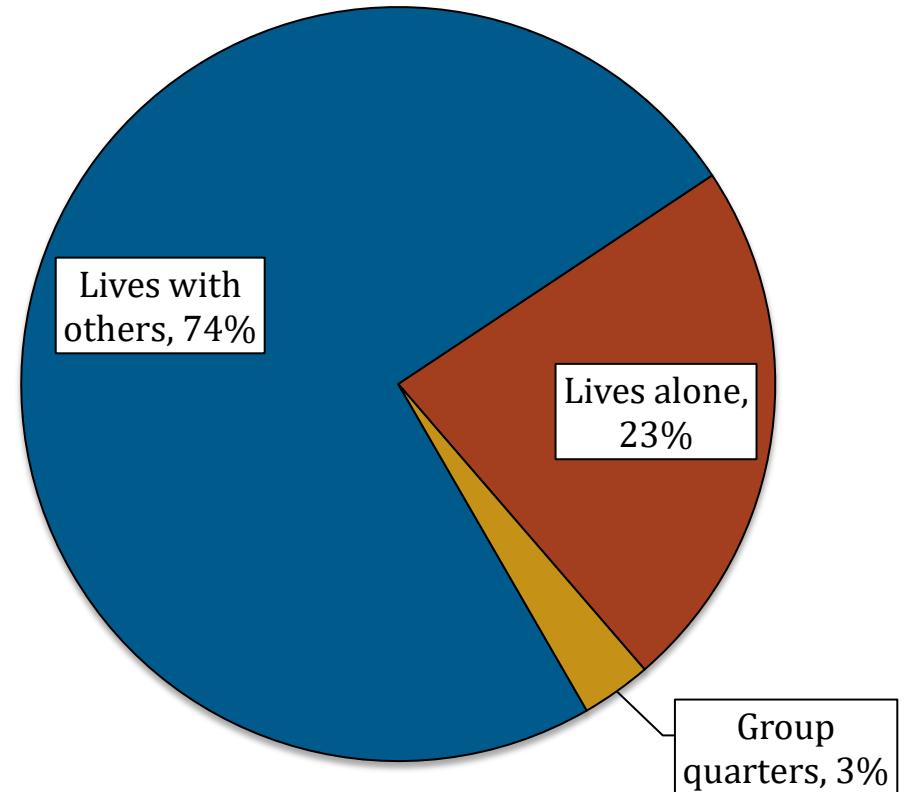
- A potential increase of 22 – 52 hours / week the building will be open.
- Some centers see the number of senior visits more than triple when new facilities are provided.
- An enormous potential for **increase** in older adult program hours.



## Households in Newton with at least one-member aged 60 or older



## Living arrangements of Newton residents, age 60 and older



Source: American Community Survey, 2008-2012



**Social and emotional programs are so important as we age, and these funds will provide more access to these services.**





**Medicare  
counseling helps  
demystify the  
program and  
these funds will  
help improve  
access to these  
critical services.**

**To Reach a Certified  
Counselor call 7**

Together we can use these funds to make Newton the leader in age-friendly programs and services.

- Expanded Programs
- Increased Services
- Dedicated Resources
- Giving back to those who have given so much to us!



**New Senior Center Facility (NewCAL)**



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## WHAT WILL THIS COST ME?

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### OVERRIDE CALCULATOR

City of Newton, Massachusetts

Estimated Property Tax Increase From March 2023 Property Tax  
Override

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Please enter an address below:

House Number

Street Name

Unit (if applicable)

Search for this Property

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[NEWTONMA.GOV/OVERRIDE](https://newtonma.gov/override)

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## WHAT WILL THIS COST ME?

### MEDIAN SINGLE FAMILY HOME VALUE \$1.2 million IMPACT

Q1: OPERATING  
OVERRIDE  
First Year (FY24)  
\$290

Q2 & 3: DEBT EXCLUSION  
OVERRIDES  
Seventh Year (FY30)  
+\$183

### ~25<sup>th</sup> PERCENTILE SINGLE FAMILY HOME VALUE \$750,000 IMPACT

Q1: OPERATING  
OVERRIDE  
First Year (FY24)  
\$173

Q2 & 3: DEBT EXCLUSION  
OVERRIDES  
Seventh Year (FY30)  
+\$110



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# TAX ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE OLDER, DISABLED OR VETERANS

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**DOUBLING 7 PROGRAMS**

**EXPANDING 2 PROGRAMS**

- Tax Relief
- Tax Deferral
- Tax Exemption
- Tax Work-Off (with Proxies)
- Water/Sewer Discount

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## OVERRIDE CONTEXT

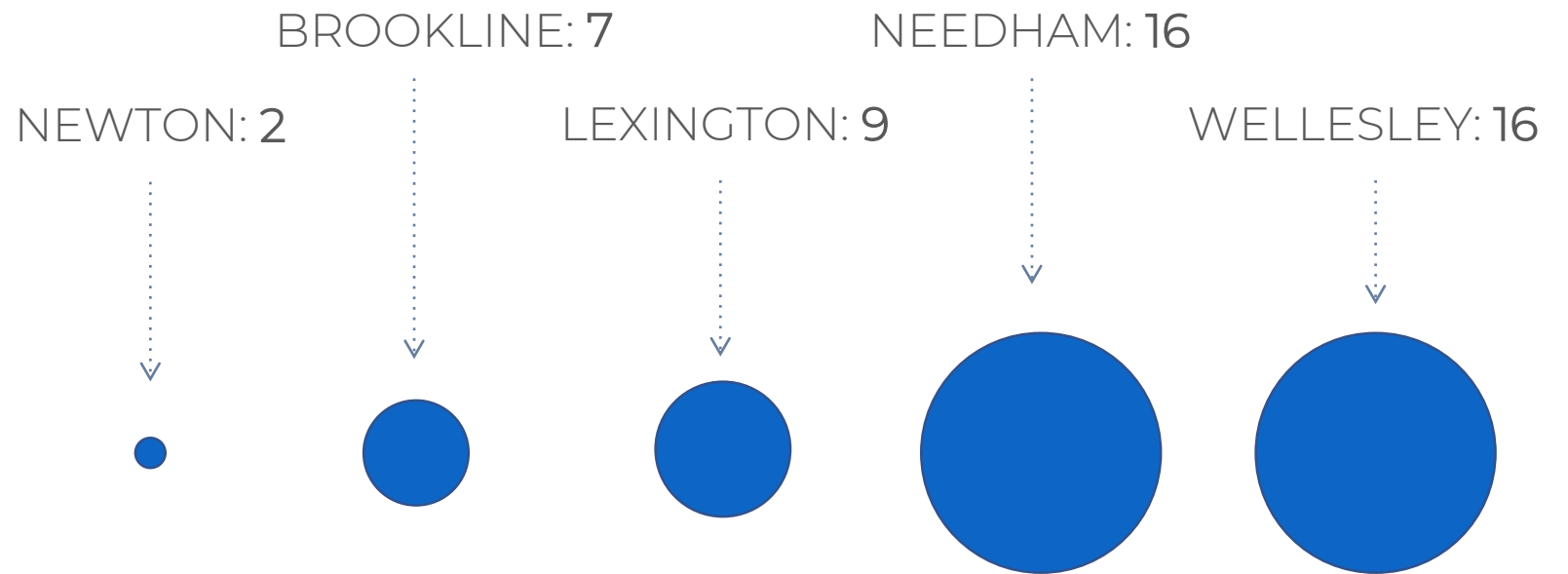
NEWTON  
OVERRIDES  
EVERY  
10 YEARS

**2002**

**2013**

**2023?**

## NUMBER OF OVERRIDES SINCE 2000



*UPDATE 1/3/2023: Further research has indicated that the numbers of overrides since 2000 for the above communities reflect mixing the number of years that overrides passed with the number of total ballot questions. For more specific data on these and additional communities, please see the chart on the following slide.*



# OVERRIDE NEIGHBORING AND PEER COMMUNITY COMPARISON

Municipal Overrides with Comparable Communities

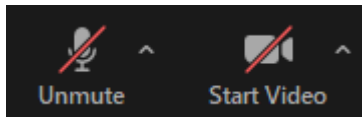
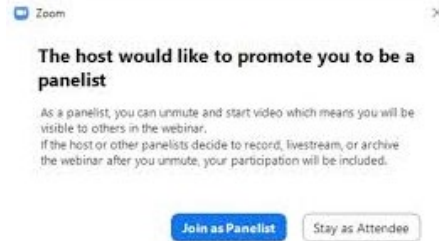
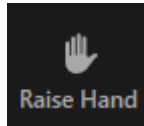
Debt Exclusion Override Passed ■  
 Operating Override Passed ■  
 Both Operating/Debt Passed ■

Municipality	YEAR																						# of Years with Overrides Passed	
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		22
Watertown*																								0
Waltham*																								0
<b>Newton</b>			■											■										2
Brookline									■							■			■	■	■			5
Natick	■									■	■						■		■					5
Arlington	■	■				■					■					■			■	■				7
Milton	■	■	■			■	■				■								■					7
Belmont		■	■		■	■					■				■	■			■					8
Winchester			■					■					■		■			■	■	■	■			8
Lexington	■		■		■		■						■					■	■				■	9
Needham	■	■		■		■	■	■	■	■					■				■					11
Wayland		■	■				■	■	■	■	■	■							■	■			■	12
Wellesley	■	■	■				■	■	■							■			■			■	■	14
Weston	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■											■	■	■	■	■	22

\* Watertown and Waltham both have higher levels of new growth, which has helped obviate the need for an override. Between FY2019-FY2023, Watertown’s new growth averaged 4.85% and Waltham’s averaged 2.58%, compared to Newton’s 1.65%.

# Want ask a question or contribute to the discussion? Here's how:

## Zoom Meeting Controls



- Please click the “raise hand” button on the bottom of the screen in the middle. We’ll keep a queue of folks who have raised their hand to speak, and will call on you.
- When you are on deck to speak, we’ll make you a panelist. When that happens, a window will appear confirming you’d like to join as a panelist. Click “Join as panelist”.
- When it is your turn to speak, click the “unmute” button on the bottom left. If you’d like to share your video, click the “start video” button. Please introduce yourself, and if you are comfortable sharing your address, or what village you’re from, you may but it’s not required.
- If you have a question, but would prefer not to ask in this setting, send it to us by email at [override@newtonma.gov](mailto:override@newtonma.gov).