



Mayor Rick Rogers Video Message
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Good Morning, this is Newberg Mayor Rick Rogers. Today is Sunday, August 30, 2020.

National news this week makes one wonder what is happening in our nation.

A 29-year-old Black man, Jacob Blake, was shot in the back seven times by a White police officer. During the ensuing protests, a 17-year-old with a high-powered rifle indiscriminately killed two protestors.

COVID continues unabated. We've now passed into the sixth month of this public health crisis. Over 180,000 have died in the US alone.

Against this backdrop, (or maybe because of it) national politics have moved to a level of divisiveness not seen in decades. An election looms in November.

So, what do we want?

If you ask the people of Kenosha, Wisconsin or Minneapolis, Minnesota or Newberg, Oregon what they want the replies are likely to be very, very similar.

We all want health

We all want safety

We all want opportunity

We all want to be part of something larger than ourselves

We all want respect.

No matter what the national politicians will tell you, our needs and wants are not that different.

Good friends of mine (you all know who you are) who have different backgrounds and may have voted differently than I have in the past, all still want the same things. We all want the same things.

Big Don, Todd, Mark and Betty – they all want the same things that I do.

We want a community that cares. A community that gives. A community that responds. A community that is just. A community that is fair.

In Newberg, in our schools, in our churches, in our civic groups, in our businesses, in our City government and in our homes - we must continue to strive for these ideals.

Thank you for listening.

If you have thoughts or comments, please contact me at Rick.Rogers@newbergoregon.gov