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**CITY OF NEWPORT
ANNOUNCES VACANCY
ON THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE**

The City of Newport is seeking applications from people interested in serving on the City of Newport's Sister City Committee.

Newport and Mombetsu, Hokkaido, Japan, entered into a Sister City relationship on April 8, 1966. For the last 55+ years, both cities have participated in many cultural exchanges of youth and adults.

The Sister City Committee is charged with: maintaining communications with Newport's Sister City, Mombetsu, Hokkaido, Japan, on opportunities to collaborate; informing, promoting to Newport residents the Sister City relationship with Mombetsu; identifying participants for future exchanges; planning and executing fundraising events to support Newport students participating in exchanges; identifying host families for future exchanges to Newport; and other responsibilities as identified.

The Sister City Committee will meet quarterly, and more frequently as needed leading up to, and during, exchanges. There are two exchanges from Newport to Mombetsu planned in 2022. One is an adult exchange in February, and a youth exchange is during the summer. The City of Mombetsu plans to send an adult delegation to Newport in May of 2022, and a youth delegation at the end of July/early August 2022.

Anyone interested in serving on the Sister City Committee should apply using the city's committee application found at <http://newportoregon.gov/committeevacancies>. Paper

copies of the committee application form can also be obtained by contacting Peggy Hawker, at p.hawker@newportoregon.gov, or by telephone at 541.574.0613. The application deadline is April 16, 2021.

The Sister City Committee will interview applicants and make a recommendation to the Mayor. The Mayor, subject to ratification of the City Council, will make the appointment at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Questions should be directed to Peggy Hawker, at p.hawker@newportoregon.gov, or 541.574.0613.

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