

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY

APRIL 2012

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Welcome to spring in the Valley, We placed the 'Select Tioga County Senior Citizen of the Year' nomination form for your review on the Village site www.villageofnewarkvillage.com This Tioga County Department of Aging Advisory Council document annually honors a Senior Citizen by selecting one person from the applications submitted on or before April 13th, 2012. Any person age sixty or older who stands out in the community by volunteering time and talent without financial remuneration is a key to this award. Our valley has so many deserving senior citizens who do so much to make our Village a great place to live. Please check out the application on the web and submit your nominee to Tioga Opportunities.

Everyone may notice the belfry clock atop the Tappan Spaulding Library is functioning once again. In March our 'clock doctors' Ray Shaver and John Tomazin volunteered their time and talent to, once again, prove that building age is timeless, and upkeep is important. The repair and improvements resulting from the ravages of late last summer and the winter on municipal properties are near complete. Many ball diamonds around the county are not usable so expect to see much softball and baseball activity at the Trout Ponds as our fields are refurbished and will soon be ready for play! Some of our neighboring communities will be playing home and away games on our and other diamonds and we are glad they can. Our

compliments go to the Village Public Works Department and the Northern Tioga County Youth League (NTYL) for their hard work. Our April month is enjoyable but more fun due to the 'Spring Fling'. This event is due to the efforts of dedication, volunteerism and financial contributions from many. The Farmers Market on the Village Green will begin soon so please enjoy the offering and an opportunity to spend locally. The Trout Ponds music entertainment continues though funding from outside entities is decreasing. As fuel costs increase; residents decide cut back of travel is required; we wish to provide all we can for enjoyment of all. The Depot Friday evening programs exist due to the hard work of Newark Valley Historical Society volunteers, the Trout Ponds evenings music exists due to the hard work of Village Office and Public Works Department. The Village Water System is near completion. Certain areas along Whig and Franklin Street and Rewey require additional work but we expect total completion by middle of October. We can tell you that all funding source from Rural Water USDA will be utilized along with the bonding so no financial support was unused. It has been a long but worthy process. Our Village Green is growing more colorful as the Tillers and Toilers donate their time and expertise once again.

*Jim Tornatore
Mayor*

FROM TRUSTEE CANFIELD:

I would like to thank all those that supported me in my bid for election as village trustee. I know I haven't met everyone yet, but hope to meet you all soon and discuss any thoughts or opinions you may have that can make our village a warmer and friendlier place. That will be a tall task, as it's seldom you find a community that embodies that feeling more than Newark Valley does each and every day. Do we have problems and challenges before us? Certainly we do. The strains and struggles each of us feel in our daily lives in this uncertain atmosphere are not lost on those that are entrusted with managing your village. In the short time I have worked with your Mayor, Board, committees and employees of this village, I have not seen a more dedicated team working for you all and the betterment of this place where we live. I look forward to once again being a part of that team. Thank you again.

Tom Canfield

FROM TRUSTEE CARLIN:

It would appear as though Spring has arrived in March this year. We see residents out enjoying the mild weather. Four new park benches were placed on The Village Green late last summer. We hope you will take advantage of them to relax and enjoy the spring plants and flowers on The Village Green made possible thru the efforts of the Tillers and Toilers. The Historical Society and The Celebrations Committee have been busy planning many activities, both educational and entertaining for residents, which will take place this summer and fall. Depot Friday Nights will kick off on June 8th with a program on Bats. For more information about Depot Friday Nights call 607-642-9516.

Again this year during Newark Valley Days there will be an Art Show in the Municipal Building, Friday & Saturday, August 10th and 11th, and a Craft Show on The Village Green, Saturday August 11th. To obtain an application for the craft show contact Denny or Sandy Carlin @ 607-642-9552. The Chamber of Commerce will be having a Duck Race again this year, and there will be cash prizes. Tickets for the Duck Race will be available soon from Village Wine and Spirits and Chamber members. Something NEW this year - a Farmers Market is coming to the Village Green every Sunday, 10 AM to 2 PM from May 20th through October 28th. They will have a variety of fresh meats, vegetables, pastries, and handcrafted items available. The Farmers Market will be participating in the WIC, Food and Nutrition, and Senior Community - In Bound programs. They are also currently working toward being able to accept EBT. In addition, they will have a mix of entertainment and demonstrations, with something different each week. Opening day, May 20th, we will be entertained by Tom Quigley. For more information about the market or to participate as a vendor contact Eric or Jessica Krenner at 607-657-8251. Make sure you take advantage of the wonderful lineup of things to do in the Village that are being brought to us thru the generosity of all the volunteers who are helping to put the programs together. If you are asked to volunteer, please say yes. If we missed asking you for help, please step forward and volunteer your talents to one of the many organizations in our community. Getting involved in your community will become a great source of pride.

Dennis Carlin

CLERK’S REPORT:

Hope our summer is as nice to us as our winter was. So far so good!

Elections are complete with Fred Blee and Tom Canfield remaining on the Village Board as our Trustees for another four years. Congratulations Fred and Tom.

Village office update – So far the office is running smoothly. Our desire is to not have to hire another person to assist with the duties of the office. It has been a challenge, but we are realizing that that is what we enjoy and do best. We are working as a team and working well together, and we are concentrating on prioritizing and going back to those things that can wait. We are looking at our software reports to find the best fit for the information we need, and contacting and seeking assistance from the software company if we are in need of additional or different information. They have been very helpful in directing us to the reports we need.

We are currently collecting Solid Waste, Water, and Taxes that went out on March 1st, working on the end of our fiscal year, and closing the books to provide the Annual Audit Report to NYS Comptroller’s office by April 30th. On occasion your office staff will volunteer their time, by staying after hours to get some things completed, or by taking work home with them.

With all that being said, we are finding that there is just not enough time to go above and beyond the already stringent, State and Federal, demanding deadlines and duties of a village office. We are in need of **volunteers** who are willing to assist with grants. The Village has the annual Music in the Parks grant, the

Director of the Summer Youth Recreation Program, with the assistance of the village office, has prepared a grant to continue to offer the swimming portion of the Summer Recreation Program. With the cuts to budgets and the economy as it is, our summer recreation program is a very important program to continue. The village office has also provided information for the parade that will be held during Newark Valley Days and the upcoming Farmer’s Market, and the NV Historical Society will be working on a Reserve America Grant of which the village will be the applicant. Each grant has an application process, overseeing the program as it takes place, and a final report to be prepared at the end of the program. Anyone interested in getting involved please contact the village office.

Village Holiday’s & Solid Waste

Below is a list of village holidays. These are now listed on the main page, bottom right hand side, of our website, villageofnewarkvalley.com.

If a holiday falls on Monday, Garbage will be picked up the following day.

- New Year's Day
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving (Thursday & Friday)
- Christmas Day

All monthly meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Become a part of the process by attending each month.

Have a safe & enjoyable summer!

Mertie Pozzi

MUSIC IN THE TROUT PONDS

PARK:

Sleepyhead June 9th 6-9-PM
Bad Weather Blues June 29th 6-9 PM
Watts on Tap September 8th 6-9 PM

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of music in the Trout Ponds Park. These events are free.

This event is made possible with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program administered locally by The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes.
New York State Council on the Arts: www.NYSCA.org
The ARTS Council of the So. Finger Lakes : www.eARTS.org

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

The lack of winter was a nice change, and it allowed us to keep cleaning up after the September flood. The baseball fields are well on there way to being ready for the season, all fences are replaced and the fields have been rolled thanks to the town allowing us the use of there the roller. The mulch is being replaced this week and all the play toys are being checked over and will be inspected before spring. We are cleaning the trout ponds bathrooms and will be replacing any fixtures we need to and if the weather continues we will open them as soon as possible. The creek bank has been cleared and rolled and we hope to be able to place riprap along the area that eroded.

This winter we used sand with the salt to help save money, now we will be out sweeping the roads; we will start early April and be done as soon as we can. We will try to sweep when the roads have enough moisture to keep the dust down, and then we will start to clean out the catch basins.

The budget is doing well and it will as long as the recycling continues to be done properly. We have noticed yard

waste in the garbage and I have told the guys to start to leave it, as it does not belong in the garbage if you want it pick up, other then the appointed days; you will have to buy a tag to put on it. The yard waste schedule is as follows.

<u>Brush</u>		<u>Leaves</u>	
April	17 th	April	18 th
May	15 th	May	16 th
June	12 th	June	13 th
July	10 th	July	11 th
August	7 th	August	8 th
September	4 th	September	5 th
October	16 th	October	17 th
November	6 th	November	7 th

Leaves and small brush (no rocks and dirt) needs to be in paper bags or cans that can be dumped into a truck. Larger brush and limbs need to be no thicker then 6 inches and less then 4 feet long.

We will be out early mornings to listen to hydrants and later in the morning to listen to service valves to try to locate leaks in service lines. Later in June we will be flushing hydrants, so watch the village web site for the exact date and remember if the water appears cloudy you will want to run the water for a short time and it will clear up. At this time it looks like we will be able to finish the water project this year, while we were doing the replacements of the mains we found three more streets that have undersized pipes and it looks like we will be able to use the remaining grant funds to change them.

Thank You,
William Foster

CLEANUP DAYS:

May 4th - 5th

NEW BUSINESSES:

Family Dollar – 25 North Main Street

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Warm weather arrived early, and we found ourselves outside taking care of old problems and starting new projects to enhance our properties' appearance and enjoyment. Remember that many projects require a building permit. Please call or e-mail if you have any questions about this.

Last year the hot topic was the sidewalks, and so it is that time again. Thank you to those who replaced their sidewalks last year, and here is hoping others will do the same this year. Reminder that Village Department of Public Works has sidewalk forms for use, free of charge for Village residents, on a first-come-first served basis. Contact DPW early on to be sure forms are available; also DPW will tear out old concrete if you call and make an appointment – reach DPW at 642-8700.

As flowers grow and trees leaf out there are many sidewalks with overgrowth that blocks either the sidewalk itself, or branches hang too low -- these safety hazards impact pedestrian traffic so keep growth cut back. Please!! be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your pet defecates on someone else's property, public sidewalks, or the Trout Ponds! Carrying a small plastic bag that covers your hand to pick up the waste is a simple solution! Code Enforcement will keep following up on complaints and fines can be levied per Village Code.

Lastly, vacant buildings in the upcoming months will have a large sign near the door. The sign will have a square, diagonal line, or an "X". This is a requirement of New York State Fire Code law that was enacted January

2011. Should the building catch fire, this will warn the responding fire company about the building's condition. Owners will be contacted regarding this matter, but if any questions now contact me.

William Swagler

TAPPAN SPAULDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY:



The Tappan Spaulding Memorial Library will be holding it's, "Riding for the Library" fundraiser on September 15, 2012.

Participants will cycle from the library in Newark Valley to the library in Berkshire. Cyclers will get sponsors to sponsor them for how many miles they can ride.

Children, seniors or anyone who does not want to ride on Route 38 can start at the Trout Ponds Park and ride to the end of Elm Street, getting sponsors to sponsor them for how many trips they can make.

Registration for adults is \$10.00 and for children is \$5.00. T-shirts will be provided at registration and water will be available at start and finish of ride. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place cyclers who get the largest monetary amount in both categories.

Help support your local library, get some exercise, fresh air, and meet your neighbors.

Watch for more details in the near future, and don't forget to check out the libraries website at

<https://sites.google.com/site/tappanspauldningmemoriallibrary> and see us on Facebook. Check out the library for big

news on the new common card for Tioga County.

HEAD START “Get to Know Us”

Night:

Head Start of Tioga Opportunities, Inc. will host a “Get to Know Us” Night for all prospective families and children on Tuesday, April 17, or Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at our Candor, Waverly, Owego, and Newark Valley sites. Head Start is a preschool program for low-income children ages 3-5, and is offered at no-cost to income-eligible families. This is an opportunity for families to visit the Head Start classrooms, meet the staff, and play with the materials and equipment. Staff will be available to answer questions, assist with filling out applications, and help children enjoy their visit.

Locations & Times:

Candor: Wed., April 18, 5:00-6:00 PM - in the Elementary School (Rooms 27 & 28), Academy Street

Owego: Wed., April 18, 5:00-6:30pm – 1277 Taylor Road, Washington Gladden Building
(use entrance around the back of building-follow signs)

Newark Valley: Wed., April 18, 6:00-7:00pm - 117 Whig Street

Waverly: Tuesday, April 17, 5:00-6:00pm - 12 Cooper Street

(The bad-weather date for ALL sites is Thursday, April 19, same times as above)

For more information, call the Main Office at 687-5888 or toll-free at 1-866-687-5888.

YARD SALE DAY:

May 12th

SUMMER RECREATION

PROGRAM:

Newark Valley Joint Summer Recreation Program will run mid July - August. Final dates T.B.A. It is a four week program for children who have completed Kindergarten and up. The program includes large gym activities, arts-n-crafts, and contest. The NV Village Office will have permission forms and more information for parents in June. Please call Jacia Donnelly, Camp Director (719) 661-4250 with any questions.

NEWARK VALLEY FARMERS

MARKET:

We would like to give an update and let people know that there is going to be a farmer’s market at the **Village Green on Sundays from 10 am-2pm starting May 20th** and ending Oct 28th. We hope you will join us.

We have numerous vendors from around the area that are going to be participating.

Cross Creek Farm- Berkshire-Free range chicken, Free range brown eggs, fruit, vegetables, Rabbit meat, Turkey, Fruit butters and jams, bedding plants, herb plants, dried herbs and herbal teas.

Crochet Creations By Jess- Newark Valley- Hand crocheted hats, headbands, blankets and more.

West Creek Family Farm- Newark Valley- Fiber products, Goat milk soaps, Vegetables

Woodland Cottage- Newark Valley- Handcrafted soaps and custom sewing

Providence Farm- Berkshire-Heirloom Vegetables
Boer Bakery- Endicott- Breads, pastries, and goat meat.
Mcrey Farm- Maine- Pasture raised beef, pork and lamb.
Stray Haven- Waverly- Adoption and animal awareness.

We also have musicians and events going on that you will want to come visit.

Tom Quigley will be playing opening day May 20th

Community Jam sessions will be held the second Sunday of Every month. Please come join in the fun and play along.

We will be having a kids day at the market in which kids can participate in contests, win prizes and we will have safety checks and the children can learn how to plant their own seeds.

And much more that we are finalizing dates on.

If you are a group or organization that would like to do a fundraiser please contact me, we are offering a one time free spot for your group to try to gain funds for your organization.

Please email us at crosscreekfarmfamily@yahoo.com or call 607-657-8251

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

April 12 **Annual Meeting and Dinner** @ NV Fire Station, 6 p.m.

April 14... **Shuttles & Spindles Guild** meets 2nd Sat. each month, 10-2. BYO lunch. Details: www.walkingwheelfarm.com.

April 21 **Spring Fling Pancake Breakfast** @ NV Depot, 8:30-11 a.m.; \$6 adults / \$4 ages 10 and under.

April 21... **Blacksmith Guild meets** @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop the third Sat. of each month at 10 a.m., beginning April 21.

April 21 **Cooking Guild: Making Soft Cheese** @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Welcome Center, 10-2. BYO lunch. New members welcome. 642-9516.

April 28 **Benefit Auction** with Bob Connelly @ NV Fire Station, opens 5 p.m., auction 6-9 p.m.; desserts available.

May 2- Oct. 1 **Black Powder & Primitive Archery Shooting** (all muzzleloaders welcome) @ Bement-Billings Farmstead shooting range; Wed. 6 p.m. until dark; (Jerry Rhodes 687-2271).

May 26 **Soap Making Workshop** 9-12, \$35 adults, RSVP by 5/19; 642-5412.
May 26 **Dr. Rumex Medicine Show** 12-4, free; herb sales, guided tree & plant walk @ Bement-Billings Farmstead.

June 2-3 **Primitive Camp & Rendezvous** @ Bement-Billings Maple Grove: all 1740-1840 period campers welcome; set up Fri.-Sat., wood & water provided, \$5 per camp, (Jerry Rhodes 687-2271)

June 8-Sept. 14 **Depot Friday Nights:** Free; Opens 6 p.m.; Begins 7 p.m. Refreshments available:

June 8 "Bats" Cornell's Dr. John Hermanson presents research on bats & "White-nose Syndrome."

June 15 Reprise 60's (songs of the 60's)

June 22 Horseshoe Lounge Playboys (5 piece band--acoustic backwoods Americana music)

June 29 Rick Marsi (local naturalist/author) "A New Leaf," a new (digital) look at nature in the S. Tier.

There is always openings on our village boards, committees, and ad hoc committees. Any resident interested in serving on any of these boards please call the Village office at 642-8686.

**FROM THE MAYOR, TRUSTEES,
CLERK'S OFFICE AND
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
Have a safe and happy summer.**