



*****VILLAGE NEWSLETTER*****

***NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY
APRIL 2013***

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Welcome to Spring, Passover and Easter Season.

The weather may not be as seasonable as we would like but we can put the Village Snowplows away (I think).

Please join us in welcoming David Amaro as Village Trustee effective April 9th. We appreciate the service of Tom Canfield who left our Board in February and we wish him well. We believe most are aware of the passing of Evelyn Downs retired Newark Valley Postmistress and retired Newark Valley Village Front Office employee. Evelyn was a friend to all and we will miss her so.

Your Village Board awaits the environmental testing results at the Rewey Ave. /Clinton Street former Ladder Factory. We will report results on the webpage as they become available. I have spoken to County Legislator's Hollenbeck and Weston along with County Planning and Economic Development Director Doug Barton. We will work with local, county, state and federal agencies to seek grant aid for any remediation or demolition funds. We seek Public Safety for Village residents and that existing structure does not fit our interpretation of safe and secure.

Our Village will once again have Tioga County Police Protection over and above

the road patrol. We continued our discussion with the Sherriff's Department and they will begin paid coverage in April. We appreciate the understanding of Sherriff Howard and others at County level to once again make this work.

Village Code Enforcement will be out and about with reminders or tickets for clean up, unlicensed vehicles and all those things that endure our hearts to the CEO. The atmosphere and appearance in our Village is very important and we do require code safety and upkeep. We do see certain properties along Owego Creek with solid waste along the shores. The mattresses and other possible asbestos items are not a good thing for any of us. Please understand that Lee Virtue must enforce our codes as those laws require.

Our ongoing efforts toward Municipal Building exterior renovation grant funding is 'in the works'. We will report as we know more.

It is spring and we will once again; walk the Village and probably see and hear the following and much more:

- Spring Fling at the Train Depot: Thanks to the Celebrations Committee and Historical Society for bringing this special fun to the young and young at heart

- Dr Paul Knapp (retired), rake in hand; cleaning and clearing out Trout Ponds Dam
- The mystery person picking up bottles and garbage on Cook and Smullen
- Noontime and five o'clock steam whistle from Eight Rock Street
- T-Ball, Baseball and all kinds of activity at the Trout Pond Park
- Tillers and Toilers at the Village Green
- Firefighter and Ambulance crews volunteering and risking their lives for our area safety
- Nick Wilson Bike Park skateboard and bicycle activity (no reason to use parking lots for this activity)
- Code Enforcement will speak later in the Newsletter to the other clean up activities necessary to keep us all 'out of court'
- The 2013 "Girl Awards" initiated by the Girl Scouts of NYPENN are: Jessica Akers, Alissa Franco, Emma Gregrow, Kiley Kerns, Sophia Nash, Marissa Silba and Faith Stoughton. We recognize these bronze Award recipients as the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can earn for their Community Project at the Trout Ponds.

We congratulate Berkshire Emergency Squad Chief Robin Shaver on being selected as a *Real Hero* by the Southern Tier Chapter of the American Red Cross and its Heroes Selection Committee. Robin is one of a select few local heroes to be honored at the 4th **Annual Real Heroes Breakfast**. Robin was selected from among scores of Hero nominees because of the courage and dedication she has demonstrated at Berkshire EMS. Robin, you serve as an example to us all.

Have a great Spring and Safe Journey!

*Best Regards,
Jim Tornatore
Mayor*

MUSIC IN THE PARKS:

We did not receive the Music in the Parks grant for this year. We are told it was a very competitive grant this year; had more applicants, and less money. Tried to appeal and that fell through as well! For your local entertainment enjoyment, see 2013 Depot Friday Nights Schedule attached.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Spring has finally sprung! Enjoy!

Paying your Water, Solid Waste and/or Tax bills – WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS ONLINE, BY PHONE, OR AT THE COUNTER (fees apply). If you provide an e-mail, a confirmation will be sent to your e-mail. The other option we offer, **DIRECT DEBIT** from your bank account. **This option is free of charge.** Please call for details (642-8686), or go to our website at villageofnewarkvalley.com.

DID YOU KNOW the Village of Newark Valley strives to provide the lowest cost for Garbage Service. Our current rates are \$50 per quarter, \$40 per quarter for seniors. This entitles you to **up to 2** garbage cans per week. The village is able to provide services at a lesser cost because the Solid Waste Fund is a self-sustaining fund, meaning that revenues received, take care of expenditures. Therefore, the more people that are on the service, the lower the village can keep their prices to provide these services. **COMPARE OUR**

PRICES TO THEIRS, AND SEE FOR YOURSELF! Remember, we also have **dumpsters** for your use if you are doing a project, or just cleaning up. You can view the policy and application on the village website, or give us a call at the office.

Water Rates

Some of you may have noticed a **decrease** in your water bill. This is due to a debt service reduction. We sold our bond for the water project in January and our interest rate was lower than we had anticipated, therefore, following a recommendation from the Rate Committee, we were able to lower the rate we needed to pass on to you for the repayment. We were able to reduce the debt service fee by \$8.50 per quarter.

Have a happy and safe summer!

*Mertie Pozzi
Clerk/Treasurer*

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

By the time you read this I hope winter is gone, but the new law for sidewalks has been put in effect and requires you the clear your sidewalk within 24 hours after the snow fall with little or no verbal notice. So please clear the walk so I don't have to clear it and charge you. If anyone puts a complaint in the office because of hazardous condition I am required to clear the walk within 4 hours.

The village and town clean up weekend is May 3rd and 4th this year. The senior day pick up is Thursday May 2nd. So Village residents please call the Village barn at 642 8700 and let us know if you need a pick up and this is for seniors only and you must live in the house. All metal need to be separated and no

household garbage. The DPW will start to pick up brush and leaves, see schedule below. The dump is open for now and you can take any brush or leaves up there and drop off in the appropriate spot no household trash or wood, if you have a tree taken down it is your reasonability to take care of the brush.

The water department has been busy checking for leaks in the mains and in houses, if you get a call about a possible leak in your house it is because the new meters are detecting that there is water running at all times (this means that a faucet could be dripping or something more major. Please check it out and repair it if you need some help call the water department at 642-8700.

The trout pond park will be open by the time you read this but we will still be cleaning it up and getting ready for the summer. The DPW will do its best to stay out of your way if possible.

<u>Brush</u>	<u>Leaves</u>
16 th April	17 th April
14 th May	15 th May
11 th June	12 th June
9 th July	10 th July
6 th August	7 th August
10 th September	11 th September
8 th October	9 th October
5 th November	6 th November

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 than 6 inches and less than 4 feet long.

*William Foster
DPW Supervisor*

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Spring is here and the flowers, trees, and bushes will be growing and blooming. It is the owner’s responsibility to keep your sidewalks clear of the flowers, trees, and bushes. As the grass grows the property owner’s need to keep it cut.

There is NO OPEN BURNING in the village. Small pit fires are ok but no Large fires. Questions please call the Code Enforcement Officer.

The Newark Valley Fire Dept. (Fire Marshall) and the Village of Newark Valley Code Official are required by law to inspect all one (1) and two (2) family dwelling units that are sold, leased or change in occupancy for residential use. This is in compliance with the New York State Uniform fire and Building Code, under Section R313.2

The following requirements shall be met:

1. A smoke detector shall be installed on every level and in the bedrooms of the home including the basement.
2. A carbon monoxide detector shall be installed in the common area of the bedrooms (i.e. 2nd Floor hallway.)

Exception: Carbon Monoxide Detector shall not be required in a building or structure that contains no Carbon Monoxide source.

In addition to that Code Enforcement is required by law to do yearly inspections on all apartment complexes so be prepared as we will be around this year. The Code Office will contact those that

need an inspection by mail and set up a time when it can be done.

Remember that Village and Town clean up days are coming so use that source to get rid of all your junk. Check the web site or call the office for more info. For questions do not hesitate to call me. 607-642-8686.

Have a Great Spring!

*Lee Virtue
CEO*

TAPPAN SPAULDING LIBRARY

The board members and staff of the Tappan Spaulding Memorial Library hope everyone is having a wonderful spring so far. While we have not been impressed with the groundhog's ability to predict, we are all hopeful that sunshine, flowers and warm weather are right around the corner!

Our book group continues to go strong. In March the members discussed "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho. The book was a rather simple read; however, it lent itself to some interesting discussion questions. The group used a Finger Lakes book club kit for this book. The kit included multiple copies of the book, the book in audio format on CDs, a written list of information about the book and the author and finally a list of discussion questions. These kits make planning your own book club easy! Please see Carol or Vicki if you have any interest in borrowing a book club kit.

This month our book club will be discussing "The Invisible Bridge" by Julie Orringer. We have reserved extra copies at the library. Please feel free to check one out and join this dynamic

group! The group next meets April 16th at 6:30 pm at the library.

Plans for the "Dig into Reading" summer reading program are in full swing. Worm farming, Tom Sieling's family-oriented sing-a-long "Howl at the Moon... with a Ground-Dweller Tune", the Ross Park Zoomobile and a funeral planning seminar are just some of the events that we have planned.

The library is always looking for volunteers to help! The board meets the third Monday of each month. Here we discuss upcoming events and ideas. Please feel free to join us at any board meeting. Our fundraising book sale is May 11th and we always welcome any help for this important event.

NV JOINT SUMMER REC. PRGM

The Newark Valley Joint Summer Recreation Program is available for Newark Valley, Berkshire and Richford school-age residents. Campers must be age 6 or have completed kindergarten. The program includes arts and crafts, large gym activities; such as Giant Four Square and walking field trips. Other field trips including Greenwood Park and American Red Cross Learn to Swim Lessons are dependent on grants awarded.

We plan to run a similar program as last year but, specific dates and times will be available closer to the summer season. The 2013 calendar and permission form will be available during the last week of the school season. You can pick them up at the NV Village Office, NV Middle School or print them out on line.

If you would like a copy emailed to you please contact Jacia Donnelly at Jaciaw@yahoo.com.

See you in July!

*Jacia Donnelly
Director*

YARD SALE DATE May 11th

TILLERS AND TOILERS

After a long winter, we are looking forward to Spring!

It won't be long before we start cleaning up the Green and areas around the library and Municipal Building. We are anxious to see how our new plantings look when they come back to life. You should see lots of beautiful tulips soon!

Our first meeting of the club will be on April 18th at 6:30pm in the Noble Room. We would like to have new members join us. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to keep our village looking attractive.

We will be having our annual PLANT SALE on May 11th on the Village Green. We will have perennials, shrubs, roses, and a few house plants at VERY attractive prices. Look for some Mother's Day gifts too.

For more information, contact Judy Eldridge at jpeldrisge@msn.com or 642-3414.

NEW BUSINESSES:

Bayside Cast N Call

- 48 Main Street

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April 20 **Spring Fling Pancake**

Breakfast: 8:30-11 AM @ Depot. \$6 adult, \$4 child (10 & under); Easter egg hunt 10 AM, decorated egg contest, children's activities. (607) 642-9516.

April 20 **Cooking/ Guides Guild:** Field Trip to MacKenzie-Childs in Aurora. Meet behind NV PO Bldg. @ 8:30 to carpool. RSVP by 4/13, Jane: (607) 727-8214.

April 20 **Blacksmith Guild:** 10-? @ Farmstead. New members welcome. Doug Dayger: (607) 669-4489.

April 27 **Benefit Auction** @ NV Fire Station, 6-9 PM. Preview & Desserts 5 PM. (607) 642-9516.

May 1 **Muzzleloading Shoot** begins 6 PM @ Farmstead's Black Powder Guild Shooting Range. Continues each Wed. until October. \$1 per target, 3 target shoots each week. George (607) 863-4217.

May 4 **Cooking/Guides Guild:** Set the house, open hearth cooking, guide training/refresher @ Farmstead, 10-2. BYO lunch. New members welcome! RSVP Jane: (607) 727-8214.

May 5 **Iroquois Beadwork**

Lecture: *Folk Art Series* @ Noble Rm. in P.O., 9 Park St., 2:30-4:30. Free, public welcome. Deborah Holler, "Inventing Fashion--The Art of Flowering." (Also see workshop on *Beaded Pin Cushions on May 18.*) NY Council on Humanities, NYSCA Dec.

May 11 **Family Day at the Farmstead:** 1-5 PM. Hands-on kids' activities, tea in

the parlor, hiking trails, old time games, BBQ... Details TBA.

May 11 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** warp the loom @ Farmstead, 10-2. (BYO lunch & bev.) New members welcome. Denise Tarbox, (607) 642-5568.

May 18 **Tuscarora Beaded Pin Cushion Workshop:** *Folk Art Series* @ Farmstead's Welcome Ctr., 9241 State Rt. 38; 10-5, with Rosemary Hill. Adults & teens. \$38/ \$36 members, RSVP by 5/11: 642-5412.

May 18 **Blacksmith Guild:** 10-? @ Farmstead. New members welcome. Doug Dayger: (607) 669-4489.

June 1st **Cruise-In:** 5-8pm @ the Depot. All vehicles welcome. Free Admission. Refreshments are available. Ray Shaver (607) 642-3627

July 6th **Cruise-In:** 5-8pm @ the Depot. All vehicles welcome. Free Admission. Refreshments are available. Ray Shaver (607) 642-3627

August 3rd **Cruise-In:** 5-8pm @ the Depot. All vehicles welcome. Free Admission. Refreshments are available. Ray Shaver (607) 642-3627

September 3rd **Cruise-In:** 5-8pm @ the Depot. All vehicles welcome. Free Admission. Refreshments are available. Ray Shaver (607) 642-3627

Also, see insert in this newsletter for the Depot Friday Nights schedule. Hope to see you all there!