



**\*\*\*VILLAGE NEWSLETTER\*\*\***

***NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY  
APRIL 2015***

**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:**

Hi everyone,

The winter time just passed is leaving snow, multiple days of below zero temperatures, frozen water pipes, too many potholes and heaving roadways caused by a frost level not seen in recent memory. Your Village Public Works Department plowed, sanded, salted and unplugged frozen pipes at all times while handling the normal chore of daily water testing, weekly solid waste collection, meter reading and water leak detection. Scot, Steve and Bill: good job! Please see Bill Foster information later in this correspondence.

Soon the Restoration Contractors will begin revitalizing the exterior of the Municipal Building. Everyone can be proud of this building; its history and its future. Our thanks to Deputy Village Clerk Rachel Jacobs and her grant writing talent to make this project possible. Our thanks to all of you; the Village residents who make this project possible.

The Whig Street sidewalk proposal and grant award meeting(s) will take place sometime this Spring. As those Whig Street residents know, the engineers must complete necessary surveys and report to community. When it is forwarded to the Trustees and Sidewalk Committee dates will be set for meeting the public.

We develop methods to serve our Village residents and taxpayers with minimal impact on budget. Later in this newsletter your Village Clerk Mertie Pozzi will explain the expansion of office hours. We believe this accessibility is community benefit. Our staff meeting every other week is to explore amended ways of doing more with less resource. We continue to seek inter municipal methods with governments willing to share services. It has worked very well for Newark Valley Village and Berkshire Town code enforcement. This project begun last October saves taxpayer dollars and improved efficiency. We are moving toward more of that process.

Spring is begun and we wish you well.

*Best Regards,  
Jim Tornatore  
Mayor*

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

Hope for a great summer! We deserve it!

We are currently in the process of collecting taxes. We will be collecting taxes until October 31<sup>st</sup>, at which time they will be turned over to the county and added to your town tax bill. Please pay the exact amount due as we cannot accept anything in a different amount. Feel free to call the office to get the correct amount. 642-8686.

STAFF MEETINGS – We; Office staff, Department of Public Works, with the Mayor, and invitation to Trustees to attend, are now holding monthly meeting to discuss ways to cut costs. These meetings have been very productive meetings; from changing our office hours, charging directly for services, to cutting utility costs. All these contribute to the annual budget which gets more difficult each year to stay within the tax cap. While we try to keep rates as low as possible, the cost of everyday utilities, salt, etc. continue to rise. We feel that more heads, more ideas, more ways to cut costs. See below for some of these ideas brought forward from these meetings. We will continue to look for saving and cutting costs.

New Office Hours – As some of you are aware, we are in the office more hours than we are open to the public, so..., to better serve our community, and enable some savings on utilities, we have increased our office hours to the public from 24 to 35 hours per week, and have reduced our Monday evening hours. **New office hours are; Monday to Thursday 9 AM to 5 PM, and Friday 9 AM to 12 PM.**

We have hung signs in the Municipal Building to remind those who use the building to turn off lights, turn down heat, and keep doors closed and locked. We are also beginning to mix sand with the salt for roads.

We have made recommendations to the board who will be reviewing for approval at our next board meeting, April 14<sup>th</sup>. They are as follows;  
Fee Schedule changes/additions – We have taken a look at all of our services that we offer and need to charge to the

individual homeowner rather than absorbing them into our budget; whereby everyone is paying.

Meter replacement and thawing -  
\*Actual Costs (1 hour minimum)  
(Labor, Materials, Equipment)

Home inspections – Water only –  
\*Actual Cost (1 hour minimum)

Tearing out sidewalks - \*Actual Costs -  
(1 hour minimum) (Labor, Materials, Equipment)

Return trip for garbage - \$5, drive to garbage truck – no cost (Pickup day only, must be on service)

Dumping fees – We will now be monitoring, and charging dumping fees to dump at Rock Street for contractors and out of village residents. There are costs associated with dumping, such as the use of the village backhoe and personnel for maintaining the area, and these fees will be passed on. Costs are as follows; Pick-up Truck \$10, Small/Medium Trailers \$15, and large Trailers (over 12') \$25 per load. You must call 642-8700 to set up an appointment. Tags must be purchased at the village office prior to dumping (DPW employees cannot accept payment). We are monitored by NYS DEC and items are restricted to brush, grass, leaves, stone, and fill.

\*Actual cost are prepared using FEMA rates

Have a great summer!

*Mertie Pozzi*

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

The Village and Town cleanup is Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> for senior pickup and on Friday and Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for all others to bring to the town barn for disposal.

The DPW crew has been very busy clearing roads and unthawing pipes this winter, we have repaired broken service lines and changed meters that have frozen and broke. The home owner is responsible for keep an adequate heat source to prevent this from happening. Many people like me are using a different heat source (coal or wood pellets) to help offset the price of heating oil, but we still need to maintain heat in the area that the water enters the home. Most of the frozen meters and lines started at cold stone walls of the house, please remember to continue to let some water to run at night. The frost line, where we had to dig up the line, is at five and a half feet and will be in the ground for a long time even if the temperatures does rise.

The sanitation department has noticed more recyclables in the trash and are leaving the garbage for the resident to sort out. The weight is still a problem because of the snow and ice in the cans that do not have a top and they are leaving those cans also. The cans should be next to the road so if you don't have a area shoveled you can put it at the end of the driveway where we can reach it from the road and don't have to climb over snow banks. Many people are packing the can so tight that the garbage will not come out even if the can is hit on the bottom. For safety purposes the men who pick the trash will not reach in the can to remove any stuck items, the reason is we don't know what is in the can under the stuck item examples animal waste, nails, glass, needles, pins or personal hygiene items that may carry any number of infectious hazards, if we can grab the top of a plastic bag we will try to pull it out by the bag.

The brush and leave schedule is:

	<u>Brush</u>	<u>Leaves</u>
April	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
May	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
June	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
July	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
August	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
September	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>
October	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>
November	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>

Most of you have noticed that we are using more sand this year, it is because the high price of salt (about 20% higher) we will be out cleaning the roads as soon as possible and will try to do it when the roads have moisture on them to prevent the dust from blowing. We are looking at alternate ways instead of black top to increase the miles of roads we can repair in a year and still stay under budget, if anyone has an idea or opinion please contact the DPW and let us know.

*Thank You  
William Foster*

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Happy Spring Everyone!

I hope the last of the snow is finally behind us. Just a few reminders as Spring is upon us and that usually brings spring cleaning and other projects.

Swimming pools: If you are planning on putting in or up a new swimming pool this spring or summer, make note a permit is required; this includes the rubber blow up inflatable pools. Please check in with the Village Office to get both local and state regulated regulations on pool installation permits and regulations. Please also make note that

extension cords are **NOT** sufficient to run your swimming pool pumps, as it is a fire safety issue.

Projects: As you are thinking about upcoming projects and/or repairs, please be sure to contact the Office before you start any work to see if in fact any permits are required, and to also see what types of inspections needed for the proposed project.

Open burning: It is against the law for you to open burn within the Village limits. However, there is nothing wrong with a **small recreational fire**, of which must be contained in some sort of fire ring or pit and should not exceed three (3) feet in diameter. Do not put the pit or ring near a house, car, tree, or any other combustible object. You shall not burn any objects with any paint, heavy amounts of brush, leaves, grass, or any kind of toxic materials. Please make note that if you have a fire and it should get out of hand, that the fire department will be called and the fire will be put out. Tickets may need to be issued. So please do not take advantage of this option.

I hope everyone enjoys the warmer weather ahead! Please remember that I am here to help keep the Village a safe and clean environment, and to not hesitate to call the Village office, at 607-642-8686 for any questions or concerns!

Here's to a great Spring/Summer ahead!

*Rachel Jacobs  
Code Enforcement Officer*

**YARD SALE DATE**

**May 9th**

## **CONGRATS D. SCOT COOMBS**



Above, Scot is receiving a plaque for his 30 years of service to the Village of Newark Valley from the Supervisor of Public Works, William Foster.

Mayor Jim Tornatore comment:  
Scot dedicates life to family; wife Melanie and their sons and daughters. Scot's time with the Village is and has been exemplary. Operating snow removal, backhoe, mowing and other equipment are only part of Scot's knowledge and expertise; getting us through flooding, frozen pipes and every other function. It is a pleasure knowing Scot and his family.

## **TAPPAN SPAULDING LIBRARY**

Hello from the Tappan Spaulding Memorial Library.

We have been busy this winter, the bitter cold and snow has encouraged lots of reading!

We celebrated the Holiday Magic Open House by hosting The Grinch and Little Cindy- Lou Who. We also gave away new books to the children who visited. Thanks to all who participated.

Our LEGO Club meets the first Wednesday of every month in the Noble Room at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome and we have lots of fun. The next meeting is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our library has a great Children's through Young Adults collection with lots of Picture books, Board books and Easy readers for the younger crowd. Our Juvenile section includes many popular chapter books such as the I Survived Series (the new Chicago Fire book is here), the Magic Tree House books, and Erin Hunter's Warrior series. The Young Adult collection has the popular dystopian titles such as the Divergent and Maze Runner trilogies.

We keep up with bestsellers in adult fiction and non-fiction. We have some of everything including adventures, mystery, romance, biographies, clean reads, historical fiction, titles about animals, crime novels, paranormal and horror, gardening, cooking and craft books. We have a selection of all the types in Large Print editions.

If we don't have a title here at the library we can order it from any of the 33 libraries that make up the Finger Lakes Library System and it will be delivered here for you to borrow.

We also have Books On CDs and PlayAways for those who would rather hear than read. These are great for listening to while traveling.

For gamers we have Nintendo DS, Wii, Xbox 360 and PS3 games. There are also many games that can be borrowed from a rotating collection.

We are consistently updating our DVD collection with new titles, such as Big Hero 6 and Mockingjay. Our selections include all of the Downton Abbey and Game of Thrones seasons.

We have 3 public computers that you can use and print from. These computers have 11 databases on them including Learning Express, Home Improvement and Auto Repair Centers and HeritageQuest Online. Our Wi-Fi is available if you would rather bring in your own devices.

Please stop in and see what we have to offer. You'll be pleased with the large selection of titles and the various formats you can borrow. Best of all, it's free!

Hope to see you soon.

*Carol Forde*

### **SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Artistic Expressions at the Trout Ponds:

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

Watts on Tap – Saturday June 13th

Last Call – Saturday July 25th

Phillips Head – Saturday August 15th

This project is made possible, in part, with public funds from NYSCA's Decentralization Program, administered regionally by The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes.

## NV EASTER EGG HUNT

Bring on Spring! The Newark Valley Celebrations Committee and the Newark Valley Historical Society are teaming up once again to present our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Easter Egg Hunt. Come and welcome Spring at the Newark Valley Village Green on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am for our Easter egg hunt. Countless eggs will be filled with candy and goodies for children to find. Enjoy donuts and drinks too!

Come usher in Spring with us, and get reacquainted with the neighbors you haven't seen since the cold and snow drove everyone inside. The event will be held rain, sleet, or (hopefully) shine.

*Leslie Inderwies*

## NV JOINT YOUTH SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Are you looking for a safe and fun summer program for your school-aged children this summer? We have been having fun (at a low cost) for years! The Town/Village of Newark Valley, Richford and Berkshire work hard each year to help provide an enriched environment for our youth to utilize during those summer months. Many of us are familiar with the "great candy hunt", giant four square and various fieldtrips such as swimming and Skate-Estate water slides! This summer will be the same organized outlet for our youth to enjoy over the summer break. Make sure you get the information you need to get your children busy playing with friends this summer season!

Check us out on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/NVJointYouthSummerRecreation>

*Jacia Donnelly  
Director*

## NV HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April 1-29 **Black Powder Guild:**  
Muzzleloading Shoot, Wed. afternoons until dark @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Black Powder Range. Joe: (607) 723-8405.

April 4 **Spring Fling Easter Egg Hunt:** 10 AM @ Village Green (607) 642-9516.

April 9 **Annual Meeting & Dinner:**  
6 PM @ Newark Valley Fire Station. Bring a dish to pass.

April 10-11 **Brain Tanning Workshop** @ Welcome Center. \$50; \$25 deposit due by 2/14. Fri. 6:30-? PM and Sat. 8-4.

April 11 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**  
spinning 10-2 @ Rollie Noble Room in PO Bldg. BYO lunch & beverage. New members welcome! Denise: (607) 642-5568.

April 11 **Black Powder Guild:**  
public Muzzleloading Shoot, 10-12 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Black Powder Range. Jerry: (607) 972-1876, [geraldrhodes@gmail.com](mailto:geraldrhodes@gmail.com).

April 18 **Cooking/Guides Guild:**  
10-2, set the house, guide training, open hearth cooking. RSVP Jane (607) 727-8214.

**April 18 Blacksmith Guild:**

10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. Doug: (607) 669-4489.

Apr. 30 **Iroquois Nation Influence on Women's Rights:** speaker *Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner*, 3-4:30 PM @ NV High School. Free. (607) 642-5412. Folk Art Series; *NY Council for the Humanities*.

**May 2 Benefit Auction:**

6-9 PM @ NV Fire Station. Preview & desserts 5 PM. (607) 642-9516.

**May 6 Black Powder Guild:**

Wed. League Shoot, 3PM-Dark; *continues each Wed. until Oct.* @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Black Powder Range. Bob: (215) 688-0614.

**May 9 Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**

10-2 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead. Spinning; prepare *Clare de Loom* barn loom; BYO lunch & beverage. New members welcome! Denise (607) 642-5568.

**May 16 Blacksmith Guild:**

10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. Doug: (607) 669-4489.

**May 16 Cooking/Guides Guild:**

Day trip to Palmyra, NY: *Coverlet Museum*; lunch at *Muddy Waters Café*. RSVP by 5/13 to Jane (607) 727-8214.

**June 5 Depot Friday Nights:**

*The Tarps*, 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. 642-9516.

**June 6 Cruise-In:**

5-7 PM @ NV Depot. All vehicles welcome; refreshments available. Ray: (607) 642-3627.

**June 12 Depot Friday Nights:**

*Rick Marsi-- "Exploring Alaska's Inside Passage,"* 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. 642-9516.

**June 13 Antiques Appraisal:**

*Bob Connelly*, 12-4 PM @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Herrick Barn, \$5 per item.

**June 13 Maple Grove Frolic:**

Public Muzzleloading Shoot, 10-12; Club shoot 1 PM @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Black Powder Range. Public invited 10-3, no charge.

Jerry: (607) 972-1876, [geraldrhodes@gmail.com](mailto:geraldrhodes@gmail.com).

**June 13 Blacksmithing 101:**

Learn basic blacksmithing *with Gary Hinman & Doug Dayger*, 9 AM-5 PM @ Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. \$30/\$28 NVHS members. Register by 6/5/15: (607) 642-5412. Folk Art Series; *NYSCA-Dec*.

**June 19 Depot Friday Nights:**

*Cobblestone Crossing*, 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. 642-9516.

**June 20 Blacksmith Guild:**

10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. Doug: (607) 669-4489.

**June 26 Depot Friday Nights:**

*Grassanova*, 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. (607) 642-9516.