



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

NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY

April 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Good Spring everyone,

Most snow has now left our Valley; however, the last blast was a reminder of the Hebrew expression "People Plan, God Laughs" was upon the Village. I know the beauty and speed of snow removal is in the eyes of the beholder. Your Village received three notes of appreciation for DPW speedy removal of snow by taxpayer/residents. I do share the plowing and removal was well done by our three member DPW staff. Sidewalks on Village owned properties along with our streets were quickly clear. Our thoughts go out to the Dairy Farms not able to have milk picked up due to the weather.

Anyone in the Municipal Building on Monday evenings must be aware Boy Scout Troop #30 is an active part of the second floor activity. Their activity and action is exemplary and it does not surprise us that there are Seven EAGLE SCOUTS in our local troop. We all have seen and enjoyed the volunteer project footprint in our area from Eagle Scout projects. These many fine projects are usually not singular efforts by the Scouts, alone. Parents, Scout Master(s), Scout

Board(s) both current and past make it happen. Their Board is allowing your Mayor and Trustees to congratulate the Scout Master, Board, Parents and fine young men from our Northern Tioga community.

Jake Andersen, Josh Blazey, Cody Coombs, Corey Coombs, Thomas Durand and Tyler Maule: 2017 Graduates

Alex Umiker: 2020 Graduate

Soon, events will begin around our area: **Annual Spring Fling Saturday, April 8th** at the **Newark Valley Fire Station**. Breakfast at the Station followed by egg hunt and other activities. This new site change will add the benefit of on-site breakfast along with everything else. Come to breakfast and watch the **Newark Valley Historical Society** sponsored festivities and participate. The **Tioga Arts Council** in concert with your Village will host an outdoor movie '**Jungle Book**' at twilight on Saturday, May 20th at the Village Trout Ponds Park. We will post other events on our webpage: www.villageofnewarkvalley.com and our Facebook: [Village of Newark Valley](#). **Newark Valley Summer Youth Program** Coordinator Heidi Cardone is determining location and beginning dates for our annual July program.

On April 5th we will open bids and select contractor(s) for the west side of Whig Street Sidewalk project. Project is by Federal Department of Transportation administrated by NYS DOT with additional grant made available by the NYS Dormitory Authority. Begin and completion timetable to be determined by weather condition in this 2017 year. We believe these Federal DOT opportunities will be available in the future for new funding but more must be known. The White House Federal Budget submittal to Congress does concern us. We will be speaking with our Congressman Tom Reed as he did state earlier this year to me that a Village of Newark Valley Meeting with constituents will happen. Watch for further information.

Our local Fire Department, Ambulance Service, DEC, Code Enforcement along with Deputy Sheriffs responded to an active burn pile in an open field behind a residence on Whig Street. NYS burn ban is in effect and there is no open burning ie: Bonfires or burning of any materials within the Village limits. Please respect safety parameters for all.

We have signed and await completion of a street wattage audit that will supply very specific data toward Village purchase of LED lamps. LED does reduce kilowatt usage for a current term perspective; however, we must be sure of viable return on investment and other long term matters before we spend your taxpayer dollars. We will explain further once we receive the audit and

ROI results. Your Village believes street lights are an important ingredient for safety and way of life. It is not time to 'turn off the lights' as a number of people suggest. We continue to search alternative, less expensive ways of doing things without decreasing what you expect as taxpayers.

Your Village Planning Board has completed our Master Plan update. They will host a public hearing soon and we will print in the Summer Newsletter. Thank you...Sandy Kasmarcik, Cyndi Vosburgh and Sharon Weed for your patience and hard work.

As you know, last fall we searched and found a grant to partially fund demolition of the Five Clinton Street property. This factory closed twenty-five years ago and needs to come down. Our most recent winter storm caused additional roof deterioration. We have boarded up all entry ways of this address. Your Trustees and Mayor are discussing avenues of destruction and removal. The cost estimate total of a bit over one half million for asbestos and building removal. We will report as we progress.

Your Trustees, Mayor, Village DPW, Office Staff and ad-hoc Rate Committee are preparing and completing multi-year infrastructure and capital plan. This is a dollar and asset necessity projection for long range process. I posted those specific plans in the Owego PennySaver article of March 26th. That article does appear on our Website for your review.

Beginning last fall your Village Office began distributing fishing and hunting licenses which we are available during our thirty-seven hours a week that we are open. Many hunters and fishers from all over the area are now able to purchase licenses Monday - Friday. We do wish to expand other services to our taxpayers and residents living here in the Village and to those finding convenience with us in the Towns of Richford, Berkshire and Newark Valley. Last month a visitor asked our Office if we distribute Handicapped placards to Village residents. Village Clerk Mertie Pozzi will add to these comments; explaining how you can come in fill out the questionnaire for handicapped parking permits and other necessary documents.

Volunteer Rachel Smith is working with Trustee Cliff Alexander, DPW Supervisor Bill Foster and Deputy Clerk Pam Benthin toward grant search and submittal for the second phase of Village Trout Ponds playground equipment. This year we are considering ages six through twelve type play area. These units are larger and suitable for the older children.

Lastly, your Trustees and Mayor will continue our conversations with the Town Supervisor and Councilmen to coordinate Village street salt/sand/plowing; or Village taxpayer relief from onerous Town tax rate. Your Town Board are reasonable good people and I am confident they will eventually do the right thing for Village tax rate reprieve. Good stuff, takes time.

The Governor's Office did contact me; we had lengthily conversation and will report further as time goes by.

We hope for all of you; a blessed Spring, Passover and/or Easter for those who celebrate.

*Best Wishes,
Jim Tornatore*

CLERK'S REPORT:

I think we can finally say spring has sprung!

We have added a couple of services for the convenience of our village residents – **Parking Permits for Disabled** - We are now an issuing agent for parking permits for persons with disabilities. Village residents may come into the office to obtain a permit application. You and your doctor need to fill out and return the signed application, along with proof of name and address to obtain the parking permit tag. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 9 AM to 5 PM, and Fridays 9 AM till Noon.

Secondly, we are now **Registrars of Vital Statistics** for the Village of Newark Valley.

The end of our fiscal year is over; 2/28/17. We are busy closing out the year and the Annual Financial Report to the State Comptroller's Office is due by April 30th. We are also currently collecting taxes, and Solid Waste/Water bills. We will be collecting taxes until October 31st, 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. Please feel free to call the office to get the correct amount. 642-8686.

Solid Waste (garbage)/Water – Funds are looking good! We had no rate increases for this 2017-18 Fiscal Year! These are both self-sustaining funds.

There was no village elections this year. The board remains as it is; Mayor, Jim Tornatore, Deputy Mayor; Mike Reynolds and Trustees; Doug Card, Pat Beck, and Cliff Alexander.

Yard Sale date is usually held on Saturday, the week-end of Mother's Day. The date for this year is May 13th.

Mertie Pozzi

CLEANUP & BRUSH AND LEAVES

<u>Brush</u>	<u>Leaves</u>
April 11 th	April 12 th
May 9 th	May 10 th
June 13 th	June 14 th
July 11 th	July 12 th
August 15 th	August 16 th
September 12 th	September 13 th
October 17 th	October 18 th
November 7 th	November 8 th

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

I'm writing this on 3/23/14 one week after the snow storm, it is tough to believe that last week we had a storm of more than 30 inches of snow, but we managed to keep all roads open and drivable without

using a lot of material, now outside the village barn is a robin and many other birds so maybe we will have a nice spring. I want to thank all residents for keeping their automobiles off the roads as that made it possible to keep up with the storm. The DPW will start to clean the sand off the roads as soon as equipment is available, we will try to do this when the roads are wet to prevent dust. The road work for this year is on hold until we get current and up to date prices and I will inform you on the web site or the next newsletter.

Next will be the Village & Town wide cleanup schedule. On May 4th is the Handicap & Senior day pick up if you qualify and are a village resident please call the village DPW at 642-8700 to schedule a pick up. May 5th and 6th are the drop off days at the town barn, some changes are NO electronics will be accepted because, Taylor Garbage is taking them free of charge but you have to take them to Glenmary Drive, Owego. We will be taking old tires; first 4 old tires are free and after that \$1.00 each.

The sanitation department has had an increase in recyclables' and have left tags on cans, the residents are responsible to examine the can and remove all recyclables we have also had over weight cans, usually because of water and ice so please keep the cans under cover and if you have a cat please put the kitty litter in a separate can or container as it also makes the can over weight.

The water department has had a good winter with no major breaks in the delivery system, we have had

minor leaks in the curb stops and in homes beyond the meter. The village office has tried to make contact with the home owner's to inform them of a possible leak and the DPW will help as much as we can to help locate it. The water department will start to flush the dead ends in the village to prevent any old water from sitting in the pipes, this will be done when the temperature is above freezing

The last thing I want to mention is about a news article in our local paper, the village DPW did board up the old ladder factory but it was forced to by our own village codes to protect the residents. The owner (NOT the village) was unresponsive to the violations sent to him by the code officer.

Thank You

*Village DPW Supervisor
Bill Foster*

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

As spring approaches please be advised that there are state wide burn bans in place. These burn bans are put into effect due to the dryness of dead debris from the winter months. Once the burn ban is lifted small recreational fires are permitted within the village limits, but must be contained to a 3 ft. x 3 ft. barrier. Please do not burn brush, leaves, or any type of garbage/recyclables. Be kind to your neighbors while having a recreational fire.

Swimming pools: if you plan to put in a swimming pool this coming summer be sure to contact the Village of Newark Valley Code

Enforcement Office to get a permit and to also gather all regulations needed for a pool to be installed and operational. Blow up pools are in need of a permit to be put up, and are also in need of fences and other safety features just as other more permanent pools. All electrical systems must be put in to state and local code, and need to be inspected by a certified electrician. * Please do not use extension cords to run pool pumps and heaters.

Building Permits are available for all variations of building that you would like to do this coming spring and summer. Please be advised any structure you intend on putting up greater than 144 sq. feet you need a permit for its installation and or construction. This include sheds! For any other questions anyone may have please feel free to contact Code Enforcement at 607.642.8686 or at yonvcode@stny.rr.com.

IMPORTANT: Per NYS Fire Code, premises are to be identified with house numbers – this assists first responders. Numbers are to be at least 4" high and of a contrasting color from the house. Make it a priority to get the house number on your home, as the responders are making it a priority to get to you quickly.

*Happy Spring!
Scott Kasmarcik*

TILLERS & TOILERS GARDEN CLUB:

Garden Time? Tillers and Toilers News

Although the ground has a long way to go before it is ready to plant, we are thinking ahead to the warm weather. There is always something to do at the Green and it won't be long until you see our members out with our tools refreshing the area.

Please mark your calendars for the annual plant sale. It is always held the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. For the good selection of very reasonably priced perennials, you can't beat the plants from our own gardens. We will also have a few herbs and house plants, plus some gifts for your Mom!

New members are always welcome. You can contact me at jpeldridge@msn.com. --or stop and visit with us while we are at work.

Judy Eldridge

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS

AT THE TROUT PONDS:

Are you looking for something fun to do on a Saturday night? How about a **FREE** concert at the Trout Ponds?

Come enjoy great entertainment at our beautiful park. Bring the kids to play on our updated playground equipment. All concerts are from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

June 10 – Watts on Tap ~ *music from the 60's 70's 80's 90's to today.*

July 22 – Next To Kin ~ *Alternative Folk music*

August 19 – Terry Patrick and the Busy Birds ~ *Bluegrass music*

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.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Newark Valley Historical Society

2017 CALENDAR UPDATES AT

nvhistory.org (607) 642-9516

April 5-26 **Black Powder Guild:**
Muzzleloading Shooting practice, Wed. afternoons until dark, *weather permitting* @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Black Powder Range. Bob Waite: (215) 688-0614.

April 8 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**
10-2 @ Noble Room. Spindle spinning: great wheels, drop spindles, charkas. BYO lunch & beverage. New members welcome! Denise: (607) 642-5568.

April 8 **Cooking/Guides Guild:** 10-2 @ Farmstead. Set the house; guide training (see 2015 *Farmstead Guidebook*); bring something to cook on hearth; costume inventory. RSVP Jane (607) 727-8214.

April 8 **Spring Fling:** @ NV Fire Station. 7:30-10:30 Breakfast & photos w/ Easter Bunny, \$5 adult/ \$3 child. 10:45-Noon Free Easter egg hunt & activities. Vendors. (607) 280-1542.

April 15 **Blacksmith Guild:** 10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. Doug: (607) 669-4489.

April 22 **Hike to Black Burial**
Ground: 9 AM @ Welcome Ctr. for
interpretive talk. 10 AM Hike @
OakleyCorners State Forest. Adults \$3,
students \$2, 10 & under free. RSVP by 4/14
to Ed Niz: (607) 642-8075.

April 22 **Open House, Museum**
Collections: 2-4 @ Noble Room. "A peek in
the boxes." Free. (607) 206-8240.

April 27 **Annual Meeting & Dinner:** 6
PM @ NV Fire Station. Bring a dish to pass.

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

May 6 **Benefit Auction:** 6-9 PM @
NV Fire Station. Evan Goodrich,
auctioneer. Preview & desserts 5 PM. (607)
642-9516.

May 6 **Tuscarora Beaded**
Bluebells: *with Rosemary Hill*, 10 AM-5 PM
@ Bement-Billings Farmstead. \$40/\$35
NVHS members. Bluebells in raised
beadwork, legends. Register by 4/28: (607)
642-5412.

May 13 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**
10-2 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead. Repair
Clar de Loom, weed the dye garden, spin;
BYO lunch & beverage. New members
welcome! Denise (607) 642-5568.

May 13 **Quilt Turning & Tea:** 1-3 PM
@ Bement-Billings Farmstead. \$10/\$8 NVHS
members. Quilts & their stories, light
refreshments. Bring *your* interesting quilt.
Reserve by 5/6/17: Jane: (607) 862-4602.

May 20 **Blacksmith Guild:** 10-3 @
Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop.
Doug: (607) 669-4489.

May 20 **Flintknapping I:** 9AM- 1PM
@ Bement-Billings Farmstead. Pressure
flaking small points *with Mike McGrath*.
\$45/\$40 NVHS members, for all materials &
tools. Register by 5/3: (607) 642-5412.

May 20 **Cooking/Guides Guild:**
Trip to Auburn or Seneca Falls; TBA. Jane
(607) 727-8214.

June 2 **Depot Friday Nights:** *The*
Tarps: rock & roll of '50's & '60's; 7-9 PM @
NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6PM.
Refreshments available. See schedule at
nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

June 3 **Tin Smithing:** 9 AM-5 PM @
Bement-Billings Farmstead. Make sconce,
lidded box *with Scott Baylor*.
\$28/\$25 NVHS members. Learn use of
tools, tin history. Register by 5/19: (607)
642-5412

June 9 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Rick Marsi: "*California Dreamin' - Exploring*
Nature in the Golden State;" 7-9 PM @ NV
Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM.
Refreshments available. See schedule at
nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

June 10-11 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**
Many will attend CNY Fiber Festival in
Bouckville. www.cnyfiber.org
Denise (607) 642-5568.

June 16 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Rich Wilson: standards by Presley, Sinatra,
et. al.; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free.
Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available.
See schedule at nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

June 17 **Blacksmith Guild:** 10-3 @
Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop.
Doug: (607) 669-4489.

June 17 **Cooking/Guides Guild:** Trip to Auburn or Seneca Falls; TBA. Jane (607) 727-8214.

June 24 **Antiques Appraisals:** 12-4 PM @ Farmstead's Herrick Barn, *with Bob Connelly*, \$5 per item.

June 23 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Grassanova: bluegrass, swing, blues, early jazz; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free.
Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available.
See schedule at nvhistory.org. (607) 642-9516.

June 30 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Daphne Braden: pop, rock, blues, country songs; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free
Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available.
See schedule at nvhistory.org.
(607) 642-9516.

**FROM THE MAYOR, VILLAGE TRUSTEES, CLERK'S OFFICE AND
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Village Holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day (Thursday & Friday), Christmas Day.

Village Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM in the Noble Room, 9 Park Street.

Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 5 PM. Friday 9 AM to 12 PM