



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

***NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY
APRIL 2016***

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Hello to everyone,

Lately, you may have seen your Village Public Works guys plowing sand off Village streets and then utilizing street sweeping. We have previously reported conversion from calcium chloride (salt) to sand/salt mixture for this past winter season. This is less expensive for snow removal but more labor intensive for clean up as we enter the spring season. We have received resident comments about dust residue from the sand. We will work to keep it to a minimum until clean.

Sandy Kasmarcik and the Village Planning Board are working toward Comprehensive Plan update. One plan concern is; tree planting at Trout Ponds and other strategic points to contain or stabilize creek bed erosion. The Boards concerns are well founded. We did contact Lydia Brinkley from the Upper Susquehanna Coalition. At a point in the near future, various types of trees and bushes planting activity at the Trout Ponds will take place. Your Public Works Department did remove much fallen and dead limbs, trees and bushes from our creek side and around the ponds. Tell us what you think. Thank you to the Village Planning Board.

We do wish to report west side of Whig Street sidewalk update. Bid opening will be in early July so the information we present now are estimates for this

nineteen hundred thirty-one linear (1931') feet of walkway replacement. Project cost estimate \$275893 while our estimate for grant approval almost two years ago was two hundred sixty-five (\$265585) thousand five hundred eighty five dollars at eighty percent aid. The aid is two hundred twelve (\$212468) thousand four hundred sixty-eight dollars. We will host neighborhood meetings in late spring before bid openings. At that time we will present the landowner costs for that walkway. We believe the project will be complete this current year.

Trustee Cliff Alexander, Public Works Supervisor Bill Foster and Village resident Rachel Smith will eventually present to your Village Board a plan for new and expanded playground equipment for the Trout Ponds. This project is at a preliminary stage so not much more can be stated; at this point. We all know the importance of the Village Parks and the year round usefulness. The current equipment is aging and we do wish to make our Park a destination. Great Job, to Cliff, Rachel and Bill!

The NYS Comptrollers Offices is visiting and reviewing your Village finances, techniques and operations. Our financial picture and cash positioning is not what it was before the \$4.1 million new reservoir/distribution system, four hundred thousand (\$400000) Municipal Building exterior

renovation and other successful projects. Those things were partially funded by USDA and NYS Park and Recreation and by YOU the Village taxpayer. We attempt to somewhat mitigate those investments by sharing of services with neighboring communities. We believe Comptrollers will have thoughts and ideas to better serve our community. Your tax dollars continue to financially subsidize the Tappan-Spaulling Library, Summer Youth, Holiday Magic, Spring Fling, Newark Valley Days and Music at the Park. We maintain and improve the Village Green and Trout Ponds for your pleasure. It is not in our Village DNA to reduce or eliminate these commitments; however YOU must tell us what you think. Remember; you can contact us on our webpage or Facebook. Be vocal; so we know your desires for the future.

We no longer have the Inter-Municipal Code Enforcement Agreement with Berkshire Town. The joint Code Enforcement person resigned from your Village which ended this joint investment. We immediately turned to Scott Kasmarcik for Code Enforcement and Dennis Liebe for Fire Inspection. These two guys have successfully served you in the past and now, once again.

This winter our Newark Valley UCC hosted the first Drug Awareness Night. The information, conversation and discussion was insightful and thoroughly necessary to share. The second Drug Awareness Meeting is Wednesday, May 11th at 7PM at the Church on Main Street. I think of the importance of this future meeting when I pick up used needles (very carefully) at various spots at the Trout Ponds. I have learned more than I care to; but it is life. We urge you

to attend and thank you to Cathy Kuntzleman for your education enthusiasm.

Village Board: Second Tuesday of each month. Our thanks to Trustees re-elected: Cliff Alexander, Pat Beck and Doug Card, and to Deputy Mayor Mike Reynolds for continuing service to the board of trustees.

I did contact the office of NYS Senator Fred Akshar for an evening of meet and greet our residents at the Noble Room. Watch for more information.

We wish you a safe and secure Spring!
*Best Regards,
Jim Tornatore
Mayor*

CLERK'S REPORT:

Hope everyone is loving the terrific weather this spring!

Elections took place on March 15th this year and there were three position on the board; one 2-year term and two 4-year terms. Pat Flint-Beck was elected for the 2-year term and Doug Card and Clifford Alexander were elected with a 4-year term. All three of them continue with their services on the board!

Taxes will be collected on Monday through Thursday 9AM to 5PM, and Friday 9AM to noon (holidays excluded) until October 31st at which time they are turned over to the county to be placed on your next town tax bill next January. Please remember, we can only accept them if they are for the proper amount. Feel free to contact the village office (642-8686) to be sure you have the correct amount.

Staff meetings continue monthly. We are checking into selling fishing/hunting licenses as additional revenue for the village. Department of Public Works now cleans the Municipal Building to save tax dollars, and we have come up with an electronics collection service (call the office for details 642-8686) to offer residents (and outside village residents as well) to increase revenue to the village. We will continue to have these staff meetings as we have come up with revenues and cut costs for the future of the village, and taxes.

Forget to **pay those water, solid waste, or tax bills**? We can help with that by saving you the time, the cost of checks, and you not being late with your payments causing you to have to pay additional penalties. Ask us about direct debit from your bank account, free of charge. We also offer credit card payments at the office, online, or by phone. Call for details (642-8686), or go to our website at villageofnewarkvalley.com.

DID YOU KNOW the Village of Newark Valley probably provides the lowest cost for Garbage Service. **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.

Additionally, our previous Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Rachel Jacobs has left village employment. Good Luck Rachel on your new venture. If you stop by the village office, say hello to our new

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Pam Benthin.
Welcome Pam!

Now go enjoy your summer!
Mertie Pozzi

CLEANUP & BRUSH AND LEAVES

<u>Brush</u>	<u>Leaves</u>
April 12 th	April 13 th
May 17 th	May 18 th
June 14 th	June 15 th
July 12 th	July 13 th
August 16 th	August 17 th
September 13 th	September 14 th
October 18 th	October 19 th
November 1 st	November 2 nd

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Spring is here and we are starting to clean up after the winter at the Trout Pond Park. The village is looking to add new equipment to the park in the future so, if you have any suggestions call and let us know what you would like to see at the park. The improvements will take place once we have the finances in place. The DPW will also be sweeping up the streets once we change the plow to the broom. The Village and Town clean-up will be April 28th for seniors and disabled and you must call 642-8700 to be added to the list to be picked up. The drop off dates are April 29th and 30th from 7:30am to 3:00pm at the Town barn.

The water department has been busy checking for leaks and repairing them; also they have been contacting residents that have leaks in their house past the meter and assisting them to determine what the cause is. With all the talk about lead and copper in the news please read the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report that is enclosed in this newsletter. The second page shows the latest test

results for all the tests we took and as you can see our lead and copper are below regulatory limit. All of our tests are done by an independent testing lab and they send the results to the Tioga Dept. of Health (DOH) and the Village of Newark Valley—the test dates for the lead and copper were 2013; we do lead and copper tests every 3 years (per New York State DOH) and June 2016 new test samples will be taken-- there will be total of 10 samples taken at residents' home around the village; the average Max range is reported. Test results will be in fall newsletter.

Village is assisting residents to get rid of unwanted electronics and appliances year-round—see enclosed. More recyclables are seen in the Monday household garbage—the garbage container will be left for the resident to sort out. Recyclables increase amount of household garbage and if it exceeds the two can limit, this is another reason it is left as a tag is needed for extra garbage above two cans. Recyclables also increase truck garbage weight and increases Village cost at the garbage scale. Sort out recyclables for Taylor truck pickup Friday morning, NOT for Monday morning household garbage.

*Thank You!
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 to 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 vonvcode@stny.rr.com.

*Happy Spring!
Scott Kasmarcik*

TILLERS & TOILERS GARDEN CLUB:

Happy Spring from The Tillers and Toilers Garden Club!

It has been an interesting Winter---one without snow for the most part. We will have to wait and see if our plantings have been adversely affected by the thaw/freeze cycles.

It was an unfortunate state of affairs to have our Christmas decorations

vandalized, as well as several Village property signs. We do appreciate the compliments that we get for all our hard work.

We will be having our annual plant sale on the Green in early May. Watch for the posters! Bargains for your gardens with locally grown plants from our gardens!

Our annual Tea will be on June 4th. Contact a club member if you would like to attend. You will see us on the Green very soon!

We are always looking for new members. No skills needed, just a desire to keep our Village looking nice. Contact Judy Eldridge at 607-642-3414 or jpeldridge@msn.com for details.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

April 6-27 **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 9 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** 10-2, hands on spinning; possible twining workshop @ Rollie Noble Room. BYO lunch & beverage. New members welcome! Denise: 642-5568.

April 16 **Cooking/Guides Guild:** 10-2, set the house, guide training, open hearth cooking--bring something to cook; costume inventory. RSVP Jane: 727-8214.

April 16 **Blacksmith Guild:** 10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. Doug: 669-4489.

April 16 **Hike to Black Burial Ground:** 9 AM @ Welcome Ctr. for interpretive talk. 10 AM Hike @ Oakley Corners State Forest. Adults

\$3, students \$2, 10 & under free. RSVP by 4/14 to Ed Niz: 642-8075.

April 21 **Annual Meeting & Dinner:** 6 PM @ NV Fire Station.

Bring a dish to pass.

April 28 **"A Woman Presidential Candidate--in 1884":** Thursday 3-5 PM @ NV High School. Speaker: *Dr. Sally Wagner*. Free, open to the public. 642-5412.

May 4... **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 7 **Benefit Auction:** 6-9 PM @ NV High School Cafeteria. Evan Goodrich, auctioneer. Preview & desserts 5 PM. 642-9516.

May 14 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** 10-2 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead. Planting a dye garden, bring ideas; possible twining workshop. BYO lunch & beverage. New members welcome! Denise: 642-5568.

May 21 **Blacksmith Guild:** 10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. Doug: 669-4489.

May 21 **Cooking/Guides Guild:** Day trip to *Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion Historic Park* in Canandaigua.

June 3 **Depot Friday Nights:** *Rick Marsi-- "The Changing Face of Nature"* (how & why species increase or disappear, adapting to changes in climate, land use, and conservation); 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

June 4 **Cruise-In:** 5-7 PM @ NV Depot. All vehicles welcome; refreshments available. Ray: 642-3627.

June 10 **Depot Friday**
Nights: *The Tarps:* rock & roll of '50's & '60's; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free.

Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

June 10-12 **Maple Grove Frolic:**
Public Muzzleloading Shoot, Sat. & Sun. 1 PM @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Black Powder Range. Jerry: 972-1876.

June 11 **Flintknapping I:**
9 AM-1 PM @ Bement-Billings Farmstead Pavilion. Pressure flaking small pieces *with Mike McGrath*. \$45/\$40 NVHS members, for all materials & tools. Register by 5/11/16: 642-5412.

June 11 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** many will attend CNY Fiber Festival in Bouckville. [See www.cnyfiber.org]. Denise: 642-5568.

June 11 **Antiques Appraisals:** *Bob Connelly*, 12-4 PM @ NV Depot, \$5 per item.

June 17 **Depot Friday**
Nights: *Rich Wilson:* standards by Presley, Sinatra, et. al. 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

June 18 **Blacksmith Guild:** 10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. Doug: 669-4489.

June 18 **Cooking/Guides Guild:** Set summer calendar, set up for 6/25 Tea, bring handwork project if desired.

June 24 **Depot Friday**
Nights: *Daphne Braden:* pop, rock, blues, country songs; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

June 25 **Quilt Turning & Tea:** 1-3 PM @ Bement-Billings Farmstead. \$10/\$8 NVHS members.

Reservations required by 6/18/16-- Jane: 862-4602.

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS

AT THE TROUT PONDS:

Bring your lawn chairs, relax and enjoy an evening of FREE entertainment at the Trout Ponds Park.

All concert times are 6 PM – 9 PM.

Watts On Tap June 18th
(High Voltage music from 60's to today)

Last Call July 16th
(Classic Rock)

The RedEyes August 27th
This project is made possible, in part, with public funds from NYSCA's Decentralized Program, administered regionally by the ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes.

Tioga Opportunities, Inc. offers "Understanding Long Term Levels of Care"—Newark Valley

Are you or a loved one facing decisions regarding long term, out of home placement? Exploring options for long term care is confusing and complicated. It is difficult to understand what acronyms like ACF, ALP, ALR, EALR, and SNF really mean. **On Tuesday, April 26th from 2:00-3:00 PM in the Rollie Noble Room** at the Village Municipal Building (9 Park St., Newark Valley), the Department of Aging will welcome Maria Motsavage from Levene Gouldin & Thompson, who will explain the differences between these levels of care, as well as whether Medicare, Medicaid, or other types of insurance will pay for them. She will be available to answer questions you might have regarding navigation of the health care system. Please call 607-687-4120, ext. 331 to reserve your seat for this free presentation. Information packets are also available upon request.

Department of Aging seeks volunteer drivers for Home Delivered Meals program

Volunteer drivers are urgently needed for the Home Delivered Meals program in Tioga County. The Department of Aging at Tioga Opportunities, Inc. provides over 900 home delivered meals to homebound residents of Tioga County each week. This service enriches the lives of homebound older adults by providing a nutritious meal and friendly visit, and allows individuals to maintain safety and independence in their homes. Drivers are needed Monday through Friday in Apalachin, Berkshire, Candor, Newark Valley, Owego, Richford, Spencer, and Waverly. Continued support from our community is essential to this valuable program. Volunteers are invited to work as much as they like-- daily, weekly, or even once a month. Mileage reimbursement is available. For more information, please contact Kristin Sherman, Nutrition Coordinator at 607-687-4120, ext. 324 or email ksherman@tiogaopp.org.

Volunteers Needed

The Northern Tioga Neighbors Network (NTNN) is in need of additional volunteer drivers to provide transportation for seniors and others to get to doctors' appointments, get

groceries and prescriptions, or to go to the bank or to obtain other needed services.

Volunteers are paid a mileage reimbursement and need to attend a brief training session. Transportation is provided by the volunteers only as their time permits.

For more information about this vital volunteer effort, please call 607-657-2823 and leave a message. You will be contacted by a NTNN Board member who will answer questions that you may have. NTNN has clients in the Newark Valley area and you may very likely be transporting a neighbor or a local resident. Clients are not charged for services provided although some do mail in voluntary contributions.

NTNN is a 501 c(3) organization dedicated to serving residents in the northern Tioga County towns of Newark Valley, Berkshire, and Richford. The office is housed in the Hubbard Center, Richford NY, behind the Lourdes Health Clinic.

For more information:

Emilie Stuhlmiller, Secretary, NTNN
607-687-2680

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, 9 Park Street.

Office hours: Monday-Thursday: 9 AM – 5 PM, Friday 9 AM – 12 PM

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER!

Village of Newark Valley

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