



THE VILLAGE NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY
AUGUST 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Hello everyone,

We do have eleven projects in various phases; so, please see updates:

Municipal Building Front Steps: We have selected a contractor to complete in August.

Paving: Water Street: Weather permitting in August or soon after

Municipal Building Transom/Windows/Sills & Sashes Renovation: cost estimates of two hundred thirty thousand (\$230000) dollars. Grant funding submittals through NYS Office of Parks & Recreation/Historic Preservation of one hundred thousand (\$100000) plus NYS SAM for thirty thousand (\$30000) dollars with accompanying building reserves of one hundred thousand (\$100000) to begin Spring of 2019 if funding requests are successful. We will update from time to time.

Trout Ponds Electric Upgrade: We hope for completion before Newark Valley Summer Fest

Streetlight Conversion to L.E.D.: Cost estimate of one hundred six thousand two hundred (\$106200) reduced by funding of eighty thousand (\$80000) through NYS SAM grant approval. Probable completion, without complication; by middle of November 2018.

Five Clinton Street/Former Ladder Factory Demolition: Contractor work is complete. At this

time, the reimbursement procedure from NYS ESD begins for the eventual Bond Anticipation Note repayment to NBT for principle plus interest. An aside; I was appointed Mayor to fill an unexpired term in 2004. I knew the Ladder Factory was blight, safety hazard and detriment to the Village as a building. We worked with various owners hoping some entrepreneurial spirit could renovate and improve. That did not occur. So, this is only the end of the beginning. Now, once we complete reimbursement process; we will begin working toward the next use of that property. We will update from time to time.

Community Choice Aggregate (CCA): No additional information to report at this time. Public Service Commission (PSC) along with some other approvals necessary before your Village may proceed further.

Hazard Mitigation Process: Meetings with County: Soil & Water, Planning, Emergency Services Officials and Consulting Engineers continue. Your Village priority: Slosson Creek runoff for Rock, Brook Streets: Cook Hill runoff for Route #38: Trout Ponds. We will report further.

Distressed/Zombie Properties: Reports distributed for Villages of Newark Valley, Owego and Waverly. Tioga County REAP, Economic Development & Planning and Tioga Opportunities steering this toward a conclusion. Your Mayor and two local contractors/landlords have met to begin discussion toward municipal/entrepreneurial partnerships with funding possibilities. From time to time; we will report further.

Playground Equipment: Earlier this year; your Village was awarded thirty two thousand two hundred twenty eight (\$32228) dollars to fund equipment, fill and perimeter for installation to begin later this summer. As an aside; over the most recent three years your Village playground grant awards from the Floyd Hooker Foundation have totaled one hundred sixteen thousand five hundred ten (\$116510) dollars.

Community Garden: In early spring your Mayor met with Owego Rotary and our local Anti-Hunger groups concerning a “garden” in the Village. Your Village is supplying land (Main Street below our reservoir) and water for this sustainability. Rotary grant request was approved with raised beds completion this fall. Our School District and Village are co-leaders with this project. Principal Michelle Bombard, Science/Agriculture Teacher Greg Schweiger and FFA students believe this to be an exciting work. We will report in the autumn newsletter.

Some ideas and thoughts I am passing by the Trustees for their thoughts and consideration. Your Village provided Solid Waste Service is currently a separate invoice. It is possible we may reduce your individual solid waste cost by transferring this separate invoice to the real estate invoice. More consideration and cost analysis is necessary before I bring to the Trustees. We will report further.

An important note: Shop local is not just a cute euphemism. Lambert’s Attic, Valley Creamery and K’s Kitchen joined our community along with all of our existing businesses. These three and all other of our entrepreneurs depend on our and your interest. They invest in us. Hopefully, we will invest in them!!

We wish you all a safe and secure remainder of Summer and Autumn.

Best Wishes,
Jim Tornatore
Mayor

CLERK’S REPORT:

Summer is here and will be gone in no time. Enjoy it while you can!

Budget time is quickly approaching. In September we will begin the preparation process of our **budget** for the 2019-20 fiscal year (March 1, 2019 – February 28, 2020). We will have work sessions and a public hearing before the adoption of the budget, which will be sometime in January. Watch the website or the Tioga County Courier for dates.

Village taxes will be collected in this office until **October 31st**, at which time they are turned over to the County. Any unpaid village tax will be assessed to your next Town tax bill. When sending in payment by mail please call ahead to get the correct amount due, by law we can only accept the exact dollar amount due.

Reminder of services offered at your Village office:

Electronic delivery of this very newsletter! Enjoy keeping up on the latest happenings in the Village but also want to cut down on the amount of paper in your mail box? Stop by the office and fill out a quick form and we’ll have you receiving your newsletter in your inbox in no time.

Is that pesky postcard getting lost in the shuffle? Sign up for paperless billing for your water/garbage bills and receive your bill right in your inbox. If you would like to take advantage of this service we will need to have a signed authorization form on file. Please either stop by the village office to fill one out or send an email request to yofnv@stny.rr.com and we will email you the form that can then be printed, completed, signed and returned via email, postal mail, placed in the drop box or in person.

Want to have one less thing on your “remember to-do” list? We offer automatic payments from your checking/savings account to pay your Water/SW bills with **no service fees**. Payments would be deducted from your account on either the 10th or 25th of each billing month. This form is also available at the Village office and does require a voided check

or statement of account from your financial institution.

Parking Permits for the Disabled (temporary and permanent) – If you live in the village and are in need of a handicap parking tag, you need to have an application for a parking permit (available at office) filled out by your doctor; bring it, along with your driver’s license to the village office to obtain the parking permit.

With good fishing weather still here and hunting season right around the corner don’t forget you can purchase your Fishing license as well as any of your Hunting licenses and tags here at the village office.

Have a safe summer and have some fun!

*Mertie Pozzi
Village Clerk*

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

With the peak of summer upon us I’d have to say it’s been a pretty good one so far. A bit rainy lately but all in all it has been a pretty good summer weather wise. I hope everyone has had a chance to get out and enjoy it. The DPW has kept busy mowing, mowing and mowing some more, installing new Village flags along Main Street, keeping up with clearing street drains during all the rain storms and helping with the preparations for this past weekend’s Summerfest celebration.

As you can see the majority of the construction at the Main/Rock/Water intersection has been completed. The DOT will be coming in soon to raise the wires and remove the hanging lights. It is anticipated that the project as a whole will be completed by the end of October. As before, when the DOT is working in the intersection please be patient, cautious and drive carefully during the project.

Paving this year will consist of Water Street. The project is anticipated to begin early August. As always with street paving planning

on taking alternate routes and allowing yourself more travel time is recommended.

It has come to attention that not all residents might be aware that we can pick up miscellaneous items like couches, appliances, furniture, electronics etc. All you have to do is stop by the Village office and purchase a tag. Oversized item tags are \$5.00 & \$10.00 depending on the size of the item needing the tag. Being that Appliances and Electronics have different disposals requirements than that of an old couch those tags do cost more at \$10.00 & \$25.00 depending on the item. So the next time you have a couch or table that you want to set out the curb for “free to anyone in need” if after a few days no one takes you up on your generosity or it rains or snows, stop by the Village office and purchase a tag so we can keep our sidewalks and curbs clear and safe. Also available are Excess Can tags, so if you’ve been doing some spring cleaning or you had family over for an event and you have more garbage than those 2 allotted cans can hold you can stop by the Village office and purchase an extra can tag for \$3.50.

Just a reminder, please recycle as much material as you can, Taylor Garbage picks up the recyclables on Fridays, it is part of our Tioga County tax so since we’re all paying for it we might as well take advantage of the service.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable end of summer as we move into the fall season. Fingers crossed the plows won’t be hitting the road before the next newsletter.

*Thank you
Bill Foster
Village DPW Supervisor*

CLEANUP & BRUSH AND LEAVES

<u>Brush</u>	<u>Leaves</u>
August 14 th	August 15 th
September 11 th	September 12 th
October 16 th	October 17 th
November 6 th	November 7 th

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

I'd like to start out with a few reminders about swimming pools. Any swimming pool that is deeper than 24 inches requires a pool permit which you can purchase at the Village Office. Whether you're putting up a temporary blow up or a soft side/hard frame pool (e.g. Intex Pools) or having professionals install an aboveground or in-ground pool there are state requirements concerning alarms and fencing as well as electrical standards that must be followed for everyone's safety. **Please do NOT operate any pool using a household extension cord, this a serious safety and fire hazard.** To read through these requirements you may either pick up a packet at the Village office when you apply for your permit or you can view all the documents on our website under Village Government – Code Enforcement – Swimming Pool Requirements.

As we have a few more months still of green grass to be mowed I'd like to remind everyone about the lawn/yard maintenance. Property owners are required to keep all sidewalks clear of overgrown shrubs, bushes and trees. This is not only for the safety of any one that walks our Village but also keeps a clear line of site of any oncoming traffic when pulling out of driveways. Along with that, Village lawns need to be maintained and well kept. If the grass height reaches 10 inches a violation will be sent to the property owner, if not corrected the lawn will be mowed and billed by the Village DPW and will be maintained at a 6 inch height for the rest of the mowing season without further notices. Overgrown, unmaintained lawns bring down the morale of the entire Village as well as have a higher likeliness of harboring ticks and other unwanted insects.

In the pursuit to better our Village codes and make them more easily understood with clearer definitions and protocol the Village Board at the June 12th board meeting voted in favor of creating the *Code Committee*. The Code Committee will be scrutinizing a handful of codes at a time, determining if the wording is clear and appropriate, if timely enforcement is feasible under the current terms, if the penalties are suitable for violations etc. The first areas the Committee will be reviewing will be *Property Maintenance* codes, *Animal & Farm Animal* codes and *Traffic* codes. As always you can read all of our local village codes via the link on our website or directly at www.ecode360.com/NE1405.

As our summer winds down and we head into fall I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend

Bill Foster
Code Enforcement
Officer

TAPPAN SPAULDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Hello from the Tappan- Spaulding
Memorial Library!

We are in the midst of our Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is Libraries Rock! We had a kid's dance on July 25th that was a blast with a great turn out. The photo booth was a hit with everyone taking home amusing pictures of themselves. We handed out books to the kid's at the NTH Ice Cream Social July 26th. We will have had a LEGO night August 1st with 4-H bringing their Robotic LEGOs.

The following events are open to everyone, free, and will be lots of fun! We are able to offer these events thanks to funding from the BOOKS Program and Senator Akshar.

Events taking place in the NOBLE ROOM:

Wednesday, August 8th @ 6:30pm
Museum of the Earth's "hands on"
NY Rock & Fossil Program
and we'll have a geode to cut for you!

Wednesday, August 15th @ 6:30pm
STEAM Night: The Science of Sound
with Tioga County 4-H!
Sing along with a karaoke machine.

Wednesday, August 22nd @ 6:30pm
Dan the Snake Man
Come and see reptiles big and small.
He has a great show with lots of animals,
so come out and enjoy learning about
and interacting with reptiles.

1st Wednesday of every month @ 6:30pm
LEGO Club!
We will meet again **Sept. 5th** and **Oct. 3rd**
Come join us, we have lots of
LEGOs for everyone!

We had a very successful book "sale" Saturday during the NV Summer Fest. We had lots of books to choose from and snow cones for a sweet treat. The books had no prices and we thank all who so generously donated. Thank you also to the Maine Ambulance Squad for allowing us to use their space in the Municipal Building and a big thank you to Boy Scout Troop #30 for their help in lugging all the heavy boxes of books out of storage.

The library is a cornerstone of our village and we encourage you to come in and utilize the many resources we provide.

We have a number of new children's books courtesy of a grant from the Bernard Carl & Shirley Rosen Library Fund. We have a great children's collection in the nice cool downstairs complete with a cozy reading area and toys to play with.

We also have the newest bestsellers! If we don't have what your searching for we can get it from any of the 33 member libraries or nationwide through the WorldCat system.

We are ready to help you with JobNow, a free online job coaching database or HeritageQuest, a genealogy research base. All the public computers have ABC Mouse on them for the kids to learn with. We can also help with any of your copying or faxing needs as well. For a little library we have lots to offer!

We look forward to seeing you at any one of our many events and in the library!

The library is open:
Tuesday 10:00AM – 8:00 PM,
Wednesday 2:00PM – 8:00 PM,
Thursday 3:00PM – 8:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
Hope to see you soon!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Newark Valley Historical Society 2018

UPDATES at nvhistory.org
nvhistory@stny.rr.com
(607) 642-9516

Aug. 3 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.

Aug. 4 Folk Arts-- Tuscarora Beaded Coin Purse: 10-5 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead.

Traditional raised beading *with Native artist Nicole Printup*. \$40/\$35 NVHS Members. Materials provided. Scholarships. Register by 7/18: (607) 642-5412. NYSCA-Dec.

Aug.10 **Depot Friday Nights:** *DixieKats*: Dixieland music; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. See schedule at nvhistory.org. (607) 642-9516.

Aug. 11 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** Dying & block printing at Bement-Billings Farmstead. Denise (607) 642-5568.

Aug. 17 **Depot Friday Nights:** *Rick Pedro*: astonishing ragtime piano; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. See schedule at nvhistory.org. (607) 642-9516.

Aug. 18 **Blacksmith Guild:** 10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. Doug: (607) 669-4489.

Aug. 18 **Cooking/Guides Guild:** 10-2 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead. Details TBA. Charlotte: (607) 642-5387.

Aug. 18 **Folk Arts-- Victorian Hanging Ornament:** 9-5 @ Farmstead. Create heavily beaded "Ball Gownz" *with Suz McManus*. \$30/25 NVHS members. Materials provided. Scholarships. Register by 8/1: 642-5412. NYSCA-Dec.

Aug. 24 **Depot Friday Nights:** *Jude & the Polka Jets*: toe-tapping polka music; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. See schedule at nvhistory.org. (607) 642-9516.

Aug. 31 **Depot Friday Nights:** *Greg Neff*: music of the '60's & '70's; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. See schedule at nvhistory.org. (607) 642-9516.

Sept. 7 **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.

Sept. 8 **Radio Play:** 8 PM @ Depot. "The Train" performed by the *Ti-Ahwaga Community Players*. Tickets \$10, available at Depot Friday Nights or from the NVHS office: 642-9516.

Sept. 8-9 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** *Endless Mountains Fiber Festival* in Harford, PA. Denise: (607) 642-5568.

Sept. 8 **Folk Arts-- Open Hearth Cooking Workshop:** 10-4 @ Bement-Billings House. Prepare dinner, using historic food ways & local fresh foods: *with Deb Lum*. Materials provided. \$50/\$45 NVHS members. Scholarships. Limited enrollment. Register by 8/22: (607) 642-5412. NYSCA-Dec.

Sept. 9 **Radio Play:** 2 PM @ Depot. "The Train" performed by the *Ti-Ahwaga Community Players*. Tickets \$10, available at Depot Friday Nights or from the NVHS office: 642-9516.

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

Sept. 15 **Cooking/Guide Guild:** 10-2 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead. Prepare for Apple Fest, cook soup on open hearth. BYO bowl and soup ingredient. RSVP Charlotte: (607) 642-5387.

Sept. 15-16 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** *Finger Lakes Fiber Festival* in Hemlock, NY.
Denise: (607) 642-5568.

Oct. 6-7 **38th Annual Apple Festival:**
10AM-5PM @ Bement-Billings Farmstead
Museum; \$6 adults, \$5 members, \$4 students &
senior citizens, \$18 family rate. Music, great
food, history, tours, crafts, costumed
demonstrators, spinning & weaving, kids'
activities, gift shop, black powder public shoot.
642-9516.

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

Oct. 20 **Cooking/Guide Guild:**
Noon @ B-B House. *Harvest Dinner* for
Cooking/Guide Guild members.

Oct. 20-21 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**
Dutchess County Fiber Festival
in Rhinebeck, NY.
Denise: (607) 642-5568.

Oct. 25 **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** 6 PM
@ NV Fire Station. Bring a dish to pass.
(607) 642-9516.

NV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

The Chamber of Commerce wishes to convey our sincere appreciation to all those that made this year's NV Summerfest a huge success! There were so many that helped in sponsoring various aspects of the event, the Baptist Church managing the safety of our kids at the bounce houses, musical groups that provided music & entertainment, Celebrations by DeRue, those helping in the organization of the event, those who participated in the parade, our vendors, those providing tours at Bement-Billings and Old Steam Powered Machine Shop,

the Valley Quilters from NV and Sisters of the Quilt from Richford both of whom provided the quilts, those who set up the quilt show and the art show, and on and on it goes. So many that I know I would miss someone if I tried to list everybody.

This is truly a community event and would not have been possible without YOUR help! So please accept our heartfelt gratitude and thanks for all your support!

A very special THANK YOU to the Historical Society for allowing us to use the NV Depot as an alternative to the rain-soaked Trout Ponds. Thank You especially to Leslie Inderwies and Marcia Kiechle for all their help guiding the chamber in organizing this, our first of many, NV Summerfest Events.

We are looking at possible dates for the fireworks that were postponed due to the rain-soaked Trout Ponds. We will promote the rain-date as soon as we have it available.

Next year's NV Summerfest is already scheduled for July 26th & 27th, 2019 so mark your calendars!
THANK YOU!

Mer Barrett, Chamber President



The Newark Valley Chamber of Commerce is an organization whose purpose is to Help Local Businesses Succeed. Our goal is to serve not only Newark Valley but Northern Tioga County as well, which includes Berkshire Richford and other northern communities.

If you are a business owner doing business in Northern Tioga County and would like to have a part in helping the chamber, please contact us. We currently have 50+ Business Members and looking forward to that increasing in 2018. Membership is only \$48 per year and we would love to have you join us! Visit our webpage and/or Facebook page for our contact information and to keep up to date with our activities.

Web: <https://www.newarkvalleychamber.com/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Newark-Valley-Chamber-214431958671975/>

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS **AT THE TROUT PONDS:**



Saturday, August 4th 6:00 – 9:00pm

Local band **Next To Kin** has generously donated their time and talent to provide an evening of fun and entertainment for all at the Trout Ponds Park!

Thank you Next To Kin for taking the time to entertain our community this summer!

NORTHERN TIOGA **YOUTH LEAGUE:**

NTYL functions as an advocate for youth sports within the Newark Valley school district, providing children ages 5 to 18 with year round sports programs which

include: baseball, basketball, softball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, karate, and wrestling. Currently registrations are being accepted for:

Cheer:

Registration is now open for girls and boys age 5–14.

For more information & to register:

<https://sites.google.com/site/ntylcheer/home/2018-ntyl-cheer-registration>

***** Volunteer Opportunity! *****

NTYL Cheer is currently short many of the volunteers needed to offer Cheer to all these age groups. We are in need of Cheer coaches for several levels.

Please email NTYLCheer@gmail.com

if you are interested in volunteering!

Field Hockey:

The fall season starts Aug 29.

Practices are Wed 6 – 7:30 and Sat 9–11.

The 5th and 6th grade team has an additional practice on Mon from 6 – 7:30.

All practices held at the high school.

Registration is \$55 for a starter package (stick, ball, shin guards, mouth guard and game shirt) and \$35 for standard package (game shirt and mouth guard).

Registrations due by Aug 22.

Can be mailed to Jessica Doehring at 372 Wilson Creek Rd, Newark Valley, NY.

Questions: ntylfh@gmail.com or 607–372–6068

**FROM THE MAYOR, VILLAGE TRUSTEES, CLERK'S OFFICE and the
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Enjoy the rest of this gorgeous Summer season while you can!
The Fall season and back to school mania will be here in the blink of an eye.
Have an enjoyable and safe Labor Day weekend.**

Official Village Newspaper: Tioga County Courier www.tiogaweb.com/courier

Official Village Radio Station: WEBO on 1330AM, 107.9 out of Owego, 101.3 out of Richford

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 to 5 PM and Friday 9 AM to 12 PM



The Village office will be closed Monday September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

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