



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

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

**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:**

Hello everyone,

Our wish was that your December holiday was everything you hoped for. If it was not; there is next year. Your Trustees, Staff and Mayor continue to work toward budget beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, which will result with less than a 1.6% increase. We will adopt sometime before January 31<sup>st</sup>. The Solid Waste and Water Departments separate entity from the general budget are analyzed and those results will be a January 31<sup>st</sup> determination, also.

Your Village employees understand budgets. Our process was made easier by our employees suggesting that we raise their medical deductible to \$1,000. They do impress me!

I will not go into any great detail concerning ongoing infrastructure projects because nothing will progress during this winter.

Kathy McCall in the Village Office continues to scan code enforcement documents into the system and she found a letter to the Village created more than a few years old. We do not know the author but it bears printing once again so see below.

Newark Valley Village Author  
Unknown---

Why we need Code Enforcement

“The Village Codes are written after much thought from the Village Officials, Community Committees and public input. The community is given the opportunity to comment on each code change or addition. Codes are in place because the residents want a safe and visually appealing community. If safety was the only factor then we wouldn’t have so many codes relating to appearance.

It is important that the Village look well-kept and be attractive to both our own residents and for people passing through

A run down Village makes a negative statement about its residents and government. A Village that is kept up appears viable and more prosperous and can encourage new businesses to locate here. This increases the good and services available in the Village and can help to keep taxes down by having more commercial ventures. No business will want to move to a Village or a building that is run down. With the failure rate of small businesses being so high, they are not going to take a chance on a community that does not look like it can support a business.

When the Village is looking clean and well-kept, it can foster a sense of community pride. As a bedroom community, Newark Valley suffers from a lack of community involvement. We

can establish community pride through the beauty of the buildings and grounds in the Village. For example, the Tillers and Toilers spend a lot of time and money improving the Village Green. Now it is used for weddings, community events and as a park for kids to play and for adults to picnic. If the Tillers and Toilers had not taken the time and effort to make the Green more attractive, it would not be the much loved center of the community it is today.

Creating a beautiful community is self-perpetuation. When property owners are encouraged to clean up their properties, neighbors might be encouraged to fix up their places. It could cause a chain reaction where the entire Village starts taking care of their property.

If adults are more vested in the Village, perhaps their children will be, too. This can possibly reduce vandalism and encourage more community service.

It takes effort to follow the rules. But the rewards are tremendous”

Very well said and have a great year,

*Best Regards,  
Jim Tornatore  
Mayor*

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

We have been working on the 2015-16 budget. We may, or may not be, adopting the budget at the January 13<sup>th</sup> monthly board meeting. Please watch the website for the Public Hearing and adoption date. It has to be adopted before February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The end of our fiscal year is fast approaching; February 28<sup>th</sup>. Any unpaid water, solid waste, lawn mowing and snow plowing bills remaining unpaid after February 17<sup>th</sup> will be levied to your next tax bill. We must receive payment, in the village office, on or before February 17<sup>th</sup> to avoid placement on your next village tax bill. Taxes will go out on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. We will collect taxes, and penalties, in this office until October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, at which time they will be turned over to the county and added to your next town tax bill.

Just a reminder that you can pay your bills by Debit/Credit Card or directly from your bank account? We provide these convenient ways for you to pay your Water, Solid Waste, Taxes, Trout Ponds, Noble Room, building permit, or any fee due to the Village of Newark Valley. You can pay by credit or debit cards at the counter, over the phone, and online, or you can choose to pay your water/solid waste bills by electronic debit directly from your bank account free of charge. Just fill out, sign, and return the form. You may visit our website for forms and more information at [villageofnewarkvalley.com](http://villageofnewarkvalley.com) or feel free to call the office at 642-8686. \* \* \*

**\* \* Happy \* New \* Year - 2015! \* \* \***  
**\* \* \* \* \* Mertie Pozzi \* \* \***  
**\* \* \* \* \* Clerk/Treasurer \* \* \***

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

The sanitation department has been seeing a lot of heavy cans and they have starting to tag and leave them. Most of these cans have Cat and Dog waste, if you have animals please put the waste in a separate plastic bag and leave next to the trash so they can pick up the bag and

that will make the trash can much lighter. Remember you are still limited to 2 cans (32 gal each) so please keep that in mind. Recycles always get worse this time of year so please keep that in mind and try to recycle as much as you can. I'm passing on an email I got from DEC about electronics recycling with an email address to follow up.

**The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today reminded New Yorkers that as of January 1, 2015, the NYS Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act prohibits certain types of electronic waste from being placed in the trash, or at the curbside for trash pickup. Citing the potential for environmental harm from improperly disposing electronics, DEC Commissioner Joe Martens urges New Yorkers to properly recycle their unwanted computers, televisions and other electronics through the many free or low-cost options currently available.**

**"Incinerating electronic waste or disposing of it in a landfill can potentially put hazardous materials into the air and soil," DEC Commissioner Martens said. "New York State law requires manufacturers to provide recycling of electronic waste for consumers. Recycling electronics is one of the greatest gifts New Yorkers can give to the environment."**

**Consumers can learn how to easily recycle electronic waste, as well as which electronic equipment can be recycled for free in New York State at the DEC website, <http://bit.ly/NYewaste>.**

The water department has located two leaks both were found on Whig St and repaired. They have pressure tested all hydrants and did a flow test for the Fire Department, The hydrants are being painted with special colors to let the fire department know what the flow test showed this will assist them if they have to hook up to a hydrant to fight a fire, we have two hydrants the will be repaired as soon a parts are available. If you are going to be gone for any time during the winter please let the water department know and we can check the usage of water and see if a leak starts.

By the time you read this Christmas and New Year's will be over so we all hope you had a good and safe holiday, and the pick-up for Christmas trees will be on January 13 2015. If you live by a fire hydrant please try to help keep it clear from snow so they can be located by the fire department quickly. The DPW will clear them as we always do but that could be days after a snow storm. Remember the Village has a sidewalk requirement that says you need to clear the snow off your sidewalk after a storm within 24 hours or the DPW will have to clear it and charge the owner of the resident this also go for empty houses and buildings.

*Thank You  
William Foster*

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Happy New Year Everyone!

As we all know, winter is here as unpredictable as always. According to the Village Code, all residential sidewalks are to be cleared of all ice or snow within 24 hours after the end of a

snow fall. Sidewalks in front of public establishments shall be kept free of snow and ice at all times during regular business hours.

Please remember to inspect and clean your chimney if using wood, pellets, or coal. Make note that if you install or have a company install any new heating source such as a wood stove, pellet stove, coal stove, boiler furnace, gas furnace, or any type of fire place insert you need to get a permit at the Village Office for the installation of such heating sources and as well as the new unit needs to be inspected by Code Enforcement in the Village prior to its use.

Per Village Code 157-20, Parking Prohibited Certain Hours as specified in Schedule XV (157-43): NO PARKING 12:00 Midnight to 6:00 AM from NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> to APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> on any highway, streets, or private roads within the Village. Also NO PARKING 12:00 midnight to 6:00 AM from NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> to APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> in parking lots contiguous to the Municipal Building (on all sides) on 9 Park Street.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the Village Office at 642-8686.

*Rachel Jacobs  
Code Enforcement Officer*

### **HOLIDAY MAGIC:**

Despite some chilly weather, the 2014 Holiday Magic Festival was extremely successful!

The clip clop of horse's hooves was a cheerful backdrop to the holiday music

and warming fires at the Village Hall. Inside, many were entertained with music from Valley Harmony and Kurt Osgood & RJ Siegers. There were yummy soups from the Methodist Church as well as other special treats provided by the Newark Valley High School Art Club, NV 5th grade, the PTS, and the Eastern Star ladies.

Guests were treated to the sight of many Gingerbread creations displayed at the Village Hall. They were all so creative; it's hard to believe they were all made of edible treats!

The raffle table was also a popular place with many imaginative prizes available for the lucky winners. Thanks to all who donated the fabulous raffle prizes, including a wonderful Avon gift bag from Judy Van Norstrand, an arrangement by George's Florist, gift certificates from Fortunato's and Studio 34 and a fruit basket from Hollenbeck's. There were also many other terrific items perfect for last minute gifts.

At the library, the Grinch was on hand along with Cindy Lou Who for photos (although the Grinch hates to smile about anything). Our Main Street shops also helped visitors enjoy the holiday spirit.

The Train Depot was hopping with kids' activities and delicious warm chili, sloppy joes and other treats. Santa was kept busy listening to the Christmas wishes of the children and each child was able to bring home their very own book. There was even a mailbox where kids could write their letters to Santa.

A HUGE thank you goes out to the wonderfully supportive community and

volunteers who are too many to name. Without you, Holiday Magic wouldn't happen.

If anyone would like to help next year, specifically putting up the many creative outdoor displays, please call Leslie at 642-5412.

**JOINT SUMMER RECREATION:**



Thank you!

Thank you to Bob Messersmith, Joe Budney, and the SACC Program for helping us find solutions and maintain our transportation during the 2014 season. We plan to continue to provide a strong summer program including, transportation for the 2015 season. Our Communities continue to work together in order to provide as much as possible for our youth. It is wonderful to be part of such strong communities and programming.

Sincerely,  
Jacia Donnelly – Program Director