

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

## ***NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY***



***JULY 2012***

### **MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:**

Hello everyone,

The Trout Ponds Park took on a different look after last September's rains. The water flow ravaged the earth surrounding the Owego Creek leveling the banks, creating changes to that south west side of the park. The next time you are in the park please take a moment and watch the renovation by your Village Public Works employees. Bill, Scot and Steve are creating creek banks once again by clearing the flood washout. When time allows Public Works will continue to clear portions of the area to the conditions before the rain. These efforts are made possible by the authorization of the DEC and property owner David Arnold, who allowed Public Works access to the creek from his property. The project completion will take awhile but we wish to pass on a wonderful park to those who follow us. Everyone visiting the Trout Ponds will see a recently planted tree surrounded by flowers, and multiple bird houses strategically placed throughout the park by Girl Scout Troop 1211. I know we wish to thank Troop Leader Terry Silba, and Nicole Wing, Co-Leader and the scouts: Jessica Akers, Alissa Franco, Emma Gregrow, Kiley Kerns, Kristina Knight, Sophia Nash, Marissa Patrick, Marissa Silba, and Faith Stoughton. We have two project considerations before your Board of Trustees and I wish to share thoughts of these work efforts. Your Village Clerk Mertie Pozzi is filing funding applications toward exterior renovation of the Municipal Building on

Park Street. We have mentioned previously that brick pointing and replacement are necessary as deterioration of this one hundred twenty-five year old building is visually evident. This funding request submittal is due by the mid July so we will let you know. Your Public Works Supervisor Bill Foster has been working with Tioga County Soil and Water personnel developing funding sources for flood mitigation for the Brook Street and Main Street areas. HUNT Engineers, gave a brief overview to the Village Board at the May meeting after reviewing the Slosson Creek runoff onto Brook and Main Street. We will create an action plan and submit it to the Board for their consideration and hopeful action. We have all heard and read information concerning the Marcellus Shale and horizontal drilling possibilities in NYS and more specifically Tioga County. I wish to bring all up to date on actions by your Village Board of Trustees relative to this issue. Newark Valley residents have seen water reservoir replacement and distribution line improvements and new fire hydrants over the most recent two years. A bit of distribution work will continue this summer into early autumn until the project is complete. Shortly after the second phase of the water project completion, your Village officials documented and passed 'well head' protection initiatives, or a safeguard within our Village limits. The aquifer flows north to south; we will protect that source within Village limits.

Your Village has two positions vacant at present and we have accepted employment applications for both functions: Code Enforcement Officer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; interviews for CEO are scheduled this month. Your Tappan Spaulding Library Board will interview applicants to replace long term employee Luann Whirl. Her guardianship will be missed. Your Village Trustees are busy: Dennis Carlin – liaison to Newark Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Village Green Farmers’ Market; Fred Blee – liaison to Tappan Spaulding Library, and Tioga County Sheriff’s Department; Tom Canfield – liaison for Village Website improvement, and liaison to Newark Valley Historical Society; Morgan Inderwies – liaison to Public Works, Northern Tioga Youth League, and Green Initiatives. Have a safe summer.

Best Regards,

*Jim Tornatore*

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

**Village office update** – In the last newsletter I wrote;

“With all that being said, we are finding that there is just not enough time to go above and beyond the already stringent, State and Federal, demanding deadlines and duties of a village office. We are in need of **volunteers** who are willing to assist with grants. The Village has the annual Music in the Parks grant, the Director of the Summer Youth Recreation Program, with the assistance of the village office, has prepared a grant to continue to offer the swimming portion of the Summer Recreation Program. With the cuts to budgets and

the economy as it is, our summer recreation program is a very important program to continue. The village office has also provided information for the parade that will be held during Newark Valley Days and the upcoming Farmer’s Market, and the NV Historical Society will be working on a Reserve America Grant of which the village will be the applicant. Each grant has an application process, overseeing the program as it takes place, and a final report to be prepared at the end of the program. Anyone interested in getting involved please contact the village office.”

We have gotten no response, or volunteers, to assist with grants; the Village Board of Trustees has expressed their desire for, and the importance of, grants for the village, as they are vital to growth and core of the Village. This last month we have submitted two additional grants; one from Tioga County Tourism for beautification and updating electric on the bandstand at the village green, and the second from NYS EPF Heritage Area Acquisition Development and Planning Program Grant for re-pointing bricks, and adding gutters and downspouts, etc., to restore our Municipal Building. As I stated in the last newsletter (see above) we are just not finding enough time to keep up with all the duties of the office while also writing grants. For those of you who have never written grants, some are very time consuming and the application can take many days to complete. After the submitting of the application, the process goes on until its completion, sometimes with quarterly reports, and then the final report is submitted; sometimes months, a year, and even longer (water project is now in its third year). For that reason we have now posted an ad for Deputy

Clerk/Treasurer. Evelyn Downs has come forward and is now volunteering time in the office. Thank you to Evelyn Downs for volunteering her time.

**Have a safe & enjoyable summer!**  
*Mertie Pozzi*

**MUSIC IN THE TROUT PONDS PARK:**

Watts on Tap      September 8<sup>th</sup> 6-9 PM

Bring lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of music. These events are free.

This event is made possible with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program administered locally by The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes.  
New York State Council on the Arts: [www.NYSCA.org](http://www.NYSCA.org)  
The ARTS Council of the So. Finger Lakes : [www.eARTS.org](http://www.eARTS.org)

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

The Department of Public Works has been busy repairing the creek in the Trout Ponds Park. We are not interfering with people in the park, or anyone who has reserved the pavilions and will do our best to stay out of their way. The Park has many improvements since last year: we now have concrete under the two small pavilions, and under the gazebo (after that concrete had floated downstream in last year's flood), new ballpark fences, and NTYL has been helping to improve the ball fields. The garbage and recycling are doing well, but we are starting to see the oversized garbage cans and we are putting a tags on them and leaving them – the proper size is 32 gal (maximum), and 60 lbs or less when full.

The water project will be entering the final stage this summer and will be over by winter if weather cooperates. The NYS DOT will be installing traffic control arms on Whig Street this

summer, and this will cause some delays. The Village DPW will be repaving between the RR tracks on Whig Street and Maple Ave.; this also will cause delays – dates posted on Village website as soon as they are known.

There is no shortage of tips and advice on how to maintain a healthy and attractive lawn. Some tips are spot on, for example, fertilize your lawn in the spring and fall. Others tips, however, have been widely accepted despite the fact that they are ineffective or unnecessary. To save time and money, make sure you ignore these common landscaping routines:

**Myth:** watering your lawn in the evening conserves water

**Fact:** the idea is that watering your lawn after the sun goes down makes the water 'go further', however what actually can happen is that the water will end up on top of your lawn, allowing lawn fungus and disease to germinate; instead, water your lawn early in the morning

**Myth:** aerate your lawn every year

**Fact:** unless your yard is subjected to a ton of foot traffic, or is loaded with thatch, there is no need to aerate your lawn every year – so go ahead and spare yourself the expense

**Myth:** always pick up your grass clippings

**Fact:** while you don't want to leave the grass clippings on sidewalk and/or driveway, they are actually beneficial to your lawn as they are rich in nutrients

The remaining dates for brush and leaves

<u>Brush</u>		<u>Leaves</u>	
August	7 <sup>th</sup>	August	8 <sup>th</sup>
September	4 <sup>th</sup>	September	5 <sup>th</sup>

October 16<sup>th</sup>  
November 6<sup>th</sup>

October 17<sup>th</sup>  
November 7<sup>th</sup>

Leaves and small brush (no rocks and dirt) needs to be in paper bags or cans that can be dumped into a truck. Larger brush and limbs need to be no thicker than 6 inches and less than 4 feet long.

Thank you

*Bill Foster*

### **TAPPAN SPAULDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

As stated in the last quarterly newsletter, the Tappan Spaulding Memorial Library will be holding its “Riding for the Library” fundraiser on September 15, 2012. Contact the Library for details.

Zoo Mobile at Noble Room in Municipal Building on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00 PM.

There will be a book sale @ the library August 11<sup>th</sup> during Newark Valley Days.

Check out the library’s website @ <https://sites.google.com/site/tappanspauldningmemoriallibrary> and see us on Facebook.

### **SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM:**

The 2012 summer session is here and the Newark Valley Middle School is available for summer recreation. Registration will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM to 11: 30 AM in the NV Middle School large gym. All children will need a permission form and updated immunization/allergy record. A nurse will be available during registration hours to complete the mandatory health

check. If your child already has a copy of their up to date immunization record on file with the Newark Valley Joint Summer Recreation Program you do not need a second copy, but still need a current permission slip and health check. Registration will continue on July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 10 AM. Parents cannot leave their children unattended until they are registered. The registration is mandatory according to New York State Health Department. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have a student who cannot make this time, or would like to join later in the year, please call Director Jacia Donnelly @ 719 – 661 – 4250. Summer recreation will begin on Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> for morning session only. This part of the program will consist of games, contests, arts-n-crafts and outdoor activities. Afternoon sessions will begin Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and this will consist of various field trips, including swimming at Greenwood Park. Thanks to the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation bussing will continue to be free of charge for all field trips this year. A calendar of events will be available at registration. Pick-up and drop-off information will be listed on each permission slip. **\*BRING A BAG LUNCH FOR SWIMMING\*** **Donations of \$25.00 per child, \$60 per family are not only appreciated, but also needed to ensure a strong summer program. Please make checks payable to Village of Newark Valley.**

### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**

#### **Art Show**

Calling all artists within a fifteen mile radius of Newark Valley! The Newark

Valley Historical Society and Celebrations Committee are pleased to announce that they are sponsoring their second annual art show, providing an opportunity for local artists to display their work during Newark Valley Days. The art work will be on display in the Rollie Noble Room, in the Municipal Building, Friday August 10, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, and Saturday August 11 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The art show is open to all adults who live within 15 miles of Newark Valley. All work must be original. No work made from commercially sold kits or casts are acceptable. If you intend to offer your work for sale, you must be prepared to display your NYS tax exempt certificate. Space is limited so each artist will only be allowed to show three pieces. Art work will be juried, and four cash prizes will be awarded thanks to the generous donation of funds by the Visions Federal Credit Union.

Please contact George Lohmann via e-mail ([tiogactc@gmail.com](mailto:tiogactc@gmail.com)) if you would like an application. Application deadline is Friday July 27, 2012.

### **Newark Valley Days**

The 2012 Newark Valley Days celebration will kick off Friday, Aug. 10 with the opening of the Art Show in the Rollie Noble Room in the Municipal Building. The Valley Quilters will have a Quilt Show in Congregational Church, and a Wine Tasting at the Village Wine and Spirits Shop; all from 4:00- 7:00PM. Catch a bite to eat at the Cardinal Café then head over to the Depot for the fabulous Dixieland music from the Dixie Kats and listen to some of the happiest music on the planet.

Saturday morning starting at 9:00AM the beautiful Village Green will be overflowing with craft vendor of all kinds.

It's the perfect place to get an early start on your Christmas gift list. The 2012 Parade starting at 11:00AM, will have a new route this year, starting at Rewey Ave and moving north to Water St. and finishing at the Middle School Bus Garage. The Grand Marshall will be the Superintendent of our schools, Ryan Dougherty, and for the first time in many years the Newark Valley High School Band will be participating in the parade. There will also be music from Rick Pedro's jazz piano car, the Kirby Band, the Maine Memorial Band and Mr. Trumpet. Many of our senior Village residents age 90 or older will be riding in antique cars during the parade.

The Fire Department will have a chicken barbecue on Water Street. The Depot will have lots of activities for the kids including animals, bounce house, dunking booth, face painting and games. There will be a demonstration by the NY State Trooper, Bruce Shrive, and his K9 dog, Locke. There will be lots of great food to enjoy including sausage/peppers/onions, sloppy joes and of course, the Depot's famous ice cream sundaes and banana splits!

After 4:00 PM the Trout Ponds will be alive with music, food, and activities. Fireworks will begin after dark.

This year's NV Days pin was designed by James Voltz from Mr. Chris Negus's Art Design Class. Pins are \$2.00 each; half the proceeds will go back to the high school Art Department, and half will help support NV Days. Pins can be purchased at the Depot and at various businesses in Newark Valley.

**FROM THE MAYOR, TRUSTEES,  
CLERK'S OFFICE AND  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**  
**Have a cool, safe and happy summer  
filled with friends and family.**

