



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

***NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY  
JULY 2014***

**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:**

Hi everyone,

Our Public Works guys; Bill, Scott and Steve completed water main repairs in all areas of the Village throughout the Spring. Last Winter's deep frost line along with continual shifting soil and rock caused six repair spots now fixed. Backhoe digging on the lower portion of Smullen Avenue located a bit of history. At three feet depth between Studio 38 and the ShurSave the guys excavated a large cement pad identified by Bridge Street resident Art Hillard as a dock for Cook Dairy. Very soon Public Works and local firefighters will begin verifying pressure for all hydrants and color coding each one based on Fire Code standards. Our hydrants installed during the water distribution project are in great shape but this coding will allow any firefighter from mutual aid agencies to know where to draw best for their tankers.

Your Village Mayor and Trustees wish to thank the Sidewalk Committee: Laurie Boldis, Sandy Carlin, Cindy Morse, Bob Stevens and Sharon Weed for their guidance and thoughts to date. On June 11th Rachel Jacobs, Deputy Village Clerk did submit and complete a NYS DOT Safe to Schools funding request for Whig Street. This two hundred sixty-five thousand (\$265000.) dollar project covers replacing damaged and/or new sidewalks

if necessary over the next five year period. As an overview; this DOT funding pays eighty (80.0%) percent of the cost while the Whig Street land owners receiving these upgrades see the remaining twenty (20.0%).

The funding announcements in October will determine if these requests are accepted. We will set meetings with Whig Street landowners if the grant is approved.

In July I will recommend revision to the sidewalk compliance codes with a five year extension to Summer 2019. Many residents did install new sidewalks and we compliment those initiatives. This work does enhance property value without assessment review. A bit of information now on existing Village walkways excluding Whig Street. The just less than one hundred responses to the Village sidewalk questionnaire varied from angry to proactive. Opinions differed from 'sidewalks not important' to 'sidewalks extremely important'. Examples: (\*) Village is intrusive and has no business considering sidewalk codes; (\*)Village has the sidewalk law (codes) and should enforce them; (\*)if the Village Government wants sidewalks - they should pay for it;(\*)we just installed new up to code walkway and we do not want to pay for our neighbors;(\*)Main and Whig Street plus Lawrence Ave must have safe walkway because of student walkers;(\*)Village should contract for

sidewalks and set up payment plan over multiple years for each landowner based on their exact cost;(\*)The code has been on the books for years - why were they not enforced previously?(\*) Pride in our community means home upkeep, including sidewalks(\*)I just bought this home - why didn't the real estate agent tell us about this?(\*) Forget the roads and place sidewalks at the Trout Ponds for those who exercise(\*). Many different opinions from; do it, charge me and stop talking about it to; taxes are enough, already.

Residents are asking me why we chose Whig Street for grant aid instead of other roads. The answer: it is part of the 'safe route to school' NYS process; it is a major roadway with many sidewalks missing; children walking on a busy road. Others are asking; if DOT accepts our request - Whig Street areas getting new sidewalk will pay the cost at twenty percent and receive eighty percent funding. That is not fair to homes on other roads. About ten percent of our population responded to the questionnaire proving there are no quick ways of solving complicated questions but we will progress and report.

Architectural firm Crawford & Stearns will begin bid process this month for three hundred ninety thousand (\$390000.) dollar Municipal Building exterior brick and drainage renovation. Work will begin during autumn and we look for completion next summer. This work is made possible by a one hundred ninety-five thousand (\$195000.) Park & Recreation/Historic Preservation grant awarded to the Village of Newark Valley.

Soon an environmental firm will remove asbestos tile from the Rollie Noble Room made possible in part due to a five thousand (\$5000.) dollar grant from the Mildred Truman Faulkner Foundation awarded early this year. When removal is complete; a vendor will lay plastic covering base; then carpeting.

In late May we met with our NYS Assemblyman Chris Friend to describe the Five Clinton Street (Ladder Factory) distress. The structure owned by LeRoy Eiklor is quickly deteriorating due in part to partial roof cave in and there remains a pending court case. We will report as we progress.

Your Village works closely and shares public works services currently with the Town(s) of Berkshire, Newark Valley and Richford along with Candor Village. I am reaching out to others so all services we now provide will continue at the least possible cost to us and to those we work with.

Best wishes to our graduates and go the road less traveled!

The remembrance of our nation: Flag Day just weeks ago and Independence Day, soon.  
Enjoy your summer!

*Best Regards,  
Jim Tornatore  
Mayor*

#### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

The annual audit report has been submitted to the State Comptroller's Office, and as per requirement by USDA, our CPA firm has been in to do their annual audit for the Village of

Newark Valley. This audit takes anywhere from 3 days to a week or so to complete.

We are getting ready to begin our next \$390,000 project (\$195,000 grant funds) on the exterior of the Municipal Building. We hope to get that started very soon. We have also applied for a grant for the noble room floor, along with a grant for sidewalks on Whig Street. Now we wait until October when they announce the successful applicants. These grants keep Rachel very busy, but well worth it when we can save taxpayer dollars while maintaining what we have. Thank you, Rachel!

Village taxes will be collected in this office until October 31<sup>st</sup>, at which time they are turned over to the County. Any unpaid village tax will be assessed to your town tax bill. Please call ahead to get the correct amount due as we can only accept, by law, the correct amounts.

Have a safe and healthy summer!

*Mertie Pozzi*

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Summer is here and with summer comes lawn and garden work. At the village dump we have a large pile of compost for gardens and lawn. It is free for villagers to use as needed, but please take the old pile. It is easy to spot next to the road. If you are clearing your lawn from clippings then you can take it to the dump and add it to the grass pile. The DPW has its regularly scheduled pick up for grass and brush. The schedule is on the village web site. The brush can only be less than 6 inches thick and less than 4 feet long and stacked parallel to the

road, leaves are to be in cans we can dump or paper bags.

Solid waste is going good but to all new residents on a basic service you are allowed 2 cans 32 gallons each per/week NOT to exceed 60 lbs. each. We still notice on occasion that recyclables are making it into the cans and we try to take them out and or leave the can, so we all need to improve on that.

The DPW has repaired all the known water leaks in the village system and the well pump time has been cut in half. We will be going around to flush and test the hydrants to assist the fire department so they know how much water can be pumped from each hydrant for their safety and the safety of the water system. The DPW will also be testing the water system for any leaks that may occur.

We will be flushing hydrant in the next few weeks so if you see us doing that remember to flush your water if it becomes cloudy. It is necessary for us to flush hydrants to ensure that they are working properly and to remove any build up in the pipes.

The Trout Pond Park will have some construction if all the permits and FEMA agree on what can be done. At this time it looks like a 75' foot area will have Rip-Rap added to it next to the water crossing. The DPW will also be repaving Elm Street from Spring Street to Franklin Ave, this will be late June or early July. We will also be replacing the top of Smullen Ave and Cook Street with stone and oil, the reason we use stone and oil on that area is for traction in the winter.

Brush and leaf pick schedule for 2014

<u>Brush</u>	<u>Leaves</u>
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	July 16 <sup>th</sup>
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	August 20 <sup>th</sup>
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	September 24 <sup>th</sup>
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	October 22 <sup>nd</sup>
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	November 5 <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  
William Foster*

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

As we head into summer please keep a couple of things in mind:  
Open burning. It is against the law for you to open burn within the Village limits. However there is nothing wrong with a **“small” recreational fire**, of which must be contained in some sort of fire ring or pit and should not exceed three (3) feet in diameter. Do not put the pit or ring near a house, car, tree, or any other combustible object. You shall not burn any objects with any paint, heavy amounts of brush, leaves, grass, or any kind of toxic materials. Please make note that if you have a fire and it should get out of hand, that the fire department will be called and the fire will be put out. Tickets may need to be issued. So please do not take advantage of being allowed to have a small recreational camp fire.

If you have not already put up a new swimming pool this year and are intending on doing so please come into the Village of Newark Valleys office to get a permit. There are local and state regulations that have to be followed when installing a swimming pool to avoid any accidents or misinterpretations of the local and state laws and codes, please take the time to seek out the information and to get the permit. Above ground pool permits are \$20.00 and in ground pool permits are \$35.00.

Lawn and Landscape Maintenance is key to keep a community clean and presentable. Please keep in mind that the Village has codes in place that regulate how tall your grass can be, and that your landscape, trees, and shrubbery need to be maintained and trimmed. For the good of this small community and neighbors please take it to heart and keep your lawn and landscape maintained to the best of your ability.

It has come to my attention that there has been people entering the 5 Clinton Street Property, also known as the Ladder Factory. To anyone out there please keep out of this property, not only is it trespassing but it is dangerous. If anyone sees anyone entering this building please contact the Tioga County Sheriff’s Department immediately; and as well as the Village of Newark Valley during normal business hours.

Hope everyone has a fun and safe summer; if there are ever any questions please contact me at 607.642.8686.

*Scott M. Kasmarcik  
Code Enforcement/Safety Officer*

### **TAPPAN SPAULDING LIBRARY:**

We're busy at the Library getting ready for our Summer Reading Program. We will kick off with the Ross Park Zoo Mobile on Friday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in the Noble Room. Everyone is invited to attend to see, touch and learn about the animals they will bring.

We will follow a Fizz Boom Read! Theme with science related books, experiments and crafts. Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> we will be making recycle robots at 1 PM at the library.

A guest "scientist" will visit Friday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at the library.

On Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup>, Greg Phillips will present a Fizz Boom Read! Show in the Noble Room at 7 PM. We hope lots of families will be able to come out to enjoy a blend of magic, comedy, music and audience participation in a fun science based program.

We will return to the library Friday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM to make "elephant toothpaste" foam volcanoes.

Summer Reading is geared towards children ages 5-12 so we will have a story hour for preschoolers on Thursdays at 10 AM. The dates will be July 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be following the Fizz Boom Read! Theme with stories and activities.

On Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM we will wrap up with a party at the Trout Ponds for all of our summer program participants.

Please sign up at the library. We're looking forward to a fun, fizzy, loud and messy summer program!

### **TILLERS & TOILERS GARDEN CLUB:**

We would like to thank all who were able to attend our annual Tea on June 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a lot of fun and since it was a fund raiser for the club, we are very grateful that we were well supported.

Our big project this summer is improving the landscaping around the clock. We will begin that as soon as we can. We have received notice that we have a small grant to help with the expense from the Tioga County Tourism/Beautification project.

The removal of a section of fence on our Water Street garden was necessary for the safety of anyone using the driveway next to it.

Thank you for the support.

*Judy Eldridge*

### **NEWARK VALLEY DAYS**

August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> - NEWARK VALLEY DAYS in the Village of Newark Valley.

Friday night at the Train Depot, 6-8 PM, enjoy the fun, high energy Dixieland Jazz sounds of the DixieKats. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the warm summer evening listening to this popular band.

Also visit the Art show at the Village Hall from 4-7 and see hundreds of quilts draped across the pews down the road at the Congregational Church.

On Saturday, visit our expanded craft show on the Green. Three great bands will on the bandstand to entertain you with new and old favorites. We will have a wide variety of crafts for sale. We still have a few craft spaces available. If you are interested please call Julia Sherwood at 642-9586 to obtain an application.

Also, visit the amazing quilt show at the Congregational Church and check out the work of local artists at the Village Hall. The friendly folks from the Library will be selling lots of books in front of the library to raise funds.

Take part in the Trout Ponds 5K run throughout the picturesque Village Streets at 9. For information on how to enter, call Ginger at 768-9558.

Watch the new and expanded parade on Main Street at 11AM and then head over to the Train Depot for more music, games, activities and pony rides.

The NV Fire Dept will have a chicken BBQ on Water Street starting around 11:30. Plan on getting there early as they always sell out!

Cheer for your favorite duck at the Rubber Duck race at the Trout Ponds at 4:30 pm. There will also be a bounce house, more demonstrations and food along with music featuring Country Mile and Watts on Tap. It all leads up to an exciting fireworks display after dark.

Learn about history of the area by visiting the Bement-Billings Farmstead living history museum Saturday and Sunday from 12-4. It's one mile north of the traffic light and this weekend all tours will be FREE! Sunday, there will also be a workshop featuring Native American beading artist Rosie Hill who can help you create your own beaded brooch. For more information, call

Leslie at 642-5412. Limited seats are available.

So set aside the whole weekend and prepare yourself for several days filled with fun and activities for the whole family. We want to thank everyone involved in Newark Valley Days for making this festival possible. We look forward to seeing all of you and don't forget to bring your friends!

### **JOINT SUMMER RECREATION:**



The Joint Summer Recreation Program received another grant this year from the Floyd Hooker Foundation. The funding will be used to pay for certificates such as Lifeguard and CPR needed to run the camp each season. A small amount will also help supply each camper with an art project such as a tie dye backpack. The school age program will begin registration only on July 15th at the NV Middle School large gym. This is a donation only program. For information and a complete calendar call Jacia Donnelly 607 205 7548.

**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for our 1914 Federal Fire Truck:**

The Newark Valley Fire Department is holding a Truck Show, featuring old and new Fire Apparatus and antique trucks. It will be on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 9-4pm at the Firemen’s Field behind the station on Marean Road. No admission charge, but donations are welcome. Bring your family to see the display! There will be food and music and lots of vehicles. For more information, or to register a vehicle, contact John Tomazin (607) 222-1848.

**ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS AT THE TROUT PONDS:**

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of entertainment in the Trout Ponds Park. These events are free.

Mark Rust July 19<sup>th</sup> 6PM  
Kolby Oakley Band August 2<sup>nd</sup> 6PM  
Horseshoe Lounge Playboys Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 6PM

**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.**

**NV HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR:**

*Depot Friday Nights: Rich Wilson*  
Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.  
**July 4**, Doors open 6 PM for 7 PM concert.  
Standards by *Presley, Sinatra, Dean Martin*, etc.  
Free. Refreshments avail.

**Cruise-In**  
Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.  
**July 5**, 5-8 PM  
All vehicles welcome; refreshments available.  
Ray: (607) 642-3627.

**Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum**  
9241 Route 38, 1 mile N. of light in Newark Valley.

**July 5 - Oct. 5 OPEN FOR TOURS weekends,**  
12-4 PM.  
Living history museum shows life in 1800’s; gift shop. Adult \$2, Child \$1.

*Depot Friday Nights: Horseshoe Lounge Playboys*  
Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.  
**July 11**, Doors open 6 PM for 7 PM concert.  
“Acoustic backwoods Americana rocking roots music.” Free. Refreshments avail.

**Felted Vessel Workshop**  
Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum  
**July 12**, 10 AM- 2 PM.  
Join NV Hist. Society; Shuttles & Spindles Guild dues \$10/year. Denise: (607) 642-5568.

**Black Powder Muzzle loading Shoot**  
Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum’s Black Powder Range  
9241 Route 38, 1 mile N. of light in Newark Valley  
**July 12**, 10 AM-12 PM Joe: (607) 723-8405.

*Depot Friday Nights: Hats Off Band*  
Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.  
**July 18**, Doors open 6 PM for 7 PM concert.  
Country Music. Free. Refreshments avail.

**Blacksmithing**  
Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum  
**July 19**, 10 AM-3 PM  
Join NV Hist. Society; Blacksmith Guild dues \$10/year. Doug: (607) 669-4489.

*Depot Friday Nights: Pat Cane & West o’ Claire*  
Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.  
**July 25**, Doors open 6 PM for 7 PM concert.  
The “Balladeer of the S. Tier” performs traditional Irish music. Free. Refreshments avail.

**Iroquois Beaded Brooch Workshop**  
Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum  
**July 26**, 9 AM-4PM  
Workshop with Rosie Hill. \$30; register by 7/19.  
BYO lunch, scissors. Leslie: (607) 642-5412

*Depot Friday Nights: Daphné Braden*  
Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.  
**Aug. 1**, Doors open 6 PM for 7 PM program.  
Vocals with guitar: Pop, rock, blues, country, sing-along classic hits. Free. Refreshments avail.

**Cruise-In**  
Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.  
**Aug. 2**, 5-8 PM  
All vehicles welcome; refreshments available.  
Ray: (607) 642-3627.

**Black Powder Muzzle loading Shoot**

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum's Black Powder Range  
9241 Route 38, 1 mile N. of light in Newark Valley

**Aug. 2**, 10 AM-12 PM Joe: (607) 723-8405.

*Depot Friday Nights: DixieKats*

Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.

**Aug. 8**, Doors open 6 PM for 7 PM concert. Dixieland music made famous by *Louis Armstrong*, etc. Free. Refreshments avail.

**Newark Valley Days**

Newark Valley: Village Green, Depot, Trout Ponds

**Aug. 9**, 9 AM -4 PM

Vendors, food, race, spinning demo, kids' activities; parade at 11 AM; fireworks at dark. Leslie: (607) 642-5412.

**Pine Needle Basketry Workshop**

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum

**Aug. 9**, 1- 4:30 PM

Workshop with Carol Lukovich. Adults & teens \$10; register by 8/2. Leslie: (607) 642-5412.

*Depot Friday Nights: Richard Palmer, Railroad Historian*

Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.

**Aug. 15**, Doors open 6 PM for 7 PM program "History of Lehigh Valley's Black Diamond passenger train." Free. Refreshments avail.

**Blacksmithing**

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum

**Aug. 16**, 10 AM-3 PM

Join NV Hist. Society; Blacksmith Guild dues \$10/year. Doug: (607) 669-4489.

**Tatting Workshop**

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum

**Aug. 16**, 9 AM-4 PM

Workshop with Jacquie Chalmers. Adults & teens \$30; register by 8/9. BYO lunch, scissors. Leslie: (607) 642-5412

*Depot Friday Nights: Rick Pedro*

Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.

**Aug. 22**, Doors open 6 PM for 7 PM concert. Patriotic standards, ragtime, and modern classics with uproarious comedy. Free. Refreshments avail.

**Felting Workshop**

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum

**Aug. 23**, 10 AM-3:30 PM

Workshop with Denise Tarbox. Adults & teens: scarf \$20, hat \$30; register by 8/16. BYO lunch. Leslie: (607) 642-5412

*Depot Friday Nights: Irish Stoutmen*

Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.

**Aug. 29**, Doors open 6 PM for 7 PM concert. Folk quartet sings rebel songs, drinking songs, reels, & ballads. Free. Refreshments avail.

*Depot Friday Nights: Tim Gallagher*

Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.

**Sept. 5**, Doors open 6 PM for 7 PM program. Cornell ornithologist & author on his search for Imperial Woodpecker. Free. Refreshments avail.

**Historic Fashion Show & Tea**

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum

**Sept. 6**

Details TBA. (607) 642-9516.

**Cruise-In**

Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.

**Sept. 6**, 5-8 PM

All vehicles welcome; refreshments available. Ray: (607) 642-3627.

**Black Powder Muzzle loading Shoot**

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum's Black Powder Range  
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**Sept. 6**, 10 AM-12 PM Joe: (607) 723-8405.

*Depot Friday Nights: Reprise*

Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.

**Sept. 12**, Doors open 6 PM for 7 PM concert.

Classic rock from the 1960's and 1970's. Free. Refreshments avail.

**Alternative Weaving Workshop**

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum

**Sept. 13**, 10 AM- 2 PM.

Join NV Hist. Society; Shuttles & Spindles Guild dues \$10/year. BYO lunch & beverage. Denise: (607) 642-5568.

*Depot Friday Nights: The Accords*

Newark Valley Depot, Depot St.

**Sept. 19**, Doors open 6 PM for 7 PM concert.

Gene Perry & Frank Korosec perform Polish and Italian accordion music. Free. Refreshments avail.

**Carve a Mini Duck Decoy Workshop**

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum

**Sept. 20**, 9 AM-5 PM

Workshop with Bill Underwood. Adults & teens: \$35; supplies provided, BYO lunch; register by 9/14. Leslie: (607) 642-5412

**Blacksmithing**

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum  
**Sept. 20**, 10 AM-3 PM  
Join NV Hist. Society; Blacksmith Guild dues \$10/year. Doug: (607) 669-4489.

**35th Annual Apple Festival**

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum  
**Oct. 4-5**, 10 AM-5 PM  
\$6 adults, \$5 members, \$4 students & senior citizens, \$18 family rate.  
Music, dance, great food, history, tours, crafts, costumed demonstrators, kids' activities, gift shop. (607) 642-9516.

**Blacksmithing**

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum's Blacksmith Shop.  
**Oct. 18**, 10-3 Doug 669-4489.

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

NV Fire Station  
**Oct. 23**, 6 PM  
Bring a dish to pass. 642-9516.

**Veterans' Dinner**

NV Fire Station  
**Nov. 11**, 4 PM  
For veterans of Berkshire, Newark Valley, & Richford.  
RSVP 642-9516.

**Holiday Magic**

NV Depot, Village Green, & Noble Room  
**Dec. 13**, 4-8 PM 642-9516.

**NEW BUSINESSES:**

**The Local – 12 S Main Street**

**Historic Fashion Display**

Sept. 6-7 there will be an exhibit of historic fashions in the Welcome Center of the *Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum*, from 12-4 each day. "The Knapp Collection: A Peek in the Boxes" will include fashions c. 1889-1920, as well as accessories from a private collection. This free event will also provide information on the proper way to store textiles.

The Bement-Billings House and Gift Shop will be open weekends all summer, from noon until 4 PM.



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