



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

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

**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:**

Hello everyone,

The Village streets were busy with municipal staff and vehicles from: Village of Newark Valley, Town of Berkshire, Newark Valley Fire Department, Town of Newark Valley and Village of Owego; clearing drains and ditches, removing debris from all roads and repairing Brook Street. We appreciate this sharing of services by our colleagues. The downpour from Sunday, June 14th is a very expensive memory for all of us. At this writing, Federal and State funds will NOT be available for these costs. Our Municipal Building undergoing renovation was impacted by that storm. The north side roof covered by tarp did not stop water from entering the building. The contractor is covering the building cleaning and other ancillary costs from that storm. Tioga County Office of Emergency Management, Town of Candor, Tioga County DPW and other Municipalities reached out to us and we appreciate their attention. Individual actions by Joe Onofrio, Robert Brown, Doug Card, Dennis Liebe, Ed Hollenbeck, Ernie Teuken, Ken Schneider and others 'on our streets' Sunday evening assisting others is so greatly appreciated!

This storm damage within NYS will not achieve the twenty-six million plateau to establish 'state of emergency' Federal

aid. I did declare a state of emergency along with some other local governments due to road blockages and general safety. Please utilize care while traveling Brook Street as repair vehicles will be stationed at both sites. Periodic closings may be necessary during those times. You may know the current Village Budget for General Services is five hundred twenty-three thousand (\$523K) dollars. Your Village will continue our proactive approach to infrastructure maintenance and repair.

The sidewalk funding activity update: Trustees agree walkway concentration on the west side of Whig Street is how we will proceed. Safe to School is our mantra. The eventual public informational meeting will be hosted by NYS DOT, Delta Engineering and your Village and has not been set as funding dollars will be available on April 1st, 2016. We will report those meetings at a later date.

Municipal Building renovation activity update: Weather-vane and Cupola is complete: Three layers of roofs currently being removed, applying 5/8" plywood where necessary and new roofing is a work in progress. Brick restoration is just beginning and drainage has not yet begun.

Solar Education Workshops: hosted October 2014 at the Municipal Building (attendance 35) and partnered with Newark Valley School District for

another workshop (attendance 70) in June 8th 2015. Our thanks to Code Enforcement Officer Rachel Jacobs, High School teachers Christina Costa, Amber Dildine, and Principal Michelle Bombard.

Five Clinton Street (former Ladder Factory): Filing NYS CFA Grant proposal for two hundred fifty-five thousand dollars in addition to the previously awarded NYS SAM for one hundred thousand dollars. The \$355000 for asbestos abatement and demolition is an estimate update. We will continue to report as time goes by.

Your Trustees approved preliminary 2015 road and street paving recommendations: Central \$9,741, Franklin \$14343, Watson \$14496 plus milling of \$4350 (=) \$42930.

We will receive CHIPS (NYSDOT) reimbursement of \$26867 netting the cost to \$16063. This work may be subject to revision as time gets closer.

In early June we met with three of the six Town of Newark Valley landowners remaining on the Village water system. The upper Rock Street portion of the system is and has been very costly to maintain during the winter months due to freezing waterlines. We advised those three owners during a Rate Committee meeting that the Village cannot maintain that portion of the system after December 31st, 2015. Tioga County Health Department agrees with the Village initiative and those homeowners will commence with their alternatives. The Whig Street Town of Newark Valley properties in our water system will remain.

Virginia VanEtten, former Village Trustee has left the Board so our Board agreed with your Mayor's recommendation to approve Cliff Alexander to fulfill Ginger's unexpired term.

Summer season is upon us. All kinds of activity thru: Summer Youth Program, Newark Valley Historical Society Depot Friday nights plus once a month cruise in's and fun at the Farmstead, Tappan Spaulding Library Summer Reading, Trout Ponds NTYL programs and Band Nights. Lastly, of course "Newark Valley Days" on Saturday, August 8th. See you there.

*Stay Well,  
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 Water Fund. This audit takes anywhere from 3 days to a week or so to complete. This year they were here only three days and will finish up in their office. We will be hearing back from them soon.

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 next town tax bill. Please call ahead to get the correct amount due. We can only accept, by law, the correct amounts.

Municipal building project is moving forward.

Staff meetings are continuing. These are very productive meetings, increasing communications, ideas, and policies.

Have a safe and healthy summer!

*Mertie Pozzi*

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Spring and summer have finally arrived, it was a long fall and winter and the last frozen service line unthawed in early May. The water department has made some changes in the daily operations to save energy and money. We are now running the wells less often but for a longer time which will ensure that the water stays fresher in the reservoir for the residents. As I write this we are in process of labeling the hydrants and painting the colors on them to help the fire department know what they can expect in water flow from the hydrants, we will be repairing the two hydrants on Main St in June, also in June we will be flushing hydrants and pressure testing them so if you see us flushing hydrants, know that you may see some cloudiness in the water so just run it until it becomes clear.

The DPW will also be doing a creek bank project in early July at the trout pond park, this will be in back of the well head along Owego creek, We will be putting about 75 feet of rock to help stabilize the bank from future flooding and reducing the chance that our water main gets exposed. Also this summer we will be resealing the blacktop under pavilions 1 and 2.

The village has closed the dump on Rock St to all except by appointment only, this had to be done due to the amount of trash that was being thrown in

with the brush and the amount of brush and leaves being left at the site, the village owns the property up there but the space is getting limited and if we want to be able to offer to pick up brush and leaves for the residents we will need the room. The next pick up in the village is on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, please have the brush and leaves at the curb side in small piles and the leaves need to be in recyclable bags or a can that can be dumped into the trucks. The DPW will be changing the crossover pipe on Watson Ave. to help the drainage and the board is discussing the paving that will get done this year.

The brush and leave schedule is:

	<b><u>Brush</u></b>	<b><u>Leaves</u></b>
July	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
August	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
September	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>
October	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>
November	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>

Have a safe and warm summer.

*Thank You  
William Foster*

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Summer has arrived! Here's just a few things to keep in mind this season:

- Swimming pools: There are local and state regulations that must be followed in regards to pools. Please contact our office for more information, as well as to obtain the necessary permits.
- Lawn Maintenance: Please be aware of the codes regarding property maintenance. All landscaping shall

be maintained; this includes grass, weeds, trees, shrubs, etc. Lawns that exceeds 10” will be deemed in violation. If a violation occurs, Village DPW will cut the grass and the property owner will be charged. Thereafter, lawn height shall be maintained at no greater than 6” for the remainder of the calendar year.

- Permits: Since warmer weather is upon us, several people have projects they are thinking about completing. Please contact our office **PRIOR** to completing any repairs, alterations, additions, etc. to see if any permits are required.

Hope everyone has a safe and fun summer! If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office at 607-642-8686.

*Rachel Jacobs  
Code Enforcement Officer*

### **TAPPAN SPAULDING LIBRARY**

As all have noted, it’s nice to have the flowers up and in bloom. The migrating birds have mysteriously found their way back.

The library has been quite busy. The Library is preparing for our Summer Reading program entitled “Every Hero Has a Story”. Our program runs consecutive Fridays beginning July 10, from 1:00 to 2:00. We are centering on 5-10 year olds, but all are invited. The program schedule is as follows:

- Friday July 10 – The Zoo Mobile will be here with their assortment of lions and tigers, oh my.
- Friday Jul 17 – A Police Officer will provide a demonstration and talk about his/her duties.

- Friday July 24 – This will be Hero day with arts and crafts; Participants designing their own hero costume.
- Friday July 31 – Our own Newark Valley Fire Department will be here along with a truck to give a talk about what they do, how they fight fires.
- August 7 – Activities centered on theme.
- August 14 - For all participants during this summer program there will be an end of program party.

On May 23, the library sponsored a reptile and insect demonstration by Grey Biological which was very well received, approximately 35 people attended.

As was stated in the April Newsletter, the library has many offerings – audio books, movies, books, magazines, play-a-ways. All for free-lending by the library. We would love to see you here. Hope to see you all!

*Doug Fletcher  
Director*

### **SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

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.

**Last Call – Saturday July 25th**

**Phillips Head – Saturday August 15th**

This project is made possible, in part, with public funds administered by The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes and funded by the New York State Council on the Arts.

## **NV JOINT YOUTH SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM**

The Joint Summer Recreation Program is a donation only part time summer day camp provided by the Village and Towns of Newark Valley, Berkshire and Richford. If your child has **completed Kindergarten** then he/she is eligible to participate at summer recreation. **Campers must be age 7 years of age to participate in certain field trips such as Greenwood Park and Skate Estate.**

\*Avoid the long lines, pre-registration on July 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30AM – 11:30AM at the Newark Valley Middle School large gym doors.

**The Joint Summer Recreation Program will begin on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> for morning session only (9AM – 12PM).** This part of the program will consist of games, contests, arts-n-crafts, sport activities, and **free breakfast and lunch.** Afternoon sessions will begin Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> this will consist of various field trips including swimming at Greenwood Park. Pick-up and drop-off information will be listed on each permission slip.

Donations of \$25 per child, \$60 per family are not only appreciated but also, needed to ensure a strong summer program. Please make checks payable to: V/Newark Valley

**Registration** will continue on July 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9 – 9:30AM during the morning portion of summer recreation. **Registration** at Rawley Park in Richford on July 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30AM. **Parents cannot leave children unattended until they have registered.**

If you cannot make this time, or would like to join later in the year, please call the **Director Jacia Donnelly @ 607-205-7548** as we will need to make an appointment with you and our staff nurse. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

*Jacia Donnelly  
Director*

## **NEWARK VALLEY DAYS**

August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<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.

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.

Visit the amazing quilt show at the Newark Valley United Church of Christ 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 in the afternoon.

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

costume contest and agility demonstration.

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 later in the afternoon. There will also be a bounce house, more demonstrations and food along with music including 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!

So 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!

### **FIRE HYDRANT UPDATE**

Mayors Report for Hydrant Update: I believe our community must be aware of fire safety surroundings and the effectiveness of our Village Water System delivery.

Eleven years ago less than fifty percent of our hydrant system was functional and useful to our firefighters. Today sixty-eight (68) of the seventy hydrants are system, pressure (gpm) and PESH compliant. The two not functioning are being repaired and we expect total functionality very soon. We share this data with our Fire Department and Fire

Commissioners. We are seeking additional recommendations from our local fire department for possible dry hydrant placement.

Numeric code (alpha plus numeral) necessary for inventory of every hydrant currently in our Water System

Color code PESH recommendations (top and nozzle cap colors) necessary for every hydrant currently (or) to be placed in service:

“Blue” (Class AA): (=) more than 1500 gpm,  
“Green” (Class A): (=) 1000-1499 gpm,  
“Orange” (Class B): (=) 500-999 gpm,  
“Red” (Class C): (=) less than 500 gpm

Golden Lane (NOT IN VILLAGE LIMITS): (X1, X2): (=) 2

Main Street (Route #38): (A1-A17): A10, A12 out of service: fifteen are functional (=) 17

Rock Street: (G1-G4): (=) 4

Bridge Street: (B1, B2, B3): (=) 3

Silk Street: (C1-C3): (=) 3

Rewey Ave: (D1): (=) 1

Clinton Street: (D2,D3): (=) 2

Mill Street: (E1): (=) 1

Brooke Street: (F1,F2): (=) 2

Smullen Ave: (H1-H3): (=) 3

Cook Street: (I1): (=) 1

Whig Street: (M1-M8): (=) 8

Whig Street at Village DPW site: (Z1) (=) 1

Water Street: (J1): (=) 1

Maple Avenue: (L1-L5): (=) 5

John Street: no hydrants

Marble Street: no hydrants

Spring Street: (O1-O3): (=) 3

Spring Street: (Trout Ponds): not utilized for fire protection

Elm Street: (K1-K3): (=) 3

Lawrence Street: (S1): (=) 1

Franklin Street: (R1, R2): (=) 2

Central Avenue: (V1): (=) 1  
Wards Lane: (U1): (=) 1  
Watson Avenue: (Q1): (=) 1  
Dimmick Street: (T1): (=) 1  
East Whig: (W1): (=) 1

Total Hydrants: 70

Our thanks go to Newark Valley Fire Chief George Wahl, Firefighter(s) Cheryl Galluzzo, Cliff Alexander, Commissioner John Frieman and DPW Supervisor Bill Foster in building this data.

### **GARDEN TOUR**

A GARDEN TOUR will be sponsored by the Tillers and Toilers Garden Club of Newark Valley, N.Y. on July 25, 2015 from 10 am until 2 pm. Six local gardens between Newark Valley and Berkshire will be shown on the tour. Tickets will be available at the Newark Valley Train Depot, at \$10.00 per person; beginning at 10 am on the day of the tour. Brochures will be available at the Depot to provide location of the homes. Transportation to the sites will NOT be provided. Following the tour, door prizes and a raffle of fine gifts will be held at the Depot. Refreshments will be served. For further information call Mary Ellen Odom 607-657-8171.

### **SIDEWALK COMMITTEE**

Dear members, past and present.....

Thank you! For your involvement, energy, insight, empathy and (literally) foot work!!

This was a daunting task, especially since it stirred the pot of interest for many residents.

The sidewalk committee “walked on” (pun intended), and with their baton passed on to the second relay runner (Deputy Clerk Rachel Jacobs), a grant was applied for, many meetings occurred and the Village is proceeding with the West side of Whig Street. Contract signed, with actual construction to be started Spring 2016, with design work and ROW (right of ways) underway.

So, (dis)band(ed) warriors, look what you accomplished!! The “can do - all American attitude” still gets things done!

You are hereby recognized with the “follow the yellow brick road” award!



“I am but one person, and I cannot do everything....but I will not let what I cannot do stop what I can do.”

*Robert Stevens, Village Sidewalk Ad-Hoc Committee Chair and Kathy McCall, Opinionated Administrative Assistant Extraordinaire*

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