



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

***NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY  
JANUARY 2016***

**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:**

Hello everyone,

The festive December Holidays are a memory and we hope this January finds you well. We continue to watch the impressive ‘Holiday Magic’ and the volunteers from Newark Valley Historical Society, Celebrations Committee and others that make this happen. We wish for the coming years that new families or individuals come forward to volunteer for the planning and happening initiatives. The current volunteers welcome your ideas and sweat equity so these festivities will continue. These events are important to our surrounding communities. These activities prosper somewhat due to the stipends by your local governments. Municipal dollars may not be available to underwrite these programs in the future; so your involvement is essential. We only miss something when it is gone, so please lead or help these events continue. Holiday Magic, Spring Fling and Newark Valley Days are labor intensive so volunteering makes it happen. If you wish to know who or how to volunteer please contact me.

In the past your Village has been very successful in securing funding sources for capital improvements. Our latest Consolidated Funding request for demolition of the Five Clinton Street property (Ladder Factory) was NOT awarded. You may recollect that

demolition was to make way for a solar farm. This project was made difficult for two reasons. State funding for demolition is predicated on: eighty percent from the municipality and twenty percent funding by the state. We did have an award from the Dormitory Authority for one hundred thousand dollars but that only represented twenty eight percent of the total cost. Solar Farms on vacant land is a speedy return on investment and we applaud anyone who investigates. There are many solar companies in the Southern Tier to choose from. Tioga County, Town of Nichols, Waverly Village and Town of Owego received awards and we wish them much success with their projects.

The west side Whig Street Sidewalk project continues. We do draw closer in determining the costs, linear footage and the twenty percent factor for each landowner effected. Last fall Delta Engineering and NYSDOT hosted a public meeting with residents to present drawings. Right of Way where necessary, bid process and construction will be complete in calendar year 2016. We will meet with landowners before Spring for further information.

Your Village is investigating an ‘Energy Performance Contract’ for your street lighting. Article Nine of the NYS Energy Law allows capital deferred improvements with no out of pocket costs. The overview is: annual utility savings while replacing antiquated

lighting equipment. Your utility company is not really interested in savings due to reduced energy cost. LED lamping along with other initiatives will control wattage by cleaner whiter lighting. We must go through a Request for Proposal (RFP) and proceed from that point. Binghamton, Endicott and others are heading this way and so should we all. There are a number of words to category this project such as 'bright light, white light, green energy or others. We will report as we progress down the road.

The NYS 'tax cap' for Villages is a bit above one-tenth of one percent (0.0012) so our increase allowance is \$580 for the entire Village. Our fiscal year begins March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and we will exceed the cap. Capital expenditure for equipment has been coming out of our fund balance for multiple years and we cannot continue to deplete cash balances. That is not prudent finance. Our increase this coming year is a bit above nine percent. This cap by the state aligns itself with inflation. Many municipalities will exceed tax caps this or next year. We do spend your tax dollars wisely.

Your Village staff is working toward eventual monthly pick up of appliances, electronics and other household items not allowable currently. Products that currently must be dropped off at Broome County landfill or directly to electronic retail locations will be future pick up by your Village Solid Waste Department. We will report as time goes by. Bill Foster is heading this initiative.

We are asked why NYSDOT is surveying Main Street (Route #38) in our Village. At a time in the future, NYS will upgrade, add and/or repair

sidewalks for that route. Currently, it is impossible to determine when that will happen. Survey, right of way and other costs will be in capital project for NYS future. DOT does consider walking communities essential to life.

We wish you a safe Winter & New Year.

*Jim Tornatore*  
*Mayor*

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

Budget time – We have been working on the 2016-17 budget and will be adopting the budget during the month of January. Please watch the website for the Public Hearing and adoption date.

The end of our fiscal year is fast approaching; any unpaid water, solid waste, lawn mowing and snow plowing bills, along with any others billed and remaining unpaid after February 16<sup>th</sup> will be levied to your next tax bill. We must receive payment, in the village office, on or before February 16<sup>th</sup> to avoid placement on your next village tax bill. Taxes will go out on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. We will collect taxes, and penalties, in this office until October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, at which time they will be turned over to the county and added to your next town tax bill.

We will begin collecting taxes March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and will be collecting them until October 31<sup>st</sup> from this office. Please pay the exact amount due as we cannot accept anything in a different amount. Feel free to call the office to get the correct amount. 642-8686.

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 pond, 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 with a voided check attached. 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!!!!**

*Mertie Pozzi*

**Office hours:**

**Monday to Thursday 9 AM to 5 PM**

**Friday 9 AM to 12 PM**

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

I want to thank the El-Niño for the slow start to winter and the lack of cold weather, after the last three years it is a nice rest from frozen pipes and record snow fall. I know that we will get snow but every day without it is a gift. All the equipment is ready and the sand and salt is in storage waiting for the first storm. Please remember the village code for parking during the winter months.

The water department has been out looking for leaks and has located one on Rock St and will be taking care of it in the near future. We have been working on finding the loss water, from the reports last year we had a 48% loss water, at this time we have reduced that to 11% and will continue to look for the rest. We will continue to inform residents of leaks we have found in there house to help them save money and all the rest of the residents saves when the

well pumps don't have to run as much. Other ways to conserve water.

Five tips for conserving water in the bathroom

- Encourage residents to regularly check their toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in their toilet tank. If the color begins to appear in the bowl without flushing, they have a leak that should be reported to maintenance immediately.
- Residents should avoid using their toilet as a wastebasket, as every flush uses three to seven gallons of water.
- When using the bathroom sink, residents should turn water off while lathering up their hands or brushing their teeth and turn on again to rinse.
- Residents should frequently check faucets and pipes for leaks. One drop per second could lead to 250 gallons of water in one month.
  - If a toilet's flapper valve sticks open, water is being wasted. Residents should report this to maintenance immediately.

The solid waste crew has found more recycles in the garbage and has left the cans to be sorted out, all cardboard and paper can be recycled along with plastic bags and bottles. Any extra garbage that don't fit in cans needs a tag that can be purchased at the village office. We are looking into a pick up for electronics and appliances once a month but there will be a fee for that service and we are still looking into it.

**Christmas tree pickup will be Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>!**

*William Foster  
DPW Supervisor*

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Happy New Year Everyone!

With the weather we've had lately – it's hard to tell that it's Winter but unfortunately it is. Before we know it, the snow will be flying.

According to the Village Code, all non-commercial sidewalks are to be cleared of all ice or snow within 24 hours after the end of a snow fall. Sidewalks in front of commercial establishments and commercial parking lots shall be kept free of snow & ice at all times between 9am and 5pm. There will be no door hangers or letters sent. **No further notice will be given. After 24 hours – DPW will be sent out by Code Enforcement to clear sidewalk and bill property owner.**

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 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*

**JOINT YOUTH SUMMER REC**

Greetings Families,

I want to take a minute to introduce myself. I am Heidi Cardone and have been appointed as the new Director of the Joint Summer Recreation Program. I am excited to start this new adventure and continue to provide the children of Newark Valley and the surrounding areas with opportunities for fun and engaging summer activities.

I am a lifelong resident of the area, and attended the summer recreation program as a child. I was also a counselor in the program as a teenager and young adult. I am currently a special education teacher for Newark Valley School District and plan to utilize all of my many years of experience with children, in various capacities, to continue the great traditions of the program. I look forward to meeting new families as I serve in this role. Even as we have gotten the first winter weather of the season, I know that summer will be here soon.

Questions or suggestions can be emailed to me at any time. [NVsummerrec@gmail.com](mailto:NVsummerrec@gmail.com)

*Regards,  
Heidi Cardone*

## **HOLIDAY MAGIC**

Despite the warm December weather, Christmas was in the air at Newark Valley's 2015 Holiday Magic Festival. This was the first year in many that we didn't have to bundle up against the cold or wade through slushy streets.

The clip clop of horse's hooves was a cheerful backdrop to the lights and warming fires at the Village Hall. Inside, many were entertained with music from 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!

At the library, the Grinch was on hand for photos (although the Grinch hates to smile about anything). Our Main Street shops also helped visitors enjoy the holiday spirit including a demonstration of glass working at RB Artistry.

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.

*Leslie Inderwies*

## **TAPPAN SPAULDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

Hello from Tappan-Spalding Memorial Library. I'm Stephanie, and I just started as the new library director. We had a great December, beginning with a successful Lego club! You can see some of the creations from the event on display at the library. The next one will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the Noble room. We had a lot of visitors for the Holiday Magic open house event on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone, enjoyed getting their picture taken with the Grinch. We also brought in some new books and movies for you to check out. Can't make it in? Visit [FLLS.org](http://FLLS.org) for a big selection of eBooks, and audiobooks you can download to your computer or portable device.

If you are still feeling stressed from the busy holiday season, come relax here at the library! Starting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00PM-7:30PM we are starting an intricate coloring club. The group will meet once a month. There is no need to bring anything, we will have plenty of supplies, and pages for you to color. Please feel free to bring your own ideas as well. Come in and say hi, and don't forget to look for us on Facebook!

*Stephanie Langer*  
*Director*

## **NEW BUSINESSES:**

B Fit – 16 Whig Street

Village of Newark Valley  
9 Park Street  
PO Box 398  
Newark Valley, NY 13811

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US Postage Paid  
Newark Valley, NY 13811  
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