



*****VILLAGE NEWSLETTER*****

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

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Hello everyone,

We are now listening to one sweet noise that may be above acceptable decibel. Quick and efficient Ambulance service is once again, in station here in the Village. The sirens abound, the garage doors open and Maine Ambulance with volunteers and paid staff cover our safety when patients are most vulnerable. Northern Tioga, Berkshire, Greater Valley EMS and Newark Valley Fire volunteers have, in the past given their time and hearts to our local residents. Our most recent EMS group struggled to maintain sufficient staff and is dissolving that organization. Our neighbors over at Maine EMS received NYS authorization (Certificate of Need) to provide service covering our Town. We are pleased to see Ambulances in our bay area and staff in the upstairs offices of the Village Municipal Building. Our past newsletters have passed on the value of volunteers and it is no different as we look to the future. Please consider the available time that you have toward volunteerism.

The Village Trout Ponds Park along the East Branch of the Owego Creek has new plantings in excess of one hundred trees (Sycamore, Basswood and Red Maple) and/or shrubbery plants. The Upper Susquehanna Council does provide and plant these at no cost along the Susquehanna Basin. These plantings over time will mitigate erosion on the

park (north) side of the creek and hopefully decrease flooding. A few area residents state these plantings mean little as long as dredging is not allowable. Our Village works within the parameters of the laws and views these plantings as an opportunity for foliage, ecosystem and park beauty. The Owego PennySaver reporter JoAnn Walters described this in a June 12th article. We thank Tioga County Planning Department Director Elaine Jardine, USC Coordinator Lydia Brinkley and the volunteer planters from SUNY ESF.

In the Spring newsletter I mentioned the Village was seeking grant awards for Trout Ponds playground equipment update. Most of the play equipment is early 1970's installation with middle 1990's update. Rachel and David Smith along with Village Trustee Cliff Alexander developed a two year plan for new equipment. Current Year age appropriate: two to five years old: Next Year age appropriate: six to twelve years old. The current year grant is equipment value of forty thousand seven hundred eighty-two (\$40782.) dollars. This week the Floyd Hooker Foundation announced the Newark Valley Village will receive the award of forty thousand seven hundred eighty-two (\$40782.) dollars. The real winners are the children and parents visiting our Trout Ponds Park.

While I have been Mayor the vast majority of our Village time and resources are spent on infrastructure

update. The water distribution piping replacement, the new reservoir, the Municipal Building renovation, sidewalks and other less expensive projects. Your Trustees believe the playground and Whig Street west side walkways are the concentration for this year. We continue to search for grant methods for Clinton Street Factory demolition. Program called RESTORE NY 2016 is a ninety percent grant/ten percent seed money application we will proceed with in the autumn of this year. I did mention street light conversion to LED bulbs earlier this year. We have decided to defer that initiative until a record of rural communities is more established.

In May of this year in our strident search for the Village to 'do things better' your Mayor approached the Newark Valley Town Supervisor and Councilmen with a new approach to Village roadways. Chuck Mead and the Town DPW staff do a great job with Town roads. I believe they can do a great job plowing, sanding and salting our Village roadways. I did request, and Stu Yetter agreed that select members of your Village Trustees and Town Councilmen will session together concerning this initiative. First reaction from some is: why? I will explain: Village home and business owners pay Town tax at much the same rate as home and business owners outside the Village. So, our Village homesteaders pay a total of \$138,606.13 annually in Town tax for services that may not impact your everyday living. In most Townships the Villagers pay a much lower Town tax then those outside the Village; however, that does not apply in our Town. So...we believe, our Town may utilize those funds collected from Villagers to

subsidize Town maintenance of Village roads. Where does the Village taxpayer get the break? The Village tax rate will stabilize or decrease for your Village tax bill and the Town tax is already the same as Town residents and may not increase. We will see how the conversation and planning goes; however please ask your Mayor, your Village Trustees or Town Supervisor/Councilmen for insights and updates when you please. I believe the first of many committee meetings will begin sometime in July. The Town government in Candor and the Town government in Nichols currently plow, sand and salt the streets in the Villages of Candor and Nichols. Those Towns do include that service as part of Town tax.

After a Taylor Garbage Service employee was struck and killed by a driver here in Tioga County a change to NYS law will require all vehicles to slow down and utilize caution while going around or passing a sanitation vehicle. A revision to the existing "Move Over Law" was approved by the state legislature; so please understand when the Village of Newark Valley Trucks or Solid Waste vehicles are out and about; we should use caution.

Our road paving of Clinton, Cook, Mill, Rewey and Silk is complete for this year. We will stone and oil those same roadways, along with a dry well on Rewey Ave. as quickly as possible.

I mentioned in the spring newsletter that NYS Comptrollers visited for a few days in March. They suspended their review until after the annual audit report was completed, which has been, and they are coming back soon to complete their review.

Depot Friday nights music and speakers, Depot Saturday night Cruise In's, Trout Ponds Saturday night bands, Town Historians presentation displays at the Depot, Bement Billings Farmstead Guilds, Folk Art presentations and other events, Tioga County Fair: Good local fun!!!

Good Summer to you all!!

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 Water Fund. This audit takes anywhere from 3 days to a week or so to complete. We will be hearing back from them soon. The State Comptrollers were in to review our records and suspended their audit until after we closed out our fiscal year and completed the Annual Audit Report (AUD). This has been completed and they are ready to come back near the end of June, beginning of July to complete their audit. The AUD has been placed on our website for your review.

Our village office hours have been expanded to the hours of 9AM to 5PM Monday through Thursday, and 9AM to 12PM on Fridays. With the extension of the office hours we have discussed, and are currently applying to be able to issue hunting and fishing licenses from this office. When we know the final results we will let you know.

Training is going well with Pam, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. She makes a great addition to our village office. Kathy

continues to do a great job at the front counter, along with assisting Scott Kasmarcik, Code Enforcement Officer, and Dennis Liebe, Fire Marshal with letters, scheduling appointments, filing, etc.

We have been notified that we have received a grant for some new playground equipment for the Trout Ponds Park. Thank you to Rachel Smith, a village resident, for the grant she applied for through the Floyd Hooker Foundation. Thank you for the volunteering of your time and hard work to help continue to improve areas of the village! It is people like you who commit yourself that help make our village a better place to live!

That being said KUDO's to the Department of Public Works for all their hard work, dedication, and desire to see that things are kept looking great! Code Enforcement and Fire Marshal for keeping the community safe and keeping the general health and welfare of our community in mind by enforcing the NYS and Village codes, and to the Mayor and Trustees that basically volunteer their time, and have a great responsibility to make sure all this happens.

Village taxes will be collected in the office until October 31st, 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 full amounts.

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

Have a safe and healthy summer!
Mertie Pozzi

CLEANUP & BRUSH AND LEAVES

<u>Brush</u>		<u>Leaves</u>	
July	12 th	July	13 th
August	16 th	August	17 th
September	13 th	September	14 th
October	18 th	October	19 th
November	1 st	November	2 nd

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

The DPW has been busy this spring and summer with the road repairs and paving. We will be topping the pavement with oil and stones in the near future and then will be tying in the driveways. We are in process of cleaning out Slosson creek between Main St. and the Owego Creek to help prevent flooding on Brook and Main St.

The Trout Ponds Park has had new trees and bushes planted on the bank of Owego creek to help prevent erosion. We are still moving forward with the new playground equipment for the park. After the first concert at the park there was a backpack with clothes in it that was taken to the office where we have a lost and found box with glasses and many other things.

The water department has been busy checking for leaks and have been checking hydrants for repair and painting. We will be flushing the hydrants in August so you may have cloudy water, if you do, just run the water until it clears out. The Village just got its ISO rating for fire protection and we went from a 9-10 to a 5 (lower is better). The ISO rating is used by the Insurance agency's for homeowner's fire protection insurance. You may have to contact your insurance agent to take

advantage of it. As of the last water reading the village has cut water loss from 70 % (2009) to less than 12% for this year, and we are still looking to find more.

The recyclables are still showing up in the Monday garbage, so please sort out the recyclables and put them out on Friday morning. You can recycle everything from paper plates, magazines, and newspapers to bags from the store, cans and bottles anything with no deposit on it. Thank You,

*DPW Supervisor
William Foster*

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Summer 2016 is finally here! As we enter the summer season there are a couple of things I would like to remind all residents regarding swimming pools, fires, and property maintenance.

Swimming pools are a fun activity for everyone, however, safety is a key component to safe swimming environment. There are multiple regulations, both local and state, that need to be followed when putting up a new swimming pool. If you plan to install a new pool at your home, a permit is required through the Village of Newark Valley Office of Code Enforcement and Safety. When your permit is granted we can update you on any new pool codes that may have been put into effect. Please make note NOT TO USE a traditional electrical cord to run any pool pumps or pool equipment as it is a fire hazard!

Recreational fires are permitted within the Village. We ask that you respect your neighbors by not burning anything other than clean wood. **DO NOT burn any leaves, brush, hazardous**

materials, or wood with paints or stains. Also make note that all fires are to be contained in a fire pit area no larger than 3'X3', and please be prepared with a source of water if it is needed. *If conditions such as the state-wide burn ban is in effect, active drought conditions, or active high winds are occurring, please avoid burning.*

As we all know lawn care maintenance is one way of keeping a neighborhood looking clean and well kept. Village Code is that all lawn violations will be written if the grass is at or exceeds 10 inches in height, and one violation notice will be given. *Thereafter, the Village will cut the grass when the grass is at 6 inches or more in height with no further written notice.*

Please have a safe summer.

*Village of Newark Valley
Code Enforcement Office
Scott Kasmarcik*

TAPPAN SPAULDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

It is time for the Summer Reading Challenge! We have been busy planning fun activities for the entire family. Events will be held on July 5th, July 12th, and August 9th, 11th, 16th. Kids and families will be able to try out Zumba, a bike rodeo, and join in on a story walk. A roller derby team will be visiting the library as well. On August 11th you can find us at Nathan T. Hall Elementary School, with the Berkshire Free Library for an ice cream party. You will also be able to try some fun experiments on the Physics bus while you are there. Look for announcements of events posted at the library or check out our website at <http://tsmlibrary.org/>. Also,

look for us on Facebook and Twitter! Let us know if you are interested in joining an email list, or receiving a phone call for upcoming events.

Once a month throughout the year we have begun offering a Family Resource Center at the Library. This program is a collaboration with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tioga County. Families are invited to bring their young children to the library to play, make crafts and enjoy a story. The event runs every third Tuesday of the month from 10:00am – 12:00pm. On July 19th we will have a special field day event that will include activities for older kids, as part of our summer reading program.

Come visit us often to find a variety of books that will help you reach your summer reading goals. Don't forget, if you can't find what you are looking for we might be able to get it for you, so just ask! Kids from Kindergarten to 4th grade can log their Scholastic reading minutes on our public computers. Have an amazing summer!

Stephanie Langer, Director
Tappan Spaulding Memorial Library

NEWARK VALLEY DAYS:

If you're thinking there's nothing going on in a small town, think again. Things will really be hopping again this year in Newark Valley on Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13, 2016. That's right, Newark Valley Days will soon be upon us, so make sure you don't miss all the fun.

Plan to catch the high energy of Dixieland Jazz when the Dixie Kats hit

the scene at the Train Depot from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The Depot opens at 6:00. Food and drink will also be on sale. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the warm summer evening listening to this popular band. But ease in on the action beforehand by taking in the Art Show in the Rollie Noble Room—next to the post office—from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. This event is sponsored by Visions Federal Credit Union and the prize-winning artwork will be announced at the reception that begins at 6:00. Refreshments will be served. There will also be a large display of beautiful quilts draped across the pews just down the street at the United Church of Christ, also from 4:00 to 7:00. That's the white church with the steeple.

On Saturday, the action kicks off at the expanded craft sale on the Green. Vendors from all over the area will entice you with their wares from 9:00 to 4:00. During this time talented bands will entertain you on the bandstand, offering both new music and old favorites throughout the day. The art show will run from 9:00 to 4:00 and the quilt show will continue from 9:00 to 2:00. The Tappan Spaulding Library will also be selling lots of used books in front of the library.

The annual parade has been growing each year and this year is no exception. It begins at 11:00 am, running along Main Street, Water Street and Whig Street. But at some point you must catch the action at the Train Depot—food, games, activities, pony rides, and more music.

The Newark Valley Fire Department will be serving up delicious chicken BBQ on Water Street starting around

11:30. Plan on getting there early as they always sell out!

After all this action winds down, head on over to the Trout Ponds. Cheer for your favorite duck during the Rubber Duck Race at 4:30 pm. Join runners and walkers of all ages at the Trout Ponds 5K Run which will be starting around 5. There will also be a bouncy house, more demonstrations and more food, along with music featuring Watts on Tap. It all leads up to an exciting fireworks display after dark.

Learn about the history of the area by visiting the Bement-Billings Farmstead living history museum Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 to 4:00. The Farmstead is one mile north of the traffic light and this weekend all tours will be FREE! Take in the Trappers Rendezvous in the Maple Grove at the Farmstead too!

Mark your calendar and gear up for several days filled with fun and activities for the whole family. Don't miss it and make sure to tell your friends.

Newark Valley Days is sponsored by the Newark Valley Historical Society.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

July 1 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Little Big Band with Bruce Dedrick:
swing, doo wop, rock & roll; 7-9 PM @
NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM.
Refreshments available. nvhistory.org.
642-9516.

July 2- Oct. 2 Bement-Billings House
OPEN FOR TOURS each Saturday and
Sunday, 12-4 PM.

July 2 **Cruise-In:** 5-7 PM @ NV Depot. All vehicles welcome; refreshments available. Ray: 642-3627.

July 8 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Horseshoe Lounge Playboys: acoustic backwoods Americana roots music; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

July 9 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** 10-2 Spinning @ Bement-Billings Farmstead. BYO lunch & beverage. New members welcome! Denise 642-5568.

July 15 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Swing Street Jazztet with Al Hamme: Dixieland, swing, be-bop; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

July 16 **All Guilds Picnic:** 12-2 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead Pavilion. Bring a dish to pass.

July 17 **Blacksmith Guild:** 10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. Doug: 669-4489.

July 22 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Pat Kane & West o' Clare: traditional Irish music; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

July 29 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Donna & the Country Mystics: classic country songs; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

July 30 **Tuscarora Beading:**
with Rosie Hill, 10-5 PM @ Bement-

Billings Farmstead. \$40/\$36 NVHS members. Raised beadwork, 3" medallion rose & legends. Register by 7/21/16: 642-5412.

Aug. 5 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Grassanova: bluegrass, swing, blues, early jazz; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

Aug. 6 **Cruise-In:** 5-7 PM @ NV Depot. All vehicles welcome; refreshments available. Ray: 642-3627.

Aug.12 **Depot Friday Nights:** *DixieKats:* Dixieland music, 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

Aug. 13 **Newark Valley Days** @ NV village green: parade 11 AM (no travel on Main St.), vendors, food, library book sale, spinning demo in *Shuttles & Spindles* Guild's booth. Public *Black Powder* shoot 1 PM @ Farmstead.

Aug. 19 **Depot Friday Nights:** *Irish Stoutmen:* Irish folk quartet; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

Aug. 20 **Blacksmith Guild:** 10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. Doug: 669-4489.

Aug. 20 **Cheese-making 110:** 9-4 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Welcome Center. Colby cheese, using cheese press, Q&A: *with Laryssa Zahajkewycz.* Register by

8/11/16, call for equipment list: 642-5412. \$50/\$45 NVHS members.

Aug. 20 **Cooking/Guides**
Guild: 10-2, Open Hearth cooking or small sewing project @ Bement-Billings Farmstead.

Aug. 26 **Depot Friday**
Nights: *Rick Pedro*: astonishing ragtime piano; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

Sept. 2 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Rich Wilson's Live Radio Show, 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

Sept. 3 **Cruise-In:** 5-7 PM @ NV Depot. All vehicles welcome; refreshments available. Ray: 642-3627.

Sept. 9 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Greg Neff: music of the '60's & '70's; 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

Sept. 10 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** 10-2, Spinning @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's weaving porch. BYO lunch & beverage. (Many will be attending *Endless Mt. Fiber Fest.*) Denise: 642-5568.

Sept. 10 **Willow Weaving-Trellis:** 10-5 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead. Make 6' pea cage trellis with *Bonnie Gale*. Assemble on ground or while standing. \$85/\$83 NVHS members. Call for supply list. Register by 8/31/16: 642-5412.

Sept. 17 **Blacksmith**
Guild: 10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. Doug: 669-4489.

Sept. 17 **Cooking/Guide**
Guild: Day trip to Troy, PA for *Pennsylvania Heritage Festival*.

Sept. 24 **Open Hearth Cooking Class:** details TBA-- See nvhistory.org

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS

AT THE TROUT PONDS:

Bring your lawn chairs, relax and enjoy an evening of FREE entertainment at the Trout Ponds Park.

All concert times are 6 PM – 9 PM.

Last Call July 16th
(Classic Rock)

The RedEyes August 27th
This project is made possible, in part, with public funds from NYSCA's Decentralized Program, administered regionally by the ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes.

FROM THE MAYOR, VILLAGE TRUSTEES, CODE AND CLERK'S OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Village Holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day (Thursday & Friday), Christmas Day.
Village Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7PM, Noble Room, 9 Park Street.
Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 5 PM. Friday 9 AM to 12 PM.