



THE VILLAGE NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY
NOVEMBER 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Hello everyone,

All Hallows Eve is past; candy is depleted and maybe enjoyed; and we all await the hopeful joy of honoring our Veteran's Day one hundredth Anniversary. We so appreciate the efforts of our Newark Valley Historical Society, Fire Department and American Legion Post #401 in honoring our soldiers of past and present.

In late October we received our NYS Comptroller "Fiscal Stress Report" and your Village score of 3.3 results in "no designation". This 3.3 indicator means your Village has no fiscal stress standard at period ending February 2017. Results for communities who voluntarily report may be located on the NYS Comptroller Office website.

Your Village entered a Letter of Intent to prepare and submit a Project Funding Request with FEMA United Hazard Mitigation Assistance. We await the receipt from FEMA providing notice to proceed with an application due December 19th. This funding application for Cook Hill and Slosson Creek Flood Mitigation Study begins a process. We appreciate the guidance and assistance of Tioga County Soil & Water and Hunt Engineering. Mayor and Trustees will discuss these moving forward details at your November 13th Village Board Meeting. If this funding effort is not successful; we will continue to seek other avenues to proceed. Select Villager's and our neighbors' proactive attitude will help with the eventual solution. We do so appreciate your thoughts.

Your Mayor, Deputy Mayor Michael Reynolds and Trustees Cliff Alexander and Doug Card will welcome resident Scott Parmelee as a Trustee. Scott will replace the unexpired term of resident and former Trustee Rachel Smith. We all know the Parmelee family and we wish Scott much success as your newest Trustee.

The third phase of Village Trout Ponds Playground equipment installation is set for middle November. LED Village Streetlight installation is complete.

We wish a safe and successful Autumn for all.

Best Regards,
Jim Tornatore
Village of Newark Valley

CLERK'S REPORT:

The ladder factory is gone! The office is continuing to move forward with the disbursement application for those funds to repay our B.A.N. of \$550,000. Prior to obtaining the funds there needs to be a public hearing held by Empire State Development which will be in December, after that, the application will be processed. We also need to complete the process of our Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE) waiver to be approved before final payment. Our hope is to have this complete, and paid to us before the end of this fiscal year, February 28, 2019, however, these things sometimes take longer than we hope for!

The LED lighting project, which consisted of replacing all village street lights with LED lights has been completed; now we move on to the process of obtaining a refund of \$80,000 from State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM), made possible by Senator Akshar. This project has guaranteed savings of electrical costs for the Village.

Municipal Building windows are in the application (grant approval) process and we will not hear anything until December/January timeframe. If successful, the Office of Parks and Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) grant will pay a total of \$100,000, and another State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM), will be in the amount of \$30,000, made possible by Assemblyman Friend, leaving the village to pay \$100,000 of a \$230,000 project. This \$100,000 had been previously saved and set aside in our building reserves, and is readily available.

We are currently working with the newly appointed treasurer of the Tappan Spaulding Library to keep things moving forward as seamlessly as possible for the library.

We have passed our insurance carrier's inspection. Their review consists of traveling the village with our DPW supervisor of the parks and village buildings for safety issues, and to visit the village office to be sure we have insurance certificates in place, and policies; ethics, workplace violence, sexual harassment, along with a few others, and reviewed the internal controls of the office. We were told that we are on track, and claims are down. All this will keep our costs for coverage down.

We received our Fiscal Stress score for the year 2017 provided by the State Comptroller Office. This score is to identify municipalities who are under fiscal stress. Scores are as followed: Significant - point range is 65-100, Moderate – 55-64.9, Susceptible – 45-54.9, and No designation – 0-44.9. We scored a 3.3 with No designation.

Budget time is upon us and we are working diligently on the preparation process of our budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year (March 1, 2019 – February 28, 2020). We will have work sessions and a public

hearing before the adoption of the budget, which will be sometime in January. Watch the website or the Tioga County Courier for dates.

Any unpaid Village taxes have been returned to the County, payments will no longer be accepted at the Village office. Unpaid taxes will be assessed to the Town tax bill in January.

Water meters will be read on November 15th for the next water/solid waste billing. The next billing will go out on December 1st, to be paid by December 31st without a penalty. After December 31st penalties will be assessed. Don't forget that you can sign up for payments to be withdrawn from your checking/savings account, free of charge to you. Call the office 642-8686 for details.

Rachel Smith has resigned from the Board of Trustees of the Village of Newark Valley as she will no longer be a village resident, therefore, we will have a village election in March of 2019. The Board of Trustees will appoint Scott Parmelee to fill the vacancy until the March elections take place. There will be one position for Trustee to fill an unexpired 3-year term at the elections in March. Caucuses will be held sometime in January.

Upcoming office closings are as follows; Veterans Day - November 12th, Thanksgiving – November 22nd and 23rd, Christmas - December 25th, and New Year's Day - January 1st.

Stay warm, enjoy the holidays, and have a HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2019!

*Mertie Pozzi
Village Clerk*

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

All good things must come to an end.....at least for the season that is. The Trout Pond Park has been winterized for the season, the water is off, the bathrooms are closed and the benches are stored away for the winter. The park went through a long wet summer and fall so there are a lot of dead grass areas that we plan to reseed

late this fall or early in the spring. There is new playground equipment on its way thanks to a grant from the Floyd Hooker Foundation and we will be working on getting that installed and the mulch areas done this fall.

The state has turned over all the storm drains that they installed, other than those on Main Street, to the Village for maintenance and upkeep so the DPW has been working to repair the drains this summer, at our expense unfortunately. The DPW has also replaced the concrete block that has broken apart over the years of flood water on Brook Street and are working on removing the buildup of rocks and debris in the upper end of the creek. We also had to replace the culvert in the Trout Pond Park because of the flooding this year and are looking into the new flooding problems that come from Smullen Ave and Cook Street that flood North Main Street at almost every heavy rain fall.

By the time you receive this newsletter the winter parking hours will be in effect:

***No Parking on any highway or private road
within the Village of Newark Valley from
November 1st through April 1st
between the hours of
12:00 midnight to 6:00 am.***

The water department has been busy with two new services and repairing hydrants along with testing and listening to hydrants for new leaks. The USDA inspection went very well with no complaints, the OSHA inspections went good with only a few tripping hazards that needed to be painted and have had a re-inspection and have no violations.

The sanitation department has noticed that recyclables in the garbage have been going down but we still have more cans and bottles that can be recycled. The county picks up the recyclables on Friday and it is part of your county tax so please recycle and help the Village save on tipping fees. We also have seen an increase in the weight of cans, remember if you have kitty litter put it in a separate bag or container and set it next to the rest of the cans. The Village code requires that trash cans can be

32 gallons and the weight limit is a max of 50 lbs.

As we head into the winter season I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving as well as a Merry Christmas and New Year.

*Bill Foster
Village DPW Supervisor*

CLEANUP & BRUSH AND LEAVES

Brush
November 6th

Leaves
November 7th

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

The past few months have been filled with building permit requests and fire safety inspections at local businesses and rental properties. With 28 inspections complete along with many permits for windows, roofs, ramps, sheds and pools, residents have been keeping me quite busy. Remember, if you don't know if you need a permit call the office at 642-8686 and they will be able to help you determine if one is needed for your project. Permits and inspections are for your protection so please follow through with obtaining them. Building permits can help keep your contractor from cutting corners on methods or materials as they know inspections will be done. Building permits keep your insurance valid, a fire resulting from work without a permit could leave you with a denied claim or if someone falls off a deck that was built without a permit, your liability insurance may not cover their injuries. Proper building permits prove to be valuable when selling your home as well, if you perform work without a permit, you can assume a potential buyer will know about it as permits are a matter of public record.

With the inevitable winter season on its way I'd like to take a moment to refresh everyone on the code involving snow removal. NYS code **302-3** states: Sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, and parking spaces shall be kept in a proper state of repair and maintained free from hazardous conditions. Our Village code elaborates on this beginning in section **140-27A**:

Where sidewalks exist. All owners of Village real property which abuts upon or is contiguous to a public sidewalk shall be responsible for the maintenance of said sidewalk, and shall be required to keep such sidewalk reasonably clear of snow and ice, and shall not permit the same to accumulate. At all times there must be a clear path of a minimum of three feet wide over the sidewalk.

140-32A

(1) *Snow and ice shall be removed within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall on noncommercial (residential) establishments.*
(2) *Sidewalks in front of commercial establishments and commercial parking lots shall be kept free of snow and ice at all times between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.*

140-29I(3)(a)

*In the event that any property owner of any sidewalk shall fail to remove the ice and/or snow in the time limits above (24 hours) in accordance with the provisions of § **140-32** of this chapter, the Superintendent of Public Works shall cause such ice and/or snow to be removed and shall notify the Village Clerk of the expense incurred by the Department of Public Works for the amount of labor, equipment and materials used.*

To read the full details of the Removal of Snow and Ice code you can visit <https://ecode360.com/30006456> online or stop by the Village Office for a printed copy upon request.

As the fall season brings us into winter I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Holiday season into the New Year.

*Bill Foster
Code Enforcement Officer*

**TAPPAN SPAULDING MEMORIAL
LIBRARY:**

Hello from the Tappan-Spauldning Memorial library!

Thanks to all who attended our "Rockin"
Summer Reading Program.

Maureen from the Museum of the Earth joined us for STEAM 'Rock Night' and taught us about NY fossils. Each child got to take home a freshly cut geode that night. It was loud and messy but we ended up with some beautiful rocks.

Erin from Tioga County 4-H came by with her ukulele for the 'Science of Sound' STEAM Night.

We made tiny musical instruments and sang along to "Let It Go" with the karaoke machine, a good time was had by all who attended.

Dan the Snakeman was a big hit with his reptiles.

They ranged from tiny tortoises, to a gigantic albino python! We learned a lot about reptiles and anyone who was brave enough could handle the animals!

We had a good turnout for the Summer Reading Program and truly enjoyed hosting the events.

We will continue to have LEGO Club and STEAM Night monthly throughout the year.

LEGO Club is the first Wednesday night of the month at 6:30 PM in the Noble Room.

This will be Nov. 7th, Dec. 5th and Jan. 2nd. Every month there is a new theme we challenge the kids to build from and then we display their projects at the library.

STEAM Night is a new program promoting *Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math*, and it has been a lot of fun! With Melissa from Tioga County 4-H we have made slime, floated eggs, learned about buoyancy and done science magic! STEAM Night is the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Noble Room. Our next STEAM Nights are December 19th and Jan. 16th. Funds from the FLLS Mini-Grant has enabled us to provide this fun, educational program for our community's children.

The library will be participating in the *Holiday Magic Celebration* Dec. 8th. We will be giving each child who visits a new book! Jukebox Donuts will be making hot, fresh donuts at their food truck in front of the library. We have sampled them and they are absolutely delicious!

Lots of new titles are published during the fall and winter months and we continue to purchase your favorites. You can borrow print copies, Large Type editions and Books on CDs at the library.

We also have DVDs/Blu-Rays at the library.

To read using your electronic device go to <https://flls.org> and you can borrow e-books, e-audio books, streaming video (Hoopla) and e-magazines (RBdigital). All are free and there are thousands of selections.

Our children's room is full of excellent books for kids to enjoy. We are adding new books monthly thanks to the Bernard Carl and Shirley Rosen Fund and the BOOKS Program with Senator Akshar.

We are also expanding our Graphic Novel collection. These are very popular and are great to encourage reluctant readers with. They are not just "comic books" anymore. They are created in all reading levels and topics, done in beautiful colors and drawings.

The public computers are up and running with databases for educational and genealogy research. JobNow is a free online job coaching database. Kids can learn with ABC Mouse while you check

your email or browse the internet. We can copy and fax or just help you select a great read. Come on in and enjoy the many resources our community library has to offer!

The library is open:

Tuesday 10:00AM – 8:00 PM,
Wednesday 2:00PM – 8:00 PM,
Thursday 3:00PM – 8:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

We will be closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.
We hope all will enjoy the holidays with family and friends!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Newark Valley Historical Society 2018

UPDATES at nvhistory.org & nvhistory@stny.rr.com
(607) 642-9516

Nov. 10 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**
Details TBA. Christmas party.
Denise: (607) 642-5568.

Nov. 11 **Veterans' Dinner:** 4 PM @
NV Fire Station; for veterans of
Berkshire, Newark Valley, & Richford.
RSVP (607) 642-9516

Nov. 17 **Blacksmith Guild:** 10-3 @
Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith
Shop. Doug: (607) 669-4489.

Dec. 7 **Christmas Open House:**
4-7 PM @ NV Depot. **Adults.**

Dec. 8 **Holiday Magic:** 4-8 PM @
NV Depot, Village Green, & Noble Room;
(607) 642-9516.

NV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

The ***Newark Valley Chamber*** is excited to announce that it has just received official certification from NY State allowing the chamber to be known as the ***Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce***. This will better reflect the Chamber's commitment to serve all northern Tioga County towns, including Newark Valley, Berkshire and Richford.

During 2018 the Chamber embraced a new energy and enthusiasm for providing benefit to both member businesses and the community. It once again took part in the Berkshire Sappening event and the Richford Potato Festival. It also assumed sponsorship of the annual Newark Valley Summerfest (formerly Newark Valley Days), including the fireworks display, previously conducted by the NV Historical Society. A Flag Reclamation event was held for the first time, to collect old, worn U.S. flags for proper disposal. The Chamber also subsidized ads for Chamber business members on placemats printed for 3 area restaurants. A

Welcome Wagon was started, to present new residents with a basket containing gifts and coupons from local businesses. A weekly email blast was started, to alert members to upcoming activities and events in the area, and the Chamber website provides a wealth of news and information on local happenings. The Chamber is becoming a vital presence in the community!

Looking ahead to 2019, the Chamber has plans that include continued participation in the events mentioned above as well as new fundraisers and other activities as may be proposed by the members. A proposal to conduct periodic Bingo games is under consideration as an ongoing fundraiser and a fun community activity! The Chamber welcomes ideas and suggestions from all members.

Hopefully businesses north of Newark Valley will now be inspired to join. We welcome all Northern Tioga businesses to be active participants in the Chamber, which is passionately focused on its mission of "Helping businesses take flight".

FROM THE MAYOR, VILLAGE TRUSTEES, CLERK'S OFFICE and the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

**We would like to wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday season.
Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Official Village Newspaper: Tioga County Courier www.tiogaweb.com/courier

Official Village Radio Station: WEBO on 1330AM, 107.9 out of Owego, 101.3 out of Richford

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 at 7PM in the Noble Room, 9 Park Street.

Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9 AM to 5 PM and Friday 9 AM to 12 PM



In observance of Veterans Day the Village Office will be closed on Monday November 12th 2018

To all those who serve we Thank You for your service.



The Village Office will be closed Thursday November 22nd & Friday November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving.

Enjoy your holiday and give thanks for all that we have.



The Village Office will be closed on Tuesday December 25th in celebration of Christmas Day.

The office will also be closed on Tuesday January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

We hope that everyone has a joyous holiday and a safe and happy New Year!

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