



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

***NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY
OCTOBER 2012***

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Hello everyone,

Look north on the Water Street Bridge and you will not see mounting islands of silt and large trees growing in the Owego Creek. Look to the trestle at the Trout Ponds and see the silt and stone removal and the quick flowing water. These two just completed projects will reduce flooding due to water flow back in our Village. Many other flood mitigations that are FEMA funded are complete so this phase is much behind us.

The final portion of the Village Water Project is very near completion after five years of planning, easements, reservoir, hydrant and piping distribution. Our volunteer firefighters will work with new hydrants, larger diameter piping and improved water flow inside and outside the Village. Soon we will begin eliminating the short term bond anticipation notes (BAN) and convert to the long term bond process. We wish to thank Village residents for patience, understanding and perseverance knowing that we have a vibrant water delivery system for our children and grandchildren and those who follow us

We continue to provide water to certain residents on Whig and Rock Street who are not in the Village but we do invoice at a different rate. The rates for Village and out of Village properties are consistent with current costs determined

by the Village Rate Committee and the Board of Trustees. The issue for properties not in the Village is piping outside our jurisdiction. Occasionally we contact those property owners commenting on those jurisdictional issues and explaining the remedies. Soon we will once again contact those owners outside the Village explaining this dilemma.

Our Village Board Meeting Agendas include a category labeled 'Works in Progress' listing priorities not complete. In September we added the Clinton Street property that once housed the ladder factory. At one time with different owners this was a vibrant employer but time passes and now it is a deteriorating not up to code vacant building with zero assessment. We are not the first community facing large empty closed factories with no assessment; nor will our community be the last. Our task is safety for the immediate neighbors on Rewey, Clinton and Silk Streets by making plans with the current owner and their attorney. That 'Works in Progress' will continue until the building is up to code, demolished or some other form of correction. We will keep you all up to date.

Our Public Works guys have been instrumental in the water flow improvements, great lawn care on Village properties, and working with our neighboring towns in flood repair. If

you haven't see Steve or Scot around that is the reason.

A few weeks ago your Village Clerk, Supervisor of Public Works and I met with the State Comptrollers Office. The Comptroller is compiling data for benchmarks to be circulated commenting on municipal financial stress factors for Towns, Villages and School Districts.

No specific municipality will be listed in the report but we appreciate the State listening to us. Unofficially, the representative complimented the Village Balance Sheet and our financial initiatives.

In previous newsletters we described our Grant request for Municipal Building exterior brick work and drainage upgrades. The awards announcements will be sometime after the election season so we cannot report the result until sometime in December. We will update all as soon as we know.

Our mantra again and again: Shop Local

Best Wishes,

*Jim Tornatore
Mayor*

FROM TRUSTEE CARLIN:

Summer has faded and fall has arrived. It has all happened so fast. We wish to thank all the volunteers that made Newark Valley Days a tremendous success. I would also like to thank the Mayor and all the Village staff that have continued to support this and all of our other community events. Events such as this would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the volunteers and the Village staff. The Newark Valley Farmers Market is winding up their first season. We would

like to remind you that it will continue to be held on the Village Green every Sunday from 10:00AM until 2:00PM thru October 28th. They will be holding a Harvest Festival on the 28th, the last day of the 2012 season with olde time music by Tom Quigley. Please stop by each Sunday after church and support our local Farmers Market. **EBT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED AT THE MARKET.** Anyone interested in becoming a vendor for the 2013 season please contact Eric or Jessica Krenner at 607-657-8251 or email them at crosscreekfarmfamily@yahoo.com.

The Village Planning Board has 2 positions open. If you have an interest in becoming more involved in your community the Planning Board is a great place to be. The Planning Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00PM until 9:00PM. For more information contact Sandy Kasmarcik at 607-642-8618. As always, connect with an organization in the community that needs help and volunteer a few hours of your time. If you have time to volunteer but don't know who to contact, call me at 607-642-9552. If you are involved with an organization that needs volunteers, call me at 607-642-9552. Let us each make a commitment to invest in and support our community.

Dennis Carlin
Trustee

CLERK'S REPORT:

We will soon begin our **budget** for the 2013-14 fiscal year. We will have work sessions and a public hearing before the adoption of the budget. Watch the website or the Tioga County Courier for dates.

Taxes will be returned to the County on November 1st. Taxes must be in the correct amount, including penalties, and into the village office no later than the close of October 31st. Please call the village office for the correct amount due. If the amount is incorrect we cannot accept it. If your taxes go back to the county they will be added to your next town tax bill.

Water and Solid Waste Payments -We can now begin accepting payments for your Water and Solid Waste bills electronically. We will debit your account, on the 10th or the 25th day of each billing quarter, (March, June, Sept, and Dec.) for the full payment of your Water and Solid Waste Bill. You will need to fill out an application form, choose either the 10th or the 25th for the payment date, and include a void check. If the 10th or the 25th falls on a holiday or non-banking date, your payment will be withdrawn on the next bank business day. You will still receive your regular bill through the mail so you will know how much the payment will be.

There is no cost to you, or the village, for this service.

If you are interested in direct debit, please fill out the enclosed application form, or print one from the village website, and return it to the Village of Newark Valley with a copy of a VOID check, and please remember to check the 10th or the 25th.

Upon return of the correctly completed application and a VOID check, we will begin the direct debit on the next quarterly date specified above.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 642-8686.

Please help in welcoming Rachel Zaimoff, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer to the village office. Some may say we do not need three in the village office, but some do not realize what all we do!

Mertie Pozzi

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

I have just returned from a FEMA Debris Management meeting and this is what the regulations will be so read and save them in case of another disaster because we will have to follow them to the letter, in order to be reimbursed the expense of clean up.

There can be no cross contamination of debris, the different types are:

- Vegetative – whole trees, branches, stumps, etc.
- Construction and Demolition – damaged components of buildings and structures
- Personal Property – household furniture, etc.
- Metals
- Sediment, Sand and Silt
- Household Hazardous Waste – paints, stains, varnishes, cleaning chemicals, etc.

In addition to separating all different categories in different piles the DPW has been restricted to a maximum of TWO passes on each street; at that point residents will be requested to transport the material to a location where it will be separated and stored until a FEMA representative can write a pw# to cover the cost. These areas can differ depending on the size of the disaster and the amount of debris. Example, if the

disaster is like last April we would be able to store it on site, but if it like last September it would be stored at a location designated by the county.

I hope we never have to use these regulations but reality says we will eventually, so please keep informed if we have a disaster in the future and follow the regulations we have been given, as this will make it much easier for DPW to get the clean up done and reimbursed for it from FEMA.

Thank you,

*William Foster
DPW Supervisor*

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

It has been in interesting summer this year with the new family Dollar store opening up, a Dance Studio on Whig St opening up, and all the repairs being done around town. I want to thank everyone for keeping up your lawns and getting permits when needed.

Fall is now approaching so if you pick up your leaves and brush remember NO BURNING in the Village.

Code Enforcement is up and doing well in the Village. I have had a lot of questions asked and have answered most of them. Please feel free to ask any question on code issues that you want to, if I do not know the answer I know people who do. Codes are not secret. Codes are to protect the property owners from people contracting to do work for them or the property owners who are do it yourselfers from making mistakes that may cost you costly repairs in the future and/or personal injury. This is why I'm here, to protect you.

My office hours are Mondays 1pm – 7 pm. When I'm not here call or stop in the Village Office and they will contact me.

Have a great Fall and Keep Halloween SAFE

Temporary CEO, Lee Virtue

TILLERS & TOILERS GARDEN CLUB:

We are very sorry that "we" have lost the beautiful Pin Oak tree that has graced the corner of Rock St. and Park St. for many years. It is our hope to be able to replace it some day with a good size tree.

Very soon there will be activity at the front of the Bandstand. With the monies raised from our plant sale and tea, plus a grant from Tioga Tourism, we are having the landscaping redone. The area has become quite overgrown, and needs to be improved. We have engaged Tioga Gardens to do the hard manual work. It may look a little sparse for awhile, but come Spring, you will enjoy the results!

We will be looking forward to decorating for the Holidays. Time is flying and winter will be here soon. In the meantime, we will enjoy the beautiful colors and great weather of Fall.

We are always eager to have new members. Anyone interested in joining would most welcome. You can contact any member, or myself at 642-3414.

Judy Eldridge
President, Tillers and Toilers Garden Club
jpeldridge@msn.com

ALUMNI CONCERT:

The 8th Annual Newark Valley Alumni Community Concert for Scholarships will be a very special event. During the concert, to be held at the Newark Valley High School at 7 pm, Saturday, October 20, 2012, a dedication ceremony will be conducted by Superintendent Ryan Dougherty and the Board of Education naming the auditorium in honor of Jewel Griffith. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy superb performances by alumni musical artists and to pay tribute to the extraordinary Mrs. Griffith, the revered choral director at the NV Central Schools for 32 years. Mrs. Griffith also has been an organizer, director and performer for the Alumni Community Concerts since the inaugural concert in 2004.

Thank you sincerely,
Jerry Marsh

NEW BUSINESSES:

Bayside's Grab it –N- Growl
▪ 48 S Main St

Revolution Dance Academy
▪ 14-16 Whig St

CLEANUP & BRUSH AND LEAVES

<u>Brush</u>	<u>Leaves</u>
October 16 th	October 17 th
November 6 th	November 7 th

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 then 6 inches and less then 4 feet long.

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