



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

***NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY
OCTOBER 2013***

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

We have listened to many residents with an overriding theme of “Community Spirit”. Let us share with you; the recent actions of many leading to this theme:

Village Sidewalk Ad-Hoc Committee Representatives Laura Boldis, Sandy Carlin, Sindy Morse, Bob Stevens and Sharon Weed:

These five will review our sidewalk standard and report their findings to the Village Board for review. Their first meeting in September reinforced the belief of the original committee ten years ago; highlighting the need and requirement for sidewalk repair and addition in the Village. Village Board Member Laura Johnson and Bob Stevens, Sidewalk Committee Chair will report on the committee progress throughout this year. Many new angles and ideas were discussed in the meeting with each member accepting their tasks. It is too early to report their ideas and we do not wish to steal their thunder. Come and see action; third Wednesday of each month in the Noble Room.

Clock on the Village Green:

Carol and David Cooley and Tillers & Toilers generosity leads to the “Clock on the Green”. Today, Village Public Works along with contractors are digging, laying electric cables and concrete foundations for clock

installation. The Tiller & Toilers Gardeners will eventually replace the brick and shrubbery eliminated due to the construction. Watch it happen and thank those generous donors; our neighbors and our friends.

Newark Valley United Methodist Church “The Church Has Left the Building”:

“People utilizing their gifts and talents and time” a [paraphrase from the Church Bulletin](#) by Pastor Nancy Adams. Volunteers painted the Ambulance Squad Building, Village Gazebo and picked up refuse at the Trout Ponds and Village Green and the length of Main Street during September. I did hear one of the volunteers took an unintentional dip in the creek while picking up garbage. We did have to tell her that is not allowed in the Village Code. The outreach “The Church Has Left the Building” speaks volumes for members and leadership. Our thanks go to all of those involved.

Girl Scout Troup #41211

On Columbus Day the girls and their leaders will rake leaves and general lawn cleanup for elderly or home bound people in Newark Valley. I am sure they will have more requests than time allows but their sweat equity is awesome!

The above projects are not the only elements of kindness and volunteerism

for our community but it may offset some of the negativity due to malicious vandalism within our Village. Public Works cleans up outrageous human and animal excrement at the Trout Ponds, knocking over street signs and other examples Deputy Mayor Carlin will detail later in the newsletter. Code Enforcement and County Deputy coverage is expensive to us all. It is worthwhile to live by Pride in Community: lawn, home and sidewalk cleanup and maintenance, quick snow removal, watch and report those vandalizing. These requests are not naïve wishes but basic standards.

Your Village Board interviewed candidates for Code Enforcement as we require complete compliance with our land standards. I am pleased to announce your Board did select Scott Kasmarcik for this officer position. We do appreciate other Village residents that applied as we did have many quality applicants. Many residents are code compliant without reminder and many of us require reminder. Our CEO will individually remind based on NYS Building Code and our Village Code. If and when the Code officer contacts you; please comply as our Courts lead to further expense. Our Fire/Safety Officer has completed many Business Inspections within the Village and will continue this diligence. We have seen complete cooperation from the Business Owners and we appreciate their attention toward compliance. Those Businesses are a sound part of the life blood of the community.

Municipal Building Exterior Renovation: The one hundred ninety-five thousand (\$195000.) Grant Funding request is complete and we will report

further news late this calendar year. We are not experts with these matters so the guidance of Tioga County Planning Director Elaine Jardine was essential.

Five Clinton Street (Former Ladder Factory): Our reports to the Department of Environmental Conservation will lead to a meeting during the fourth week of October. We seek their input and possible remedies so the land may once again be a useable, useful and taxable property. Your Village does not own this building and land so Owner reimbursement for Village dollars spent is a long range priority. We will report as time progresses.

Your Village Fiscal Year ends February 2014 so we will begin preliminary budget process in October with adoption in January. We believe our tax cap will be somewhat near or less than the reported 1.66% for those municipalities' with December year ends. We will report as time goes by.

Our Village Planning Board currently has three members and we do need two more members to fully staff this necessary group of people. Please contact us for questions as Chair Sandy Kasmarcik and I will meet with you and explain the necessities.

Our thanks to the continuing efforts of the Berkshire Emergency Ambulance Service and the Newark Valley Fire Fighters who are essential to our safety. A Safe Journey to you all.

**President Theodore Roosevelt quote: "In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing and the worst thing you can do is nothing".

*Best Regards,
Jim Tornatore
Mayor*

MESSAGES FROM TRUSTEES:

Vandalism: action involving deliberate destruction of or damage to public or private property

Unfortunately, we have all been the victims of vandalism, whether we realize it or not. This year we have had vandalism at Trout Ponds Park and just this week, the Historic Train Depot and Caboose were vandalized. In the past Alexander Pond and the Gazebo in the Village Green have been vandalized. Every time vandals strike, the damaged is repaired. If it is public property, then it is your tax dollars used to repair it. Thus we are all victims. The Village Board will take any steps it can to discourage vandalism, catch and prosecute those responsible. Please take a few moments to speak with your families about vandalism, and commit to coming forward with any information you may have about recent incidents; call the Tioga County Sheriff's office at 687-1010. Let's work together to stop these senseless acts of destruction and make our community a better place to live, work and play, a community we can all be proud of.

*Dennis Carlin
Deputy Mayor*

CLERK'S REPORT:

Hope you enjoyed the beautiful leaves changing.

Paying your Water, Solid Waste and/or Tax bills – WE ARE ACCEPTING CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS ONLINE, BY PHONE, OR AT THE COUNTER (fees apply). If you provide an e-mail, a confirmation will be sent to your e-mail. The other option we offer is **DIRECT DEBIT** from your bank account. **This option is free of charge.** Please call for details (642-8686), or go to our website at villageofnewarkvalley.com.

We will soon begin our **budget** for the 2014-15 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.

DID YOU KNOW the Village of Newark Valley probably provides the lowest cost for Garbage Service. Our current rates are \$50 per quarter, \$40 per quarter for seniors. We do not charge a fuel surcharge, or sales tax. This entitles you to **up to 2** garbage cans per week. The village is able to provide services at a lesser cost because the Solid Waste Fund is a self-sustaining fund, meaning that revenues received, take care of expenditures. Therefore, the more people that are on the service, the lower the

village can keep their fees to provide these services.

COMPARE PRICES AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!

Remember, we also have **dumpsters** for your use if you are doing a project, or just cleaning up. You can view the policy and application on the village website, or give us a call at the office.

Get ready for the cold weather, stay warm, and enjoy the upcoming holidays! To all those hunters out there; be safe and Good Luck!

Mertie Pozzi

CLEANUP & BRUSH AND LEAVES

Brush

Leaves

5th November

6th November

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 than 6 inches and less than 4 feet long.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Fall is here and the leaves are coming down fast so if you rake your leaves remember to put them in paper bags so we can pick them up, the last brush and leaf pick up is November 5th and 6th. If you mulch them in the lawn it is good nutrition for the lawn and can save you money and effort, but do not rake or mow them in the road as this will clog drains and cause road flooding.

The DPW has shut the water off to the Trout Pond Park for the season and has winterizes the rest rooms. The park does remains open for walkers and others who want to use it but remember that you have to take your trash with

you. The bike park is closed for the season and will reopen in the spring. The library has had new storm window installed to help with the winter costs. Many new energy efficient lights have been installed in all buildings for efficiency.

The water department has been busy repairing hydrants that were out of service and checking out new variable speed start up motors to increase the life of the pumps and new water system. Water/Money Saving Tips: Conserving Water will save you money. It is recommended that you check your meter reading frequently and on a regular basis, (i.e. monthly). By doing this, if a leak should occur, it will be detected early and you can tend to repairs before your bill becomes astronomical. Leaking toilets are usually the main culprits in an unusually high water bill. Average water use is approximately 8,000 gallons per person, assuming laundry is done on the premises. Several factors will affect average use: laundry habits, leaking toilets, filling swimming pools, watering lawns & gardens, washing cars, frequent house guests. Devices such as pressure reducing valves and water-saver showerheads can go a long way toward saving water and money. Each household is charged for approximately a minimum of 7,500 gallons every six months. A household of 1 or two persons rarely uses over the minimum.

Water Trivia – Questions: 1) How much water must a person consume per day to maintain health? 2) What were the first water pipes made from in the U.S.? 3) How much water is used to flush a toilet? 4) How much water is used in the average five-minute shower? (Answers below).

The solid waste department has been increasing in customers because of the

low cost of garbage pick-up and the more people we get on the system the more we can adjust cost. We have noticed family and neighbors taking their garbage to one another's house and when we can document this we will have to send bills to them for the extra service or call authorities for the theft of service. This hurts all the residents that pay for the service and needs to be stopped. Trivia - Answers: 1) 2 ½ quarts from all sources; i.e., water, food, etc. 2) Fire charred bored logs. 3) 2 – 7 gallons. 4) 25 – 50 gallons.

*Thank You
William Foster*

TAPPAN SPAULDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

The staff and board members of the Tappan Spaulding Memorial Library would like to thank the patrons of the library for their support. We are excited to have several events to offer in the upcoming months.

The library board meets on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm. The next board meeting is October 21st. Board meetings are open and the public is invited.

Our next book club meeting will be October 15th at 6:30 pm. Please feel free to join this dynamic group as we discuss "Beautiful Ruins" by Jess Walter. All are welcome to attend!

The library will be holding an open house event on the evening December 13th to coincide with the Village's Holiday Magic. Please join us that evening and help us celebrate the holiday season.

The library works hard to offer events and programs and many of these activities are supported through

donations and fundraising events. This season, the library is fortunate to have the opportunity to raise money by gift wrapping at the Barnes and Noble in Vestal. Please join us on December 18th, shop at Barnes and Noble, and have the gifts that you purchase that day wrapped by the staff, board members and volunteers of the library. The gift wrapping will be free but there will be an opportunity to donate to the library.

Thanks,

Patti Schaffer

BERKSHIRE EMS:

The Berkshire Emergency Squad, Inc. has had some changes just recently, and there is a lot of talk going on around the communities, therefore, we figured that we would go ahead and set some of the rumors straight. We are currently staffing our ambulance service with strictly volunteers, and for the last couple of months we have bumped up our call volume immensely. However, saying that, I do want to mention that we are currently down to one ambulance due to some maintenance issues, but we will have that ambulance back within a couple of weeks. Therefore, you may, once in a while, see another agency's ambulance up here covering our code 2 calls. The board of our ambulance has talked about hiring another person for days, but at this time that is on the back burner. We have people who are just waiting to hear on their EMT test scores, people currently in classes, and just growing with people of all strengths that are coming into the organization, however, we can always use help.

Some other changes are the officers within the organization. The chief of the Berkshire EMS, Inc. is now Brian Hutchinson; Assistant chief is Cheryl Ceurter, and Lieutenant is Amanda Barker. We are also going through some changes in personnel within the board of directors; therefore, things are a little different, but we are also trying to get things back on track to better ourselves for our communities. Robin Shaver, the former Chief and one of our active EMTs, did a wonderful job and we want to personally thank her for the dedication and time that she has provided throughout the years. These changes are good for the organization at this time, and we will be here for our community no matter what you are hearing at this time. We appreciate our communities' support and love that they show us, and you all are the reason we are here. Thank you from all of the BEMS, Inc. members. If you ever need and/or want to contact us, please call us at 607-642-3451. If we are not there it means we are home with our families or out on a call so please leave us a message on the machine and we will return your call ASAP. Again, thank you all for your support and love.

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Ceurter
Asst. Chief

NV JOINT SUMMER REC PROGRAM:

Severe cuts of state funding jeopardized a summer recreation program for youth, but local organizations stepped up to provide field trips and basic swim lessons this year for students in the

Newark Valley Joint Summer Recreation Program.

“We are thankful to the community and the donor organizations for coming together to support our recreation program,” said Jacia Donnelly, camp director. “With the deep cuts to state funding, we were afraid we were not going to be able to offer the program. However, with strong community support, we were able to provide the children with a fun and enriching summer.”

Monetary donations of \$200 were made by Blessed Trinity and St. Patrick Church to help with staffing; in addition, the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation gave \$1163.50; this donation covered the travel needs and field trip expenses for the children. Finally, The Floyd Hooker Foundation gave \$710 for supplies and a new swim safety board system as required by the state.

The towns of Newark Valley, Richford, Berkshire and the Village of Newark Valley as well as parent donations helped fund the rest of the program. Several in-kind donations were made, including free American Red Cross Learn to Swim lessons from Newark Valley Recreation at Greenwood Park and use of the Middle School Gym and playgrounds. Free water front activities were provided by Greenwood Park as well.

The Newark Valley Joint Summer Recreation Program provides free summer enrichment activities to school-age children in the community.

“With the cuts in state aid, we would not have been able to offer a fulfilling summer program to our students if not for the aid of community organizations. It’s thanks to donations from organizations like the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation, Blessed Trinity and

St Patrick Church and the Floyd Hooker Foundation that we were able to offer this valuable program to the children of our community," Donnelly said. In addition to the field trip and swimming activities, the Joint Recreation Program provides arts and crafts, games and other recreational opportunities for school-age children in the Newark Valley, Berkshire and Richford during four weeks of the summer. This year's program concluded on Aug. 9, 2012. The program generally begins mid-July. For more information on the program, please contact Jacia Donnelly at (607) 205-7548

TILLERS & TOILERS GARDEN CLUB:

As many of you have seen , there are changes on the Rock Street corner. We have had the some bushes removed in preparation for the installation of a wonderful gift to the Club and Community. David and Carol Cooley have very generously donated the funds to purchase a beautiful "street clock". The Tillers and Toilers have accepted the challenge of preparing for the clock's arrival. The removal of the overgrown bushes has created space for the clock to be a focal point on the corner. We will be doing some landscaping and will have more paver work done to enhance the area around the clock.

We want to thank all who have in some way supported our efforts: be it with attending the teas, purchasing plants, making a donation, or stopping by while we are working with a kind word of appreciation.

If you would like to join our group---no gardening skills needed---please contact

me at 642-3414. New members would be welcome. [Men too!]

Thank You,
Judy Eldridge
jpeldridge@msn.com

NV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Newark Valley Chamber's Duck Race was finally held on August 24, 2013, two weeks after the flooding of Trout Ponds. What an exciting event that was and concluded this year with selling all 500 tickets! YEAH!

We would like to thank all for adopting Ducks, and selling Duck tickets. Thanks to all the helpers during the course of the race, and all who jumped in after the race to save the ducks after they got passed the finish line.

Our congratulations goes to the adoptees of the ducks who won and they are:

- #1 - Crystal Cross - \$500
- #2 - Janet Smith - \$300
- #3 - Robert Fisher - \$200
- #4 - Joann Woods - \$100
- #5 - Dan Crapanzano - \$50
- #6 - Kat Amato - \$25
- #7 - Drew Lewis - \$25
- #8 - Tie - Dianne Gorsline and Dick Harrington - \$25 ea
- #9 - Bill Spicer - \$25
- #10 - Mike Tottey - \$25

Our Duck Race this year was in an effort to help raise funds to donate to a local Charity. The board voted and announced that Project Neighbor would benefit. A check will be presented to Project Neighbor at our regular scheduled meeting October 23, at 7:00 pm. We invite you to come and see the presentation. NV Chamber Meeting is held 9 Park St., Noble Room.

We are also attempting to have a guest speaker at this meeting. Please go to our website www.NewarkValley.org and see who that guest speaker will be and see if this topic is of any interest to you. We welcome new members at any time.

We invite you to like us on Facebook:
Newark Valley Chamber

Our efforts here are to present information to you about the Businesses as well as non-profit organizations, in and around our area, that wish to provide services that are available to you. We also strive to provide you with events that may be of interest to you as we find out about them or someone asks us to provide information to the public regarding events. Please feel free to contact the Board should you wish to have something covered there.

We are looking forward to doing the Duck Race Event again in coordination with the Newark Valley Days Events in August. Adopting Ducks will again be available through our website: www.NewarkValley.org. You may start adopting the Ducks again, next year, after they Migrate back in the Spring.

Submitted by,

Kathy Amato
NVCC Secretary
607-237-9477

NV HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CALENDAR:

Oct. 5-6 34th Annual Apple Festival @ Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum; 10 -5; Music, dance, great

food, history, tours, crafts, costumed demonstrators, kids' activities, horse & wagon rides, gift shop, apple everything! \$6 adults, \$5 members, \$4 students & sr. citizens, \$18 family rate. (607) 642-9516.

Oct. 11-12 Hunter Safety Class @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Welcome Center. 12 hour class: Friday 5:30 PM- 9 PM and Sat. 8 AM- 3 PM. Class limited to ten students. Hunter Safety Certificate for hunting license. Pre-register: Jerry Rhodes (607) 687-2271.

Oct. 19 Blacksmith Guild: 10-? @ Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum. New members welcome. Doug Dayger: (607) 669-4489.

Oct. 24 ** Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: 6 PM @ NV Fire Station. Bring a dish to pass. 642-9516.
**CHANGED DATE

Nov. 10 Veterans' Dinner @ NV Fire Station, 7151 State Rt. 38, Newark Valley; 4 PM; for veterans of Berkshire, Newark Valley, & Richford. RSVP (607) 642-9516.

Nov. 16 Blacksmith Guild: 10-? (if above 40° F.) @ Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum. New members welcome. Doug Dayger: (607) 669-4489.

Dec. 14 Holiday Magic @ NV Depot, Village Green, & Noble Room, in P.O., 9 Park St.; 4-8 PM; (607) 642-9516.

NEW BUSINESSES:

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

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