



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

***NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY
OCTOBER 2014***

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Hello everyone,

Autumn arrived and exterior work on the Municipal Building has not begun. Asbestos and Lead Paint testing is complete so bids will go out sometime in October. At this writing; we believe there will be some progress during the late months of this year but time will tell. The external restoration will begin a bit later than planned. This work is due to a one hundred ninety-five thousand (\$195000.) dollar grant from NYS Office of Parks and Recreation along with Village match. The 'Rollie Noble Room' project is complete. With five thousand (\$5000.) of financial assistance from Millard Truman Faulkner Foundation; the asbestos vinyl tile, mastic removal plus carpeting installation and wall paint is complete. The 1886 wood floor is saved and in good shape. One quarter inch plywood separates the original floor from the carpet. We believe Mr. Noble would approve and we hope you will like it; so, stop in to see and tell us what you think.

The only thing that changes more frequently than Valley weather; is our Code Enforcement Officer. Scott Kasmarcik did resign but for each loss there is opportunity. The Village of Newark Valley and Town of Berkshire are creating ways to better serve our

communities. Rachel Jacobs will jointly enforce the land and property laws for Berkshire Town and Newark Valley Village. The job descriptions are very similar so evaluation and performance appraisals will be a combined process. Efficiency of scale and dollar savings are apparent with this sharing of services. It is a pleasure working with Berkshire Supervisor Ron McEwen, Councilors Ron Sharp, Lilian Hoffmier, John Stoughton and Fraser Williams. Please welcome Rachel when you come in to visit. We will report this initiative as time goes by.

I do wish to report home and automobile break-ins this late summer. The Sheriff's Department is aware but locking the doors does make it a bit tougher. We, like every other community, is surrounded by mischief, theft and drugs; not necessarily in that order. The number of very recent investigations and arrests in the Village may seem comforting but vigilance is important. To be aware of your surroundings, please friend 'Tioga County Sheriff's Department' on their face book.

The Newark Valley First Baptist Church September 11th remembrance was so inspirational. The thirteenth anniversary of our nation's second infamy was remembered by half-staff flags, prayer and songs of patriotism. Our thanks to Pastor Michael Spiegel for that morning event. The 'Tillers and Toilers' organization creates beauty for the

Village center. The Butterfly Garden, Village Green, Tappan Spaulding Library and Municipal Building lawns are testaments of their effort and success.

In the summer newsletter we told of our funding initiative for repair, replacement and new Whig Street walkways. New York State Department of Transportation will report those communities receiving dollars on October 8th. The project total request of two hundred seventy thousand (\$270000.) dollars will fund approximately two hundred sixteen thousand (\$216000.). The Whig Street residents requiring repair or new will cover the remainder. We will meet with those living on Whig Street if the Village receives the award.

We did mention term ‘sharing of service’. Eric Halstead Mayor of Candor and I have met as our water system equipment and electronic readers are similar. Again, efficiency of scale. Eric did present this opportunity to the Candor Village Board and I did present this to our Trustees. We all agree this move toward working together is efficient for all communities. I have discussed these initiatives with other municipalities but it is too early in the process for reporting. We will report those results from time to time.

The Village action for Five Clinton Street ‘Former Ladder Factory’ continues. A Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) owned by Le Roy Eiklor was fined forty five hundred (\$4500.) dollars in local court as the building is not in compliance with many safety codes. This process is lengthy, so patience and perseverance will prevail.

That building needs to be in repair or gone.

Your Village Government will host a public ‘Southern Tier Solar Works’ meeting October 28th for presentation to residents with interest in reducing utility cost in their homes with this alternative power. Please see that information later in the newsletter. In October your Mayor and Trustees may authorize a Franchise Agreement with Haefele offering cable, phone and internet services for the Village. We will report our progress.

Our thoughts are never far away from ‘budget’. We are seven months into our fiscal year and it seems the winter will be a repeat of the last. Actual to date is in line with budget so prudent spending is in order.

Lastly, your Village Trout Ponds programs had good attendance due to hard work by your Village Office and Public Works Department. It is our driving force to have a ‘community proud! Our thanks to the Newark Valley Historical Society for the Depot Friday programs, Saturday Cruise In’s and the Apple Festival. Stay-cation is possible in our community due to these and other events. Good Job, to all!!

*Best Regards,
Jim Tornatore
Mayor*

CLERK’S REPORT:

We will soon begin preparing our **budget** for the 2015-16 fiscal year (March 1, 2015 – February 28, 2016). We will have work sessions and a public hearing before the adoption of the

budget, which will be sometime in January. Watch the website, Facebook, 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.

Rachel Jacobs, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and I attended the NYCOM (New York Conference of Mayors) Fall Training School for City and Village Officials. Training consists of things such as; Building a better budget, The Tax Freeze, Developing an effective Fund Balance, Shared services, Cloud computing, and much more. They consist of 5 to 6 classes running at the same time so it is sometimes hard to decide which classes to attend. We have brought back some good information and will be doing some additional investigating and incorporating some of these things we brought back.

Mertie Pozzi

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

The DPW water department is testing the hydrants for pressure and flow of water for our records and the Newark Valley Fire Department, when we complete the process, we will be repairing any problems we may find. Any hydrant that has an out of order sign will be repaired as soon as we can. When the process is done all hydrants will be color coded as to the amount of

water that it can flow in an emergency. The color change will only affect the top and any hose attachment.

The sanitation department has asked me to inform residents of the code which is the can be up to 32 gallons and must weight 60 lbs or less including the can. They have noticed a lot of new can being put out on the curb that are much larger and they will start to leave them, and the new cans that people are buying are made for machines to pick up and empty the can weights 32 lbs which leaves only 28lbs for garbage, if they go over the weight limit we will have to start to leave them. Remember they have to pick up 400 cans to a height of 4 feet to dump in the back of the truck.

The road crew will have the painting on Whig St and Rock St done by the time you read this and we will be having the school crossings redone late in the fall when equipment is available.

The leaves and brush pick up will continue the remaining schedule will follow, remember all grass and brush clippings should be put in a can or a bag to be picked up, limbs and branches should be stacked in small bundles so we can pick them up. With fall coming that means more leaves so we have added a pickup in November but they need to be put in bags or cans.

Remaining brush and leaf pick schedule for 2014

<u>Brush</u>	<u>Leaves</u>
October 21 st	October 22 nd
November 4 th	November 5 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 than 6 inches and less than 4 feet long.

*Thank You
William Foster*

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Summer is over and Autumn is upon us! If you pick up your leaves and brush, remember NO UNCONTROLLED BURNING in the Village.

Heating season is now approaching. Please remember to test your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors monthly. Also, batteries should be changed yearly. Remember to get a proper container for ashes and do not put them in or on any combustible materials.

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 its use.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the Village Office at 642-8686.

Have a Safe, Happy Halloween and Fall!

*Rachel Jacobs
Code Enforcement Officer*

TAPPAN SPAULDING LIBRARY:

It was a busy summer at the Tappan Spaulding Memorial Library. The Fizz, Boom Read! Summer Reading Program was a big success with a total of 275 participants. During the 5 weeks of the program the kids kept track of how much they read and they totaled over 260 hours of reading! We enjoyed the Ross Park Zoo Mobile and a zany magic/comedy show by Greg Phillips. We created robots from recycle, made elephant toothpaste foam, and set off lots of rockets. Pursuing the science theme we learned about volcanoes and how exothermic reactions work. We had a lot of fun and sincere thanks to all the volunteers whose help made the program possible.

Our LEGO Club is going strong. We meet the first Wednesday of every month, 6:30-7:30 PM at the Noble Room in the Municipal Building. The next meeting will be October 1st. Fred Blee brings tubs and tubs of bricks and each participant builds something that follows the evening's theme. Everyone has a fine time and we display the finished projects in the library. All are welcome to join us.

The library has a lot of resources to help with school work. We have an exceptional juvenile non-fiction section and if we can't find the topic here we can order from the 33 libraries in the Finger Lakes System. By logging on to flls.org students can access numerous databases such as Opposing Viewpoints in Context and Kids Infobits. We have 3 computers available for public use and can print from them.

We have an ever growing selection of books from board books to large type novels. Borrow from our wide selection of DVDs and video games. Improve

your commute with Books On CDs and PlayAways.

Please stop in, we look forward to assisting you in your library experience.

TILLERS & TOILERS GARDEN CLUB:

As you have seen, I am sure, we have contracted with D&J Concrete to enhance the area around the clock. We still have landscaping work to complete. Eventually the brick work will be repaired. We also improved the flag pole area with the same concrete. The geraniums have been beautiful this year and are still going strong!

The Green has looked great all summer and I appreciate all the kind words from friends [and strangers] about how nice our Village looks. It is thanks to the volunteers who faithfully gather and work to keep up the maintenance.

Although it is Fall, we have thoughts of the Holidays and we will be decorating our Bandstand as always!

*Judy Eldridge, President
Tillers and Toilers Garden Club*

NEWARK VALLEY DAYS:

Newark Valley Days 2014 a Huge Success

It was a picture-perfect weekend for Newark Valley's own small town festival this year. The night was warm and clear for the Ithaca Dixicats who entertained the crowd at the Depot with high energy jazz. On the other side of town, many visitors viewed the Art Show at the Village Hall and the Quilt Show at the Congregational Church. A wine tasting at Village Wine and Spirits added to the

evening.

Newark Valley Days started early with many crafters on the Village Green. Music played all day courtesy of Tom and Marie, the Lovesick Boys, and DnT. Many people browsed for original works of the crafters present.

Saturday morning, the weather was crisp and cool for our third Newark Valley Trout Ponds 5K run. Many runners of all ages converged on the Trout Ponds and wound through the course on quiet village streets.

On the lawn of the library, hundreds of books were available to buy at rock bottom prices. Every penny spent helped support our hometown library. And if you didn't get over to the firemen's chicken BBQ on Water Street quickly, you were out of luck since they sold out by early afternoon. Their secret recipe is something terrific!!

By 11, everyone eagerly awaited the parade to see what new entries would delight them this year. The marchers came down Main Street with music, floats, and community groups, among others. Paul and Judy Eldridge, who have done so much for our community, were the Grand Marshals this year.

A steady stream of visitors viewed the work of many local artists who displayed their work in the Art Show. There are so many talented artists in the area it was difficult to select winners. Hard as the decision was, the following artists won ribbons:

Best in Show: Greg Chianis
First: Dee Gage
Second: Jeff Mann
Third: Abigail Parker

Honorable Mention: Burton Taylor

In addition, the display of quilts at the Congregational Church, courtesy of the Valley Quilters, was phenomenal. There were quilts of every color and style and seeing them in contrast to the beautiful woodwork of the church was awe-inspiring.

At the Train Depot, the friendly volunteers helped kids of all ages enjoy great food, a fun inflatable bounce house and other kids' activities including trackless train rides, pony rides, and a dunk tank. Visitors watched Will Stafford, The Juggler Extraordinaire, balance on his unicycle while juggling, a real treat.

New this year at the Depot was the Dog Costume contest and Agility Demonstration. Winners in the costume contest were:

Funniest: Allison Constable as a butterfly and Sophie as a flower garden
Most Creative: Neena Kurts as a cowgirl and Shadow as a pony
Best Look Alike: Katie Greene and Cocoa
Best 1950s Theme: Katie Popp and Teddy in coordinating poodle skirts

In the dog agility demonstration, Casey Delaney-Hammond and her dogs, Ollie and Quin, Katie Popp and Teddy, and Becky Miles and Homer showed how to jump through a hoop, jump over a bar, sit on a table and go through tunnels.

Meanwhile, at the Trout Ponds, the Chamber of Commerce annual rubber duck race was underway. We were all

wondering if there would be enough water in the creek but by Saturday we were in luck as hundreds of ducks bobbed gently down the creek.

As evening fell, you could see glowing necklaces, bracelets and sticks everywhere in the park. Country Mile entertained the early crowd and Watts on Tap sang old favorites right up to the first boom of our annual fireworks show.

Finally, thanks to all who helped with planning, set up, clean up, fundraising, and working the events all over the village. Many groups and individuals take part in our Village-wide celebration and we couldn't do it without them.

APPLE FESTIVAL:

Newark Valley's 35th Annual Apple Festival
October 4 & 5, 10AM-5PM at 1800's Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum

9241 State Route 38, Newark Valley, NY 13811

Join us for family fun at our area's only living history museum: great food, music, contra dancing, apple everything, gift shop, kids' activities, horse & wagon, crafters. Costumed demonstrators: open hearth cooking, cider press, blacksmith, soap, candles, spinning, weaving, black powder shooting, and more!

\$6 adults; \$4 students & senior citizens; \$18 family rate; children 5 & under are free

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NV HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CALENDAR:

35th Annual Apple Festival

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum

Oct. 4-5, 10 AM-5 PM

\$6 adults, \$5 members, \$4 students & senior citizens, \$18 family rate.

Music, dance, great food, history, tours, crafts, costumed demonstrators, kids' activities, gift shop. (607) 642-9516.

Blacksmithing

Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum's Blacksmith Shop.

Oct. 18, 10-3 Doug 669-4489.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

NV Fire Station

Oct. 23, 6 PM

Bring a dish to pass. 642-9516.

Veterans' Dinner

NV Fire Station

Nov. 11, 4 PM

For veterans of Berkshire, Newark Valley, & Richford.

RSVP 642-9516.

Holiday Magic

NV Depot, Village Green, & Noble Room

Dec. 13, 4-8 PM 642-9516.

SOUTHERN TIER SOLAR

Care about the climate? want to declare your independence and fix your electric rate for decades with a home solar array, all without upfront costs?

If so, join us for a workshop from Southern Tier Solar Works, a program of the Binghamton Regional Sustainability Coalition on **Tuesday, October 28, 7pm, in the Noble Room of the Newark Valley Village hall.** You will also learn about how you can get a free or reduced cost home energy assessment through NYSERDA's Green Jobs Green New York Program.

State and federal incentives will never be higher, so now's the time to get informed and decide.

This event is presented by the Mayors office of the Village of Newark Valley. The Binghamton Regional Sustainability Coalition is a not-for-profit organization dedicated

Since 2008 in building a more sustainable, resilient and prosperous region.

For more information, visit us on the web at southerntiersolarworks.org, or contact us at 607-873-9220, or info@southerntiersolarworks.org

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