



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

***NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY
OCTOBER 2015***

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Hello everyone,

Your Village Staff, Trustees and Mayor continue forward on the following objectives:

Susquehanna River Commission seeks information and efficiency from water agencies along the Basins. Therefore, we will install water meters for Hope Cemetery and the Village Trout Ponds Park. Our Fire Department hydrant water use for: fires, tanker flushing, pools and training are estimates from our Fire Department Chief and Officers. All other usage is actual electronic meter readings.

Three properties not in the Village on Upper Rock Street will no longer utilize our Water System at January 1st, 2016. One of those town residents will drill well in September - October while the other two have not communicated their future intent. I mentioned that in the Summer newsletter so there is no need for further detail.

Our last I.S.O. review and audit was in 1996. The Village portion of this Insurance Study basically covers quality of: hydrant system, water supply for fire suppression and fire code enforcement. Your Village is working with the Fire Department and Town Code Enforcement to assure timely completion. This Agency underwrites

ratings for the insurance industry for Public Protection Classification. A passing grade may result with lower fire insurance cost for all Village taxpayers. They began their audit on Monday, September 28th so we will report as time goes by. We thank Fire Chief George Wahl for his leadership heading this report completion.

Deputy Village Clerk/Code Enforcement Officer/Funding Champion Rachel Jacobs did prepare Five Clinton Street (abandoned Ladder Factory) demolition funding request. We will report progress in the next newsletter.

The Municipal Building renovation is near completion. At this writing your Village, Architect and General Contractor "punch list" of incomplete tasks are being reviewed and satisfied. The Village investment of one hundred ninety-five thousand along with a same dollar amount match by NYS Historic Preservation was wisely utilized. Our Village Public Works will further insulate the attic for utility cost containment. It is evident all external window trims require scraping and painting. The window treatment was not part of the renovation; however, at a point in the future - that will be done.

NYS DOT, Delta Engineers and Village Staff/Trustees met with west side of Whig Street residents on September 1st concerning sidewalk replacement and renovation in 2016. This eighty percent

funded project helps our taxpayers improve walkways, 'safe to schools' and code compliance. The funding will be available in April 2016 as a next summer project. Not all Whig Street sidewalks require upgrade for this: eighty percent funded, twenty percent property owner cost project. We will meet with property owners early next year with cost estimates. We will search for funding which may or may not be available in the future for other street sidewalk upgrade.

Winter will approach and the Farmers Almanac claims another cold, snowy season is on the way. Please look for ways to decrease frozen pipes by wrapping, heating cellars or other means of warming those areas. Our approach to plowing during this season will be: eighty percent sand mixture and twenty percent salt. We find this method effective and less expensive than the one hundred percent salt mixtures utilized in seasons past.

The Village area is experiencing business and home theft, vandalism and automobile break-ins. At this writing, the perpetrators have not been apprehended so homeowner and business vigilance is essential. The Deputy Road Patrol responds quickly to calls so please contact the Sheriff's Department at 687.1010 to report suspicious events or break-ins.

Your Trustees, Office Staff and Public Works will begin Budget for fiscal March 2016 thru February 2017 in early November. Each year brings opportunity for infrastructure improvement to the Park playground, sports fields, roadways, water system, solid waste program and buildings owned by, YOU the taxpayer. We will

always bring those services to you at the least possible cost by searching for ways to operate with creativity; so do we all.

The Summer season is behind us and we remember the happenings: bands and outdoor movies at the Village Trout Ponds, outdoor movies and bands at the Newark Valley Historical Society Depot, Newark Valley Days, June 14th flooding on Brook Street, paving on Franklin, Watson and Central.

*Best wishes,
Jim Tornatore
Mayor*

CLERK'S REPORT:

The leaves are quickly changing. Enjoy the beauty before the snow flies!

We will soon begin preparing our **budget** for the 2016-17 fiscal year (March 1, 2016 – February 28, 2017). 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.

Solid waste senior rate is offered for the garbage service. The qualifying **senior age is 65 years of age, and you MUST live in the home** to qualify for this rate. All rentals and businesses outside of the

home will be charged at the regular rate, A tenant may sign up for the service under their own name, and if they qualify, receive the senior rate.

Rachel Jacobs, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and I attended the NYCOM (New York Conference of Mayors) Fall Training School for City and Village Officials again this year, and again brought back some good information. Things are constantly changing, and being added to our reporting requirements; therefore requiring us to attend these trainings to keep updated of all the changes that take place. We can quickly fall behind if we do not attend!

Enjoy the colors of fall, stay warm during the winter months, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year! Watch for our next newsletter in January 2016!!!

*Mertie Pozzi
Clerk/Treasurer*

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

As summer draws to an end all the summer projects have been completed--the milling and paving on Franklin, Central and Watson was completed with the help of the Towns of Newark Valley, Berkshire and Richford and the Village of Owego. We also vacuumed the catch basins on Cook, Brook, Whig, Maple, Elm, Watson and Franklin Streets. New drain covers have been placed on Elm, Cook St and Watson. The creek bank at the trout ponds has been repaired from the 2011 flood with rip rap and returned to its original state before the flood. The creek on Brook St has been cleaned out from the June flood with most of the rocks replaced back on the bank and the center of the creek opened up again.

The Water department has been busy testing the hydrants and flushing the mains. We have repaired the hydrants on Main St. by the church and the hydrant next to Brook St. This will make all hydrants in good working order and available for the fire department. Water readings were done and residents with leaks have been sent letters telling them about it.

The winter season is on its way and I will not have another newsletter before it's here so as a reminder please keep sidewalks clear and clear around hydrants to make easy access for the fire department.

If we run into a long artic cold spell please run your water to prevent frozen pipes as we had a large problem with that last winter, and if you know someone that didn't have water for a period of time ask them about it--most of us don't know the inconveniences that they had with no showers, clean dishes or clothes, and no working toilets! So let's stay ahead of winter's cold. The water department has changed how we fill the reservoir--now we let the reservoir drop to 15 feet and fill back up to 23 feet; what this will do is pump warmer (48-54 degrees) water in the reservoir and in the mains to help fight freezing. This will not solve the problems but if water is kept moving it will not freeze under normal conditions.

The last three brush and leaves pick up are

| <u>Brush</u> | | <u>Leaves</u> |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| September | 15 th | 16 th |
| October | 13 th | 14 th |
| November | 3 rd | 4 th |

The village code for winter parking reads as follows:

In accordance with the provisions of § [157-20](#), no person shall park a vehicle between the times specified upon any of the following described streets or parts thereof:

A. Any highway or private road within the corporate limits of the Village; both sides; 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 1 in the Village

B. Parking lots contiguous to the municipal building on 9 Park Street (except for designated areas for emergency personnel), all sides; 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 1 in the Village

Please keep vehicles off the roads to help with plowing. We will not be using salt like we were in the previous years as to help cut the cost of snow removal we will be using more sand than salt. Remember that it is illegal to plow or shovel snow onto streets in New York State.

The sanitation department is starting to have problems with oversized cans and cans that are meant for trucks to pick up mechanically---our truck is not equipped with that option and cannot be refitted with it. These cans have handles half way down the can and requires a person to bend over to grab it and place the other hand on the bottom of the can so lifting the can has greater chance of back injury.

*Thank You
William Foster
DPW Supervisor*

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Summer is over and Fall is upon us! If you pick up your leaves and brush, remember NO 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*

NEWARK VALLEY DAYS 2015

Newark Valley Days 2015 was a Huge Success!

It was a picture-perfect weekend for Newark Valley's own small town festival this year. Friday 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 on Saturday 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.

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.

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: Sean Dickenson
First Place: Jeff Mann
Second Place: Donna Cheresnowski
Third Place: Bob Merwin
Honorable Mention: John Samsel

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 pony rides and a dunk tank. Visitors watched Will Stafford, The Juggler Extraordinaire, balance on his unicycle while juggling, a real treat.

Our second annual Dog Costume contest brought out many creative entries. Winners in the costume contest were:
Best Dog and Owner Look Alike: Adelaide Smith and Scrubby as princesses

Best Apple Theme: Katie Popp and Teddy as an apple tree
Most Creative: Chyenne Camp and Muffin as a cleaning lady and her mop
Funniest: Katie Greene and Charlie as Superman and Cocoa as Wonder Woman

Meanwhile, at the Trout Ponds, runners of every age came out for the fourth Newark Valley Trout Ponds 5K run. In addition, the crowd watching the Chamber of Commerce annual rubber duck race cheered as hundreds of ducks bobbed gently down the creek.

As evening fell, 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.

TAPPAN SPAULDING LIBRARY

Where did the summer go? Once the holdover spring showers left, the weather turned nice, and summery. The Library had a successful book sale in August. The summer reading program, Every Hero Has a Story, was successful. It was a 6 week program, consecutive Friday activities ranging from Ross Park Zoo-mobile, to arts and crafts, to a great visit by our Newark Valley Fire Department. The library appreciates the participation of all.

We continue to restock the shelves with new books. Offered online now is access to over a hundred different magazines, via Zinnio. The access point can be found on the library web page. Very neat thing.

So, drop in anytime to the Tappan-Spauldung Memorial Library. A great resource for the village.

*Doug Fletcher
Director*

TILLERS & TOILERS

We would like to thank all who attended our Garden Tour. We are very pleased with how well it was received. We will probably go back to our tea next year, but may try another tour at a later time. It took many "hands" to make this a success and I want to thank all who helped.

With Fall here, we will be doing our regular maintenance---and try to keep the geraniums going for a long time.

One project we might be doing, is to drastically cut back the bushes on the South side. They are much too overgrown!

We are always looking for new members. If interested, give me a call--642-3414, or stop by when you see us working!

Judy Eldridge, President

HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

Oct. 3-4 36th Annual Apple Festival: 10 AM-5 PM @ Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum; \$6 adults, \$5 senior citizens, \$4 students, \$4 NVHS members, \$18 family rate. **Apple Everything, and More!** Music, Contra dancing, *new stage, more* great food, history, tours, crafts, costumed demonstrators, *more* kids' activities, gift shop, horse & wagon rides. 642-9516.

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

22 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: 6 PM @ NV Fire Station. Bring a dish to pass. 642-9516.

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

Dec. 11 Christmas Open House: 4-8 PM @ Depot.

Dec. 12 Holiday Magic: 4-8 PM @ NV Depot, Village Green, & Noble Room; 642-9516

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