



THE VILLAGE NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY

FEBRUARY 2019

ANNOUNCEMENT: This will be the last mass printed and mass mailed newsletter the Village will produce. Going forward *The Village News* will be available on the Village website at www.villagenv.com. We offer electronic delivery if you would like *The Village News* sent directly to your inbox via email, please contact the office at 607-642-8686 or at vofnv@stny.rr.com if you would like to take advantage of this service. We will also have printed copies on hand at the Village office and in the vestibule of the Post Office entrance in the display that holds copies of the *Moonlighter* and other publications. This is in an effort for the Village to take advantage of the digital movement of this generation, be more environmentally conscious and continue in our efforts to save tax payer dollars.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Hello everyone,

Your Mayor and Trustees are pleased to announce the promotion of Pamela Benthin to Clerk/Treasurer and Jessica Moore to Deputy Clerk/Treasurer effective December 31st, 2018. We wish Mertie Pozzi and husband Chris many years of enjoyment with retirement. I believe Mertie's family will make sure that she is not bored. Our front office will be staffed by our most recent hire; Miriam Benson.

Calendar year 2018 project completions were numerous; Demolition of the abandoned Ladder Factory on Clinton Street and the complete streetlight conversion to LED. Now, we await the "Restore New York" (\$500K) and "NYS SAM" (\$80K) payback of those projects. We are renewing the BAN from our financing at NBT until the reimbursement is complete. The taxpayer cost for demolition was \$50K and LED conversion was significantly less than our projection of \$26K. Recently,

we received Municipal Building funding award of \$100K for complete window, sill restoration of this circa 1886 NYS Historic structure. We have begun discussion with Architectural Firm Crawford & Stearns and we believe this will be complete in calendar year 2019. This project (\$230K) is fully funded by the NYS Historic Preservation award of \$100K, NYS SAM grant award of \$30K and taxpayer funded reserve of \$100K.

In the most recent eighteen years your Village has received grant awards in excess of \$3.6 million dollars covering infrastructure, public safety and quality of life: water reservoir, well, distribution system and water meters, factory demolition, municipal building restoration and renovation, Whig Street sidewalk, bike and skate park, Trout Ponds playground equipment, strategic planning for flood mitigation, solarized education program, music in the park and untold more.

The raised beds for the Community Garden have been installed. Soon, sometime in late spring you will see the outcome from all of this. Our thanks go to the Volunteers of Owego Rotary and to our Newark Valley School educators and agriculture students. It is so fun to see the future.

Our FEMA project funding request is awaiting a hopeful award. Slosson Creek and Cook Hill hydrology (\$46K) study that will tell us proper way to mitigate much of the flooding on Brook and Main Street. Your Village has hired Hunt Engineers for this very important research. This report will tell us the land and infrastructure maneuvers to reduce these occurrences. We will then search for funding for that very expensive project. One Brook Street home owner is requesting Village 'buy out' of their property for an eventual green space. We will update from time to time.

A housing study for Villages of Newark Valley, Owego and Waverly funded by Tioga County REAP (Rural Economic Area Partnership) has secured funding to develop housing and community investment models. The long term objective is to retain workforce, create pathways to home ownership while addressing the needs of our aging population. Most importantly making community cores and neighborhoods more attractive to current and prospective residents. Your Mayor created a committee of: local contractors, multifamily landlords, School District personnel, Real Estate Salesperson, Tioga County Economic Development, Mayor and one Trustee. You may see our consultants visiting our neighborhoods, taking photographs and doing streetscape assessments. Please know; this is part of our work and a first step toward strengthening and revitalizing our Village. We will report as time goes by.

A recent Trustee vacancy was filled by Scott Parmalee. Many of our readers know Scott as a resident and former Newark Valley School Board Member. Scott brings knowledge and initiative to our Board and we thank him for his interest.

The Winter Season is half over and we wish you all safe passage to warmer weather here in the Valley.

Best Regards,
Jim Tornatore
Village of Newark Valley

CLERK'S REPORT:

I hope everyone is staying safe and warm this winter. Spring will be here before we know it!

Our **LED lighting project** that consisted of replacing all village street lights with LED lights has been completed; now we are waiting to receive funds of \$80,000 from State and Municipal Facilities Grant Program (SAM), made possible by Senator Akshar. This project has guaranteed savings of electrical costs for the Village.

The grant for the **Municipal Building windows project** was awarded to us early this year! The office will begin moving forward on this project in the spring. 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) grant, in the amount of \$30,000, made possible by Assemblyman Friend, will leave the

village to pay \$100,000 of a \$230,000 project. This \$100,000 has been previously saved and set aside in our building reserves, and is readily available.

A Special Village Election will take place on **March 19th 2019**, in the Noble Room of the Municipal Building located at 9 Park Street in the Village of Newark Valley during the hours of **Noon to 9 PM** for the purpose of electing: one *Trustee for a 3-year term*. Last day to register with the county board of elections is March 8th 2019. **You must be registered and a village resident to vote.**

2019 -2020 Budget has been completed and adopted with a tax rate of 1.143% per thousand, this is 4.15% decrease. **Tax Bills** will go out on or before March 1st, 2018. Tax collection will begin March 1st, 2019 and will be collected until October 31st from this office. See hours below.

Any **unpaid Village water and solid waste bills** must be paid by end of business Friday February 15th. Any bills left unpaid will be sent to the County and assessed to the Village tax bills.

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

We would like to wish Mertie Pozzi congratulations on her retirement. I know she is looking forward to filling her time with things that she enjoys

Pam Benthin
Village Clerk

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

The Village DPW has been busy with plowing and sanding from all the winter storms. We have had to replace both trucks plow blades, when we do this it requires us to put an edge on the new blade, otherwise it will not stay on the road and will bounce leaving a washboard effect and ice on the road. We

accomplish this by running the new blades on a flat dry surface same as the state and other municipalities that don't run shoes, so please don't be confused and think we are plowing sand as was reported. We try to keep our roads as clean as possible for the safety of the residents. The maintenance on the trucks, tractors and sanders has been continuing to keep us busy because of the wear and tear of the winter season. The trucks are getting monthly oil changes and washed when weather allows us, we have replaced bearings on both sanders and have been greasing them daily to keep them in the best working condition possible. The new John Deere tractor has not been out in the elements yet as we have been relying on the older Kubota to do the dirty work of the winter season in an attempt save the John Deere for many years.

Reminder:

***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 listening to hydrants for new leaks. Thankfully we have had only one frozen pipe this season that we were able to clear out.

The Village will be reading the water meters on February 15th. If you receive a notice from us regarding a leak detected this means your meter was read as having a constant flow of water running through it. Some of the typical culprits are dripping faucets, running toilets, interior pipes, outside hoses, etc. All these can be visually checked for leaks. You can also turn off all the water in the house and check the dial on the meter, if the small dial is still moving that indicates a leak inside the home. Any leaks should be taken seriously as a water leak is costing you money on your water bill and the smallest of leaks that seems like no big deal can turn into a large leak and costly repairs down the road.

The sanitation department has noticed that residents are not putting the tops on their garbage cans, this allows them to fill with water and freeze causing everything inside to become a solid block that is nearly impossible to dump. Please make sure your cans have lids and that they are secure when you put them to the curb. Also, please remember to place the can next to the road as we cannot climb over the snow banks to get the cans. Recyclables have been

going down but we still have more cans and bottles that can be recycled, the county picks up the recyclables on Fridays and it is part of your county tax so please recycle and the village can 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 trash cans to be a maximum of 32 gallons and weigh a max of 50 lbs.

Included in this newsletter is the Village of Newark Valley Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2018. If you have any questions regarding the information in the report please contact the Village Department of Public Works at 607-642-8700.

*Bill Foster
Village DPW Supervisor*

CLEANUP & BRUSH AND LEAVES

Brush	Leaves
April 9 th	April 10 th
May 7 th	May 8 th
June 11 th	June 12 th
July 9 th	July 10 th
August 13 th	August 14 th
September 10 th	September 11 th
October 15 th	October 16 th
November 5 th	November 6 th

Annual Town & Village Cleanup Days

Friday May 10th & Saturday May 11th
Senior pick up day Thursday May 9th

A notice of acceptable items will be posted on the Village website once we are closer to the event dates.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

As we look forward to the upcoming spring season many of you start making plans for upcoming home projects now, in anticipation of the warm weather ahead. These are some of the projects that you do need a permit for:

- New Roof
- New Pool greater than 24" in height

- Hot tubs and Saunas
- Demolition of a structure
- Any Change to a buildings structure
- New Buildings and Structures
- New or Replacement of Decks/Porches
- Stationary Emergency Generators
 - And their wiring
- Installation of Fire places, Chimneys, pellet stoves, etc.

As well as many other projects. If you are unsure whether you need a permit please make that part of your planning process and call the office to determine if one is needed for you project.

As we still have a few more weeks of winter to go please remember that clearing sidewalks still needs to be a priority when we are battling the snow and ice that Mother Nature will inevitably be gifting us with. As is stated in the Village code, sidewalks are to be reasonably clear of snow and ice within 24hrs after the end of snowfall in front of residences. Sidewalks in front of businesses need to be kept free of snow and ice at all times during operational hours. To read the full details of the Snow and Ice removal code you can visit <https://ecode360.com/30006456> online or stop by the Village Office for a printed copy upon request.

Bill Foster
Code Enforcement Officer

R.E.A.P (Rural Economic Area Partnership)

How do we invest in our future? Tioga County REAP ([Rural Economic Area Partnership](#)) has secured funding to help the villages of Newark Valley, Owego and Waverly develop housing and community investment models that will provide the communities with a road map to achieve sustainability, and work toward a quality mix of residential and attractive community areas. The long-term objectives are to retain the workforce, create pathways to home ownership while also addressing the needs of the aging population, and making community cores and neighborhoods more attractive to current and prospective residents. A local work group including 12

community and county leaders has already convened and will be directly involved throughout the project.

In Newark Valley, you may see our consultants visiting our neighborhoods, taking photographs and doing streetscape assessments. Please know this is part of our work and is a first step toward strengthening and revitalizing our village.

TAPPAN SPAULDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Hello from the Library!

We are staying warm here with lots of good books and movies! Stop in to select some new titles to enjoy on these cold days and nights.

A new club is starting "A Stitch in Time" Members will be creating historical garments from the Regency and Civil War periods. Meetings and sewing will take place Saturdays:

March 2nd,
March 30th,
May 4th and
June 1st

In the Noble Room at 10:00 AM. For more information call the library staff at 607-642-9960

Did you know as members of the Finger Lakes Library System our patrons are able to borrow Materials from All 33 Member Libraries...FREE! Just stop in and ask us how!

LEGO CLUB
1st Wednesday
of every month

STEAM NIGHT
3rd Wednesday
of every month

6:30 PM Noble Room



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TAPPAN-SPAULDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

6 Rock Street
Newark Valley NY 13811
607-642-9960

www.tsmlibrary.org

HOURS:

Tuesday 10AM-8PM
Wednesday 2PM-8PM
Thursday 3PM-8PM
Saturday 9AM-1PM

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Newark Valley Historical Society 2018

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

Feb. 3 **Black Powder Guild Annual**
"Groundhog Shoot" (with paper targets),

open to the public. 12-4 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's
Black Powder Range. Jerry: (607) 972-1876.

Feb. 9 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**

10-2 @ N.V. Post Office Building, upstairs.
Peruvian Textiles presentation. BYO lunch, \$10 annual
dues. New members welcome! Denise: (607) 642-5568.

Feb. 16 **Cooking/Guides Guild:**

10-2, "Stone Soup," @ Lil's (12329 Rt. 38,
Berkshire). Bring soup ingredient & calendar.
New members welcome! RSVP by 2/9 to
Lil: 657-2880 or e-mail.

March 9 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**

10-2 @ Noble Room in PO Bldg.
Demo: *Spinning Cotton*. BYO lunch.
Denise: (607) 642-5568.

March 16 **Cooking/Guides Guild:**

Trip to *Susquehanna R. Archaeological Center* in
Waverly. Details TBA.

April 6 **Open House, Museum Collections:**

2-4 @ Noble Room. "A Peek in the Boxes."
Free. (607) 642-9516.

April 13 Spring **Fling:** 9-11 AM @ Village Green.

10 AM Egg hunt and activities.
Free. (607) 642-9516.

April 13 **Cooking/Guides Guild:**

10-2 @ Farmstead. Clean and set the house,
make soup on hearth, check stored costumes.
RSVP Charlotte: (607) 642-5387.

April 13 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**

10-2 @ Noble Room in PO Bldg. (T.B.A.)
BYO lunch & bev. New members welcome!
Denise: (607) 642-5568.

April 13 & 14 **Folk Arts--Crazy Quilt Sampler:**

10-3 Sat., 1-5 Sun. @ Welcome Center with
Mercia Stocking. Recreate historic piecing of plush
scraps, trim, embroidery, 6" square. \$35/\$30 NVHS
members. Materials provided. Scholarships. Register by
4/3: (607) 427-8373. NYSCA-Dec.

April 20 **Blacksmith Guild:**
10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith
shop. Doug: (607) 669-4489.

April 25 **Annual Meeting & Dinner:**
6 PM @ NV Fire Station. Bring a dish to pass.

April 29 Hike **to Black Burial Ground:**
3 PM @ Oakley Corners State Forest. \$3;
RSVP by 4/22:
Ed Nizalowski: (607) 642-8075.

NORTHERN TIOGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Save The Date! Berkshire SAppening, Sap Run Walk, March 30th, 2019 starting at 8am! Activities include a noncompetitive, fun family fitness activity (easy 1 mile), Breakfast at Berkshire Fire Dept., family crafts at the Berkshire Free Library, craft vendor fair at the Berkshire Community Hall and Maple Open Sugarhouse at SweetTrees Maple Products! Come out and have a fun family day!

The chamber met on January 7th, 2019 for our annual meeting covering many new items and proposed projects for 2019. Amendments to the chamber's Bylaws was presented and passed unanimously. We are also excited to have new directors nominated and elected to the board and want to thank them publicly for their willingness to serve on the board this year.

We have had a few responsibility changes on the executive committee of the board, both before and after our annual meeting.

First, we wish to extend a huge THANK YOU to Kat Amato for her many years of service as the chamber's secretary. Kath has filled many positions and been secretary through several changes of presidents and vice presidents of the chamber. We appreciate all she has done and will continue to do for the chamber as we go into this New Year. Her resignation was effective December 31st, 2018 but will continue to serve as a director on the board. She will be the lead person handling social media and vendor events. We look forward to having her serve in these areas.

Crystal Cross was elected as chamber secretary

starting January 2019. Crys is a native of Newark Valley and is currently an agent for Ballard & Associates handling life insurance policies and Medicare applications for residents in Tioga County. She is also currently the president of the Campville Fire Department. We look forward to having Crys on the board and working with her this year.

Crys is planning to have the Chamber Office open on Tuesdays from 10am until 2pm. Feel free to come in if you need any information, use the copier, or just chat and have a cup of coffee! We are here to help your business be prosperous! The office is located at 9 Park Street, Newark Valley. We are in the same building as the Village Offices. Feel free to call Crys at 972-3758 if you have any questions.

Second, John Amato has submitted his resignation as Treasurer of the chamber and as a director, effective as of January 18th, 2019. Along with his responsibilities as treasurer, John was always instrumental in making sure the Annual Duck Race, during NV Days went off without a hitch and was also responsible for last year's fireworks for the NV Summerfest. We wish to extend a big THANK YOU to John for his many years of service to the chamber as director and treasurer as well. A new treasurer has not yet been appointed.

The Northern Tioga Chamber successfully completed our first event for 2019, our Tailgate Kickoff for 2019 on Friday, January 18th. This event is a time for all chamber members as well as non-members to gather together to kick back, relax, and get to know each other better, and to enjoy some food. Pizza, wings, chips, salad, beverage, and some maple sugar products were provided and enjoyed. Each of the businesses are given opportunity to introduce themselves and their business. We also take some time to review the chamber's accomplishments from the previous year and introduce those projects we have in the planning stage for the New Year. I'd like to thank all those that attended and contributed, making this year's event another success.

2018 Accomplishments:

- Provided free "OPEN" flags for business members
- Introduced new Boulevard Banners for members which will be mounted through the village of NV this spring.

- Creation of a new assumed name of Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce, to better reflect who we serve.
- Acquired the responsibility as the organizing agency of the NV Summerfest (formally known as NV Days).
- Implemented a new Welcome Wagon program, providing 10 Welcome Baskets to new residents recently moved into Newark Valley. We hope to increase this to the town of Newark Valley, Berkshire, and Richford as well this year.
- Completed the 3rd year of our weekly Eblast which provides notification to subscribers of coming events in Northern Tioga County. To subscribe go to our website: <https://www.northerntiogachamber.org/>
- Provided a Business Card Rack in the NV Post Office entry
- Held our 1st Flag Reclamation event last May, collecting old worn American Flags and providing opportunity to purchase new flags and poles. Part of the proceeds went to the local Boy Scout Troop 30.
- Completed our 2nd Annual Berkshire SAPpening / SAP Walk, Run Event with the Rumble Ponies mascot Rowdy attending.
- Participated in the following Grand Openings:
 - Lambert's Attic
 - K's Kitchen

- Valley Creamery
- Haeefe Connect
- Motion was passed unanimously to provide a monetary scholarship for a qualifying senior of the NV High School. Details yet to be announced.

2019

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 still under consideration as an ongoing fundraiser and a fun community activity! The Chamber welcomes ideas and suggestions from all members.

We are also developing a Community Calendar on the Chamber's website to include events throughout Northern Tioga County.

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".

Mer Barrett
President.

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

We would like to wish everyone an enjoyable start to this New Year as we all look forward to the coming Spring and warmer weather.

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

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