



THE VILLAGE NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY

MAY 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

Hello everyone,

Project updates:

Your Village is filing reimbursement for the Five Clinton Street abandoned factory demolish. When those dollars are received; we will pay our NBT Bond and the interest accrued since February 28th of this current year. We will report the interest cost at that time. A fine project result for public safety and stabilization of real property value for all surrounding properties.

Randy Crawford, Architect will meet with your Village Trustees and Mayor at our first Board Meeting in May. We all understand your Municipal Building Sills and Window frames require improvement before additional deterioration occurs. Window restoration funding attempts were authorized by your Village Trustees three years ago by a 5-0 vote utilizing the one hundred thousand dollars in reserve accounts. We did proceed with this funding request of an additional one hundred thousand for this project. Your Assemblyman Christopher Friend believed the project necessary and his office secured an additional thirty thousand dollars toward this result. Your Mayor recommends these funding initiatives to the Trustees and the Trustees instruct me to proceed. That is how governance works. Your Mayor does not begin a process to success without due diligence, risk assessment and Trustee agreement and approval. So, to those who believe your Village government initiatives begin with your Mayor ignoring the Trustees; that is not correct. Attend our meetings and

join us in the conversation to move forward. We applaud combined decision making and we do understand and agree that resident review is necessary for the best decisions going forward. Please understand your Mayor does not create multiyear projects ignoring Trustee input and agreement. We believe Trustee and Mayor teamwork is evidence of progress; while going forward will rule the day. Speak with Deputy Mayor Alexander, Trustee(s) Parmelee and Reynolds; they will explain how research, respect for our mission is foremost in our minds.

At a time late this year FEMA will report the results of our funding request for Slosson Creek, Cook Hill Flood Mitigation. The proposal by your Mayor and approved by your Trustees has passed a first hurdle of inspection and recommendation to a second level of review. If we do receive award; an 80% funded hydrology engineering report will describe the best way to significantly decrease or mitigate flooding for the rains flowing from our hillsides. This project to be successful; includes multi government approach by your Village, with cooperation by the Town of Newark Valley and NYSDOT. As you know Cook Hill and Slosson Creek meander down hills in the Town and eventually overflow. This is not a new phenomenon. Our funding request just after the 2011 flooding was rejected. Your Village Trustees and Mayor did not ignore those flooding issues; however, we hope a different result for this round of funding. The many drains on Main Street require improvement; the study will determine these best actions. Once the report is complete your Village will seek further funding for this infrastructure project upon Trustee approval to go forward. This is a multi-year project to improve the lives of those

sites and residents impacted. A fine project for the public safety.

A Brook Street resident is requesting your Village file a FEMA funding request for your Village to purchase their property. This funding request is due in early June. Your Trustees and Mayor discussed this resident request in some detail at our second April meeting. There are options; (1) purchase this property utilizing FEMA funding and your tax dollars (2) elevate this property utilizing FEMA funding and your tax dollars (3) refuse the request and await the hydrology and flood mitigation reports and project. I am placing the resident request on the agenda for the first meeting in May and await Trustee findings.

Our Housing Study group chaired by your Mayor includes Randy Kerr, Ryan Dougherty, Matt Tomazin, Joe Tomazin, Erin Taylor-Talcott, Scott Parmelee, Tioga Opportunities, Tioga County Economic Development are developing a private public partnership for the purpose of demolition or renovation of underutilized blighted properties in our Village. The “neighborhood” concentration begins on Main Street two properties South of Silk Street and stretches to just North of the abandoned auto repair shop. This “neighborhood” covers the stretch of Whig Street beginning just North of the Fitness Center and ending just after the burned out property before our Village bike park. You all are aware of these properties: vacant or underutilized for years housing who knows what? Most of those owners have been invited to our meetings so I hope they will come and join us. It is possible to improve our building scape as long as all come to the table.

Village of Newark Valley (**land and water availability**), Owego Rotary (**funding for raised beds and soil**) and Newark Valley Central Schools Agriculture Program (**sweat equity and planting**) working together to highlight our Farming strengths and utilizing the student power to improve life in our Valley. In this month of May you can see the spirit and sweat equity of our Village crew and School Staff and Students. Our thanks to Owego Rotary and our Newark Valley School System.

Other Matters:

MEGA energy will present the first informational meeting to Village residents offering CCA to take advantage of possible lower electric rates. I will not go into detail here; however, look for the specific details later in our letter to our public.

Sharing Services is an important ingredient toward efficiency. Your Village seeks electronic (telephone, copy machine, computer, tech support) tie in with Tioga County IT Department. The cost analysis will be complete before your Village makes a decision. This current year thrust is: County Wide Building Code Enforcement (CEO). So far, Mayors and Town Supervisors to some degree agree that this is the way to go. If this initiative moves forward we believe enforcement will be strident and effective. Most of your municipalities have part time officials who are short term and sometimes vacancies go unfilled. We will report as time allows.

We hope this spring offers a warm and safe season for all.

Best Regards,
Jim Tornatore
Mayor

CLERK’S REPORT:

The spring season starts off quite busy for the Village Office, with everything that goes into closing out the previous year and opening of the newest fiscal year. We gladly take this time to welcome into the office the newest member of the Village office staff, Peggie Nickels! Office Specialist and newest face to be greeting you upon your visit to the Village Office. Stop by and say Hello to welcome Peggie to the Team!

We have been hard at work preparing the Annual Audit Report for the State Comptroller’s Office and our CPA firm is in to do their annual audit for the Village of Newark Valley Water Fund.

Our **LED lighting project** that consisted of replacing all village street lights with LED lights has been completed. This project has guaranteed savings of electrical costs for the Village. Now that the warmer weather is here residents can enjoy the new clearer lighting during their evening walks around the village.

MEGA will be holding informational Q&A sessions on Wednesday **May 8th at 6pm & 7pm** in the Noble Room of the Municipal Building. Bring your current NYSEG bill and your questions to learn more about what this program has to offer the residents of Newark Valley and the possible savings you could see on your electric cost.

Water meters will be read on **May 15th** for the next **water/solid waste billing**. The next billing will go out on June 1st, to be paid by June 30th without a penalty. After June 30th 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.

With the nice weather hopefully around the corner, don't forget you can purchase your **Fishing license**, as well as any of your **Hunting licenses** and tags at the village office.

*Pam Benthin
Village Clerk*

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

From the Town of Newark Valley.....

NEWARK VALLEY ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP *Town and Village of Newark Valley Residents:*

*The Town of Newark Valley will be conducting Spring Clean-up on **Friday, May 10th** and **Saturday, May 11th**. Items may be brought to the Town Hall, **109 Whig Street**, and deposited in*

*dumpsters at the rear of the property. Operating hours will be **between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.** on both days*

*Due to the new DEC No Burning Law we will not be accepting wood. This means **no construction wood of any kind** i.e.; plywood, boards, 2x4's, 2x6's, etc. We will take brush no bigger than 4 inches in diameter at the cut off area to be run through the brush chipper. No debris from Towns outside of the Town of Newark Valley will be accepted.*

*This year we will be taking **car and light pick-up truck tires only**, at a cost of **\$2.00 per tire**. No equipment or heavy truck tires will be accepted. Proof of residency is required at time of drop-off. All tires must be dropped off at the **109 Whig Street site**. No tire pick-up will be offered during senior pick-up day.*

*The following items **WILL NOT** be accepted:*

Glass of any kind, paint cans or other hazardous waste containers, construction debris, shingles or tar paper, household garbage, batteries, recyclables or electronics.*

*The following items **WILL** be accepted:*

Old furniture, brush 4 inches or less in diameter, mattresses, plastics, scrap metal, and appliances (with doors removed).

*If you have any questions please feel free to call the **Town Highway Department at 642-9927**.*

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Stuart Yetter, Jr.—Supervisor

Charles Meade—Highway Superintendent

**Tioga County Solid Waste now offers an Electronic Recycling Program located at Taylor Garbage Transfer Station, 352 Glen Mary Drive, Owego, NY. For more information or questions visit: recycling.tiogacountyny.com or call Ellen Pratt at 687-8274.*

*Bill Foster
Village DPW Supervisor*

CLEANUP & BRUSH AND LEAVES

Brush	Leaves
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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

This spring season has started off on a busy note for Code in the Village with more educational training seminars, Fire Safety Inspections across the Village and many building permit requests already coming in. It looks like the Village residents will be keeping me on the move all spring and summer.

A few reminders as we go into the summer season:

Lawn maintenance, it is the responsibility of every property owner to maintain their property to within the parameters of the Village code. Over grown grass gives, insects, rodents and ticks a place of safe harbor to multiply and move into your homes and neighboring properties. Please review the Village code lawn height requirements.

§122-3 Procedure for maintaining property.

B. Yards, lots and open areas.

(1) All landscaping shall be maintained in public view. Lawn or grass height shall not exceed 10 inches. In the event that a violation has occurred per section § 122-5 below, the Village and/or its agents/directors are required to cut the grass; thereafter, such lawn height shall be maintained at no greater of six inches for the remainder of the calendar year. The maintenance shall include but not be limited to the removal of dead trees, or bushes.

Building permits, 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.

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 always you can read all of our local village codes via the link on our website or directly at <https://ecode360.com/NE1405>

Bill Foster
Code Enforcement Officer

TAPPAN SPAULDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

HOURS :

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

Hello from the Tappan-Spauldning Memorial Library. We've had a long winter and are looking forward to sunny warm days. We have been busy with events and keeping a steady supply of new books available to you. We have new best sellers, movies, books on CDs, and Large Print materials available.

You can also borrow e-books and E-audiobooks through www.flls.overdrive.com and the **Libby by Overdrive app**. Movies, TV and music at www.hoopladigital.com.

We have LEGO Club the first Wednesday of every month and S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT the third Wednesday. Both groups are at 6:30 PM in the Noble Room and all are welcome. We have a good time and the kids learn in a fun hands-on manner.

We have lots of new children's and juvenile books and graphic novels.

Summer reading is fast approaching. This year's theme is **"A Universe of Stories"** We will be exploring outer space with five fun events in the Noble Room at 6:30 PM.

July 10th

Kopernik Pop-Up Planetarium

July 17th

S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT. Making Rockets!

July 24th

Space Race Game with Lindsay Sprague. Exciting life size board game.

July 31st

Making Meteors with Zoey from S.P.I.F. (Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility at Cornell)

August 7th

LEGO Club. Outer Space theme.

The 'Stitch in Time' Club is busy making period appropriate clothing from the Regency Period. They will meet on June 1st at 10:00 AM in the Noble Room.

We will be having our annual book sale Saturday July 27th. We will have a huge selection for you!

Feel free to stop in and say hi. We can assist you with ordering materials from any of the 33 Finger Lakes Library System libraries to be delivered here or you can borrow our materials and use the computers, printer or fax machine. We would be happy to help you!

TAPPAN-SPAULDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY
6 Rock Street
Newark Valley NY 13811
607-642-9960
www.tsmlibrary.org

NV HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Sell your stuff!

Saturday, June 8th

NV Historical Society Youth Committee is sponsoring a garage sale at the Depot. We will be selling 10x10 spots for \$10 each where you can set up your own table to display your treasures and wares. There will also be a limited number of tents to rent for \$5. We will be advertising the event so you should get a lot of buyers for your treasures. Spread the word to your family & friends! This is a great opportunity for anyone who doesn't have a yard to clean out their closets, attics and basements and come display your finds on the Depot's yard! One man's junk is another man's treasure ☺ Call Leslie at 427-8373.

**May 1-Sept. 25 Black Powder Guild:
3 PM- dark @ Farmstead's BP Range.
Wed. League Shoot, each Wed. through Sept.
25. Bob Waite: (215) 688-0614.**

May 4 Folk Arts-- Needle Felted Bluebells

Pin: 10-1 @ Welcome Center

with Denise Tarbox. \$35/\$30

NVHS members. Materials provided.

Scholarships. Register by 4/17:

(607) 427-8373. *NYSCA-Dec.*

May 11 Shuttles & Spindles Guild:

10-2 @ Farmstead.

Clean weaving barn, work on dye garden,
discuss new project, use table looms.

BYO lunch & bev. New members welcome!

Denise (607) 642-5568.

May 11 Antiques Appraisal:

1-3 @ Depot with expert appraiser

Bob Connelly, \$5 per item.

May 18 Blacksmith Guild:

10-3 @ Bement-Billings

Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop.

Doug: (607) 669-4489.

May 18 Tea & Regency Attire:

1-3 PM @ Farmstead.

\$10/\$8 NVHS members.

Historic fashions (1800-1820).

Adults; ages 12+. Limited seating -
reservations & check to office by 5/11:

Ellen: (607) 748-6828.

May 22- June 26 Black Powder Guild:

3 PM- dark @ Farmstead's

BP Range. Flintlock League,

each Wed. through June 26.

Bob Waite: (215) 688-0614.

May 29 Black Powder Guild:

8 AM-4 PM @ Oxford.

NYS Muzzleloader Association Shoot.

June 1 Folk Arts-- Tin Smithing:

9-5 @ Welcome Ctr. *with Scott Baylor.*

Make wall match box, flour scoop, using
vintage tools. Hand/arm strength needed.

\$38/\$35 NVHS members.

Materials provided. Register by 5/22:

(607) 427-8373. Scholarships. *NYSCA-Dec.*

June 7 Depot Friday Nights:

The Tarps: rock & roll of '50's & '60's;

7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free.

Doors open 6PM. Refreshments available.

See schedule at nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

June 8-9 Shuttles & Spindles Guild:

Many will attend *CNY:*

Fiber Festival in Bouckville.

www.cnyfiber.org

Denise (607) 642-5568.

June 14 Depot Friday Nights:

*Rick Marsi: "Photographing India's Last
Wild Bengal Tigers";*

7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free.

Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available.

See schedule at nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

June 15 Blacksmith Guild:

10-3 @ Bement-Billings

Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop.

Doug: (607) 669-4489.

June 15 Cooking/Guides Guild:

Open hearth cooking.

RSVP Charlotte: (607) 642-5387.

June 21 Depot Friday Nights:

Hot Dogs & Gin: blues, rock, folk, Irish-- with

10-year old prodigy on guitar;

7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free.

Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments avail.

See schedule at nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

June 22 Silent Movies & Popcorn:

@ Depot, *with pianist Rick Pedro.*

\$3 or 2 for \$5. Details TBA, nvhistory.org.

June 22 Guides' Training

@ Farmstead. New guides needed for
weekends and special events.

Contact Ed Nizalowski: (607) 642-8075.

June 28 Depot Friday Nights:

Rich Wilson: standards by Presley, Sinatra, et;

7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free.

Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available.

See schedule at nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

June 29 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**
Many will attend *Home Textile Tool Museum*
swap/garage sale in Orwell, PA.
(hometextiletoolmuseum.org).
Arrive before 10 AM and BYO lunch.
Denise 642-5568.

July 5 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Horseshoe Lounge Playboys: acoustic
backwoods Americana roots music;
7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM.
Refreshments available.
See schedule at nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

July 6 - Sept. 29 **Bement-Billings House**
OPEN FOR TOURS & Gift Shop,
each Sat. and Sun., 12-4 PM.

July 12 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Little Big Band with Bruce Dedrick:
swing, doo wop, rock & roll;
7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM.
Refreshments available.
See schedule at nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

July 13 **Cooking/Guides Guild:**
trip to Hurley, NY for Stone House Tour.
Details TBA.

July 13 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**
10-2 @ Farmstead. Indigo Dying.
BYO lunch & bev.
New members welcome!
Denise (607) 642-5568.

July 13-14 **Black Powder Guild:**
Camping, wood, shooting, hooter on site
@ Maple Grove.
Family Picnic (dish to pass) Sat. noon.

July 19 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Irish Stoutmen: Irish folk quartet;
7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM.
Refreshments available.
See schedule at nvhistory.org. (607) 642-9516.

July 19 **Chicken BBQ:**
5:30-7 @ Depot. Half chicken meal \$8.
Pre-sale tickets only from office 642-9516,
or Board member, or at Depot Fridays.

July 20 **Cooking/Guides Guild:**
Open hearth cooking.
RSVP Charlotte: (607) 642-5387.

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

July 20 **Folk Arts-- Arrow Making:**
9-1:30 @ Farmstead's Herrick Barn,
with Mike McGrath. \$35/\$30 NVHS members.
Materials provided. Register by 7/1:
(607) 427-8373. Scholarships. NYSCA-Dec.

July 24- Aug. 28 **Black Powder Guild:**
3 PM until dark @ Farmstead's BP Range.
All Gun League, each Wed. until Aug. 28.
Bob Waite: (215) 688-0614.

July 26 **Depot Friday Nights:**
Donna & the Country Mystics:
classic country songs;
7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM.
Refreshments available.
See schedule at nvhistory.org. (607) 642-9516.

July 27 **Folk Arts-- Victorian Beaded Earrings:** 9-5 @ Welcome Center
with SuZ McManus. \$20/\$15 NVHS members.
Materials provided. Scholarships.
Register by 7/17:
(607) 427-8373. NYSCA-Dec

Newark Valley Historical Society
nvhistory@stny.rr.com
(607) 642-9516
nvhistory.org

NV HOPE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION:

Removal of Decorations at the Cemetery
The Board of Trustees of Newark Valley
Hope Cemetery asks that you please
remove winter weary decorations from the
cemetery no later than
Wednesday, May 15th 2019.

This includes artificial flowers/plants that are faded, worn, and damaged as well as potted plants that are no longer living and any broken pots or ornaments. Anything that meets this criteria and is left will be removed and disposed of.

Thank you for your help in keeping our cemetery looking nice!

NV TILLERS AND TOILERS GARDEN CLUB:

Unfortunately the Annual plant sale held on the Saturday before Mother's Day will not take place this year by the Tillers and Toilers Garden Club of Newark Valley.

Instead we would like to invite the public to an Ice Cream Social to be held Sunday, Aug 11th on the Village Green. More details to follow as we get closer to August.

Funds raised provide the beautiful plantings at NV Village Green and other NV public gardens. We hope you will join us for a cool treat on what we hope to be a beautiful, sunny August day ☺

Tillers and Toilers of NV

NORTHERN TIOGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

The Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce has been busy so far this year with several activities with many more planned in the coming months. We appreciate the support from our Northern Tioga Communities and look forward to what the future has in store for the chamber.

Our Welcome Wagon continues to provide Welcome Baskets for new residents to our communities and so far, 2 baskets have been delivered this year, one in Newark Valley and one in Berkshire. We currently do not have any pending baskets to be delivered.

If you know of any new residents recently moved to the area, please submit their names and addresses to the chamber so that we can welcome them to the community with a basket. While we are getting information from the various village and town offices, we are also working on providing a form on the chamber's website so that residents can submit this information to the chamber. Visit our website often for frequent updates.

The Chamber's website has had a facelift! Our home page and supporting pages have a new design and some new features which we hope will provide the communities with additional benefits. Under our "RESOURCES" link in the navigation bar we have added two new pages; a form in which local businesses can submit available job openings and a second page where those submitted jobs will be posted. Visit our website frequently to keep up to date on what is happening in our communities; <https://www.northerntiogachamber.org/>

Walk a mile in someone else's shoes! On Saturday, April 27th our first Walk-A-Mile event was held at the Village Green, to support the Mental Health Association in their Suicide Prevention efforts. 14-15 people participated in the walk, even though it snowed! A total of \$675 was raised through registrations and sponsorships. 80% of the funds collected will be sent to the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier, Inc. Walk-A-Mile t-shirts were sold as well as wrist bands. We appreciate all that participated and donated their time and money for this cause, and we look forward to possibly holding more Walk-A-Mile events in the future.

Chamber Pending Events...

Open House - Weds, May 22 (6pm) - Noble Rm. of Municipal Bldg. 9 Park St., Newark Valley, NY. All Northern Tioga Businesses, Organizations, and residents are invited to attend this Open House. This is an opportunity to meet the directors of the Northern Tioga Chamber and to share ideas about how the chamber can best serve businesses and our local communities in the No. Tioga area. Please plan to attend and RSVP to our chamber secretary, Crystal Cross, by email (norhterntiogachamber@gmail.com) or by phone (607) 972-3758

Flag Reclamation & Sale –

Sat, May 25 (10am-12N) - NV Village Green –
Turn in old, worn American flags for proper
disposal at a flag retirement ceremony in the
summer. New American flags & poles will be
available for purchase at this event

Berkshire Blueberry & Book Festival –

Sat, July 20 (10am-4pm) (blueberry pancakes 7-
10am) - Berkshire Library, Fire Station &
Community Center - music, vendors, library open
house, book sale, more...

Newark Valley Summerfest –

Sat, July 27 (9am-4pm) - NV Village Green, Depot
and Trout Ponds Park - family event - parade,
music, vendors, food, children's activities, duck

race, chicken BBQ, wing cook-off (TBD), fireworks
at dark, more...

Under consideration for future:

'Throwback Bingo'

Thank you for supporting the Northern Tioga
Chamber!

Respectfully, Mer

"Helping businesses take flight".

Mer Barrett, President
(607) 778-9239

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

We would like to wish everyone a safe and sunny spring and summer season!

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 and 4th Monday of every month at 6:30 PM in the
Noble Room, 9 Park Street, Newark Valley.

Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9 AM to 5 PM and Friday 9 AM to 12 PM