

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

## NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY

### *August 2019*

## *Mayor's Message*



Hello Everybody,

At our July Village work session residents, landlords, contractors, Trustees and Mayor viewed the recently created Housing Study available to read at [www.villageofnewarkvalley.com](http://www.villageofnewarkvalley.com). We listened to many ideas and concerns. An overriding issue from the public was a need for more strident Code Enforcement and possible State and/or Federal financial incentives for home/business renovation. Next week your Village will be mailing letters to owners of underutilized properties that may be vacant or blight. Those letters will detail the current NYS Building or Fire compliances. Hopefully, the owners with thought and action in the near term will not require enforcement of codes by your Village. We believe this is sustainability for our community.

The Municipal Building window renovation process is moving along. Architectural firm Crawford & Stearns is readying the bid process with variations that may include external storm windows. We will report as time goes by.

Vegetable harvesting of the Village of Newark Valley, School District FFA and Owego Rotary sponsored Community Garden has begun. This Garden is supplying produce to the local Food Pantry at the Methodist Church for distribution in our Community. Our gratitude to School District and Rotary for working with your Village to make this happen.

Trustee John Tomazin suggested our Village Team upgrade the County IDA owned dirt path entering the Depot from Maple Street. With existing 'grinds' our Village and Town DPW staff laid a base, rolled and made more secure this walkway/driveway used by those enjoying the Depot. The County IDA approved this improvement and our thanks go to John, Village and Town DPW staffs.

A few days before Summerfest; vandalism abound. No point in details; other than repairs and replacements are underway. Most is complete as you read this; however, cost of replacement is never easy along with the sad reminder that some 'just do not care'.

Summer Youth Coordinator Heidi Cardone will soon supply the annual report for activities and numbers in this years' program. We do know participation is increasing and that is a sound rationale for this program that continues for so many years.

Usually these quarterly updates explain our current projects and thought process for your Village future. Before you go on to other matters in this letter: I wish to thank our readers for allowing me to work with Staff and Trustees for many years past and many years to come. I truly enjoy working with your voter choices for Trustees. Deputy Mayor Cliff Alexander with Trustees Scott Parmelee, Mike Reynolds and John Tomazin guide us to a shared

vision for our Village. Pam Benthin, Clerk/Treasurer, Bill Foster, Working DPW Supervisor, along with Jessica Moore, Peggie Nickels, Scot Coombs and Steve Pado get the job done. I enjoy their company and hopefully; they enjoy! That is the best that may be said about all of us; so, thanks to those we work with.

Best Regards,  
Jim Tornatore  
Mayor



### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

The summer season is finally here and we hope that everyone is enjoying it to the fullest!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the newest member to the Board of Trustees, **John Tomazin**. John was nominated and sworn in at the regular monthly board meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Welcome John! We look forward to a fresh viewpoint and new ideas.

The Village is always attempting to make village life as convenient as possible, whether through automatic payments, electronic notices, use of social media to keep you informed, etc. Well we're attempting to make your visit to the **Memorial Bike Park** a bit more convenient and enjoyable as well. On your next visit to watch your kids enjoy some summer fun you will see the addition of a porta-potty! We hope that this feature will make visiting the park as a family a more enjoyable one.

We would like to ask all Village residents to make it a point to be as aware of your surroundings and observant as possible when out and about in the Village, day and night. In mid-June there was a string of crimes of opportunity regarding unlocked cars and garages, now in July we had two acts of vandalism reported. First, the '**Welcome to the Village**' sign at the northern end of the Village was stolen and has yet been found or returned. Then just days before NV Summerfest some of the open lawn areas at the **Trout Ponds Park** were driven through and intentionally damaged. Whether you're enjoying a stroll down the village streets or spending time at the Trout Ponds, the bike park or the Village green, if you see something that seems out of the ordinary or just not right please call the local authorities and report it. If anyone has any information regarding either of these **instances of vandalism** please report it to either the Sheriff's Department or the Village Office.

**Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP** completed this year's audit of the Village of Newark Valley Water Fund. We are happy to report that they had no significant findings.

Water meters will be read on **August 15<sup>th</sup>** for the next **water/solid waste billing**. The next billing will go out on September 1<sup>st</sup>, to be paid by Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> without a penalty. After **September 30<sup>th</sup>** penalties will be assessed. Don't forget that you can sign up for your payments to be withdrawn automatically from your checking/savings account, free of charge to you. Call the office 642-8686 for details.

September 1 is just around the corner, which means hunting season is soon upon us. Don't forget that you can avoid the lines of the big box stores and purchase your 2019-2020 **Hunting licenses** and tags right here at the Village Office.

I hope everyone gets to get out and enjoy these last few weeks of summer before the hustle and bustle of back to school and the holidays are upon us. Enjoy!

*Pam Benthin  
Village Clerk*



## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

DPW has had a busy spring/summer with the repair of the Trout Ponds Park lawn due to the water issues from last fall and early spring. We installed drainage to help redirect the water and reseeded the top soil all the way around the new playground area. New electric service was installed along with the new outlets and wiring of Pavilion #1.

We assisted the community gardens project with the placement of wood chips donated by the Town of Newark Valley Highway Department. Ground cover cloth was placed and topped with the wood chips to make a border around and in between the raised beds of the flourishing garden. We also worked with the Town Highway Department to improve the walking path between Maple Ave and Depot Street. You will also notice as you drive down Main Street through the Village we have gotten the new business banners hung.

The sanitation department has had an increase of items that need to be tagged in order to be picked up. Residents need to purchase tags at the Village office for items such as rugs, chairs, tables, couches, anything oversized that will not fit in the standard can. Also, we are getting a lot of heavy cans because of kitty litter, if you have a cat please put the kitty litter in a separate container. New trash cans are showing up along our route and some are too large. The Village code states maximum can size is 35 gallons.

Bill Foster  
Village DPW Supervisor



## **CLEANUP & BRUSH AND LEAVES**

Brush	Leaves
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	August 14 <sup>th</sup>
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	September 11 <sup>th</sup>
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	October 16 <sup>th</sup>
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	November 6 <sup>th</sup>



## **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Let's chat for a moment about people parking RVs and campers to reside in within the Village of Newark Valley. Our code does not allow for this type of living arrangement, this is considered unlawful **ILLEGAL OCCUPANCY**.

Chapter 101 of the Village code states:

*§ 101-8 - A. Prohibition of mobile homes.(2.f) No travel trailer, boat, motor home or any other type of recreational vehicle is allowed to be placed upon any property within the Village of Newark Valley to be utilized, either permanently or temporarily, for residential or business purposes.*

We are also having more inquiries about building in flood plain areas. Building within a floodplain area has more requirements than a typical build and a separate permit application beyond our normal building/remodel/repair permit application. There are building

elevation certifications, and a licensed engineer's report is required, along with full drawings. If you are considering building/remodeling/repairing in a floodplain zone please contact the office so that we may set up a time to discuss your plans and go over the requirements.

As we move into this final month of summer and all those last family reunions, BBQs and bon voyage off to college parties I'd like to remind everyone about outdoor fires. Open burning is prohibited within the Village limits. Chapter 71 of the Village code states:

*§ 71-2 Restrictions.*

*A. No person shall build any bonfire or burn any paper, hay, straw, lumber, rubbish, shavings, packing, leaves or other waste or combustible material within the Village limits of the Village of Newark Valley.*

*B. Small, contained fires for the sole and express purpose of food preparation within a self-contained barbecue unit or pit, manufactured or built for the sole purpose of barbecuing food, are permitted, provided that such fires are either on private property or in areas designated by the Village. Every fire kindled as herein permitted shall be continuously under the care and supervision of a competent person from the time such fire is kindled until it is extinguished.*

As CEO for the Village I have also been progressing on Fire Safety Inspections beginning with areas of assembly and will start on apartment housing in the near future. I will be in contact with owners to start scheduling inspections. Please remember that these inspection protect you the owner and your tenants.

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:**

We had a great time at Tappan-Spauldning Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program. The theme was a **"Universe of Stories"**. We lifted off with **Kopernik's Pop-Up Planetarium**. We had a great crowd and everyone enjoyed seeing the celestial show. We created rockets and galaxy slime with Melissa and Erin from Tioga County 4-H for **S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT**. Lindsay Sprague set up a fascinating walk thru the **Solar System Exhibit** in the Noble Room on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Zoe from SPIF (Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility) at Cornell will be making meteors and we will close with an **Outer Space LEGO Club** event. We have lots of interesting books about outer space to learn from!

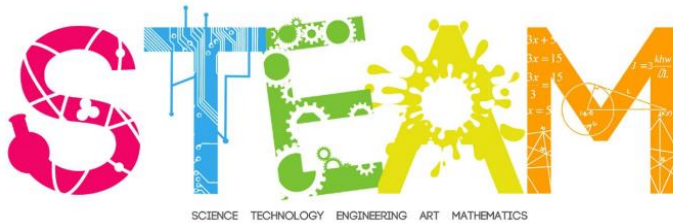
We enjoyed having third and fourth graders walk up to visit the library. We read about Mae Jennison and other women who were pioneers at NASA. We have the **Women of NASA LEGO build** that honors Mae, Margaret Hamilton, Sally Ride and Nancy Grace Roman for their contributions to the space program.

We have a display of Regency Period fashion created by the **Stitch In Time Club**. It is handmade period appropriate clothing that would have been worn by women in the early 1800's. Come see how styles have changed! The club will meet **Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 AM in the Noble Room. All are welcome!





As fall quickly approaches we will continue to have **LEGO Club** the first Wednesday of the month and **S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT** the third Wednesday. Both are at 6:30 PM in the Noble Room.



We remain open:

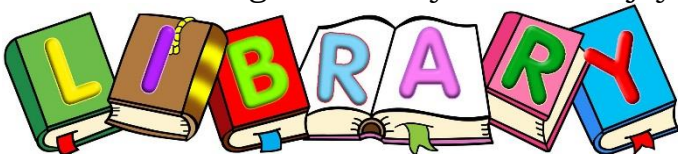
Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Wednesdays 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM

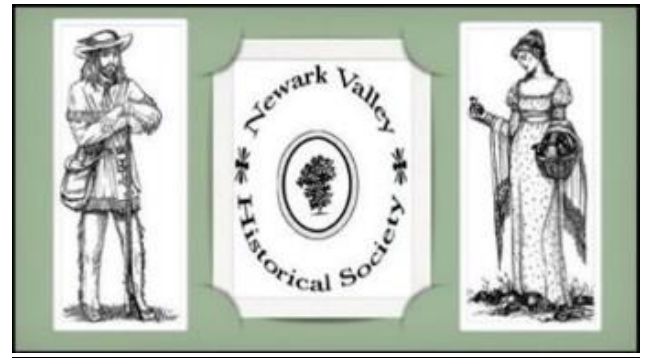
Thursdays 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturdays 9:00 AM – 1:00PM

You can request books, Books on CD, video games and Blu-Ray and DVDs through the Finger Lakes Library System <http://www.flls.org/>. They will be shipped to Newark Valley and you will be notified when they arrive. You can access e-books and e-audio through Libby at the Library or Overdrive apps. Best of all, everything is free! So stop by some time and visit us we have something for everyone to enjoy!



TAPPAN-SPAULDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
6 Rock Street, Newark Valley NY 13811  
607-642-9960  
[www.tsmlibrary.org](http://www.tsmlibrary.org)



## **NV HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**

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

July 6 - Sept. 29 **Bement-Billings House**

**OPEN FOR TOURS** & Gift Shop,

each Sat. and Sun. 12-4 PM



Aug. 9 **Depot Friday Nights:**

*Triton Trio: bluegrass, swing, blues, jazz;*

7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM

Refreshments available.

See schedule at [nvhistory.org](http://nvhistory.org).

(607) 642-9516

Aug. 10 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**

10-2 @ Farmstead. Preparation & demo of

Flax Spinning. BYO lunch & beverages

New members welcome!

Denise (607) 642-5568



**Aug. 16 Depot Friday Nights:**

*Greg Neff: music of the '60's & '70's;*

7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM.

Refreshments available

See schedule at [nvhistory.org](http://nvhistory.org)

(607) 642-9516

**Aug. 17 Blacksmith Guild:**

10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's

Blacksmith Shop

Doug: (607) 669-4489

**Aug. 17 All Guilds' Picnic:**

Noon @ Farmstead's Pavilion

Bring a dish to pass

Charlotte: 642-5387



**Aug. 23 Depot Friday Nights:**

*Ed Nizalowski: "MultiCulturalism in Tioga County"*

7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM.

Refreshments available

See schedule at [nvhistory.org](http://nvhistory.org)

(607) 642-9516



**Aug. 30 Depot Friday Nights:**

*Rick Pedro: astonishing ragtime piano*

7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM

Refreshments available. See schedule

at [nvhistory.org](http://nvhistory.org) (607) 642-9516



**Sept. 6 Depot Friday Nights:**

*Pat Kane & West o'Clare:*

Traditional, toe-tapping, Irish music

7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM

Refreshments available See schedule

at [nvhistory.org](http://nvhistory.org) (607) 642-9516

**Sept. 7 Radio Play: "The Train" 8 PM @ Depot**

Performed by the *Ti-Ahwaga Community Players*

Tickets \$10, available at Depot Friday Nights

or from the NVHS office: 642-9516

**Sept. 7-8 Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**

*Endless Mts. Fiber Festival* in Harford, PA

Denise: (607) 642-5568

**Sept. 8 Radio Play: "The Train" 2 PM @ Depot**

Performed by the *Ti-Ahwaga Community Players*

Tickets \$10, available at Depot Friday Nights

or from the NVHS office: 642-9516

**Sept. 14 Silent Movies & Popcorn:**

7 PM @ Depot, with pianist *Rick Pedro*

Charlie Chaplin's "The Kid" (1921) &

Mel Brooks' "Silent Movie" (1976)

Ticket \$2 or 3 for \$5, available at Depot Friday Night,

from the NVHS office, or at the door.

**Sept. 14 Folk Arts-- Open Hearth Cooking:**

10-4 @ Bement-Billings House with *Deb Lum*.

Prepare dinner, using historic food ways &

local fresh foods. Materials provided.

\$50/\$45 NVHS members. Limited enrollment.

Register by 8/28: (607) 427-837 NYSCA-Dec.

**Sept. 21 Blacksmith Guild:**  
10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's  
Blacksmith Shop  
Doug: (607) 669-4489

**Sept. 21 Cooking/Guide Guild:**  
**10-2 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead**  
Open hearth cooking  
RSVP Charlotte: (607) 642-5387

**Sept. 21 Folk Arts-- Flintknappers Gathering #2:**  
9-11:30 @ Farmstead's Herrick Barn,  
with Mike McGrath. Free work session,  
all levels; *must provide own tools & flint.*  
Register by 9/19 (607) 427-8373

**Sept. 21-22 Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**  
*Finger Lakes Fiber Festival* in Hemlock, NY  
Denise: (607) 642-5568



**Oct. 5-6 39th Annual Apple Festival:**  
10AM-5PM @ Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum;  
\$6 adults, \$5 members, \$4 students & senior citizens, \$18  
family rate. Music, great food, history, tours, crafts,  
costumed demonstrators, spinning & weaving, kids'  
activities, gift shop, black powder public shoot.  
(607) 642-9516

**Oct. 19 Blacksmith Guild:**  
10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's  
Blacksmith Shop  
Doug: (607) 669-4489

**Oct. 19 Cooking/Guide Guild:**  
Noon @ Bement-Billings House  
*Harvest Dinner* for Cooking/Guide. Guild members.

**Oct. 19-20 Shuttles & Spindles Guild:**  
*Dutchess County Fiber Fest.* In Rhinebeck, NY  
Denise: 642-5568

**Oct. TBA Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:**  
6 PM @ NV Fire Station. Bring a dish to pass.  
(607) 642-9516

Newark Valley Historical Society  
[nvhistory@stny.rr.com](mailto:nvhistory@stny.rr.com)  
(607) 642-9516  
[nvhistory.org](http://nvhistory.org)

## **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. Since its inception in 2018, 13 baskets have been delivered, with 4 of those baskets delivered this year, three in Newark Valley and 1 in Berkshire. The Welcome Wagon program is for all our Northern Tioga County Communities. If you know of any new families moving into your area, please let us know so that we can welcome them with one of our gift baskets. Our email address is [northerntiogachamber@gmail.com](mailto:northerntiogachamber@gmail.com). We hope to have a form on the chamber's website soon to submit this information to us.

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.

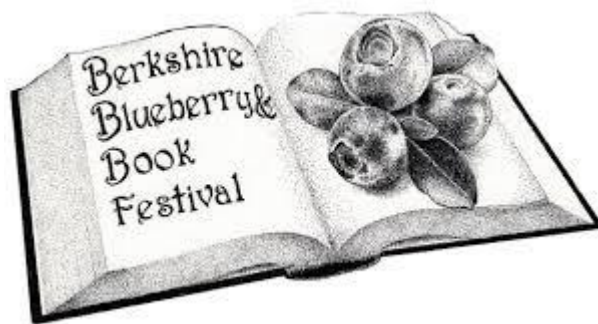
- One of the benefits the chamber offers is our weekly E-Blast sent out every Friday morning at 9 AM. This email is sent to subscribers and lists local events that are happening in our area as well as advertising our business members. To subscribe, go to the Chamber's website (<https://www.northerntiogachamber.org/>) and click on the "Subscribe" button on our Home Page.
- 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;

Events...

Open House - Weds, May 22 - Noble Rm. of Municipal Bldg. 9 Park St., Newark Valley, NY. Many of the Northern Tioga Businesses, Organizations, and residents attended our Open House. This was a time to provide an opportunity to meet the directors of the Chamber and to share ideas about how the chamber can best serve businesses and our local communities in the No. Tioga area. We look forward to possibly holding additional Open Houses in Berkshire and Richford as time and opportunity allows.

Flag Reclamation & Sale - Sat, May 25 - NV Village Green – Several old, worn American flags were dropped off for disposal. New American flags & poles were made available for purchase at this event.



Berkshire Blueberry & Book Festival - Sat, July 20 – Berkshire. The chamber attended this year's Blueberry Festival which was a big success. Many well-organized activities were provided at the Berkshire Library, Fire Station & Community Center – which included music, vendors, library open house, book sale, and more... Thank you for allowing the chamber to participate.



Newark Valley Summerfest - Sat, July 27 – The NV Summerfest (formerly known as NV Days) was another big success this year. Many activities were enjoyed by attendees with music and craft vendors at the Village Green and Trout Ponds Park. The Train Depot hosted the bounce House and Boxing Ring, the Broome County Fire Safety Trailer, pony rides, and food at the Depot Snack Shop. One of the highlights this year was the Mentalist, Dustin Dean, who amazed attendees with his mind-reading ability! The day also included a parade from 11 am – 12 noon. At 4:30 Saturday afternoon the Great Duck Race was held at the Trout Ponds where 10 cash prizes, totaling \$1,274 dollars were awarded for



the first 10 ducks to cross the finish line. Chicken & Pork Chop BBQ was provided by Lambert's Attic and enjoyed by all. The day ended with a wonderful firework display at 9:00 pm.

#### Local Boy Scout Troop Aids in Cleanup -



A beautiful fireworks display at the Trout Ponds Park in Newark Valley capped off the 2nd Annual Newark Valley Summerfest on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. The following morning, local Scouts from Boy Scout Troop #30 helped Chamber members clean up fireworks debris that littered the park. Chamber President Mer Barrett and Vice President Eileen Morock presented Scout Leader Curt Northrop with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the scout troop's generous donation of time and energy.

We would like to thank all those that participated in the organization of the event, and those that contributed financially in making this year's event a huge success! We are already looking forward to and planning entertainment for next year's NV Summerfest which will be on July 25, 2020.



#### Under consideration for future:

The chamber is looking into offering 'Throwback Bingo'. Due to the expense of electronic Bingo equipment we are considering offering Bingo and playing the "old fashion way" before electronics were introduced. Stay tuned for future announcements.

The Northern Tioga Chamber meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. We invite you to attend our meetings and welcome your participation and input. You can contact the chamber office at [northerntiogachamber@gmail.com](mailto:northerntiogachamber@gmail.com).

Thank you for supporting the Northern Tioga Chamber!

Respectfully,  
Mer

Mer Barrett, President  
[Mer.northerntiogachamber@gmail.com](mailto:Mer.northerntiogachamber@gmail.com)  
(607) 778-9239



### **New York State DEC:**

The Department of Environmental Conservation announced from Aug 2, 2019 through September 2, 2019 there will be free fishing permitted on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. 'New York residents and visitors (are being given) an opportunity to cast a line this summer in some of the best fishing spots in the state - Lake Ontario (including the Lower Niagara River) and the St. Lawrence River - even if they don't have a fishing license. Through September 2, 2019, all anglers are able to fish the New York waters of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River without needing to purchase a state fishing license.

Lake Ontario is known as a haven for trophy trout and salmon fishing. In its 2019 rankings, and for the first time ever, *Bassmaster Magazine* named the St. Lawrence River the top bass fishing destination in the nation. While lake levels are expected to remain above average, recent history has proven that fishing in these waters will remain first-rate. There is great fishing to be had by anglers of all skill levels from shore or by boat.'

During this time, all applicable [state and federal laws and regulations](#) regarding seasons, catch rates, and size limits still apply.

### **Village of NV:**



*D. A. Millen was the Village Clerk from 1904 – 1946.*

*At the January 4, 1904 Village Board meeting the Water works system was proposed to the Board for \$27,000 (bonds to be sold) "to supply said village and its inhabitants with pure and wholesome water" President G. E. Purple presiding – contracted to Fritz & Partridge.*

*At the June 11, 1907 Village Board meeting a Village Ordinance was proposed – No person shall ride any motor vehicle or motor cycle upon any of the sidewalks of the Village of Newark Valley. A person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$5 for each offence.*



**NV TILLERS AND TOILERS GARDEN CLUB:**



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL FUNDRAISER**

Sun, Aug. 11 from 3-5pm  
Cones, sundaes, cookie sandwiches  
& bottled water.

Join us on the Village green,  
Main & Park St. Newark Valley, NY 13811  
In case of rain we'll be at RR Depot  
located off Whig St. on Depot St.  
Funds to benefit public gardens in  
Newark Valley.

*Tillers and Toilers of NV*



The Village Office will be closed Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

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

We would like to wish everyone an enjoyable end to the summer season as we make our way into the fall and the busyness of the back to school season, the fun of Halloween and the chaos of the holidays to come.

**Official Village Newspaper:** Tioga County Courier [www.tiogaweb.com/courier](http://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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

