

THE VILLAGE NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY

February 2020

Mayor's Message



Hello Everyone,

This morning I attended our County Team Tioga; Economic Development and Planning (ED&P), Industrial Development Agency (IDA), Local Development Corporation (LDC) with Mission of "Strengthen our Tioga County Economy". This group represents "wins" for our local economic way of life nurturing new manufacturing and housing in our region. A group partnering with this agency is Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) who financed our Village Housing Study. This summer; I will update our community with hopeful funding resources through Tioga Opportunities, Inc. and if possible the new creation Tioga County Land Bank.

We previously reported your Village exploring funding strategy for flood mitigation on Cook Hill and Slosson Creek/Brook Street. We expected FEMA answer in January 2020; however, the agency informed us award announcements will be in January 2021. Those with the money control the situation. We will continue to monitor and report to you.

We await the NYS Historic Preservation/Parks & Recreation contract for your Municipal Building

Window rehabilitation. Once we receive; we will let the Request For Proposals (RFP) or bid process. Reminder; our two awards for this project are one hundred fifty thousand (\$150000) dollars. It appears project will begin summer or autumn of this year.

Water meter upgrades by rehabilitation or replacement are on the Agenda over the next few months. Calibration reliance and electronic upgrades are part of our review process. It is winter season so that is the time for Water Main breaks. Smullen Ave has suffered two Water Main breaks in the last three years. The first was just before Cook Street intersection and now half way up the hill. Smullen Ave piping was not included in the distribution project from eleven years ago.

Others have much to report so we will keep your Mayors report brief.

We wish you Safety through our Winter Months.

Best Wishes,
Jim Tornatore
Mayor



CLERK'S REPORT:

Hello all!

I hope everyone is enjoying our ever-changing weather this season. Spring is just around the corner ☺

Our Village election will take place Wednesday, March 18th, in the Noble Room located in the Municipal Building, 9 Park Street in the Village of Newark Valley. Polls will be open from Noon until 9:00 PM for the purpose of electing two Trustees; each for a Four year term. The last day to register with the county board of elections is March 6, 2020. You must be registered and a Village resident to vote.

2020-2021 Budget has been completed and adopted with a tax rate of \$1.16057, this is a 1.529% increase. Tax bills will go out on or before March 1st. Tax collection will begin March 2nd, 2020 and due by March 31st with no penalty. Tax payments will continue to be accepted at the Village office until October 31st with penalties assessed.

Any unpaid village water and solid waste bills must be paid by the close of business Friday, February 14th. Any bills remaining unpaid will be sent to the County and assessed on the Village tax bills. Please call the office if you are unsure of your current amount due.

Our next Water meter reading will be February 14th for the March 1st water/solid waste billing. The billing will go out March 1st and due by March 31st without penalty. After March 31st penalties will be assessed. Remember you can have your Tax, Water and/or Solid Waste bills deducted directly from your checking or savings account every quarter free of charge. One less bill for you to remember to pay. If you are interested please come in or contact the office at 642-8686. Forms are also available on our website at www.villagenv.com

Since we are heading into the spring season we'd like to remind residents that we do have 3yrd dumpsters available for rent at the flat rate cost of \$100.00. So, if you find yourself in a large spring cleaning project and need a dumpster, stop by the office or give us a call and well get you scheduled.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the office as we are happy to help.

*Pam Benthin
Village Clerk*



PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

The Village DPW has been busy this winter with snow and ice! Our equipment has been running good with only minor mechanical problems. The bed chain broke on sander #1 along with the drive chain on sander #2, the Kubota had an axle problem but all were able to be repaired by the DPW staff. 👍

You may have noticed that the Christmas decorations on the light poles were not lit this season, the problem is with the electric supply to the decorations, and the Village board is looking into it.



The sanitation department has noticed more recyclables in the garbage and we are leaving the whole can to be sorted by the resident, at this time our recycling is being picked up on Fridays by the county (it is part of your county taxes) so the more recyclables that get sorted out of our garbage keeps the tipping fee down in turn helping keep your cost down.

The water department is looking into new software options for conducting readings of the water meters. The current software will be out dated and no longer supported as of June 2020. Should this update require any modifications to your current meters we will let you know in advance and schedule accordingly.

We have had quite a few leaks in service lines that have been repaired and most recently one main line leak on Smullen Ave. that we repaired on Tuesday January 21st, the water lost was estimated to be about 750,000 gallons.



As a final note from the DPW we have a crew member retirement coming up in June of this year and will be interviewing candidates for a possible replacement.

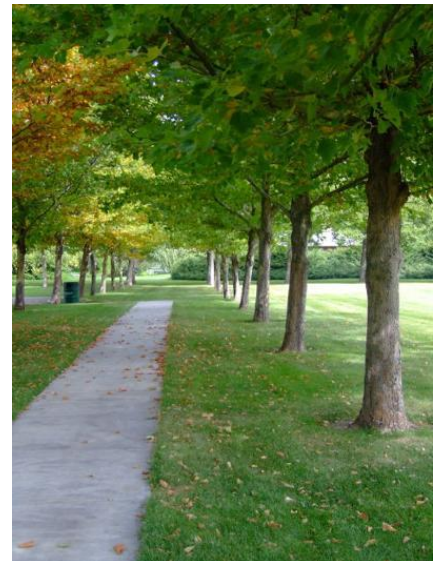
Bill Foster
Village DPW Supervisor



CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Your Village Code Officer has been busy conducting Fire Safety Inspections along with building permit inspections and approvals.

I am happy to say that the sidewalk owners on the west side of the Village have removed all the low hanging branches that were in violation last fall. The village code does state:



154-5 Height requirements:

It shall be unlawful for any person to suffer or permit the limbs or foliage of any tree or shrub on his property to extend over any sidewalk of the Village at a height less than 10 feet from the ground or over the street or alley at a height less than 15 feet.

Once spring arrives we will start assessing the sidewalks on the west side of the Village to insure that our residents have clear and safe walkways heading into the nice weather season.



If you are using wood, coal or pellet stoves to heat your residence, the stove must have been inspected by the Code Officer after it was installed. If you are not sure of the stoves inspection status please

contact the Code Office to check. If there is no record of inspection on file we can make an appointment to inspect as it's for your safety and to insure that you have no issues with you homeowners' insurance coverage. Also any new furnace i.e.: propane, fuel oil etc. needs to be inspected as well after installation.

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:

It was so nice to see everyone at Holiday Magic! We hope everyone that braved the weather enjoyed the festivities around the Village!

Just a few reminders this month.....

We have new book and movie titles appearing all the time so if you have something in mind stop in or give us a shout and we'll see if we have it for your reading/viewing pleasure. You can also place holds on titles by going to <https://tsmlibrary.org/> and entering the title or clicking go under catalog search. We can also place holds for you from the library.

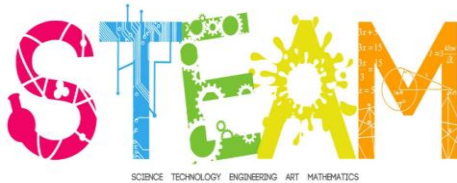
Through our being a part of the *Finger Lakes Library System* we provide access to numerous databases such as JobNow, genealogy and family research and Tumble Books for kids. These can be used at home or on the Library's public computers. You can download e-books and e-audiobooks through the *Libby at the Library App* or *OverDrive* at www.flls.org. You can borrow materials from the 33 libraries that make up the system. Best of all, all of these services are **free!** So stop by some time and visit us we have something for everyone to enjoy!





We continue to hold **LEGO Club** the **first Wednesday of the month** and **S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT** the **third**

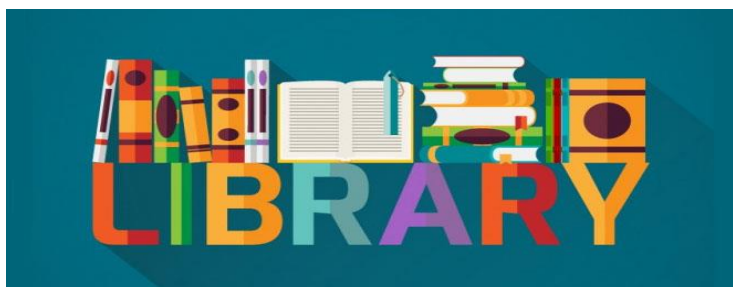
Wednesday. Both are in the Noble Room at 6:30 PM. Tioga County 4-H brings us S.T.E.A.M. related activities and we have a fun time learning about science, technology, engineering, arts and math. We have lots and lots of LEGOs for our participants to choose from as they build theme related creations to display in the library.



The library is open

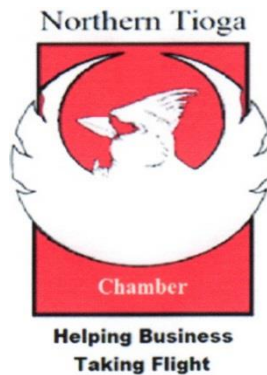
Tuesdays 10:00 AM- 8:00 PM,
Wednesdays 2:00 PM-8:00 PM,
Thursdays 3: 00 PM-8:00 PM
Saturdays 9: 00 AM- 1:00 PM.

Stop on by! We look forward to seeing you ☺



TAPPAN-SPAULDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY
6 Rock Street, Newark Valley NY 13811
607-642-9960
<https://tsmlibrary.org/>

NORTHERN TIOGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:



Happy New Year! The Northern Tioga Chamber extends wishes for a safe and happy 2020, full of love and peace. We have the following to report:

Welcome Wagon - During 2019, six people received baskets (five in Newark Valley, one in Berkshire), and so far in 2020 one basket was delivered in Newark Valley. The purpose of our Welcome Wagon program is to gift new home buyers in the Northern Tioga communities of Newark Valley, Berkshire and Richford with a basket of items provided by local merchants, to welcome them to the area and introduce them to local businesses. Community supervisors are encouraged to submit the names of new homeowners to the chamber so we can provide them with this 'welcome' basket. And area businesses are encouraged to provide a supply of 'gift' items (pens, notebooks, discount coupons. etc.) to be included in the baskets. Check with the chamber for more info on this program.



Memory Lane Movie Night!
Saturday, November 23 - The Chamber held the second monthly movie night at the Noble Room in the NV Municipal Bldg. The movie was **The Great Rupert aka "A Christmas Wish"** a musical comedy starring Jimmy Durante, Tom Drake and Terry Moore. Popcorn, cookies and egg nog were available.

Our next presentation is scheduled for **Saturday February 29th at 6:30** in the Noble Room of the NV Municipal. We will be screening ***The Little Princess*** starring Shirley Temple. Sit back and enjoy sipping on a "Shirley Temple" cocktail (non-alcoholic) while enjoying one of the late actress classic movies.



Holiday Magic On Saturday, December 14th the Chamber hosted the 14th Annual Holiday Magic celebration in Newark Valley. This event took



place on the Village Green and in the Newark Valley Municipal Bldg. Some highlights included:

Inside - a gingerbread house display, basket raffles, music and goodies in the Noble Room, and a Holiday Fair in the ambulance bays, including holiday shopping with vendors, and Santa visiting with the kids.

Outside - Christmas caroling by local churches and school groups, decorated and brightly lit Christmas trees on the Village Green, and a live Nativity. The Tappan Spaulding Library hosted an Open House, with a free book giveaway for visiting kids.

Tailgate Kickoff - On Monday, January 20th the Chamber held its annual get-together to recap



the previous year and discuss plans for the New Year. At this

event, Charles Davis, Richford Town Supervisor, was presented with a check for \$500 to be used for ongoing development of a paved walking path at Rawley Park. This represented shared profits that the Chamber raised during the Holiday Magic event.



Mer Barrett, NTCC President, presents check to Charles Davis at annual Tailgate Kickoff event.

Also at this event - Angela Randall was awarded "2019 Director of The Year" for her outstanding contributions and service to the Chamber this past year.

The Chamber is committed to supporting business and community projects in the Northern Tioga area.

Future Events Planned... **NORTHERN TIOGA DIRECTORY** - The Chamber is considering compiling a directory of all area businesses, churches and organizations. This will be a huge undertaking, but when it's complete it will be a handy source to locate and contact these entities. Distribution of the directory TBD. We'll keep you posted as we proceed.

The Northern Tioga Chamber meets the 2nd 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
Thank you for supporting the Northern Tioga
Chamber!

Respectfully,
Mer

Mer Barrett, President
Mer.northerntiogachamber@gmail.com
(607) 778-9239



NV HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Feb. 2

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.



Black Powder
"Groundhog" Shoot
Feb. 2, 12-4 PM
@ BP Range
Public Welcome



Feb. 8

Shuttles & Spindles Guild:

10-2 @ Noble Room in PO Bldg.
View Guild's library, learn to spin on the
Great Wheel. BYO lunch, \$10 annual
dues. New members welcome!
Denise: (607) 642-5568.

Feb. 15

Cooking/Guides Guild:

10-2 @ Noble Room in PO Bldg.
TBA.

March 14

Shuttles & Spindles Guild:

10-2 @ Noble Room in PO Bldg. Weave and
learn about the Lucet.
BYO lunch. New members welcome!
Denise: (607) 642-5568,
sdarboxc@frontier.com.



April 11

Shuttles & Spindles Guild:

10-2 @ Noble Room in PO Bldg. Bring your
mini loom to show if you can.
Make a penny pocket on a
cardboard loom. BYO lunch & bev.
Denise: (607) 642-5568.

April 17

Folk Art Series--Speaker, Iroquois Beadwork; Display of Historic & Contemporary Work:

Friday, 7-8:30 PM @ Welcome Center with
Dolores Elliott, researcher, collector. Free.

April 18

Folk Art Series-- Iroquois Beaded Scissors Case:

10 AM-4:30 PM @ Welcome Ctr. *with Mohawk Wilma Cook Zumpano.*
\$40/\$35 NVHS members. Materials provided. Project a must-have for beading, needlework. BYO lunch. Scholarships available.

Register by 4/1: (607) 427-8373.



April 18

Cooking/Guides Guild:

10-2 @ Farmstead. Lesson: fire building; make soup on hearth; clean and set the house, check stored costumes.

April 18

Blacksmith Guild:

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



April 25

**Folk Art Series—
Felted Festive Mask:**

10 AM-4 PM @ Welcome Center *with Denise Tarbox, fiber artist.*
\$35/\$30 NVHS members.

Materials provided. Be ready for the next festive event! Wet & needle felting; wool, silk. Color choices. BYO lunch. Scholarships available.

Register by 4/15: (607) 427-8373.

April 25

Hike to Black Burial Ground:

10 AM @ Farmstead, 11 AM @ Oakley Corners State Forest. \$3; RSVP by 4/18: Ed Nizalowski: (607) 642-8075.

April 30

Annual Meeting & Dinner:

6 PM @ NV Fire Station. Bring a dish to pass. Speaker: Dr. Charles Yapple, author of *Jacob's Land: Revolutionary War Soldiers, Schemers, Scoundrels and the Settling of New York's Frontier.*

May 2

Folk Art Series-- Tin Ceiling Tile:

9 AM-4:30 PM @ Welcome Center *with Sue Camin, multi-media artist.*
\$40/\$35 NVHS members.

Materials provided. Make embossed, decorative 11" square wall panel. BYO lunch. Scholarships available.

Register by 4/23: (607) 427-8373.



Happy Spring Everyone!

Newark Valley Historical Society

nvhistory@stny.rr.com

(607) 642-9516

nvhistory.org

TIOGA COUNTY RURAL MINISTRY:



TCRM Expands Services

I will always remember working with a family with young children who were facing their electricity to be shut off. My name is **Paul Kunik** and I am the newly hired **Northern Tioga Outreach Worker for the Tioga County Rural Ministry (TCRM)**. It was late October and the weather was too cold to go without heat in the house. It was very gratifying to know that TCRM was using me to help this family as well as others in the underserved population in Northern Tioga County. With TCRM's mission of service to the sick, poor, and elderly in Tioga County, I was hired specifically to help families in emergency financial need for Northern Tioga (Richford, Berkshire and Newark Valley). This part time position complements my other part time position as Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Berkshire. I have a heart for Christian Service and for those in need. Having lived in N. Tioga for close to 50 years I have come to know many of the residents and the ins and outs of our part of the county. Knowing that by working for TCRM I can be even more involved in the community and be a part of helping those facing financial hardship is a blessing to me as I through TCRM could bless others. Thank you, TCRM, for giving me this opportunity. And that family I mentioned? They did not have their power shut off.

Do you or someone you know **need emergency financial help?** Please come and see me.

Office Hours

Berkshire Community Hall:

Monday 3:30 - 7:30, Thursday 2 - 4

Newark Valley Municipal Building:

Monday 9am -2, Tuesday 9am - 1

Richford, Hubbard Resource Center:

Wednesday 9am - 2

Appointments are helpful but not necessary.

Paul Kunik

Northern Tioga Outreach Worker

Tioga County Rural Ministry

Phone: 607-972-9089

Web Site: tcrm.org/

HOPE CEMETERY:



The trustees of the Hope Cemetery would like to remind folks to remove the winter weary plants, flowers and decorations from the cemetery as the weather allows.

We've had to do some major trimming and removing of branches after the "microburst" this past summer and will be doing general cleanup in the upcoming months in preparation for Memorial Day. We will be holding several services over the Memorial Day weekend, so we want the cemetery to look its best. Please help us provide a well-kept and inviting cemetery that visitors can be proud to say their loved ones are laid to rest in.

Hope Cemetery Board of Trustees

Village of NV:



April 22, 1912 – Proposal to establish an electric light plant and system to supply the village with electric light, heat and power. Proposal defeated 87/83.

December 15, 1913 - Proposal for municipal electric light system for Village presented again. Special election to be held December 23, 1913. This time the vote was in favor of the electric light system 107/63. Cost was not to exceed \$13,000.

First National Bank won the bid for all 26 bonds of \$500 issued to raise the \$13,000.

January 1, 1918 - Motion made and carried that the street lights be shut off at 9:00pm on moonlit nights.



In observance of Good Friday the Village Office will be closed Friday April 10th 2020

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

Happy New Year!

We hope that 2020 is a great year for everyone as we head into the spring 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

