

THE VILLAGE NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY

October 2020

Mayor's Message

Hello Everyone,

Nature has allowed us sensational turning of color from Summer to Autumn. Our Valley and Southern Tier is allowing us sites of vibrancy and sensible weather. Stoughton Farm Corn Maze, abbreviated school sessions and hopefully a bit of return to normalcy. Your Village continues to move forward.

Recycling

At this writing Tioga County Legislature is considering local law update to revise curb side recycle mandates. Heretofore; Tioga County has contracted Private Trash Haulers (Taylor Garbage, bid winner) to weekly curb side pickup and delivery to a transfer station. This current County contract will cease in late December of 2020. The new Local law in consideration transfers recycling responsibility to individuals or trash haulers. In all likely hood at January 2021 your trash hauler will be



responsible for recycling to a transfer station. Currently, those transfer stations are in Town of Barton and Glenmary Drive in Town of Owego. I am not describing why this is occurring; as the costs have more than doubled; a real consideration of tax cap issue for our County.

Your Village is working with Taylor Garbage and Tioga County to determine proper operating costs, tonnage totals and other matters so we may determine the most efficient way to take on this duty. This is too premature in the process to supply much data to our community at this time. We have less than three months to consider and decide. Village charge to public will be a line on our current quarterly Water, Solid Waste invoices. More information to follow.

Rate Review

On Monday evening September 28th the established Village

subcommittee listened to certain Village taxpayers concerning our Water Department charges. The current rates were determined during and after the Reservoir and Distribution System installation. Information to follow at an appropriate time.



Municipal Building Window Restoration

NYS has signed the contract for the restoration process to proceed; it is now a work in progress.

Nine Brook Street Demolition

Numerous Slosson Creek flooding of this home-initiated funding by FEMA. The funding agent deemed demolition as the least expensive solution. It is unknown when exactly this will happen; due to property purchase, bids and some actions beyond our control. We will keep you in the loop.

Other Information

Your Village Trustees authorized purchase of new Truck replacing our 2008 Chevy. We look toward October month end for truck delivery.

We wish for all of you, a safe journey

Jim Tornatore
Mayor, Village of Newark Valley



CLERK'S REPORT:

Hello All,
I hope this newsletter finds everyone staying well. It certainly has been an unusual year, I

personally have missed gatherings with friends, live music, and festivals. But have truly enjoyed the simple things; walks in the woods, evenings around a fire, taking drives to lakes & waterfalls. We live in such a beautiful area. The slowdown has allowed me to enjoy the beauty around us and my loved ones just a little more. I hope you were able to find the positive in this situation as well.



Village property taxes are due in the office by Monday,

November 2nd^t. Any unpaid taxes will be sent to the County in November and assessed to your Town taxes in January. Please remember no partial payments are allowed on taxes.

Our Village election was held September 15th. This was the election that was originally scheduled for March but was



postponed due to the COVID shutdown. Please join me in congratulating Cliff Alexander and John Tomazin. Both were re-elected as Village Trustees each for a four-year term. Congratulations gentlemen!

We received our Fiscal Stress score for the year 2019 provided by the State Comptroller Office. This score is to identify municipalities who are under fiscal stress. Scores are as followed: Significant - point range is 65-100, Moderate – 55-64.9, Susceptible – 45-54.9,

and No designation – 0-44.9. We scored a 1.7 with No designation for the third year in a row. This is the best possible designation.

As the Mayor has mentioned, this Village office is currently working on and administrating several projects, 9 Brook St. – acquisition and demolition; potential changes to recycling, Municipal Building window restoration, water system rate review along with beginning of budget season very soon. If you are interested in keeping up with Village news and activities in the local area, watch our Village website and Facebook page.

Wishing you all a wonderful fall!!
Stay healthy!

Pam Benthin
Village Clerk



PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

As of the 14th of October, the bathrooms at the Trout Ponds Park have been closed for the season, please plan accordingly for your next visit. General grounds maintenance and beautification of the park continues with repair to the gazebo roof, removal of down trees and branches, as well as regular mowing

while the nice weather lasts. You will notice on your next visit that the fence at the entrance of the park has been renewed with all the damaged boards having been replaced and a fresh coat of paint applied. The Boy Scout Eagle Project at the Trout Ponds is nearing completion, hopefully residents will be able to enjoy the fitness trail before winter sets in. I want to thank local business, Scott's Lawn Care for the tree he purchased and planted at the park to provide future shade for visitors.

The DPW and Water Department's new employee *Matt Seamans*, has been continuing with on the job-training as well as working towards getting his water operator license and CDL license. Matt is being trained and working towards obtaining all the necessary certifications/licenses so that he can take over as the DPW Supervisor when I retire, but don't fret, I'm not leaving right away as the necessary water operator license can take up to two years to obtain. 👍

The water department has been busy with gathering samples for multiple required water tests and have received the results, all of which are well below Department of Health & DEC standards. We are still working on the electric issues at the well house located on Whig Street, NYSE&G has had issues supplying good constant regulated power to this site. In effort to prevent damage to the well pump

and components and to keep the wells operating 'business as usual' we have been running this well via generator while NYSE&G works to correct the problem.



The sanitation department is in an unknown currently with the news of recycling being discontinued by the county. We are looking into ways for the Village to take over and continue this service to our residents and what the costs will be. At this time, I have no more information but hope to find out more soon and will keep residents up to date.

Bill Foster
Village DPW Supervisor



2020 BRUSH AND LEAVES COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Brush
November 3rd

Leaves
November 4th



CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Building permit requests have halted, which is typical for this time of year when folks are enjoying that last bit of summer and then tackling the arrival of back to school season and the holidays.

Construction continues on Water Street as the former laundromat is transformed into a future diner, all inspections so far have gone well, and we look forward to the addition of a new business in the center of the Village.

Now that fall has arrived please do not rake leaves into the road as that will plug the drains, creating a hazardous situation when a heavy rainstorm sets in. The DPW is providing one last brush and leaves collection at the beginning of November, please take advantage of it and let them haul your leaves away. With the beginning of winter just ahead, please remember to keep the sidewalks clear after every snow fall and try to keep the fire hydrants clear for the fire department.



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:

The Tappan-Spauldning Memorial Library is delighted to be providing services for the community once again! Although we are not open to the public at this time, we are providing curbside pickup on Tuesdays from 4pm-8pm and Saturdays from 9am-1pm. In order to place holds on items to pick-up, you can access the online library catalog on our website, call the library at 607-642-9960 during open hours, or email director@tsmlibrary.org. Detailed tutorials on how to place holds can be found online at <http://www.flls.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/How-to-Place-Holds-During-Curbside-Services.pdf>. There are also copies of this tutorial available at Hollenbeck's Shurfine Grocery Store and in

the lobby of the Municipal Building, as well as posted on the front doors of the library.

If you're staying home as much as possible, self-

quarantining, or would just rather read ebooks or listen to audiobooks,

you can download the Libby

app (<https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>)

or Overdrive app (<https://app.overdrive.com/>).



We do not yet know when we will be open to the public but hope that it will be soon! As always, our wi-fi is available 24/7 for use outside the library. We are not currently accepting book donations. To stay updated on our changes, visit our website at <https://tsmlibrary.org/> or follow us on Facebook.

We would love to hear your feedback! If there is anything that could be improved with curbside pick-up, hours that would work better, or any other suggestions, please send an email, drop a note in the bookdrop, or give us a call! Thank you for your patience as we navigate through this unprecedented time.

Erin Chapman
Library Director



NORTHERN TIOGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

The Northern Tioga Chamber is proud to be a part of the Northern Tioga community and continues to look for ways to

help our business members during this time of closure and/or limited capacity for customers, due to the corona virus pandemic. We encourage your support of our local businesses through this unprecedented time.

While many events throughout NY State and Tioga County have been canceled, the Northern Tioga Chamber has continued to stay busy in providing support, wherever possible, to our community. Here are a few of the things the chamber has been working on:

E-Blast

Since 2017 the chamber has been publishing a weekly E-Blast on every Friday morning at 9 AM to all those who subscribe. What is an E-Blast? The E-Blast is an email that is sent out containing events that are happening in our general area of Northern Tioga County and surrounding communities. We also alternate ads for our business members to support and keep our local businesses in the forefront of our minds when thinking about shopping or dining in the area. We ask our members and local organizations to send us their upcoming events so that we can post them in our E-Blast. We currently have over 170 subscribers! The subscription is free and you

can subscribe by going to our website at <https://www.northerntiogachamber.org/> and clicking on the "Subscribe to Our Weekly Eblast" button. You can unsubscribe at any time in the event you no longer wish to receive the email. To send us information about an upcoming event, please send the information in the form of a pdf or jpg file to: ntcceblast@gmail.com. We request that you send the information at least 1 week before the event, remembering that the E-Blast is sent out on Friday mornings.

Welcome Baskets

So far in 2020, fifteen new residents have received baskets in the area with more being scheduled for delivery. The purpose of our Welcome Basket 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.

Northern Tioga Business Directory

The Chamber is busily compiling a directory of all area businesses, churches, and organizations. This is a huge undertaking and has been delayed due to the pandemic. When it is complete it will be a handy source to locate and contact these entities.

Distribution of the directory TBD. We will keep you posted as we proceed.

NV Fireworks



We wish to say a Big THANK YOU to all who came out to support our efforts to raise money for this year's fireworks display on July 25th! Thank you to Ed and Holly Hollenbeck, who allowed the Chamber to have the Fireworks display up on their property. The display was excellent and allowed everyone to view from a safe distance. Thank you also to WEBO radio, who provided patriotic music to coincide with the fireworks and the Newark Valley Fire Department for standing by.

Scholarship for NVHS Seniors

An Open-Air Vendor Fair as well as a Doug's Fish Fry Bake Sale were held to raise money for our Scholarship Fund that will be awarded to a graduating Senior, who plans on attending college after graduation. Thank you to all who came out to support these events. We are pleased that our goals were reached. Applications for the Scholarship are available at the Newark Valley Central School and at the Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce.

Business Information Open House

The Chamber hosted a Business Information Open House that was held on September 23rd. In attendance were Rural Development,

SUNY Broome Entrepreneur Assistance, SCORE, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Tioga County Economic Development and NBT Bank. The evening was full of exciting, useful information for businesses of all sizes and those thinking of starting a business. If your business needs any of these services, please contact the Chamber and we will put you in touch with the right people. Thank you all for attending! More of these will be held in the future.

Welcome New Chamber Members!

We would like to welcome our newest members to the Chamber and ask that you support their businesses.

Velvet Lyke – Pampered Chef
pchefvelvet@htva.net

Doris Holcomb – Caskey's Creations
doriscaskey@gmail.com

Dana & Charles Ouellette – Two Sparrows Farm, LLC
info@twosparrows.com

Paula Carter, John Rockwood – Rockwood Fur
rockwoodfur@gmail.com

Christine Phillips – Lula Roe Christine Phillips
lularoechrisphillips@aol.com

Future Events Planned...



Holiday Magic – December 12th, 2020

We continue to plan for this year's Holiday Magic event, scheduled for December. We are looking into some new ideas for this year's event. Stay tuned as we continue our planning and upcoming announcements.

Your Invited

The
Northern
Tioga
Chamber
meets the
2nd



Thursday of each month. We invite you to attend our meetings and welcome your participation and input. Please check our website for location, date, and time at northerntiogachamber.org You can contact the chamber office at northerntiogachamber@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the Northern Tioga Chamber!

Respectfully,
Crystal

Crystal Cross, Secretary/Treasurer
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(607) 972-3758



TILLERS & TOILERS GARDEN

CLUB:

The Tillers & Toilers Garden Club would like to express our appreciation for all the public support we received for the Garden Tour as well as the Raffle & Bake Sale this last August. Fundraisers like the Tour help us with the cost of upkeep

on the landscape around the Village Green, Library & Municipal Building gardens. We did very well thanks to our local gardeners who opened their gardens & those who participated in the Tour.

Next on our schedule, we will be decorating the Village Green for Christmas & celebrating the holidays at some point after Thanksgiving. If you are interested in becoming a member of the T&T's, our annual membership is \$10. You can contact Mary Ellen Odom at 657-8171 and make arrangements. Thank you all again for your wonderful support.

*Sincerely,
The Tillers & Toilers*



NEWARK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The NV Historical Society received a grant last fall from the Floyd "Vic" Hooker Youth Fund through the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers to improve the driving lanes both for the Farmstead and the soccer fields. This was a joint effort for both of our organizations. On the south entrance we dug down about 4", laid down



road fabric and applied stone right up to the highway. On the north entrance we just did stone. For the driving lane that runs parallel to Route 38, we took off the sod, laid fabric, and dropped gravel for about 100 yards. We also put in a gravel pad for the dumpster.

Soccer club workers laid stone in a triangular pattern coming off the normal entry across from the Farmstead. Two soccer club members donated about \$300 worth of road fabric. We got a good price break from Lopke Contracting and were able to acquire 480 tons of gravel. Fred Kiechle, Jr., helped out for a day, and Bob Danneker helped for three days. Skip Williams and his tractor helped both the Society and the soccer club. Kurt Brennan loaned us his dump truck which was very helpful. Next year we will have less mud on our boots and less concern for school buses getting stuck when children arrive for school tours.

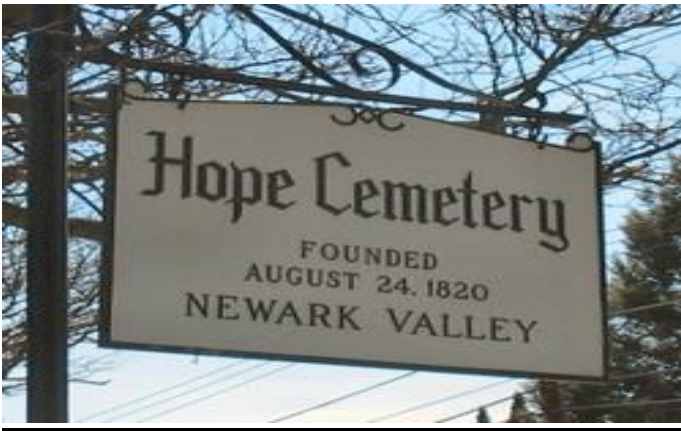
The Newark Valley Historical Society recently completed a grant funded through the generosity of the *Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation*. A covered shed attached to our Loom Barn was in need of reconstruction. At the suggestion of our fiber arts guild, Shuttles and Spindles, about half of the area has been enclosed. This will allow more space for school tours and to display and

demonstrate various aspects of the fiber arts: processing natural material, spinning, weaving and dyeing. Next to the herb garden the guild created a small area for plants that are used for dyeing.



Members of the Shuttles & Spindles Guild started meeting again, outdoors, in July. They held a business meeting, with social distancing. August's meeting was a presentation on silk, and September's workshop was on Japanese Indigo dyeing. They are thrilled with the Loom Barn's addition that Seth Tarbox built. He replicated the fastener inside the new door to match the one that Rollie Noble made for the other door. The guild intends to pay for materials for the Blacksmith Guild to replicate the exterior hardware to match, as well.

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



HOPE CEMETERY:

This year marks 200 years of operation for Hope Cemetery and the old girl looks pretty good. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to the good Samaritan that cut up and removed more trees and branches that came down around the cemetery grounds during the late summer storms, your assistance was greatly appreciated!

Summer has come to an end and it is time to remove the faded flowers and any tattered decorations in an effort to make mowing easier and get us ready for the coming winter months.

As always, we thank you all for your assistance with these requests, and appreciate your cooperation, we have one of the best kept cemeteries in the area and hope to keep it that way.

Hope Cemetery Board of Trustees



TIOGA COUNTY RURAL MINISTRY:

Tioga County Rural Ministry is pleased to announce that Paul Kunik, Northern Tioga Outreach Worker, is returning to work effective October 13, 2020. Paul had to take a leave of absence in March but is looking forward to once again be able to offer emergency financial assistance to those in need for Tioga County Residents living in Newark Valley, Richford, and Berkshire. Due to the corona virus there will not be open office hours, but Paul will be available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday by phone to answer financial assistance requests. Requests can also be made Monday through Friday by calling the Owego office. TCRM is aware that the pandemic has created financial hardship for many in Tioga County and we want you to know we are here to help.

Paul: 607-972-9089 Email: pkunik@tcrm.org

Owego Office: 607-687-3021

Web Site: www.tcrm.org/

Tioga County Rural Ministry



PROJECT NEIGHBOR of NV:

Project Neighbor Food Pantry has found a new home! A home that is totally Handicap accessible meaning.....no more stairs for residents or volunteers! Yay!

Starting Tuesday, October 6th, we will be located in the old NV School Admin building at 79 Whig Street. As you face the building, from the street, we will be in the front right-hand corner of the building. Feel free to park in the parking lot on the right-hand side of the building and enter through the side entrance.

Some of you may not have been aware but *Project Neighbor* coordinates a food pantry for Newark Valley residents right here in the Village. Every one of us has been affected by COVID in some form or manner this year and if your facing decisions between buying food or paying bills know that Project Neighbor is here to help alleviate some of that stress. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4pm or call 642-3339 to arrange a different pick up time.

As with all public spaces, please continue to wear you mask when arriving. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our new location!

Project Neighbor Volunteers



After a prolonged absence due to COVID supply restraints, the Village Welcome Signs have RETURNED!!! And they look better than ever!!

We give much thanks to Sharon Wild, from *A Wild Sign Co.* for her passion, love, and diligence over the repairs of these magnificent signs.

After years of New York's at times, harsh seasons, and last year's theft and vandalism of the North Border sign, refurbishment was much needed. Going forward both signs will be monitored in hopes neither will ever suffer the fate of last year's vandalism.

If you have not noticed them yet, stop and take a look the next time you are entering into the Village Limits, they truly are works of art!



In observance of Veterans Day, the Village Offices will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11th

We would like to say Thank You to every Active Duty Service Member and every Veteran reading this newsletter, we thank you and your families for your service and your sacrifices.

To celebrate all that we are thankful for, the Village Offices will be closed on Thursday Nov. 26th and Friday Nov. 27th.

This year has been challenging, we hope that everyone can take a moment to look around & find at the very least, one thing that makes you feel grateful, thankful, and blessed this season.



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

As 2020 winds down to an end and we all prepare for the holidays and hopefully a better 2021, we would like to wish you a peacefully fall, and joyous holidays filled with family, friends and good cheer.

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 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