

VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY NEWS

May 2021

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Mayor's Message

9 Park St. 642-8686 vonvmayor@stny.rr.com

Hello everyone,

Soon, we expect purchase and demolition of Nine Brook Street process to begin. This FEMA funded project has a number of steps to hurdle before the “walls come tumbling down”. Our Village Clerk/Treasurer Pam Benthin is spending many hours administrating through the submittals and authorizations to complete. Our Coughlin & Gerhart Attorney is stewarding the legalese to assure complete due diligence. We will update as the project continues.

Our Preservation Planners Crawford & Stearns will soon supply the time line for Village Municipal Building Window Restoration. Our very specific Bid (RFP) Process will begin soon. Once Contractors supply their costs; Architect and Board will decide the project scope; primarily, the number of (hopefully all) windows for restoration. Your Village Board plans to contain cost to the amount of funding authorizations plus the already committed set

aside in Building Reserve. Yes, this project has been in our pipeline for a number of years. The “how to complete” and “fiscal” scrutiny has been reviewed and improved and approved by our Trustee talents. We will update as the project continues.

Our Village Office is once again now fully staffed and ready for awaiting opportunities. You may know that in early 2020 thru attrition staff was reduced. It did seem to be a term fix with “work from home”, alternating days in Office with pandemic. Eventually, workflow and time sensitive issues resulted in the obvious; Trustees authorized for a full Office Staffing. I believe Pam will update all to our new hire.

Well, 104.5” of snow later; Public Works is mowing, street sweeping, cleaning up, opening Bike Park and Trout Ponds; because that is what they do. For those fans of the Pennysaver “Readers Column” we do appreciate Building and Maintenance Code Enforcement. Enforcement is more difficult when much snow is around us and matters go unseen. Your Trustees and Mayor wish to hear those Code matters important to you. CEO Bill Foster at times, requests the Village to hire and begin to train a new person for that function. We will update as this opportunity continues.

Your Village Fiscal Year ended February 2021. Soon our external auditors will begin their fiduciary review. They will see a valid Balance Sheet. Our Office supplies the NYS mandated AUD offering our tell all for Comptrollers review. Our fiscal stress indicator at February 2020 was 1.7 measurement; meaning “great shape”. We expect the same for February 2021. Just so you know.

Your Village Public Works, Village Office and Board wish for you all, a Safe and Pleasant Spring

Jim Tornatore
Mayor, Village of Newark Valley



CLERK'S OFFICE:

9 Park Street 642-8686 vofnv@stny.rr.com
Mon.-Thurs: 9am - 5pm Fridays: 9am - Noon

Happy Spring Everyone!

After our very snowy winter, I'm sure everyone's ready to be outside and enjoy a beautiful spring and summer!

Please join me in welcoming Sarah Rudin to the Village Office! Sarah joined us in the

middle of March at the height of tax and water bill collection. Sarah brings with her years of office and customer service experience. Please feel free to stop by and meet the newest member of the Village team.

Speaking of tax collection. If you have not paid your Villages taxes yet, we are continuing to collect through October. Penalties will be assessed each month. Taxes can be paid in person at the Village office, placed in the drop box located just outside the office door, sent in by mail, or paid by credit/debit card on our website <http://villagenv.com/online-payments/> (note processing fees apply).

We would like to congratulate the newest Eagle Scout in the Village, John Boldis.

John designed and built a fitness trail around the Trout Ponds Park. The trail is one mile long with 5 different fitness stations.

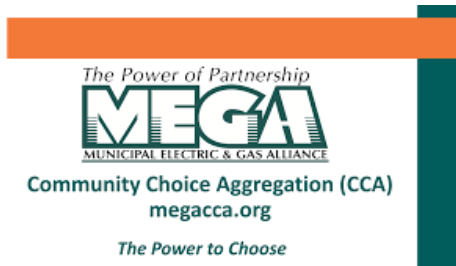
Each

station has a sign with instructions for the exercise to be performed. This is a welcome addition to our park and can be used by people of many different fitness levels. So, head on down to the Trout Ponds and try it out. Congratulations on your



accomplishment John!! Thank you from your Village!!

The Village has once again enrolled in a CCA (Community Choice Aggregation) electricity



program through MEGA. This program's electricity rate for a two-year

period beginning July 2021 will be fixed at \$0.04716. The is an opt-out program. Residents who have opted out in the past will not have to opt out again. The Board enrolled in the program in an effort to help residents with fluctuating energy costs.

The Village staff has been keeping busy with fiscal year end tasks. We are preparing our Annual Update Document (similar to your tax return), preparing for our annual audit by our CPA firm and submitting annual reports. The Village Office & Public Works staff completed our annual required sexual harassment training. We are working on the 9 Brook St. Acquisition and Demolition project through FEMA, this is a 100% reimbursement project. We are also preparing for the Municipal Building Window Restoration Project RFP process to begin later this year.

I hope everyone has a wonderful spring!

Pam Benthin
Village Clerk



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

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Wow what a winter we had, and it kept hanging on till the very end. The DPW is happy to report that the plows and sanders have finally been removed and we are happy to be readying the mowers for this spring and summer season.



By the time you receive this, pavement milling on Maple Ave. and Silk Street will have been completed and the paving will be just wrapping up. We will be scheduling to have new stop lines and center lines repainted on both streets and up Elm Street by the school where they have faded.

As announced in the last newsletter the DPW has started to pick up brush and leaves every Tuesday and will continue to do so until November 2nd (unless mother nature has other plans), this new collection schedule is working well so far and is helping keep the amount of brush on the streets down and is taking less of our time to complete. Reminder, the brush cannot be longer than 6 feet and must be stacked next to the road before 6:00am so we can get an early start before the morning traffic.

The Town and Village Spring Cleanup event took place April 30th/May 1st and was quite successful. Even with the new hours, we still had a good number of people cleaning up from around the village.

One last reminder, if you are signed up for Village garbage collection service, please have your cans to the curb by 6:00am Monday mornings, we start early to avoid school bus traffic and folks heading out to work. If your residence is missed, please call 642-8700 and leave us a message letting us know.

Bill Foster
Village DPW Supervisor



CODE ENFORCEMENT:

9 Park St. 642-8686 vonvcode@stny.rr.com

April showers bring May flowers, and plenty of green grass! Now that spring has finally



sprung, please remember the Village has a lawn height requirement

of no more than 6 inches. If your grass exceeds the limit and is not mowed by the given date in your violation notice the Village DPW will be required to mow and as the property owner, you will be billed for time and equipment used. Also please know, that you are not allowed to mow grass clippings into the road, this plugs drains, causes road flooding and is a safety hazard to bicyclists and motorcyclists alike.

In the months going forward I will be working on completing required Fire Safety Inspections of apartment houses/complexes within the Village. If you have an apartment house/complex and have not had an inspection in the last 2 years, know that I will be stopping by. If you have limited availability and can only meet at certain times, please contact the office so we can schedule your inspection.

All pools and decks, along with sheds and any other structure you are building, require a permit before construction commences.

Every project requires different types of inspections,



you will be informed of those that are needed when your permit application is approved, it is your responsibility to contact the code office as each stage of your project is completed to schedule the appropriate inspection. If you have questions regarding inspections or permit requirements you can email: vonvcode@stny.rr.com or call the office.

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

Bill Foster
Code Enforcement Officer



TAPPAN SPAULDING LIBRARY:

6 Rock St. 642-9960 director@tsmlibrary.org

Tappan-Spaulling Memorial Library is excited to slowly be returning to "normal", or at least our new version of normal! We are thrilled to share some new and exciting things happening over the next few months!

Re-Opening

Our current hours are Tuesday 2-6pm and Saturday 9am-1pm. Beginning the week of May 10th, we will be back open 25 hours a week! The hours are still being worked out, but you may rest assured that there will be a variety of morning, afternoon, and evening hours to choose from. The new hours will be posted on our website, Facebook, and Instagram as well as on flyers posted at the Post Office and Hollenbeck's. Occupancy is still limited to a few patrons at a time. Computers and

restrooms are still unavailable for now. Masks must be worn in the building. If you can't wear a mask for medical reasons, we are happy to bring materials out to you!

Book Sale

We're trying something new with the book sale this year. Instead of one big sale on one set date, we're holding a book sale in the library during open hours. The books are lined up along the windows, on carts, and anywhere there is space!

Books are replenished as needed

and there are plenty to choose from - adult fiction and non-fiction, children's picture books, chapter books, and non-fiction, YA books, large-print, and clean reads! We're asking for a small donation in exchange for the books. Stop in and check it out!



**We are not accepting book donations currently. We are in the process of clearing out our very small storage area. Please do not leave books for donation on the front steps or in the drop box! We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity, but we just don't have the space at this time. **

Story Hour

We have received grant money to host a monthly Story Hour. This will be aimed at kiddos 0-4yrs old. The first date is to be determined and the logistics are still being worked out. It looks like it will take place on a weekday morning and will be held outside (for now) for space and safety reasons. Spots will be limited, and registration is required in order to keep the groups small. More details coming very soon! Again, all new information will be posted on our website, social media, and on flyers around the village. Stay tuned!

Summer Reading



We're starting to plan our Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is "Tails and Tales". We'll kick off the summer by having stuffed animals up for adoption. Kids can read to their adopted animal and log the minutes in a special booklet. That's just the beginning! We're hoping to have a mix of some live and in person presenters and some take-and-make crafts. Details to come!

We'd love to hear from you! If you have an idea for a program you'd like the library to offer or assist with, suggestions for book purchases, or anything else, please let us know!

*Erin Chapman
Library Director*

*Tappan-Spaulling Memorial Library
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tsmlibrary.org*



NORTHERN TIOGA CHAMBER of COMMERCE:

northerntiogachamber@gmail.com

NV Summerfest

Music, Crafters & Vendors, a Duck Race and of course Fireworks! What more could you ask for this summer!

Summerfest is planned for **Saturday, July 31st** barring any changes to the COVID-19 protocols. Mask requirements, social distancing parameters and any other COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.



Duck Race tickets are now available, contact us today to get your ducks in row!

Once again, this year's Fireworks display will be launched from Cook Hill beginning at dusk (weather permitting) We would like to thank Ed & Holly Hollenbeck once again, for the use of their property which allows a fantastic showing of the fireworks to be had for miles around. Firework Donation jars can be found at Lambert's Attic, Annie's Place and Hollenbeck's Grocery if you would like to help make this year's fireworks even better than last.



Do you have a side-hustle or a booming business and are interested in being a Vendor? are you a Crafty Crafter and want to share your creativity with the rest of us? If so! please let us know via an email to: NVSummerfest@gmail.com and we will get you all the necessary details!

For event updates please follow along at www.facebook.com/nvsummerfest



Doug's Fish Fry

Do not miss out! Get you fish fry fix on Wednesday, August 4th from 11am – 6pm (or gone) Richford Plaza at the corner of Rte. 79 and Rte. 38.

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. You can contact the Chamber office at northerntiogachamber@gmail.com You can also follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Northern-Tioga-Chamber-of-Commerce-214431958671975>

Thank you for supporting the Northern Tioga Chamber!



Bon Voyage and Howdy-Do

We would like to welcome Director Jeremy Federici of Spook Hill Farms, as he moves into the position of Chamber President beginning June 1st.

A huge thank you, to Mer Barrett for all



you have done for the Chamber well above and beyond what the president's

role asks. Mer, your dedication, and passion will be hard to match, you will be truly missed!

Northern Tioga Chamber



TIOGA COUNTY RURAL MINISTRY:

972-908 pkunik@tcrm.org www.tcrm.org

Tioga County Rural Ministry saw an uptick this winter in requests for help with fuel bills for heat. HEAP's emergency release of funds did not come soon enough for some folks and TCRM was there to help with electric and propane expenses to keep families warm. We also sought ways to help those needing to get on better financial footing so the weight of their financial burden could be lightened. We are fortunate to have resources available in budget counseling so that the financial help we give can go beyond the monetary, to have a longer lasting benefit. Other ways we helped families in need were with mortgage and rent payments.



In the coming months some might need help, not from the cold, but from the heat, especially for

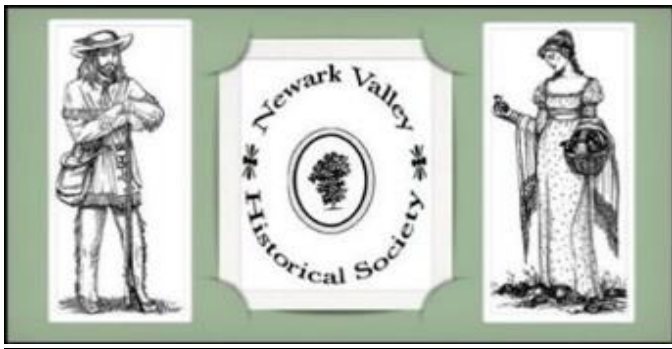
the elderly. HEAP guidelines may likely be published in late May- early June. If HEAP funds are not available for low-income families, TCRM may be able to help the vulnerable with financial aid to purchase fans or window air conditioners. (I know, snow and cold still nag us, but the heat of summer is coming.)

Another way TCRM helped folks was by sponsoring a "Spring Cleanup". TCRM has been sponsoring this event in the southern

realms of our county, but this is the first year it was sponsored in N. Tioga. The community outreach was done by volunteers of our 3 towns in their respective communities by cleaning up winter debris. On April 17th 13 volunteers from Newark Valley, Berkshire, and Richford helped 5 residents and 2 non-profits clean up yards, flower gardens, and sidewalks from tree leaves and branches that nature left from our long winter. Our goal was to help those 65 and older with this task, and the day was a blessing to all, for the homeowners and volunteers alike. We are hoping to grow the program next spring, so mark your calendars for next March to reach out to me if you need help or would like to help.

Tioga County Rural Ministry is here to help those in need in Tioga County. If you have a need, please reach out, we are here to help!

Paul Kunik
Northern Tioga Outreach Worker, TCRM



NV HISTORICAL SOCIETY

642-9516

nvhistory@stny.rr.com
www.nvhistory.org/

*****All events are subject to the COVID-19 guidelines in place at the time of the event.**

Mask requirements, social distancing parameters and gathering size thresholds will be strictly adhered to ***

SEEKING GUIDES FOR FARMSTEAD MUSEUM

The N.V. Historical Society's Guides/Cooking Guild will meet
 Saturday, **May 15** at the
Welcome Center at 10:00 AM.

This will be a planning and re-organizing meeting. Please bring your calendar, your ideas, and your mask (if you have not been vaccinated.) **BYO lunch** if you want to; we'll probably eat at the pavilion, weather permitting.

This spring there are no school tours, and the house has not been used for a year. We need to be ready for guests by June 26 (when a wedding will take place on the grounds).

On July 17 & July 18 the Rendezvous will be open to the public, and we need to be ready to provide some events for the

mountain men & women during the following week.

Members of the Historical Society are welcome to join our Guild.

For a membership form see:
nvhistory.org or call 642-9516.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend the May 15th meeting: nvhistory@stny.rr.com

RENDEZVOUS in NEWARK VALLEY



"To promote and educate about early American history"
 (National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation)

For the third time a **National Rendezvous** will be held at the Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum, on the site maintained by the Old Hickory Long Guns and the N.V. Historical Society.

On July 16 through July 24, hundreds of "Mountain Men and Women" will converge for an old-fashioned Rendezvous. A glimpse of life from the period of 1640 through 1840 in North America will take place just north of the village of Newark Valley. True to this period, no modern clothing, cellphones, or other modern devices will be visible. All lodges and accoutrements will be period correct. Black powder shooting, hawk throwing, and primitive archery events will abound.

Rendezvous will be open to the public on **July 17 and July 18, from 10AM to 4PM.**

(\$5, ages 13+). Sutlers' Row (traders) and period items will be on sale.



2021 EVENTS CALENDAR **N.V. HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

May 5th

Black Powder Guild:

Wednesday shoots, 2 PM to dark,
May through September @
Farmstead's B.P. Shooting Range.

New members welcome.

Bob Waite: batbrown146@gmail.com.

May 8th

Shuttles & Spindles Guild:

making a small clay pot with Gail
Fulkerson.

May 15th

Blacksmith Guild:

masks required. 10 AM-3 PM,
@ Blacksmith Shop.

Doug Dayger: dayg2@frontier.com
Guild hopes to meet third Saturday
each month through November.



June 12th

Shuttles & Spindles Guild:

CNY Fiber Festival in Bouckville, NY
(if cancelled, TBA).

July 10th

Shuttles & Spindles Guild:

using a Lucet with Barbara Fudge.

July 17-18th

NV Primitive RENDEZVOUS:

[\$5, age 13+] Public invited to experience a
large encampment of mountain men &
women with clothing, lodges,
and accoutrements from 1640-1840.
Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum,
10 AM-4 PM.

*National Rendezvous &
Living History Foundation.*
See article for more details.

Aug. 14th

Shuttles & Spindles Guild:

Japanese Indigo dyeing with
Denise Tarbox & Sue Szczotka.



Sept. 11th

Shuttles & Spindles Guild:

Needle felting animal figures with
Pat Barnes-Svarney and Denise Tarbox
(if Endless Mountains Sheep and Wool
Show is cancelled).

Oct. 2-3rd

APPLE FESTIVAL:

10-5, Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum.



2021 DEPOT
FRIDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

JUNE 4:
The Tarps
classic rock and roll

JUNE 11:
Rick Marsi
“Day in the Life of a Wetland”

JUNE 18:
Little Big Band
swing, doo wop, rock

JUNE 25:
Rich Wilson
standards by Elvis, Frank and more

JULY 2:
Horseshoe Lounge Playboys
acoustic backwoods, americans roots.

JULY 9:
Ridin’ the Rails
Celebrating the Railroad in song and
story...direct from Nashville.

JULY 16:
Dean Goble Band
bluegrass, southern rock, swing

JULY 23:
Irish Stoutmen
Irish ballads, rebel songs

JULY 30:
Pat Kane & West o’ Clare:
The Balladeer of the Southern Tier

AUG. 6:
Donna and the Country Mystics
classic country-- Dolly, Hank and Merle

AUG 13:
Tom and Marie
tunes from the ’60s and ’70s

AUG 20:
Rick Pedro
ragtime piano, modern classics,
and patriotic standards

AUG 27:
Greg Neff
singer & songwriter,
music of the 60s and 70s

Newark Valley
Historical Society



TILLERS & TOILERS GARDEN CLUB:

657-8171

Spring greetings from the Tillers & Toilers Garden Club. We held our first meeting of the year on April 15th, welcoming two new members.

Coming events include a Perennial Plant & Bake Sale to be held on the Village Green, May 15th, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Rain date will be May 22nd. Plants donated by community members for our sale are always appreciated.

On August 21st, we are planning an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social & Raffle on the Village Green. Details will follow at a later date.

As always, community support is vital to assist us in maintaining the Village Green and surrounding areas. If you might be interested in joining our group, please call 657-8171 for more information. 🌱 Mary Ellen Odom

*Mary Ellen Odom
President, Tillers & Toilers*



VALLEY QUILTERS:

Patti: 642-8839 Louise: 223-4324

For anyone new to the Newark Valley area, we would like to introduce you to our local quilt group, the *Valley Quilters*. We meet every other Wednesday, including the 5th & 19th for this month of May, at 10-noon in the Noble Room of the Municipal Bldg. We meet year-round except for a few specific holidays. Anyone interested is welcome to join us, no matter if you are a newbie just learning to quilt or a seasoned pro, all are welcomed.

Along with encouraging each other with our own quilting projects and adventures, we do many service projects which includes making quilts for the Newark Valley area Head Start children each year. Quilts & pillowcases are also made & donated to Social Services for the Foster Care program, and since the mid 1980's we have tried to supply a quilt to area families that have suffered a devastating fire.



For many years we took part in the "*Home of the Brave*" quilts program that provided quilts to families of fallen soldiers as a way to honor their

heroism. When that national effort discontinued, we gave the remaining quilts to area veterans in honor of their service.

We also provide a small gift to each of the Meals on Wheels clients in our area at Christmas time as our way of spreading a little holiday cheer. As you can see, we try to stay busy and involved with our community as much as we can. Any questions about projects or attending a Wednesday gathering, please contact Patti @ 642-8839 or Louise @ 223-4324.

*Enjoy Quilting with Love
Valley Quilters*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:



*"On April 12th, area Boy Scouts from Troop 30 came to help with raking our yard and some gardens along with our next-door neighbor's yard. What a wonderful group of young men and their fathers. This was a service project for several seniors in the area. What a blessing to have their help. It is so refreshing to see our youth be so enthusiastic about helping people they do not know. They swooped in and within two hours they accomplished so much. All the seniors that they helped, greatly appreciated their efforts. Sending a big **Thank You!** From Don Cross, Nellie Snapp, Kay Short, Dan & Patti Cawley & more!
Troop #30 ROCKS!"*

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:



Memorial Day....
Is the day that's
set aside to
remember with
gratitude and
pride all those
who served and
died for our
country and our freedom.
May your day be filled with
memories and peace.

We hope
everyone has
a safe and
joyful
holiday as we
remember
those that
fought for
our Independence and Freedom.



Monday May 31st and Monday July 5th
the Village Offices will be
closed in observance of
Memorial Day & Independence Day.
Garbage will be collected on
Tuesday.

TROUT PONDS PARK:



If you have ventured down to the park any time recently you may have noticed some new editions around the perimeter of the park. Thanks to local Eagle Scout, John Boldis there is now a 1mile Fitness Trail for everyone to enjoy! The trail is comprised of 5 fitness stations:

- Station #1 – Stretching and Warm-up
- Station #2 – Pull-up Bar
- Station #3 – Push-up / Sit-up Bench
- Station #4 – Parallel Bars
- Station #5 – Balance Beam



Each station has a fantastic instructional plaque that gives you guidance as to the different types of exercises you can complete. The entire one mile is well marked with



directional arrows to guide you around the perimeter of the park as you enjoy fresh air, sunshine and the scenery of the Trout Ponds and the Owego Creek.

We all at the Village would like to express our deepest appreciation to Eagle Scout Boldis for spearheading this project that brings such value to our park and community. We look forward to seeing future projects that expand and grow off Johns' hard work. Well done Eagle Scout Boldis.

You can checkout pictures of the trail on our Village website under the Community section and Village Parks.



OFFICIAL VILLAGE NEWSPAPER:

TIOGA COUNTY COURIER
WWW.TIOWEB.COM/COURIER

OFFICIAL VILLAGE RADIO STATION:

WEBO
1330 AM
98.5 OWEGO
101.3 CANDOR
107.9 ENDICOTT
WWW.MYHOMETOWNTODAY.COM

VILLAGE HOLIDAYS:

- NEW YEAR'S DAY
- GOOD FRIDAY
- MEMORIAL DAY
- INDEPENDENCE DAY
- LABOR DAY
- VETERANS DAY
- THANKSGIVING DAY & DAY AFTER
- CHRISTMAS DAY

WHEN HOLIDAYS FALL ON A MONDAY GARBAGE WILL BE COLLECTED ON TUESDAY.

KNOW YOUR OFFICIALS.....

MAYOR:

JAMES TORNATORE

DEPUTY MAYOR:

CLIFF ALEXANDER

TRUSTEES:

MICHAEL REYNOLDS

SCOTT PARMELEE

JOHN TOMAZIN

DPW SUPERVISOR:

BILL FOSTER

CLERK TREASURER:

PAM BENTHIN

DEPUTY CLERK TREASURER:

JESS MOORE

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

BILL FOSTER

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607-642-8686

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BY APPOINTMENT

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FRIDAYS: 9AM TO NOON

607-642-8700

**2021 BRUSH AND
LEAVES COLLECTION
SCHEDULE**

Weekly Collection Every Tuesday

April 20th thru October 26th

**VILLAGE BOARD
MEETINGS:**

**2ND TUESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**

6:30PM

**NOBLE ROOM @
9 PARK STREET**