

VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY NEWS

August 2021

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Meeting Notice:

Municipal Role and Community Impacts:
Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act
(MRTA)

Hosts: Village of Newark Valley and Town
of Newark Valley

Date: Monday, August 23rd, 2021

Time: 6:30PM

Place: Newark Valley Fire Department
7151 State Route #38
Newark Valley, NY 13811

Purpose: Review and Explanation of NYS
Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act
(MRTA) NYS Senate S854A NYS Assembly
A1248 at late 2022 or early 2023

Presenters: **Christina Olevano**, CASA -
Trinity, Inc. Tioga Prevention Supervisor &
TC ASAP Coordinator, **Elaine Jardine**, Tioga
County Planning Director, and the Village
Mayor and Town Supervisor

Brief Overview:

On March 31st, 2021 Governor signed into law to be effective in late 2022 or early 2023: Legalize use of recreational cannabis (marijuana) for any adult at 21 years of age or older may obtain and transport up to 3oz of cannabis or up to 24 grams of concentrated cannabis in a public place without criminal or misdemeanor penalty. One can smoke cannabis where one can legally smoke cigarettes: except in a vehicle. These regulations will be under the administration of NYS *Office of Cannabis Management* and a *NYS Cannabis Control Board*. Cities, Villages and Towns determine local options. We encourage attendance and vocal participation; as Site Development and/or other decisions may be locally enacted on or before December 31st, 2021.

*All COVID guidelines that are in place at the time of the meeting will be followed. If you plan to attend and are not COVID vaccinated please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Mayor's Message

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

Hello everyone,

Your Village Trustees, Town Council, Village Mayor and Town Supervisor believe the Information Meeting for MRTA is worthy of your attendance and voice. So, please attend if you can.

At our July Board Meeting Trustees and Mayor agreed to set aside twenty-five hundred (\$2500) as Village portion for a fifty thousand (\$50000) USDA Rural Water Grant. If we receive Grant Award; Trustees will decide at that time possibly to move forward and hire an Engineering Firm to study Smullen Avenue water distribution system. We will report more as time goes by.

The Nine Brook Street demolition project is moving along. The one hundred percent (100.0%) FEMA reimbursable project to our Village: demo estimated completion by middle October if not sooner.

Trustee Michael Reynolds will soon be resigning from the Village Board of Trustees. We would like to thank Michael for his 8 years of dedication to the Village and we wish him the best in his future endeavors. With Trustee Reynolds' resignation comes an open seat on the Board of Trustees. If you have interest in fulfilling the rest of this seats term that comes up for re-election in March

2022, please contact me at vonvmayor@stny.rr.com or stop by and see me.

It seems the Municipal Building Window Renovation project will begin later than we all believed. Good results take time; as, that is true with this project. Architect is preparing bid documents for eventual submittal.

Current Village Code Enforcement Officer Bill Foster will be retiring from code at the end of August. We thank Bill for his time as CEO and all he has done for the Village. Taking over for CEO Foster will be Chance Spoonhower. Chance is well known here in Northern Tioga County as Town of Berkshire CEO, Town of Newark Valley CEO and his own business interests.

Our Village will eventually receive ninety-four thousand (\$94000) dollars from the Federal American Recovery Act of 2021. Without going into vast amounts of detail: Capital investment in Water and/or Sewer and Infrastructure are potential options. Nothing is ever easy; these entitlements come with many, many restrictions and an eventual federal review of the dollars spent by the Municipalities. Villages and Towns do have some spending flexibility; so, I have shared much data with our Trustees as stewards of these monies.

We hope for a Safe Summer for all.

Jim Tornatore
Mayor, Village of Newark Valley



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 Mon.-Thurs: 9am - 5pm Fridays: 9am - Noon

CLERK'S OFFICE:

Hello from the Clerk's office! We hope everyone is staying healthy and hopefully enjoying spending time with friends and family this summer.

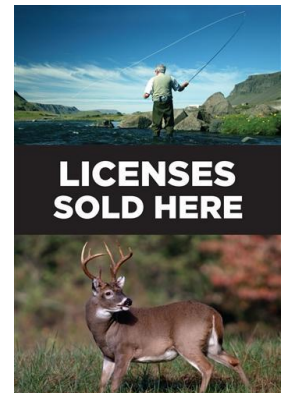
Beginning in June we had our annual audit, this audit examines the Village finances and practices, focusing primarily on the water fund. We have just received the results of the audit and I am pleased to report that our auditors had no negative findings.

If you have had the opportunity to call the Village office or DPW recently, I am sure you have noticed that we have a new phone system. With this system, we were able to meet two goals; reduce expenses and upgrade to up-to-date technology, both benefitting our residents. Please bear with us as we adjust to this system, if you happen to get disconnected, please call us back.



If you have not paid your Village taxes yet, we are continuing to collect through October 31st. Penalties are assessed each month, please contact us to verify the current amount due. 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).

Hunting season is right around the corner, save yourself the trip to the big box stores over town and stop into the Village Office to get your Hunting licenses, DMP's and Fishing licenses. Please make sure you have your previous years license, or your state issued ID with you. The 2021-2022 Hunting guide is also available, make sure you get one as some of the state regulations have changed for this year.



Bill Foster will be retiring as Village Code Enforcement Officer as of August 31st. We would like to thank Bill for his years of service in this position. Bill stepped in when the Village was in need. We appreciate Bill's knowledge can-do attitude & dedication. We would like to welcome Chance Spoonhower as the Village's new Code Enforcement Officer.

We hope everyone continues to enjoy their summer!

Pam Benthin
 Village Clerk-Treasurer



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

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The DPW has been keeping busy with road paving projects that included Silk St., part of Maple Ave. and the road into the Trout Ponds Park. This year's paving also included paving the parking area at

the park. Striping of these streets will happen soon.



There has been an ongoing problem with people entering the wrong way onto Park Street, our only one-way street in the Village. To make signage clearer to the drivers that are attempting to turn from

Rock St. on to Park St. we have placed new one-way arrow signs and replaced the Do Not Enter signs.



We will continue to pick up brush and leaves every Tuesday during the summer through November 2nd. The new collection schedule has continued to work well into this summer and is helping keep the amount of brush on the streets down and is taking less of our time to complete.

The water department had a village wide detection survey completed by NY Leak Detect to locate any water leaks in our system. No main line leaks were detected, 3 service line leaks were found, we will get them repaired before fall is here. The Village has a very secure and safe water system, and we will continue to do spot checks as the year goes on. The water department did have a power problem at well 4 which was repaired and did not have any impact on the system.

The sanitation department has noticed less garbage on most weeks so the new recycling program seems to be working but residents need to continue to recycle as much as they can.

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 as its safer for our crew to be in the roadways when there is less traffic.

Bill Foster
Village DPW Supervisor



CODE ENFORCEMENT:

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The time has come for me to step away from code enforcement as I look towards retirement. The Village of Newark Valley has hired a new code officer to take over the CEO duties, Chance Spoonhower will be starting August 1 and I will stay on until August 31st to assist him in ongoing issues.

The state highway department went through the village and cleaned the curb areas along Main St. While inspecting that work, I have

noticed many residents mowing their grass into the road, so the following is for those people. IT IS DANGEROUS!.....and in New York State, it's illegal and a fine able offense! According to [New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law Sec. 1219](#):

Putting glass or other injurious substances on highway prohibited. (a) No person shall throw or deposit upon any highway any glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, snow or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon such highway. (b) Any person who drops, or permits to be dropped or thrown, upon any highway any destructive or injurious material or any material which interferes with the safe use of the highway shall immediately remove the same or cause it to be removed.

You guessed it...grass is considered an injurious

material. Grass clippings can be slippery when they are dry and feel greasy when they are wet. If you can imagine hitting them with a bicycle or motorcycle, you can guess that they could cause a problem.

The same goes for leaves that are raked from your lawn. In [Vehicle and Traffic Law section 1220](#), it mentions rubbish:

No person shall throw, dump, deposit or place, or cause to be thrown, dumped, deposited or placed upon any highway, or within the limits of the right of way of such highway, or upon private lands adjacent thereto, any refuse, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter or any nauseous or offensive matter.



Grass clippings and leaves also plug drains and cause flooding. So, this weekend, if you're mowing your lawn by the street be sure that you don't blow those clippings out there. It could cost you!

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

Hello from Tappan-SpaULDing Memorial Library, where things are starting to look a little more "like normal". Our computers and restrooms are once again available to the public. We are still asking that patrons continue to wear masks while visiting the library. We thank our patrons for your cooperation in continuing to wear masks. We serve our community - both vaccinated and not (because of age or health limitations) - and we really appreciate your effort in keeping our community safe!

Summer Reading Program

Our Summer Reading Program is designed to encourage elementary-aged children to keep reading during summer vacation. The benefits of summer reading programming are:

- Children are motivated to read.
- Children develop positive attitudes about reading, books, and the library.
- Children maintain their reading skills during summer vacation.
- Children have access to experiences that further their sense of discovery.
- Children have access to experiences through which they can learn to work cooperatively.

The library has been staying busy with our Summer Reading Program, making sure children are given all the experiences above! We kicked off our Summer Reading Program on June 26th with a successful "Adopt-a-Reading Buddy" program. The first 25 kids to visit the library and sign up for our Summer Reading Program were able to choose a stuffed animal reading buddy to bring home and were also given a Cookie Coupon good for one free cookie at Annie's Place. (Thank you to Annie's Place for graciously donating 25 cookies for this event!) We're happy to say that all 25 of our reading buddies went home with a child excited to read!



We have had a great turnout at our Summer Reading events! We were happy to have the Joint Youth Summer Recreation Program join us at the Trout Ponds for our first 2 events - performances by *The Dirtmeister* and *The Great and Powerful Dave*.





For our 3rd event, we had a visit from *Tanglewood Nature Center*. During Summerfest, we held a free book giveaway to all children who stopped by!

We are excited for the last 2 events - a performance and story of **"Ferdinand the Bull"** by the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes String Quartet on **August 12th** and the **Teddy Bear Picnic** on **August 20th**. For more information about these events, follow us on social media or check out our website.

As another part of our Summer Reading Program, we have a weekly, all-ages Summer Story-Time on **Wednesdays at 10am** at the **Trout Ponds**. We read stories and then make some crafts and have fun activities related to the week's theme. The upcoming themes for our **Summer Story-Times** are:

- **August 4 - Narwhals**
- **August 11 - Inventions/Creatations**
- **August 18 - Bubbles!**
- **August 25 - End of Summer Reading Party.**

We hope to see you there!

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

Tioga County dropped off a laptop and color scanner at our library at the end of July. These are specifically to be used for applying for ERAP. Come on in and get started today!

Book Sale

We are continuing to have a rolling book sale inside our library this year, instead of having a big book sale outside. Patrons are welcome to come in during our open hours and check out what we have!

Survey

We would love your input! Type in <https://forms.gle/hUe1Ph9ySTYf7eud6> or scan the QR code to the right to fill out a quick survey and tell us how we're doing, suggest improvements, or recommend a program. All answers are anonymous.



Current and Upcoming Programming

Book Club: We continue to hold our monthly Virtual Book Club for Adults. Log onto Zoom, enter the Zoom ID and passcode and discuss the book of the month from the comfort of your home! For details, visit the Events section of our Facebook page.

Story-Time: Our Summer Story-Time was a huge hit! We would love to continue to do a weekly Story-Time in the fall, most likely in the children's room at the library. Details coming soon!

Lego Night: We've had a lot of questions about Lego Night. We are looking to start Lego Night back up again in September! Watch our website, Facebook, or Instagram for updates!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and keep reading,

Erin Chapman
Library Director

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Facebook: Tappan-Spaulding Memorial Library

Instagram: tappanspaulding_library



NORTHERN TIOGA CHAMBER of COMMERCE:

northerntiogachamber@gmail.com

What a great Summerfest this year! Many thanks to all the directors, members, and volunteers for the long hours of planning and working on this year's event! Thanks to "ROWDY" of the Rumble Ponies for leading our first Teddy Bear Parade for the kiddos around the Depot. Thanks to Ruth Beasley for setting that up. The turnout of kids and parents was fantastic! Also, a huge thank you to all the Vendors who participated on the Village Green and the Depot. Thanks to Kat Amato and Janet Gordinier for all your work with the vendors! The singers on the Village Green and the music at the Depot were great this year. This year we had the Great Duck Race on a manmade "river" on the Railroad Tracks at the Depot.



Congratulations to our winners: Angela Randall – 1st place with duck #259, Dee Stiles – 2nd place with duck #028 and Charlie

Davis – 3rd place with duck #048! There were more spectators for the duck race this year than any other year ever! Wait until you see what is planned for next year's Duck Race! Thanks to Bill Swagler, Dave Westerman, and Norm Whittemore for setting it all up. The fireworks



were spectacular as usual, with a huge thank you to Erin Short for allowing us to use her field up on the hill. Boy Scout Troop 30 did the debris clean-up on Sunday, many thanks to the leaders and the boys. A huge thank you to all the businesses who sponsored and individuals who donated to the fireworks fund to make this possible!

Scholarship Award – We are pleased to have awarded the Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce Annual Scholarship to Newark Valley Senior, Ashley Holt. Ashley will be attending St. James College in Rochester this fall. Congratulations Ashley!

Welcome Baskets – We continue to deliver Welcome Baskets to those who are new homeowners in Newark Valley, Berkshire and Richford. If you are new to the area and haven't received a welcome basket, please contact us.

Welcome our newest Chamber Members:

- Annie's Place
- Schule-Haas Electric Corp
- Mojo's Sauce, LLC
- Kathy Guinan (Norwex)
- Doris Hagin (Thirty-One Gifts)
- Cheryl Searls (C S Embroidery and Crafts)

Future Events:



Doug's Fish Fry
8-4-2021
Richford Plaza,
Richford, NY

Monthly Meeting
8-12-2021
Noble Room,
Municipal Bldg.,
Newark Valley, NY



Open-Air Vendor Event
9-18-2021
Rawley Park, Richford, NY

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!

Crystal Cross
Secretary/Treasurer
Northern Tioga Chamber
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TIOGA COUNTY RURAL MINISTRY:

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

On Saturday, August 7th, from 10-11am at Rural Ministry, 143 North Avenue (around the corner from Home Central) there will be a free food distribution giveaway. The deadline to register for the event is 4 PM. on August 4th. Some canned and packaged food will be available, but a big draw is fresh produce from local farmers, for example: corn, peppers, blueberries, honey, maple syrup, bananas, cheddar cheese, string beans and hot dogs. Available produce, of course, is dependent on the growing season. Interested families may call 687-3021 to sign up by July 30th. Registrants will need to bring their own boxes or bags.

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 *****



2021 EVENTS CALENDAR N.V. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Aug. 7

HERITAGE SKILLS WORKSHOP:

Needle Felted Ornament

with Denise Tarbox,

9-12:30 @ Welcome Center; \$30

bring small pair of scissors.

Register by Aug. 1: (607.642.5568).

Mail check payable to:

Newark Valley Hist. Society

PO Box 222, Newark Valley, NY 13811.

Aug. 14th

Shuttles & Spindles Guild:

Japanese Indigo dyeing with
Denise Tarbox & Sue Szczotka.



Aug. 14

HERITAGE SKILLS WORKSHOP:

Small Round Basket

with Patricia Lightbody,

10-2 @ Welcome Ctr.; \$25

bring: lunch, sharp scissors,

measuring tape, plastic clothes pins,

old bath towel & a dish pan.

Register by Aug. 1: (607.642.5568)

Mail check payable to:

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PO Box 222, Newark Valley, NY 13811.

Aug. 21

HERITAGE SKILLS WORKSHOP:

Archery Bow with Dan Rhodes,

9 AM-6 PM @Welcome Ctr.; \$85

bring: lunch, hatchet, rasp, sharp knife.

Register by Aug. 1: (607.642.5568)

Mail check payable to:

Newark Valley Hist. Society

PO Box 222, Newark Valley, NY 13811.

Aug. 28

HERITAGE SKILLS WORKSHOP:

Colby Cheese with Laryssa Zahajkewycz,

10-4 @Welcome Ctr.; \$30

*bring: lunch; 1 gallon pasteurized whole
cow's milk; a 2-gallon AND a 1-gallon*

stainless steel or enamel pot (should be able to nest together); large wooden or metal spoon, and a large knife (both that can each reach down to bottom of pot).

Register by Aug. 1: (607.642.5568)

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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.

Family fun; kids' activities; live music;

1800's skill demos; delicious apple

desserts, BBQ, soup, salt potatoes;

artisans; antique tractors; gift shop;

animals; re-enactors; wagon rides;

and more!

Adults: \$6; age 60+: \$5

NVHS members & students: \$4

Family (2 adults, 3+ kids): \$20

Free parking. No pets.



2021 DEPOT

FRIDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

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

Summer Greetings from Tillers & Toilers,

We hope everyone is enjoying the colorful Village Green and surrounding areas. It has been a challenge to continually replace plantings due to frequent deer munching. The background fence of the Butterfly Garden (across from the bank) was recently repainted by several members one very warm summer morning. So far, no deer damage in that garden.

We will be having an Ice Cream Social, Bake Sale & Raffle items at the Village Green Sunday, August 22 from 2-4:00 p.m. We are hoping for a sunny day weather wise. However, be that it may rain, we will hold our event in the Noble Room of the Municipal Building.

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*



GETTHERE:

855-373-4040

getthere@rhnscny.org

Getthere provides transportation to health care, food, prescriptions, and employment. The Call Center can be reached at (855) 373-4040 Monday through Friday from 7am until 7pm.

Services include:

- **Connection to Care:** Helps transport people without Medicaid to non-emergency medical appointments.
- **MAS Assistance:** Helps Medicaid recipients set up transportation to health care appointments through the Medical Answering Services (MAS) system. MAS is Medicaid's non-emergency transportation manager.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine:** Transportation to a COVID-19 vaccination site.
- **Food and Prescriptions:** Transportation to a grocery store or pharmacy, delivery options are available.
- **Transportation to Employment:** Helps remove transportation as a barrier to employment through short-term assistance and a long-term transportation plan.
- **Travel Training:** Helps individuals navigate rural and urban transportation resources safely and independently. One-on-one or small group trainings for clients and/or caseworkers are available.

Getthere is The Rural Health Network of South-Central New York's mobility management program.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:



Labor Day.... the day we pay tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers, the creators of so much of this nation's great strength, prosperity, and wellbeing.

For everyone that puts in that daily grind, to keep this nation moving forward every day, we thank you and we hope you enjoy your weekend!

**Monday September 6th
the Village Offices will be closed
in observance of Labor Day.**

**Garbage will be collected on
Tuesday.**

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:

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CHANCE SPOONHOWER

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**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

