Village of Newark Valley News

October 2021 On the Web at www.villageofnv.com & Facebook @VillageOfNewarkValley

Gone but Never Forgotten:

We would like to take a moment and remember our friend and colleague Cliff Alexander. We lost Cliff Saturday, September 25th, 2021.

Cliff loved his family dearly. He was a good friend to many and a treasured part of this community, he is greatly missed by all.

Meeting Notice:

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

Date: Monday, December 6th, 2021

Time: 6:30PM

Place: Noble Room of the Municipal Building, 9 Park St. Newark Valley

Purpose: Public comments, review, and explanation of NYS Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) as it pertains to future business within the Village limits.

Mayor's Message

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

Hello everyone,

This autumn with some quite sad times; Our Colleague, Deputy Mayor and most importantly "Good Friend" Clifford Alexander; always in our heart has passed from our eyes. Cliff's fifty-one years amongst many of us here in our area experienced his caring nature. Yes, a person of few words, who shared his opinions when he was sure what he wished to say. His years with our Tioga County Sheriff's Department, and volunteer time with Newark Valley Fire Department, Greater Valley EMS, Berkshire EMS, Northern Tioga EMS, and Village of Newark Valley Trustee were valuable to all of us. Cliff's priority to Fran and all the family extended was always evident. Our heartfelt reach to Cliff and Fran and Family and to his memory.

In October, your Trustees accepted my appointment of resident Scott Kasmarcik to our Village Board, accepting the vacated seat of Michael Reynolds. Mike and Deborah from Brook Street moved out of the Village, and we wish them well. At our November Board Meeting, with our Trustees' consent I will appoint Joseph Mooney who will occupy our fourth Trustee position. Joseph and Kellie Jo and Family from Elm Street are not new to our Village. Please, when you see Scott and Joe; give them thanks for their service.

Village Planning Board Chair Sandy Kasmarcik, members Suzanne Hills and Phillip Nedlik and I are seeking two more residents to complete seating of a full Board. Please consider as the sharing of your expertise does shape Village land use law. A special thank you to Sandy Kasmarcik for her many years of Planning Board Chair. If my memory is correct; Sandy has been Chair for over twelve years.

Our next Village Public Hearing for (MRTA) Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act review is Monday, December 6th, at 6:30PM in our Noble Room at the Municipal Building. We did host one informational meeting at the Fire Department; however, our Trustees and Mayor must decide this 2023 Regulation on or before December 31st, 2021. For your information, please go to: www.nycom.org/images/documents/cannabis/MRTA_Summary_-_April_15_2021.pdf
This link provides an overview of the program from New York State Council of Mayors. So, attend this meeting; with masks please, ask questions and listen to other opinions. Your Village Board will decide this MRTA future for your Village sometime in later December.

Projects:
Nine Brook Street will be demolished very soon. This project is one hundred percent funded by FEMA. Hopefully, your Village will receive reimbursement quickly. Your Village now owns that property to be forever green edict.

Municipal Building Window Restoration and Storm Window installation for thirty-six (36) of the windows will begin sometime in December. Down the road we hopefully will seek additional restoration NYS funding for the remaining twenty-seven (27). The good

news is we are currently purchasing and installing storms for all the windows. As Mayor, I appreciate the Trustees patience over this five-year span of work effort. COVID was a sixteen month slow down for this window completion.

Other Matters:

It appears your valuable Working Supervisor of Public Works, William Foster, will retire around the first of the year. We will certainly miss Bill. About twenty something years ago, I sat next to Bill while he was Deputy Mayor and I was Chair of Village Planning, then Village Trustee. Bill, take care and we hope the retirement is a long one.

To date; weather has been somewhat kind to our Valley. Eight inches of rain over normal causes some minor flooding of the Trout Ponds. Your Village equipment and staff are ready for the coming months. Salt, sand shed is full and final equipment repair being completed as you read.

Three of the four Trustee seats will be part of the March 2021 Election; plus, the Mayor's Chair position election is March 2021. More specifics on those matters at a later time.

We wish for all of you, a heartfelt Autumn Thanksgiving and Winter Holiday time.

Best Wishes,
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

Greetings from the Clerk's office!

Our Village is certainly going through a changing time.

We miss our colleague and friend Cliff Alexander. Cliff provided guidance, knowledge, and friendship to so many. A man who loved his family and his community deeply. Thoughts and prayers continue to go out to Fran and family. Godspeed Cliff.

Congratulations Bill Foster on your upcoming retirement! Thank you for your dedication to our Village, wearing many hats for over 20 years. You helped make our Village a better place. Your reliability, hard work, level head and sense of humor will be missed. Enjoy yourself in you well deserved retirement!

Village elections will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. This unprecedented election will have four positions on the ballot: three Trustees and Mayor. Don't forget register to vote. Vote and be a part of your community.

If you haven't purchased your Hunting license yet time is running out. Bow season is in full swing and gun season opens November 20th. Hunting & Fishing licenses are available to purchase at the Village office. Please be sure to

have your current driver's license with you, or your last years hunting license.

Any unpaid Village taxes have been returned to the County; payments will no longer be accepted at the Village office. Unpaid taxes will be assessed to the Town tax bill which you receive in January.

Budget time is here, we are working diligently on the preparation process of our budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year (March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023). We will have work sessions and a public hearing before the adoption of the budget, which will be sometime in January. Watch our website, facebook page or the Tioga County Courier for dates.

I hope everyone has a wonderful fall and holiday season. Stay well!

Pam Benthin
Village Clerk-Treasurer

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

83 Whig St. 642-8700 villagebarn@stny.rr.com

The DPW crew has been working on finishing up the road work and patching up potholes. I'm hoping that we will be done mowing and brush pick up by the time you read this. I think the new schedule we did this year for brush and leaves pick up worked very well and hope the new supervisor continues on that path.

The village board is looking at purchasing new equipment for the DPW in the near future and the new supervisor will be involved.

With this last flood we will be cleaning up the Trout Pond Park as soon as we can get the equipment in and not tear up the lawn. The new road in the park held up great for the most part and we made out good with no flooding on Main Street or Brook Street. Unfortunately, the weather forecast does not look favorable for this weekend. Remember that we have winter hours for parking that go into effect November 1st to help with the plowing. The DPW is finding the time amongst all the rain to get the equipment switched over to plows and sanders before the first snow lands on us.

Sad to say but this will be my last DPW report as I am retiring as of January 1st. It has been a pleasure to work for the village residents for over the last 20 years as a Trustee, Deputy Mayor, DPW supervisor, CEO and Water operator. Not everyone was happy with all decisions, but the village is in much better shape now then it was when I started this job. I want to thank all members of my crew for the work and dedication that they have because without their support we could not have succeeded with all the projects or made it through all the snowstorms and floods. I have worked with many Mayors and Trustees, and all have contributed with projects and support, I'm sure that they will continue to support and grow the village in the future. I hope all have a safe and happy holiday season and I will finally be sleeping in on January 1st 😊

Bill Foster
Soon to be former,
Village DPW Supervisor

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

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

With winter on its way, remember the Village has a NO PARKING code throughout the whole Village and it starts November 1. The code reads as follows:

§ 157-43 Schedule XV: Parking Prohibited Certain Hours.

- *No parking on any highway or private road, either side, within the corporate limits of the Village of Newark Valley from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 1*
- *No parking in parking lots contiguous to the municipal building on 9 Park Street in the Village of Newark Valley (except for designated areas for emergency personnel) from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 1.*

Winter also brings us snow and at times that wonderful 'wintery mix' making it necessary to clear sidewalks and parking lots. As a reminder the Village code states:

§ 140-32 Time limit for removal of snow and ice.

- *A. The Village Board deems it to be a matter of public safety and that from October 1 of each year until April 15 of the following year the following time limits for removal of snow and ice shall be in effect, and the property owner shall be responsible for the removal of ice and snow within the time limits prescribed below without any further notice by the Village: Snow and ice shall be removed within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall on noncommercial establishments. Sidewalks in front of commercial establishments and commercial parking lots shall be kept free of snow and ice at all times between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.*
- *B. The failure to remove ice and snow in the time period set forth above shall be deemed to be a public emergency, thus allowing the Village to have such ice and snow removed, pursuant to § 140-29I(3)(a) without any further notice to the property owner.*

Please clear your sidewalks so everyone can have a safe winter and safe holiday season.

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

Code Enforcement Office

TAPPAN SPAULDING LIBRARY:

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

Library Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-1pm; 2pm-6pm
Wednesday: 3pm-8pm
Saturday: 9am-1pm

Greetings from Tappan-Spaulding Memorial Library! Fall is definitely in the air and the families that attend our regular outdoor Storytime can feel it! We continue to bundle up and meet at the Trout Ponds on Friday mornings at 10:30am for stories, activities, and crafts. Our adult patrons are able to stay nice and cozy in their homes while attending our monthly Zoom book club which is held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. The 4th graders at Newark Valley Middle School have been taking monthly field trips to the library to borrow books, listen to stories, and do some fun activities! We are holding off on regular indoor programming at this time to cut down on the potential spread of COVID. Once numbers are consistently low, we would love to provide indoor programming, like our beloved Lego Night for kids! In lieu of group youth programming, we're offering some individual programs that kids (and adults!) can participate in when visiting the library. During the month of October, our Storytime kiddos made a scarecrow and named him Jack. From October 11-30th, we ran a program for all ages where daily pictures were posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages of places that Jack visited. If you kept track of all 20 places, you could come in, show us your list, and receive a small prize for playing along! We also held an indoor Halloween scavenger hunt for kids - when visiting the library, kids could search for 20 Halloween pictures hidden around the library. If they found them all, they got a prize! Programs like these will continue into our winter months. Make sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on upcoming events, as well as our regular programming like Storytime and Book Club. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, recommendations for a book or program, anything at all - please give us a call or send an email. We'd love to hear from you!😊

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Tioga County Rural Ministry
A Hand In Deed, Serving the Need

TIOGA COUNTY RURAL MINISTRY:

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

Dear Friends of Tioga County Rural Ministry (TCRM), I am writing this note to let you know that as of November 1, 2021, I will no longer be directly working for TCRM. This decision was made by me reluctantly due to an increase in responsibility in my personal and professional life.

If you noticed I wrote directly working for the Ministry as I hope to continue being available to help with TCRM projects in our Northern Tioga Territory, either directly with the Ministry, or, through the 1st Congregational Church of Berkshire where I currently pastor. I have enjoyed helping folks in our region through the ministry in financial aid, sneaker and snow boot distributions, Spring clean-up, Car repairs, etc. etc., and in some form hope to continue doing as such.

Much of what I accomplished here in Newark Valley, Berkshire, and Richford would not have been possible if it were not for being able to partner with folks like you, either by directing those in need to me, or, by helping me and TCRM directly with the differing outreaches we did, especially with the sneakers and boots.

My leaving in no way affects the desires and goals of Tioga County Rural Ministry in continuing to reach out to those in need in Northern Tioga County.

Be advised November 1st my contact information through TCRM will no longer be active. If you need to reach TCRM, please call Alycia Anthony, Human Service Aide at the main office in Owego @ 607-687-3021.

In closing I would like to share a couple stories about how I (TCRM), partnering with you, was able to help a little girl get a much-needed pair of glasses. Not an expensive investment nor hard to arrange, but it made all the difference in this girl's life, her family, and for her education. Another situation was when we were able to help a divorced mother of 2 children with a baby on the way keep her house warm. These are just 2 memories I will carry with me as I look fondly back on my journey with Tioga County Rural Ministry. I can be reached at my office number at 1st Congregational Church of Berkshire is 607-657-2677

Thank you, and God Bless,
Paul M. Kunik

From Sr. Mary O'Brien, CSJ, Executive Director of Tioga County Rural Ministry:

We, at Tioga County Rural Ministry, are immensely grateful for the wonderful, caring, and dedicated service that Paul has rendered to the Northern Tioga community during his employ with TCRM. During his time with us, he has helped to forge many relationships that will strengthen our ability to better serve our Northern neighbors. Though we will not be hiring anyone to fill Paul's position at this time, we hope to continue the exceptional service Paul has begun. We encourage all individuals and families who are experiencing a financial crisis caused by a health need, a loss of employment, an unexpected car repair, etc. to contact our main office in Owego at 607-687-3021 and ask for Alycia. We look forward, ever so happily, to continuing our relationship work with Paul on various projects, like Spring Cleanup, that serve the entire community.

Tioga Rural Ministry

Neighbours Helping Neighbours

NORTHERN TIOGA NEIGHBORS NETWORK:

One of Northern Tioga's community resources was almost lost, but thanks to neighbors who stepped up and volunteered to be on the Board of Directors, NTNN is happy to announce they will continue providing transportation services to Berkshire, Richford, and Newark Valley Seniors and those who need a ride. Past trips have included rides to doctor's appointments, the pharmacy, the grocery store, the library and many other non-emergency but vital services for members of the community.

The newly appointed Board includes Kate Krasileva of Berkshire, president; Jamey Remaley of Newark Valley, vice president and public relations; Janice Merrill of Richford, treasurer; and Noah Hendricks of Berkshire, archivist / records. John and Barbara Schwartz and Dick Harrington retired from Board membership but will remain involved in an advisory capacity.
The organization is in need more Board members. If you can attend a monthly Board meeting, have had your COVID-19 vaccination and have a concern for the well-being of elderly and others who need transportation in our communities, contact NTNN at (607) 657-2823.

NTNN continues to require at least three days advance notice to secure a ride and asks residents to follow their COVID-19 Policy – vaccination and wearing a mask during transport. NTNN is not for emergency transportation.

To volunteer to be on the Board or to be a driver, with mileage reimbursed, or to schedule a ride, email Kate at **KateKrasileva@gmail.com** or leave a message at (607) 657-2823.

NV HISTORICAL SOCIETY

642-9516 nvhistory@stny.rr.com
www.nvhistory.org/

See the included letter and sign-up form for the Annual 'Lighting of the Green'

Any questions call or text
Ellen Giblin at (607) 760-1383

Newark Valley Historical Society

VALLEY QUILTERS:

Patti: 642-8839 Louise: 223-4324

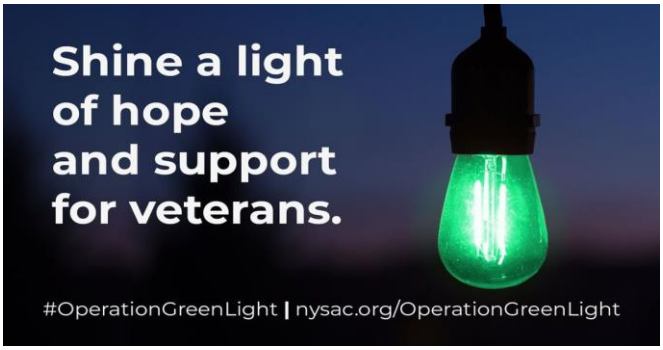
The Valley Quilters meet every other Wednesday morning from 10 am until 12 noon in the Noble Room of the Municipal Building in Newark Valley.

Our group consists of quilters from Newark Valley, Owego, Candor, Spencer, Marathon, Endicott, and surrounding areas. We pride ourselves in making quilts of all sizes (as well as other items) for many local groups and organizations.

We welcome new members at any time, no matter if you are a newbie just learning to quilt or a seasoned pro. Our next meeting will be November 10th at 10 am.

You may direct any questions to Patti at 642-8839 or treachndanl@stny.rr.com or Louise at 223-4324 or Liz60@stny.rr.com.

Enjoy Quilting with Love
Valley Quilters



OPERATION GREEN LIGHT A VET:

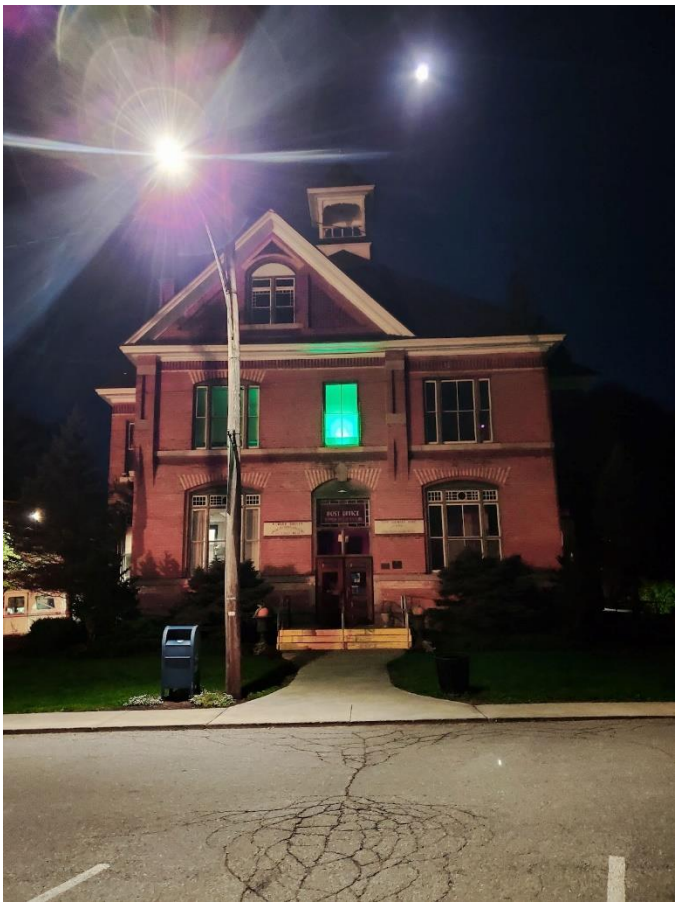
Have you noticed lately that the gazebo on the Village Green is lit in green every evening? Or the single green lit window in the Municipal Building? These are both part of project #greenlightavet.

On October 12th, 2021 Tioga County Legislature signed an Executive Proclamation proclaiming that Tioga County, from October 13 through Veterans Day, November 11th be a Green Light for Military Service County.

In observance of Operation Green Light citizens are encouraged to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices in preserving freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their residence and/or business.

Green is the color of hope, renewal and well-being, and that by this simple action of changing one light to green, we can spark a national conversation regarding the recognition of veterans, and help "greenlight" them forward as valued members of our communities. America's veterans are some of our nation's bravest, hardest-working men and women. However, it is hard to show them the

appreciation they deserve when, back home and out of uniform; they are more camouflaged than ever. Greenlight a Vet is a campaign to establish visible national support for our veterans by changing one light to green.



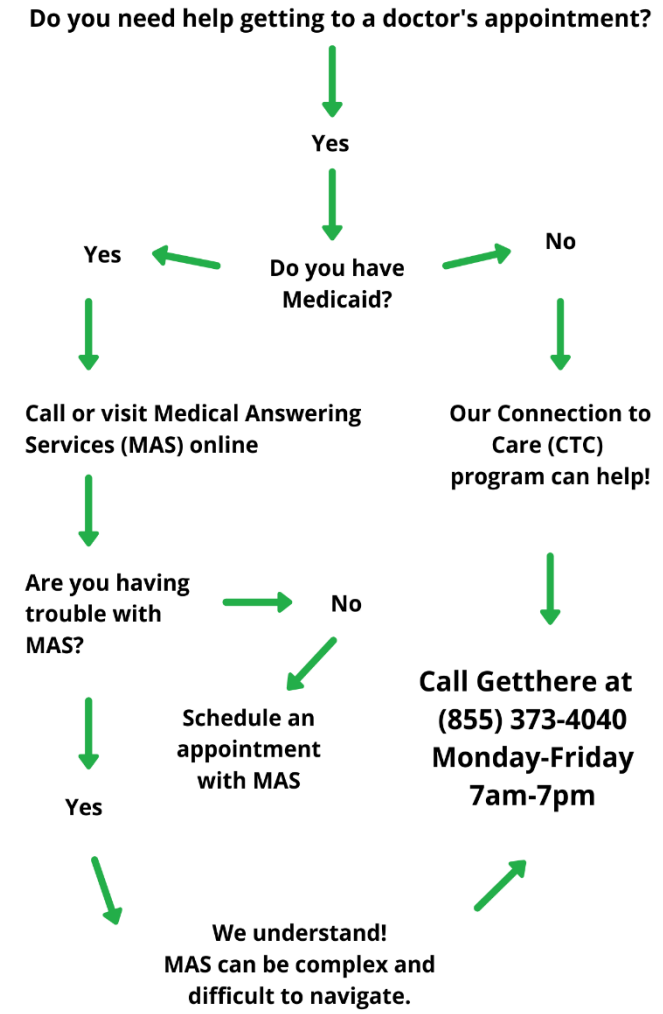
Let us honor our veterans not only on November 11th, but all year round by changing one light to green in a visible location - on your porch, your home, or at your office- and keep it glowing every day as a symbol of appreciation and support for our veterans. To help share your support, take a picture of your green light and post it using the hashtag #greenlightavet.

Getthere RURAL HEALTH NETWORK Serving South Central New York

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.



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

UPCOMING HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:

Thursday, November 11th – Veterans Day

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.

Thursday, November 25th - Thanksgiving Day

Fri., November 26th – Thanksgiving Day After

This year has been another challenging one, we hope that everyone can take a moment this Thanksgiving to hold their loved ones close and remember all that we are grateful, thankful, and blessed for.

Friday, December 24th – Christmas

From all of us in the Office, at the DPW and on the Village Board, we wish you the merriest of Christmas and the happiest of Holidays. Enjoy this time with family and friends.

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.

Friday, December 31st – New Year's

We wish you all a Happy New Year! Let's hope that 2022 is less challenging than the past 2 years. Please be safe and celebrate this new year responsibly. Cheers to you and your families!

October 25, 2021

Dear Friends,

The Village of Newark Valley is planning their 4th annual "Lighting of the Green" on December 11th. Previous years have been a huge success and we are looking forward to more people joining us this year.

The "Lighting of the Green" helps to spotlight our local businesses, focus on community spirit and/or remembering loved ones throughout the holiday season. This is a festive and heartwarming community event, and we look forward to your participation in the celebration.

All proceeds are donated to a not-for-profit community entity of our choosing. Last year we were able to donate to local food pantries.

An explanation of purchasing trees for the lighting and an application for this celebration is on the backside of this letter.

Feel free to contact Ellen Giblin at 607-760-1383 with any questions.

On behalf of the Newark Valley Historical Society, we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Ellen Giblin
Natalia Conaty
Stacy Hoyt

Lighting of the Green

NV Village Green

Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 5:00pm

"Lighting of the Green" is a lighted Christmas Tree Celebration representing area families, businesses and organizations. Purchase a tree (through the project) and decorate it as you wish.

The $35.00 fee covers the cost of the tree, materials for the sign, lead cords, replacement cords and adapters as needed, etc. Participants will provide lights and decorations. Please use LED lighting only.

The trees will be labeled with your name and ready to decorate on
Tuesday, November 30th through Thursday, December 9th.
This will allow for a final check of the electricity prior to lighting on December 11, 2021.
LAST YEAR PROCEEDS Benefited Local Food Pantries

PLEASE NOTE: ALL TREES MUST BE DECORATED BY DECEMBER 9th.
AT THE VERY MINIMUM, THERE MUST BE LED LIGHTS STRUNG ON THE TREE.
(Please note any tree not using LED lights will not be lit)

****The male end (2 prongs) of the cord must be at the bottom on the tree and all decorations must be shatterproof and securely fastened.**

The tree lighting ceremony will take place at 5:00pm on the Village Green.

Trees will remain lit through Saturday, January 1, 2022.
All trees must be undecorated no later than Thursday, January 6th.
Any questions call or text:
Ellen Giblin at (607) 760-1383

Lighting of the Green

Name _____ Phone _____ Text: __yes___no

Address _____ **Email**_____

In Memory of / Sponsored by _____

What message would you like to put on your sign?_____

Please make a check payable to **Newark Valley HIstorical Society** in the amount of $35.00.

Drop off at the Village Office by Friday, November 12th
OR Mail **NO LATER THAN** November 9, 2021 to:
Ellen Giblin
24 Lawrence Ave.
Newark Valley, NY 13811

Village Offices:

Clerk's Office:
Mon.-Thurs: 9am to 5pm
Fridays: 9am to Noon
607-642-8686

Code Enforcement:
By Appointment Only
607-642-8686

Public Works Department:
By Appointment
Mon.-Thurs: 9am to 2pm
Fridays: 9am to Noon
607-642-8700

Village Board Meetings:

2nd Tuesday
of every month

6:30pm

Noble Room @
9 Park Street

Official Village Newspaper:

Tioga County Courier
www.tiogaweb.com/courier

Official Village Radio Station:

WEBO
1330 AM
98.5 Owego
101.3 Candor
107.9 Endicott
www.myhometowntoday.com

Know your Officials.....

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James Tornatore

Deputy Mayor:

Trustees:
Scott Parmelee
John Tomazin
Scott Kasmarcik

DPW Supervisor:
Bill Foster

Clerk Treasurer:
Pam Benthin

Deputy Clerk Treasurer:
Jess Moore

Code Enforcement Officer:
Chance Spoonhower