

# VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY NEWS

**MAY 2023** On the Web at [www.villagenv.com](http://www.villagenv.com) & [facebook.com/VillageOfNewarkValley](https://facebook.com/VillageOfNewarkValley)

## Mayor's Message

Good Spring Everyone,

Our Tioga Soil and Water Conservation District is supplying our Village with many trees and shrubs for this 2023 year along the East Branch of the Owego Creek. You are aware of many aging trees in the park that do require replacement. "The Trees For Tributaries Program" is to restore riparian or stream side buffers that slow down erosion, decrease land losses, improve wildlife habitat and protect our water quality. We appreciate Soil and Water Mission for assisting Municipalities with natural resource concerns. We wish to acknowledge District Manager Wendy Walsh along with Mike Jura, Alex Marks, and others for this Spring Season addition to your Trout Ponds Park.

Your Newark Valley Central School District Future Farmers of America (FFA) volunteers will be assisting these tree and shrub plantings. Our appreciation and many thanks to our School District Administration for allowing this process. Mr. Greg Schweiger, Science and FFA teacher, with many students deserving recognition and thanks. As an aside; Greg coaches our very talented Girls Basketball Program.

In March of this year, your Village Office received a petition to initiate a "Public Vote to Dissolve" this Village of Newark Valley. Without going into detail, the petition was inspected and nullified as insufficient to proceed.

Trustee Joseph Mooney for the second year; has created and nurtured along a Grant Application to Lowe's for infrastructure, renovation, and improvements for your Trout Ponds Park. We all appreciate the work effort, time and commitment of Joe, our Office, and Public Works Staff for a hopeful result. This is the "value added" approach guided by all your Board Members.

*Be safe,*

*Jim Tornatore*

[mayor@newarkvalleyvillage.com](mailto:mayor@newarkvalleyvillage.com)



### **CLERKS OFFICE:**

Happy Spring Everyone!

We have been dealing with a lot of returned mail, undeliverable emails and attempted phone calls that lead us to disconnected landlines. If you change or have changed your phone, email or mailing address please remember to update with us. We will never send you junk mail, and your information is never used outside of this office. Most of the time we are just trying to contact you regarding your water usage, or we have questions about a payment you sent us.

Speaking of keeping things up to date, the village is in the process of transitioning to new email addresses, please update your contacts for us with the following:

- Village Office: [info@newarkvalleyvillage.com](mailto:info@newarkvalleyvillage.com)
- Public Works: [dwp@newarkvalleyvillage.com](mailto:dwp@newarkvalleyvillage.com)
- Code Enforcement: [code@newarkvalleyvillage.com](mailto:code@newarkvalleyvillage.com)
- Mayor Tornatore: [mayor@newarkvalleyvillage.com](mailto:mayor@newarkvalleyvillage.com)

We received our fiscal stress score from the NYS Comptroller, and have maintained a 'No Designation' status, which in Comptroller speak means good. Our fiscal stress # remained at a 3.3 and our environmental score went down from 16.7 to 10.0, so the Village is in good shape.

At the beginning of our fiscal year (March) the Board of Trustees approved some changes to the village fee schedule, which was last updated in 2015. Changes include the Re-levy fee increasing to \$50.00, Returned Check fee to \$35.00, Tax Search Requests to \$15.00 and the fee for renting of the Noble Room increased to \$25.00. A full copy of the Village fee schedule is available upon request at the Village office.

As some of you are diving into spring cleaning, just a reminder we do have two 3-yard dumpsters available for resident use. They are \$100 for one week of use. Contact us if you'd like to schedule use of one while you're cleaning out your basement, garage or attic.

NYS fishing season is in full swing, if you need to renew or get your license for the first time, we are a NYS DEC license issuing agent and can help you out during normal office hours. Please remember to bring your drivers license or previous years license so that we can easily look you up in their system.

Village tax bills were mailed March 1<sup>st</sup>, we do accept payments here in the office through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Your payments can be mailed, left in our drop-box, brought to the office during regular hours or you can make payments online. If you're going to pay online, know that there is a processing fee charged by AllPaid, and please contact us to verify the current total amount due including late penalties before submitting your payment as we are unable to accept

any amount other than the exact dollar amount due, per NYS guidelines.

We are still offering faxing services if you have a need, as well as copies and if you need a Notary both myself and Deputy Clerk are licensed notaries, the charge is \$2.00 per notarization.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact the Village office, we are happy to help.

*Best Regards,*  
*Pam Benthin*  
[info@newarkvalleyvillage.com](mailto:info@newarkvalleyvillage.com)  
607-642-8686



### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

Winter is behind us, as type this I am also knocking on wood. We have changed duties here at the DPW. We have started brush pick up on Tuesday mornings. Please remember to bag or put small loose items into cans for easier pick up. Lay sticks and branches parallel to the street. Please cut all branches to smaller than 6' in length. We still will not take full trees, but arrangements can be made for you to utilize our village dump for full trees.

Mowing has started to take place all over the village and with that I'll remind everyone to not blow their grass clippings into the street or sidewalks. It's dangerous and in New York State, it's illegal. 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, and creates a slippery situation for our motorists, especially for the two-wheeled variety.

In the very beginning of May, the Trout ponds will have approximately 200 trees planted by the Tioga County Soil and Water program and the Newark Valley FFA. This project will help in controlling soil erosion along the banks of the Owego creek through our lovely park. The 200 trees will vary in species and will restore and establish native trees and shrubs to improve biodiversity and wildlife habitat. **\*\*Rescheduled to a later date due to water conditions at the park on May 1st.**

Included in this newsletter is your Annual Water Quality Report. I am happy to report that we are in 100% compliance with all State drinking water health standards. If you have any questions about the attached report, please feel free to contact me.

We work very hard to keep your park clean and safe for everyone to enjoy. We ask that you help us a little by taking all your trash with you after you visit the park. Mowing would go much faster if we didn't have to stop and pick up random drink bottles, take-out food bags, etc. Also, your pets are always welcome to come with you and enjoy the park but remember to keep them on a leash and **clean up after them**. Even in the high grass areas, where you think it's out of sight and hidden, trust me when we unsuspectingly encounter a pile with a

weedwacker just about every inch of us knows what you left behind and makes for a pretty crappy day, pun intended.

*Have a safe and enjoyable spring!*

Matt Seamans  
[dpw@newarkvalleyvillage.com](mailto:dpw@newarkvalleyvillage.com)  
607-642-8700



## **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Spring is upon us! Hallelujah!

Building permit season is ramping up, if you are planning a project don't forget that I will need drawings submitted with your building application and if you are working with a contractor, I will need all of their contact and insurance information before your project gets underway.

Speaking of contact information, if you have changed your phone number in the last say 5 years, or traded your landline for a cell phone, please remember to update your info with us. If there is an issue with your property I would much rather try and resolve it with a simple phone call and discussion rather than sending you a notice in the mail.

Another topic to touch on, house numbers. Please make sure you have numbers either on your house or at the very least on your mailbox. Not only is this a NYS Code requirement, but it is also extremely helpful to first responders if a situation ever arises that you need them to find you as fast as possible. Numbers made of a reflective material are best, but

something is better than nothing, aim for 4inches or larger in height and make sure they are in clear view from the sidewalk and not hiding behind some blossoming shrubbery.

With the nicer weather and the longer daylight hours upon us let's get out there and start getting those yards cleaned up. I know things can pile up during the cold, snowy, winter months that we have to endure here, but now is the time to do some spring cleaning outside just as you are inside. If left in unsightly condition you will be hearing from me, and neither of us want that.

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

*Respectfully,*  
*Max Chandler Jr.*  
[code@newarkvalleyvillage.com](mailto:code@newarkvalleyvillage.com)



## **TAPPAN SPAULDING LIBRARY:**

### Library Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 1pm – 6pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9am – 2pm  
Happy Spring from Tappan-Spaulding Memorial Library! Listed below is a list of our current programs:

StoryTime: On **Monday** mornings at 10am, we have StoryTime that includes stories, a craft, and an activity. This program is tailored to children ages 2-4 years old, but all are welcome to join! It's a fun way to spend the morning with the kiddos and make new friends!

LEGO Club: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm, join us in the Noble Room for LEGO CLUB! We supply the LEGOS, kids build and get to have their creations on display at the library until the next LEGO Club. All ages welcome! There is a monthly drawing to win a small LEGO set! No drop-offs please. Upcoming LEGO Club dates: 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, and 8/9.

Book Club: Every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm, we hold a virtual book club for adults on Zoom. The books we will discuss are posted on our Facebook page. Read the book, then hop on the computer and chat about it with a great group! Upcoming Book Club dates: 5/23, 6/27, 7/25, and 8/22.

Puzzle Swap: We have puzzles of all sizes (but mostly 1000 pieces) at the library for patrons to borrow. Stop in and grab a few and when you're done, bring them back and borrow some more! If you have puzzles that you would like to donate to our puzzle swap, we'll gladly take them!

Our summer reading program planning is in full-swing! Keep an eye out for the upcoming summer events by following us on Facebook and/or Instagram and checking our website.

We have two open seats on our library board that need to be filled. If you're a village resident and you're interested in becoming a board member, please come to a meeting, call or email. We'd love to have you! We are in the process of finding a time



that works for all board members - our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 21st at 5pm. Our board meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome!

*Erin Chapman, Director  
Tappan-Spaulding Memorial Library  
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607-642-9960*



### **JOINT YOUTH PROGRAM:**

2023 Summer Recreation is in the final planning stages!

We are looking forward to another program year full of fun activities! Grades pre-k through 6 are welcome!

We will send information out through the school in late May. Like our Joint Summer Rec. Facebook page:

[facebook.com/jointsummerrecreation](https://www.facebook.com/jointsummerrecreation)

for the most up to date information or you can contact Director, Heidi Cardone, anytime.

*Heidi Cardone  
Director Joint Youth Summer Rec.  
[nusummerrec@gmail.com](mailto:nusummerrec@gmail.com)  
607-229-2462*



### **NORTHERN TIOGA CHAMBER of COMMERCE:**

#### **Helping Business Take Flight!**

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. Suggestions are always welcome as to how we can help our members better.

#### **New Changes for the Chamber**

The Chamber bylaws have been changed to now invite non-business owners to join us! Please visit our website [northerntiogachamber.org](http://northerntiogachamber.org) for all the details of membership levels and benefits.

Welcome Matt Kistner as a new Director. Matt is with Edward Jones and will be a great asset to the Chamber.

The Chamber office will be open Mondays from 10am until 2pm. Starting in May, the office will be open on Wednesday's from 10am until 2pm in addition to Mondays.

#### **Upcoming Events to mark your calendars!**

The Chamber is happy to announce some new seminars free to members and the public! Our first seminar will be May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Noble Room with Nicole Kobziewicz and is entitled: "Destiny to Financial Freedom." Please register if possible at [Destiny to Financial Freedom Registration \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com) Also, you can view Nicole's website at [Kobziewicz Financial Coaching: Owego, NY - Debt Removal\(debtfreewithnicole.com\)](https://www.kobziewiczfinancialcoaching.com) Snacks & drinks will be provided.

Our next seminar will be June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in the Noble Room with Matt Kistner. Matt's seminar will be "Navigating Fixed Income". In 2016, Matt graduated from SUNY Oswego with a bachelor's degree in marketing and a concentration in Risk Management. Prior to becoming a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, he worked for Visions FCU. His passion for helping people directed him toward his current career. Matt has his Series 7, Series 66, and Life and Health Insurance Licenses. Providing education to people regarding how they can enjoy the retirement they deserve is largely in part how Matt plans to be a resource for Northern Tioga County.

If you have any suggestions or would like to be a presenter for future seminars, please let us know.

On May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am until noon, the Chamber will be sponsoring a **"Shredding Event"** This will be held in the NBT parking lot, 2 North Main St., Newark Valley. Community members are welcome to bring bags and boxes of documents to be shredded and donations are welcome to help defray the cost of upcoming events.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> we will once again be hosting **Doug's Fish Fry** and will have a Bake Sale at the same time! This event will be on Park St. in Newark Valley from 11am until 6pm.

**Summerfest** date has been set for July 29, 2023 at the Trout Ponds. The Parade will begin at 10am and will start at Silk St., up Main St. to Water St. and then Whig St. to the School. If you are interested in being in the parade, visit our website for an application: [NV Summerfest - Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce](#)

New this year will be a Corn Hole Tournament! Visit the chamber website to register. Also pending, is ax throwing! This year's event will also have vendors,

bands, great food with Smokey Legends BBQ, Lambert's Snack Shack, Duck Race, fireworks, and more!

### **Scholarship for NVHS Seniors**

The Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce has established a scholarship program administered through the Northern Tioga Chamber Scholarship Fund. Unfortunately, we have received no applicants.

### **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 at 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, news, or specials so that we can post them in our E-Blast. We currently have over 207 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](mailto: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.

## Northern Tioga Business Directory

The Chamber has compiled a directory of area businesses, churches, and organizations. We will also have a copy on our website.

## You're 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](http://northerntiogachamber.org). We are currently seeking one more Director. If you can spare some of your time and are a member of the Chamber – We Need You. You can contact the chamber office at [northerntiogachamber@gmail.com](mailto:northerntiogachamber@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting the Northern Tioga Chamber!

Respectfully,  
*Crystal Cross, Secretary*  
[northerntiogachamber@gmail.com](mailto:northerntiogachamber@gmail.com)

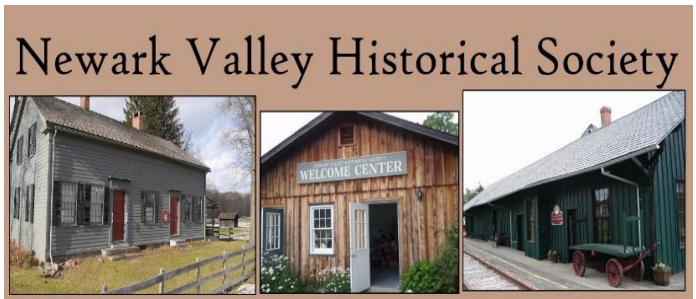
## *Newark Valley Tillers & Toilers*



Spring Greetings from the Tillers & Toilers, We will be having our Plant/Bake Sale a little later this year. It will be held on the Village Green, Saturday, June 10th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00.

If anyone is separating perennials, we will gladly accept donations for the sale.

***Happy gardening,  
Mary Ellen Odom***



## **Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum:**

9241 State Route 38, Newark Valley

## **Newark Valley Depot:**

6 Depot St., Newark Valley

## **2023 EVENTS CALENDAR**

## **N.V. HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

FOR UPDATES: [www.nvhistory.org](http://www.nvhistory.org)

May 6

**Bluebell Day:** 10-1 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead. Free community event featuring: Guild demonstrations, Maypole dance, craft project, games, activities, displays, plants, and self-guided bluebell viewing walks. Shuttles & Spindles Guild will demonstrate dyeing.

May 20

**Blacksmith Guild:** 10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. New members welcome! Doug Dayger: 607.669.4489.

May 22

**Cooking/Guides Guild:** Possible field trip, TBA.

June 10 & 11

**Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** Central NY Fiber Festival @ Bouckville, NY

June 17

**Blacksmith Guild:** 10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. New members welcome! Doug Dayger: 607.669.4489.

June 17

**Cooking/Guides Guild:** 10-2 @ Welcome Ctr. Guild meeting, followed by presentations & potluck luncheon. Presenters: Lil Barron--period recipes & ingredients; Leslie Kiersted--period Dutch cooking.



June 30

**Chicken BBQ:** 5:30-7 @ Depot. Pre-sale tickets only from office 642-9516, or Board member, or (starting June 2) at Depot Fridays. Details TBA.

July 1 - Sept. 24

**Bement-Billings House OPEN FOR TOURS** & Gift Shop, each Sat. and Sun., 12- 4 PM.

July 8

**Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** 10-2 @ Farmstead: indigo dying. BYO lunch & beverage. New members welcome! Denise: 607-642-5568.

July 15

**Blacksmith Guild:** 10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. New members welcome! Doug Dayger: 607.669.4489.

July 15-16

**Rendezvous:** 9-5 @ Farmstead: National Rendezvous & Living History Foundation. \$5 ages 13+.

- Huge encampment of re-enactors
- Pre-1840 muzzle loaders & hawk and knife throws.
- Pioneer skills & crafting of 1740-1840's accoutrements.
- Bement House & Gift Shop open, 12-4 PM.
- Crazy Quilting guild demo, 10-1 at Welcome Center, open to the public



## DEPOT FRIDAY NIGHTS

Free Events 7-9 PM @ NV Depot  
Doors open at 6 PM.

Refreshments available.

Schedule: [nvhistory.org](http://nvhistory.org) 642-9516

June 2: **The Tarps:**

7-piece band playing classic rock & roll.

June 9: **Rick Marsi**

author, naturalist, photographer:  
"For the Love of Forests"

June 16: **Little Big Band:**

7-piece band plays swing, doo wop, rock & roll, pop.

June 23: **Ain't Misbehavin':**

Dance band plays big band, jazz, pop, rock, polka, & more.

June 30: **Horseshoe Lounge Playboys:**

4-piece band, Americana rocking roots music.

July 7: **The Stoutmen:**

Toe tapping Irish ballads and rebel songs.

July 14: **Dean Goble Band:**

Classic country, bluegrass, Southern rock, and swing.

**Newark Valley  
Historical Society**  
[nvhistory@stny.rr.com](mailto:nvhistory@stny.rr.com)



Hope Cemetery is so fortunate to have wonderful volunteers. Special thanks to the Lawton family for their help taking down the large tree that fell close to the mausoleum. We are thankful for the faithful support from Peter Ortu, Mark Lott and John Frieman for their continuous hours of work and use of equipment. And it goes without saying, we are indebted to



Sharon Weed for her years of tireless support to the ongoing operation of the cemetery.

We are expanding the cemetery this year and would like to thank the efforts of Williams and Edsall Land Surveyors.

The Cemetery has unfortunately experienced some vandalism. Please let a Cemetery Board member know if you witness this type of activity.

It would also be appreciated if you are walking on the grounds and see tree debris, to pick it up and place it at the base of the tree to allow for mowing. Lastly, we are always looking for new Board members and volunteers.

*Sincerely,  
Hope Cemetery  
Board of Directors*



The Valley Quilters group will be meeting at the Newark Valley Municipal Building in the Noble Room at 9 Park Street, Newark Valley. We meet every two weeks throughout the year. Our upcoming meeting dates are:

May 10 & May 24  
June 7 & June 28<sup>th</sup>

We meet from 10:00 am until approximately 12:00 noon. Three times a year we go to a local church community room for a three day “retreat” from 9 am until 3 pm each day. We also have an annual picnic in June and a Christmas party in December.

We are a very generous group in that we make many quilts and gifts and donate them

to various local groups and charities or those needing help.

The Valley Quilters are a group from many local areas but meet in Newark Valley as that is where the club was formed. We welcome anyone to our group who is a quilter or would like to learn more about quilting or how to quilt.

For more information or any questions please call Louise at 607-223-4324 or Patti at 607-642-8839

*Happy quilting,  
The Valley Quilters*

## **HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:**



**MONDAY, MAY 29**

## **MEMORIAL DAY**

**(GARBAGE WILL BE COLLECTED ON TUESDAY)**



**MONDAY, JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> & TUESDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**(GARBAGE WILL STILL BE COLLECTED  
ON MONDAY THE 3<sup>RD</sup>)**

**ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS  
AT THE TROUT PONDS PARK**

☀️ Summer 2023 Line-up ☀️

**NATE GROSS  
BAND**



**MAY 13th**

Original brand of Blues that combine Blues, Soul, Americana, Swing, Latin, Jazz and traditional sounds with monster sized guitar licks!

**THE WATTS**



**JUNE 10th**

NV's Home-Town Band playing Rock & Classic Rock covers from the 60's through today!

**NEXT TO KIN**



**AUGUST 12th**

**Energetic Alternative Folk Ensemble with powerful vocals, an upright bass, acoustic guitars, drums, and even a harmonica! They will entertain you with originals as well as covers across many genres!**

(No performance in July as it is chocked-full with the Busy Bird Bluegrass Fest, Berkshire Blueberry Festival and Newark Valley Summerfest.)

All performances are from 5-8pm at the large Pavilion at the end of the park road.

Bring your family and friends, lawn chairs and blankets, the kids and their bikes, frisbees, etc. and enjoy some great music while the kiddos enjoy the playground and park.

This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes.



# Celebrate in Tioga County



July 29<sup>th</sup>

NV

Newark Valley

Summerfest

Trout Ponds Park,  
Newark Valley, NY

Parade • Vendors

Activities • Games

Ninja Course

Music • Food

Cornhole Tourney

Duck Race • Fireworks

Looking forward to Summer, yet? The Northern Tioga Chamber Directors have the answer. July 29, 2023.... It's time to plan this next Event. We are looking for our Crafters, Vendors, Music, and Food Vendors as well of course! Fireworks and the Parade and maybe a few new acts.

Do you want to help us and get involved. We would love to hear your ideas and suggestions.

Drop us an email at [NVSummerfest@gmail.com](mailto:NVSummerfest@gmail.com)

Visit our website: [northerntiogachamber.org](http://northerntiogachamber.org) for Vendor Applications, Parade participation Applications and you can even buy your Duck Race Tickets there now! Just click the events tab!



**KNOW YOUR OFFICIALS.....**

**MAYOR:**  
JAMES TORNATORE

**DPW SUPERVISOR:**  
MATT SEAMANS

**DEPUTY MAYOR:**  
SCOTT KASMARCIK

**CLERK TREASURER:**  
PAM BENTHIN

**TRUSTEES:**  
JOHN TOMAZIN  
JOE MOONEY  
TED HARDENSTINE

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**  
MAX CHANDLER

**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.

**OFFICIAL VILLAGE  
NEWSPAPER:**

TIOGA COUNTY COURIER  
[WWW.TIOGAWEB.COM/COURIER](http://WWW.TIOGAWEB.COM/COURIER)

**OFFICIAL VILLAGE  
RADIO STATIONS:**

WEBO  
1330 AM  
98.5 OWEGO  
101.3 CANDOR  
107.9 ENDICOTT  
[WWW.MYHOMETOWNTODAY.COM](http://WWW.MYHOMETOWNTODAY.COM)

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***Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2022***  
***Village Newark Valley***  
***PO Box 398 Newark Valley NY 13811***  
***(Public Water Supply ID# NY5304407)***

## **INTRODUCTION**

To comply with State regulations, Village Newark Valley will be annually issuing a report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. Last year, your tap water met all State drinking water health standards. We are proud to report that our system did not violate a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact Matt Seamans, DPW Supervisor at 642-8700. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled village board meetings. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Municipal Building in the Noble Room at 6:30 pm.

## **WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?**

In general, the sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Departments and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves over 1000 people through about 416 service connections. Our water source is 2 ground water wells. Well # 3 is located on Whig Street adjacent to the village barn and is about 120 feet down, well # 4 is located at the Trout Pond Park and has a depth of 150 feet. The water is treated with sodium hypochlorite solution to a minimum of 0.2 and a maximum of 4.0 ppm as a disinfectant prior to distribution and is stored in an aboveground concrete reservoir which provides 500,000 gallons of finished water for distribution.

Our source water's susceptibility to contamination is very minor because our one source aquifer is slow moving, and our wells are at a sufficient depth. Other than horizontal fracking (which is not allowed in New York) we have an in-ground fuel storage tank about 500 feet from the well head, but the tanks are continually monitored for leaks and the vast majority of salt is stored in concrete storage areas. We do not pump water from streams or shallow wells which is more likely for contamination.

## **ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?**

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include total coliform, turbidity, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, radiological and synthetic organic compounds. The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, is more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791 or the Tioga County Health Department at 1-607-687-8600, or emailing them at [Environmental.Health@tiogacountyny.gov](mailto:Environmental.Health@tiogacountyny.gov).

### **Perfluorooctanoic acid(PFOA, Perfluorooctansulfonic acid, and 1,4 Dioxane(1,4-D)**

PFOA, PFOS, and 1,4-D are relatively ubiquitous in the environment due to their historical widespread use and persistence. PFOA and PFOS have been used in a variety of consumer and industrial products as surface coatings and/or protectants because of their nonstick properties. Research further indicates that these compounds bioaccumulate in various organisms, including fish and humans. 1,4-D has been largely used as a solvent stabilizer for chemical processing but can also be found as a purifying agent in the manufacturing of pharmaceuticals as well as a contaminant in ethoxylated surfactants commonly used in consumer cosmetics, detergents, and shampoos. Research indicates that this chemical does not bioaccumulate in the food chain. For more information on PFOA, PFOS, and 1,4-D go to the DEC's water webpage at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/290.html>. We are happy to inform you that our testing shows we have no violations and did not exceed the MCL set forth by the Health Department.

### **Lead**

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants, and young children. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community because of materials used in your home's plumbing. The Village of Newark Valley is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>.



**Table of Detected Contaminants**

Contaminant	<u>Violation Yes/No</u>	<u>Date of Sample</u>	<u>Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)</u>	<u>Unit Measurement</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)</u>	<u>Likely Source of Contamination</u>
COLIFORM 2 wells	NO	Monthly	Absence				Corrosion of lead service pipe, brass fitting, and household plumbing components.
LEAD **	NO	8/4/22	0.0044	Mg/L	0.001	0.015	
COPPER **	NO	8/4/22	0.114	Mg/L	0.025	1.3	
NITRATE WELL 3	NO	2/01/22	1.15	Mg/L		10	
NITRATE WELL 4	NO	2/01/22	1.11	Mg/L		10	Corrosion of household plumbing, runoff from fertilizer use.
DISINFECTION	NO	8/04/22	14.2	Ug/l	2.0	80	
PRODUCTS *(HAA5) PRIMARY INORGANIC CHEMICALS *	NO	8/13/20					Common sources of nitrate contamination include fertilizers, animal wastes, septic tanks, municipal sewage treatment systems, and decaying plant debris.
SECONDARY INORGANIC CHEMICALS	NO	8/13/20					
PRINCIPAL ORGANIC CHEMICALS *	NO	8/13/20					
BARIUM	NO	8/13/20	0.0316	Mg/L		2	
NICKEL	NO	8/13/20	< 0.0005	Mg/L			
SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICALS *	NO	8/13/20					
Volatile Organic Chemicals							
<u>Chloroform</u>							
Well # 3		8/13/20	<0.50ug/l			80 ug/l	
Well #4		8/13/20	2.27 ug/l			80 ug/l	
<u>Bromodichloromethane</u>							
Well # 3		8/13/20	0.63 ug/l			5.0 ug/l	
Well 4		8/13/20	3.24 ug/l			5.0 ug/l	
<u>Dibromochloromethane</u>							
Well #3		8/13/20	1.08 ug/l			5.0 ug/l	
Well # 4		8/13/20	3.26 ug/l			5.0 ug/l	
<u>Bromoform</u>							
Well # 3		8/13/20	0.74 ug/l			2.0 ug/l	
Well # 4		8/13/20	1.23 ug/l			2.0 ug/l	
TOTAL Trihalomethanes*	NO	8/04/22	0.0017			Mg/l	
Radium 226*well#3	NO	8/22/17	0.119 pCi/l			5 pCi/l	
Radium 228*well#4	NO	8/22/17	-0.288 pCi/l			5 pCi/l	
Gross Alpha*well#4	NO	8/22/17	-0.147 pCi/l			15 pCi/l	
PFOA well3	NO	10/28/22	2.77			10 ng/l	
PFOA well4	NO	10/28/22	<1.82			10 ng/l	

\* A complete breakdown of all test are available at the Village office

\*\* Average of the two highest levels or 90<sup>th</sup> percentile detected (all levels were below MCL)

This level represents the highest locational running annual average calculated from data collected.

2 – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 10 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. In this case, ten samples were collected at your water system and the 90th percentile value was the <0.0050 value the action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites tested. All residents that participated in the lead and copper test were delivered a test result for their house to keep them informed.

#### Definitions:

- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)**: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)**: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)**: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)**: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.
- **Action Level (AL)**: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **Treatment Technique (TT)**: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Level 1 Assessment**: A Level 1 assessment is an evaluation of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- **Level 2 Assessment**: A Level 2 assessment is an evaluation of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an *E. coli* MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
- **Non-Detects (ND)**: Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
- **Milligrams per liter (mg/l)**: Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm).
- **Micrograms per liter (ug/l)**: Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb).
- **Nanograms per liter (ng/l)**: Corresponds to one part of liquid to one trillion parts of liquid (parts per trillion - ppt).
- **Picograms per liter (pg/l)**: Corresponds to one part per of liquid to one quadrillion parts of liquid (parts per quadrillion – ppq).
- **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)**: A measure of the radioactivity in water.
- **Millirems per year (mrem/yr)**: A measure of radiation absorbed by the body.
- **Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)**: A measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

## **WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?**

As you can see from the table, our system had no violations. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State.

## **IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?**

During 2022, our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

## **DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?**

Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer, undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia, and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) and <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-safe-drinking-water-act>

## **WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT?**

Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are several reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- ◆ Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life.
- ◆ Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers; and
- ◆ Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential firefighting needs are met.

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water. Conservation tips include:

- ◆ Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So, get a run for your money and load it to capacity.
- ◆ Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- ◆ Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
- ◆ Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

## **CLOSING**

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. To maintain a safe and dependable water supply we have made new and costly improvements over the last eight years that will benefit all our customers. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please remember to call if you must dig anywhere near a water line, any damage done to the water system can be reflected in your water bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 607-642-8700 and I will try to answer any question I can.



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