

VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY NEWS

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LOWES HOMETOWNS GRANT – TROUT PONDS RESTORATION AND REPAIR:

Many village residents may have noticed that our Trout Ponds Repair & Restoration Project, made possible by the Lowe’s Hometowns grant, is in full swing. Many thanks to those community members that came out on Friday, October 20th to take part in our “Red Vest Day,” where Lowe’s associates from near and far came to help us paint our park entrance gates, benches, picnic tables, pavilions, gazebo, and walking bridge. Thanks also to the NVHS Interact club who helped level and seed some uneven grassy areas in the park. Last but certainly not least - many thanks to our Village office staff, DPW staff as well as our Mayor and Trustees who participated in this event as well! The rain held off and we were able to get a lot of work done!

In the coming weeks the project will progress toward completion. Major repairs and renovations include:

- The old, uneven asphalt pads and basketball hoop have been removed and a new larger, full-

size basketball court has been poured. The new basketball hoops have been installed, however the court will be sealed and painted later this spring, when the weather permits. During the winter



season we hope to have the court double as an ice-skating rink, if the weather cooperates! This is an exciting addition to our beloved park, and we will have more information on the ice-skating rink as the plan progresses and the weather changes.

- The two small pavilions have been refurbished with new concrete pads, new roofs, and posts have been replaced where needed. The gables and posts were painted as part of our volunteer Red



Vest Day. Each pavilion will be outfitted with a new grill.



- The second “large” pavilion has had all posts replaced, as well as a new roof installed. These posts will be painted next year once the pressure treated lumber dries out enough to do so. Two new grills will be installed on the back side of the pavilion, in the hopes that the prevailing winds don’t travel through the pavilion and smoke out your party while cooking anymore! The old grills will be removed and scrapped.



- All the parks picnic tables were painted as part of our volunteer day as well, and the picnic area near Owego Creek (off to your left as you enter the park) will be outfitted with 2 new grills.

- The gazebo has been re-roofed with asphalt shingles and weatherproofed along with the walking bridge. At the time of this project summary, the bridge abutments were being leveled off so the bridge can be re-attached to the gazebo.



There are a few minor cosmetic fixes left to be completed on the bridge and gazebo. These repairs will increase safety and hopefully bring the “centerpiece” of our park back to its former glory – fit to hold celebrations of all kinds once again!

- Also, in-progress is the renovation to the public restrooms. The bathrooms will be outfitted with new toilets, vanities, sinks, and hand dryers. New, larger doors and handrails will make the

bathrooms ADA-compliant. The bathroom exterior walls and roof will be brown and green, respectively, to match the color-scheme of the pavilions.



- Two new, environmentally friendly drinking fountains will be installed. One near where the current water spigot is located near the gazebo, and one in between the bathrooms and the baseball fields. These water fountains are equipped with a bottle-filling station and have 3 levels of drinking fountains to accommodate adults, children, and pets.

Our main objective for park repairs and improvements was to address specific structural and safety issues and to provide safer, cleaner, and more enjoyable recreational facilities to a large part of the Newark Valley community. This includes Village, Town and other Northern Tioga County residents that rely on the park for recreational activities. Offering low or no cost recreational facilities and activities is an important and valuable service our local government provides, and we hope this project has long-lasting positive effects by increasing park usage and thus promoting healthy lifestyles across all age groups. Many thanks to



Lowe's Home Improvement and the Lowe's Hometowns initiative for enabling us to complete the park repairs and making these improvements a reality. A very special thank you goes out to Newark Valley

alum Mike Shady. His e-mail from two years ago made us aware of this grant funding and without his help, none of these park improvements would have been possible. Additionally, it has been a pleasure to work alongside Pam Benthin, Village Clerk/Treasurer and Matt Seamans, DPW Supervisor to manage this project – they deserve a

big shout out for the extra hours they've put into this project and seeing it through. We would like to thank the Town of Newark Valley Highway Department for helping with the disposal of the old basketball court. Thanks as well to Karl and Chance Spoonhower and Spoonhower Construction for all the work they've completed thus far and the work they will complete in the coming weeks! We're beyond excited to bring this project to completion and for the community to enjoy the improved Trout Ponds Park!

*Yours truly,
Joe Mooney
Village Trustee*

Mayor's Message

Hello everyone,

October 20th at our Trout Ponds Park, over fifty volunteers invested their time and energy by hoisting brooms, trash cans, paint brushes and rakes to improve this wonderful part of your Village. Trustee Joe Mooney is your Project Manager for this project. Two years ago, Joe brought his ideas and effort forward to accomplish this dynamic funding effort to near completion. Our gratitude and acknowledgement of this success to this Village's future.

We are once again searching for a Code Enforcement Officer (CEO). Those with knowledge of proper building methods, repair and respect for Code will be great prospects for this function. If you have interest, please come into our Village Office for more detail.

*Kind Regards,
Jim Tornatore, Mayor*
mayor@newarkvalleyvillage.com



CLERKS OFFICE:

I hope this printing of the newsletter finds everyone doing well! There has been a lot going on here in the Village office!

We have been very active with our Trout Ponds project and are SO excited about the many additions and improvements to our beloved park. We are so extremely grateful to Lowes for their generosity. A very special thanks to Trustee Joe Mooney for his dedication to this project. Without his tenacity and many hours of his time, this project could not have happened. The tremendous teamwork by so many has been truly heartwarming.

Next, we would like to welcome Trisha Thomas to the Village staff. Trisha is our Deputy Clerk-Treasurer in-training. Trisha is a Newark Valley graduate, and a life-long resident of Northern Tioga County. Trisha's community focus, and her ability and willingness to learn, along with her attention to detail makes her a perfect fit for the Village office. Feel free to stop into the office to meet her. Welcome Trisha!

Unfortunately, that means that Jess Moore will be leaving us in the near future. She and her family will be moving south to warmer weather. We would like to thank Jess for the countless contributions that she has made to the Village office. Jess's dedication to the Village, accuracy, creativity, drive, and kindness to every resident who came into or called the office will be greatly missed. I will miss her both professionally and personally. Best of luck to you and your family Jess!

Reminder, as of November 1st, any unpaid Village taxes have been sent to the County. Past due taxes can no longer be paid at the Village office. These balances will be added to your Town tax bill which will be mailed to you in January.

We are very happy to announce that we will soon have an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in the Municipal Building. We will keep everyone posted when it is installed. This was made possible with the help of our friends at Maine EMS! Thank you, Maine EMS, for everything that you do for all of the communities that you serve! Speaking of Maine EMS...did you know that there was a Great White Shark and a Grinch in the village on Halloween?? They were seen handing out candy with Maine EMS and Newark Valley Fire Dept. in front of the Municipal Building. We are so glad they were nice, and everyone stayed safe. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Lighting of the Green ~ Applications are currently being accepted for our Annual Lighting of the Green at the Village office. If you have participated in this event in the past or simply enjoyed the show, you know this tradition not only honors and celebrates friends, family, and businesses, but also brings such joy and beauty to our little Village. If you haven't participated, this just may be the year to start!



Applications will be accepted until **November 14th**. The cost is \$40.00 per tree. Checks can be made payable to the Newark Valley Historical Society. Funds raised go to assist local not-for-profits. If you have any questions regarding this event, please call or text **Ellen Giblin at (607)760-1383**.

The Tree Lighting ceremony will be on Saturday, **December 9th at 5:00 pm**. We hope to see you there for all the Holiday festivities and cheer!

The Village is looking for a Code Enforcement Officer. Our current CEO, Max Chandler, will be leaving us at the end of November. If you are a licensed Code Enforcement Officer and are interested in joining the Village, please contact Pam at the Village office (607)642-8686.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season with family and friends filled with health and happiness!

My Best,
Pam Benthin
info@newarkvalleyvillage.com
607-642-8686



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

I'm sure the rest of this newsletter will be filled with information about the Trout Ponds renovation project. The project has certainly kept the DPW very busy this summer/fall. What might not have been discussed is that the Village has purchased a new security camera system. The 16-camera system is not only intended to protect the park, but the Municipal building, the village Green, the Village barn, and both Village water wells. We will be adding Wi-Fi at the trout ponds to utilize the new wireless

cameras and using the existing Wi-Fi at the Municipal building and the Village barn. Initially the camera purchase was suggested by the Dept. of Health to protect our well houses, as our current cameras have either failed or will fail in the very near future.

The DPW will continue to pick leaves and yard debris for a little while longer. Leaf pick up will cease as soon as the snow flies. We have also been busy readying trucks and sanders for snow removal. Just a reminder that Village parking laws go into effect 11/1/2023:

[Chapter 157. Vehicles and Traffic](#)
[Article III. Parking, Standing and Stopping](#)
[§ 157-20. Parking prohibited certain hours.](#)

No person shall park a vehicle between the hours specified in Schedule XV (§ 157-43) of any day, unless otherwise indicated, upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in said schedule, attached to and made a part of this chapter.

[Chapter 157. Vehicles and Traffic](#)
[Article VI. Schedules](#)
[§ 157-43. Schedule XV: Parking Prohibited Certain Hours.](#)

[Amended 10-14-2008 by L.L. No. 2-2008]

In accordance with the provisions of § 157-20, no person shall park a vehicle between the times specified upon any of the following described streets or parts thereof:

	Name of Street or Parking Lot	Side	Hours/Days	Location
A.	Any highway or private road within the corporate limits of the Village	Both	12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 1	Village of Newark Valley
B.	Parking lots contiguous to the municipal building on 9 Park Street (except for designated areas for emergency personnel)	All sides	12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 1	Village of Newark Valley

Also please be diligent in keeping your sidewalks and drains clear of snow.

[Chapter 140. Streets and Sidewalks](#)
[Article V. Removal of Snow and Ice](#)
[§ 140-31. Responsibility of property owner; snow and ice removal.](#)

All owners of Village real property which abuts upon or is contiguous to a public sidewalk shall be responsible for the maintenance of said sidewalk and shall be required to keep such sidewalk reasonably clear of snow and ice and shall not permit the same to accumulate.

§ 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:

(1) Snow and ice shall be removed within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall on noncommercial establishments.

(2) 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 § 140-29(3)(a) above, without any further notice to the property owner.

Also, it is never a bad idea to keep any fire hydrants you have on your property clear of snow and ice. The DPW will clear them routinely, but hydrants are last on the list in the snow removal procedure. I hope everyone has a safe and festive holiday season.

*DPW supervisor, Matt Seamans
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TAPPAN SPAULDING LIBRARY:

Library Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 1pm – 6pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9am - 2pm

Happy Fall from Tappan-Spaulding Memorial Library! We have been busy at the library with our

weekly StoryTimes and our monthly 4th grade library field trips! Make sure to check out our Facebook or Instagram page to see all of the fun things we do at StoryTime. And next time you're at the library, be sure to check out the fantastic fall and Halloween artwork by the Newark Valley 4th graders - they make the library so very festive!

We also just had a successful Halloween at the Homestead where we partnered with the Newark Valley Historical Society to put on a fun and FREE Halloween event. The library put on a StoryWalk and gave out a free Halloween book to each child who attended.

A reminder of our ongoing 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: 11/8, 12/13, 1/10, and 2/14.



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!



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!

*With Miss Erin running all the programming, sometimes the dates/times will sometimes change at the last minute because life happens! The best way to stay up to date and be notified of any last-minute changes is to follow us on Facebook or Instagram!

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**NORTHERN TIOGA
CHAMBER of
COMMERCE:**

The Northern Tioga Chamber is proud to be a part of the Northern Tioga community and continues to look for ways to help our business members. Suggestions are always welcome as to how we can help our members better.

News for the New Year

We are very happy to announce the officers for this year:
 Matt Kistner – President
 Jeremy Frederici – Vice President
 Lisa Jensen – Treasurer
 Nicole Kobziewicz – Secretary
 Kat Amato – Director
 Wendy Smits – Director
 Gina Thomas – Director

Jennifer Prieto – Director

Nicole is now overseeing the Welcome Baskets, for any new homeowners who have not received a welcome basket, please get in touch and we will make sure you get one.

A special Thank you to Mer Barrett and Crystal Cross for their amazing leadership and expertise over the years. If you see them, be sure to give them a high five. The existing Board is working on several new things so stay tuned to upcoming Newsletters.



Would you help us welcome our newest members of the Northern Tioga County Chamber: *Joe Loparco, J.L's Wood Crafts, Shannon Etienne, Labrador Lumber Co., Inc, Deanne Goodrich & Paulette Spencer, Milk House Memories, Amber Northrup, Savvy Natural Living, Shyanna Jimenez, Hampton Tile, Wendy Smits of Perfectly Imperfect Creations and Dani Smith of Dani's Root Cella.*

Save the Date

Lighting of the Green, NV Village Green - December 9th at 5 pm and Christmas in Richford Tree Lighting Ceremony, Richford Graded Schoolhouse, Rt. 38 - December 10th at 5 pm. The lights are expected to be beautiful as usual. Thank you to all who make these events possible.



Scholarship for NVHS Seniors

The Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce has established a scholarship program administered through the Northern Tioga Chamber Scholarship Fund. The goal is to assist a Newark Valley area high school senior who has been accepted and will be attending a school of higher education in the fall immediately following their high school graduation. Applications for the Scholarship are available at the Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce website: www.northerntiogachamber.org Go under the resource tab to find the Scholarship specifications and application. Applications are due no later than March 31st.



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: ntceblast@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

A very recent directory update has been conducted on our website. [Please click here to view.](#)

You're Invited

The Northern Tioga Chamber meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. For the winter months, we are convening via internet meetings. If you would like to attend, let us know and we will send you a link. We invite you to attend our meetings and welcome your participation and input. Please check our website for location, date, and time at www.northerntiogachamber.org We are currently seeking 1 director, if you can spare some of your time and are a member of the Chamber – We Need You! You can contact us at northerntiogachamber@gmail.com Thank you for supporting the Northern Tioga Chamber!

Respectfully,
Nicole Kobziewicz, Secretary
northerntiogachamber@gmail.com
(607) 725-0580



**MAINE
EMERGENCY
SQUAD:**

Construction Update: A New Chapter for Maine Emergency Squad, Inc. on Route 26

A Milestone Three Years in the Making

We are thrilled to announce that construction is well underway at our Headquarters located on Route 26 in the Town of Maine. This has been a momentous project almost three years in the making, and we couldn't be more excited to share the news with our community.

Why the Upgrade is Necessary

Maine Emergency Squad, Inc. has always been committed to providing the highest quality of emergency medical services to our community. As our responsibilities and reach have expanded over the years, so too has our need for a more accommodating space. This new station will not only allow us to better serve our community, but it will also improve the working conditions for our dedicated crew members.

What the New Station Will Feature:

Increased Crew Space

A more spacious area for our team means a more efficient and comfortable workspace, which in turn enhances our ability to respond effectively to emergencies.

Expanded Vehicle Storage Space

The new vehicle bays will allow us to securely house all our emergency vehicles, ensuring they are well-maintained and ready to roll out at a moment's notice.

A State-of-the-Art Training Center

This new space will serve as a hub for ongoing education and simulation exercises, enabling our crew members to stay at the forefront of emergency medical services.

Crew Rest Quarters

One of the most exciting features is the addition of rest quarters for our crew members. Unlike our current station, this new facility will allow our team to recharge in comfort, which is crucial for the well-being of those who work around the clock to keep our community safe.

A Special Thanks to the Village of Newark Valley

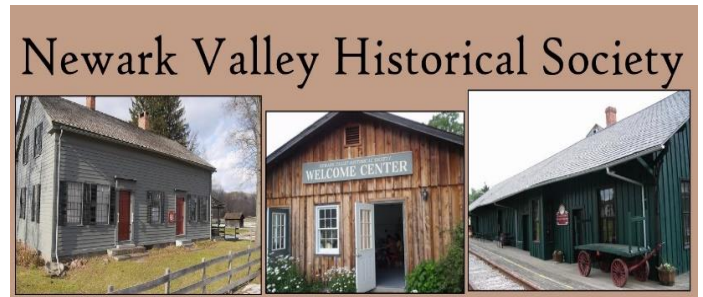
We want to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the Village of Newark Valley. Your continued support has been invaluable as we've worked to make this dream a reality. Whether it's accommodating our needs during the construction process or the residents showing their unwavering support, we couldn't be more appreciative.

Looking Forward

The completion of this new station marks a significant milestone for Maine Emergency Squad, Inc., and we're eager to see the positive impact it will have on both our crew members and the communities we serve. We are fully committed to ushering in this new chapter with the same dedication and high-quality service that you've come to expect from us.

Thank you for your continued support and stay tuned for more updates on this exciting new venture!

Kyle Barrett, PMD
Deputy Director
KBarrett@MaineEMS.net



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

Nov. 11

Veterans' Dinner

4 PM @ NV Fire Station

for veterans of Berkshire,
Newark Valley, & Richford **only.**

RSVP (607) 642-9516.



Nov. 11

Shuttles & Spindles Guild:

@ Noble Room in PO Bldg.

Christmas Party.

Nov. 18

Blacksmith Guild:

10-3 @ Bement-Billings

Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop.

New members welcome!

Doug Dayger: (607) 669-4489.

Newark Valley Historical Society

nvhistory@stny.rr.com

Project Neighbor

FOOD PANTRY
 Established 1969

79 Whig St, Newark Valley, NY
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 projectneighbor625@gmail.com

News from Project Neighbor Food Pantry!

Registrations are currently being accepted for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas Holiday boxes. The holiday event dates are **November 18th** and **December 16th**. Both events begin at 10am and conclude at noon. Interested households can register in person at the pantry (79 Whig St) during our regular pantry sessions or by calling 607.642.8176 or 607.642.3339.



Weekly pantry hours continue to be Tuesday and Thursday 3-4pm and Wednesday 6-7pm. If you're struggling with making food dollars go far enough stop by and see what we have to offer.

Follow us at our [new](#) Facebook page..... **Project Neighbor Food Pantry of NV**

Northern Tioga Neighbors Network

607-657-2823/877-657-2823



Serving Newark Valley, Berkshire and Richford with transportation for doctors and grocery and other needs for our seniors.

Volunteers and Clients needed!



The Valley Quilters meet every two weeks in the Noble Room at the Municipal Building in Newark Valley, NY. Upcoming meetings until the end of the year are held from 10 am until 12 noon on **November 1st, 15th, and 29th. December 8th** is our Christmas Party held at the Flemingville Methodist Church Social Room from 12pm to 3 pm. Also, on **December 20th** we will meet in the Noble Room at 10 a.m.

Anyone interested in quilting or sewing is invited to join our meetings. We also hold quilting retreats three times a year which are three-day periods from 9 am until 3-4 pm. For more information or any questions please call Patti at 607-642-8839 or Louise at 607-223-4324 for more information.

**Happy quilting,
 The Valley Quilters**

Newark Valley Tillers & Toilers



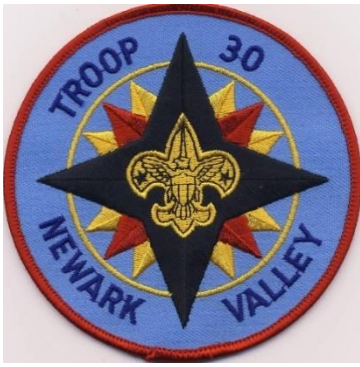
With summer officially gone and fall season upon us, it's time to plant those Spring bulbs and prepare garden areas for winter.

Experts advise gardeners to refrain from tilling the soil of veggie and flower beds in the Fall. Tilling disrupts healthy soil structure. However, adding compost & mulching materials in the Fall is beneficial to plant material and the soil. Dead annuals are perfect for your compost pile. Experts also say let weeds remain until Spring, as the roots improve drainage, and provide cover and food for wildlife.

The Tillers & Toilers would like to thank all who have supported us this last year. We would be unable to maintain the Village projects without your help.

May everyone have a safe and healthy winter and watch for our holiday lights and decorations come December.

**Happy gardening,
 Mary Ellen Odom**



NV
BOY SCOUT
TROOP 30:

There was a lot of activity for the Troop this year, with the highlight being Summer Camp at Camp McKee Jeffersonville, KY. Twelve Scouts and four leaders were able to attend.



A big thank you to our Charter sponsor and supporting organizations in the area, VFW post 1371, Elks Owego Lodge 1039, Richford Congregational Church, Newark Valley Historical Society and the Owego Strawberry Festival. This generous support allows us to create a richer experience for the Scouts in Troop 30 and enables us to offset summer camp and chartering fees.

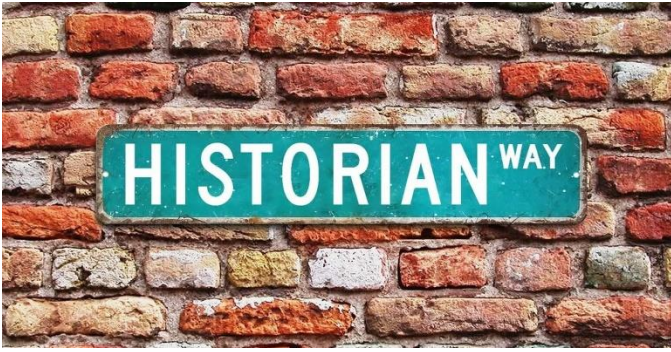
This coming December, the Troop will participate in the placing of memorial wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery. Arlington American Legion Post 130, Falls Church, VA will host the Troop when they attend *National Wreaths Across America Day*. Wreaths are placed on veteran's tombstones through coordinated ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. The purpose is to

teach, honor and remember the sacrifice of our veterans. This will be the Troop's sixth year participating.



Troop 30 is part of the Hiawatha District of the Baden-Powell Council. and chartered by Glenn A. Warner VFW Post 1371. The Troop meets on Monday evenings 6:30-8:00 on the second floor of the Newark Valley Municipal Building during the school year. Troop 30 has served the youth of northern Tioga County since 1932. The Troop is actively involved in monthly outdoor events, supporting local community events and service projects. For more information, visit: <https://sites.google.com/site/nvtroop30/>

"Be Prepared!"
Newark Valley
Boy Scout Troop 30



NEWARK VALLEY HISTORIAN:

Newark Valley is a beautiful community. The village green in the center of the community dates back many, many years in history. The Trout Ponds Park has been around many years in the history of Newark Valley. The Alexander Lake / Pond (we always called it lake, as we watched Don Alexander and the FFA make a man-made lake at the top of a hill). Recreation once included a golf course, bowling alley (still have one today), and other forms of recreation. The former wood frame Methodist Church building was moved down the street and near the current brick Methodist Church and became a community center / Opera House which was also utilized as an indoor roller skating rink. Culture, too, has been a very important part of Newark Valley history. Soon the village will add a winter recreation area in the Trout Ponds with an ice rink for ice skating.

The first settlement in this area has been confirmed as being 1791. People may see 1792, as well. But the first settlers such as Abraham (Abram) Brown and others arrived from Stockbridge, MA, and the Berkshire Mountains in 1791.

This area was all once a portion of the town of Berkshire. On April 12, 1823, two hundred years ago, the town was established, breaking from the town of Berkshire. At first, this was known as Westville. Then, as

Newark, due to settlers who had come here from New Jersey where there was a Newark, NJ. When it was discovered, there was a post office of Newark, NY, in Wayne County, the word “Valley” was added. After all, this is a valley.

Otis Lincoln and his family was one of the early settlers. He worked with others to establish the area we now know as the village of Newark Valley. This area evolved into a more densely populated area with the center of business within this area. The village was incorporated in the late 1890s.

As for the town, the first town meeting was held at the house of Otis Lincoln, March 2, 1824.” Those elected to the first town council:

- Solomon Williams
- Beriah Wells
- Francis Armstrong
- Ebenezer Pierce
- Benjamin Walter
- Anson Higbe
- Abram Brown
- Reuben Chittenden
- William Slosson
- Lyman Legg
- Henry Williams
- William Richardson
- Otis Lincoln
- William B. Bement
- George Williams
- Peter Wilson
- Ebenezer Robbins
- Joseph Benjamin

Here is additional information about the families represented in this list. Notice the names of original settlers, particularly Abram

Brown, Otis Lincoln, William Slosson, William Bement of the Bement family. Related to William Slosson and Otis Lincoln, one son named William Slosson Lincoln served in the U.S. House of Representatives (lower house of the U.S. Congress).

The Wells surname is on this list, but not certain how this might apply to the man who paid for the building of the municipal building, originally as the high school. The building was erected in 1878. The man who built the building behind the village green was Royal Wells Clinton. Often, a person's middle name comes from the maternal line. It is true in this case. Royal Clinton's mother was Miranda A. Stone. His maternal grandfather was Wells Stone. How the name Wells first appeared in the Stone family is still not revealed from research. The Clinton family moved to this area between 1830 and 1837. At this point, just the facts, ma'am, just the facts.

Thus, the bicentennial of the town of Newark Valley runs from the period of April 12, 1823, to March 2, 1824. Considering this information, I advocate the year of 2024 being the year of the Newark Valley Bicentennial. It might be rather late to begin planning for the Bicentennial. Another town in Tioga County has already begun planning a Bicentennial commemoration for 2024. Is it really too late? Perhaps it is too late to plan for a huge celebration, but can we find a way to commemorate the Bicentennial in other ways, particularly in March 1824. Ideas from the community would be greatly appreciated. Write to newarkvalleyhistory@gmail.com with suggestions. The town history office phone number is 607-642-8705.

My thanks for this information about the town goes to Peter Gordon, Owego Town Historian, who is editor of a book published in 2022 (with proceeds going to Friends of the Evergreen Cemetery in Owego). The book is derived from *Centennial History of Tioga County, N.Y. 1784 to 1876* by William Fiske Warner. Warner "transcribed from Leroy Kingman's scrapbook with illustrations, edits, and corrections." Leroy Willam Kingman, Jr. (1840-1920) was owner (publisher) and editor of the *Owego Gazette*.

The book is available for sale, as are many other local history books, at Riverow Bookshop, 187 Front Street, Owego, New York 13827; phone 607-687-4094. Website: <https://riverow.com/>. The bookshop is also on Facebook and Twitter.

***Douglas Cornwell
Town/Village Historian***

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS **AT THE TROUT PONDS PARK**



This year's music series was another SUCCESS!! We'd like to send out a big thank you to the members of *The Nate Gross Band*, for traveling the distance to bring their distinct sound of music to the Trout Ponds; *The Watts*, our favorite hometown band for always bringing a great crowd and a rockin' set of tunes; *Next to Kin*, for their always entertaining show and their 'show must go on' attitude even when mother nature didn't feel the same way.

Thank you to the Newark Valley Wrestling Booster Club, the NV Spain Travelers, and the NV German Club for providing concessions for the events! Thank you to all those who attended the events and supported our local community. We hope to see you all again next year!

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH



**THURSDAY & FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 23RD & 24TH**



MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
(GARBAGE WILL BE COLLECTED ON TUESDAY)



MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST
(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.

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2ND TUESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

6:30PM

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