

VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY NEWS

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Mayor's Message

Hi Everyone,

Your Trout Ponds Park Basketball/Skating Rink awaits some consistent cold weather for ice to stabilize. Our Public Works team is keeping the snow off the rink to be ready for skating season. Many youths and adults are excited and expect a number of Hockey Matches and free skating experiences. This 2023 financial expansion of your Trout Ponds Park is due to Trustees, Mayor, and Staff. Trustee Joseph Mooney, Clerk Pam Benthin and Supervisor of Public Works Matt Seamans logged many personal and public hours of talent, sweat equity and guidance to accomplish this success. Your Village Government Team does and will continue to seek funding opportunities to vitalize and improve the infrastructure of this quaint community that we all call "home".

Your Village recently purchased an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and installation will be complete after proper equipment training. This mechanism is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. The medical device will analyze the heart and, if necessary, deliver an electrical defibrillation helping the heart re-establish effective rhythm. The mechanism will be efficiently stationed in proximity to staff. Village tenant Maine Emergency Squad, Inc. will administer the training.

I believe you are all aware of Tioga Opportunities, Inc. and their wonderful helping hand and assistance throughout our Southern Tier. Home Delivered

Meals, Congregate Dining, Nutritional Counseling, Women/Infants & Children (WIC), Family Health Service, Transportation, Medicare Counseling, Energy/Weatherization, Radon Testing, Rental Assistance and many other offerings to our friends and neighbors. TOI outreach to Newark Valley Community Connection. Health Center, 2nd Wednesday every month from 1PM to 4PM.

Soon, Ted Hardenstine, one of our very valuable Village Trustees is not seeking election for another term. Ted & Kirstie and family are and have been active in our community. We will miss you at the Table.

Enjoy this wonderful time of year,

Jim Tornatore, Mayor
mayor@newarkvalleyvillage.com



CLERKS OFFICE:

Happy February everyone. We are one month closer to SPRING! The sunshine has been so nice the past few days! Let's hope it continues!

March not only is the beginning of spring, but it is also the beginning of the Village's fiscal year. The new year's budget has been passed with a 2.3% increase.

This is approximately a \$.28 per thousand increase. What does this mean to you? If your house is assessed for \$85,000 your tax bill will increase approximately \$23.80.

Tax bills will go out March 1st with payments will be due by March 31st with no penalty, payments are accepted through October 31st with penalties applied. Payments can be made in-person at the Village office (located at the rear entrance of 9 Park St.) placed in the drop box located at the Village office entrance, mailed, or paid on-line. Please note, if you plan to pay on-line our credit card processor AllPaid, does charge a processing fee. This is not a Village fee. The link to make an online payment can be found on our webpage under the online payments tab. We also offer a direct debit option from your bank account each billing month. This service is free of charge, if you are interested, please contact the office for an application.

The Village will be holding its regular election on Tuesday, March 19th in the Municipal Building Noble room, 9 Park St. Polls will be open from Noon until 9:00 PM. There are two Trustee positions on the ballot this year. There are three candidates running for these positions. Jackie Wandell, Kenneth Giblin and James Phillips.

The Village recently received our annual CPA audit report. We received a good report with no findings. As always, we will continue to strive for no findings in our next audit.

As you may know, the Village contracts its recycling collection with Taylor Garbage. Recently, Taylor Garbage has increased their fees for recycling collection, which means that we need to increase our quarterly recycling fee by \$1.50. The new quarterly recycling charge will be \$23.76. The recycling portion of your quarterly bill is the only portion that will be increased.

Unfortunately, the time has come for Jess, our Deputy Clerk Treasurer, and her family to move

south. While we are sad to see her go, we are happy that Jess is fulfilling her dream of getting away from the snow and cold and moving to a warmer climate. We would like to thank Jess for more than six years of dedicated service to the Village. Jess has been a **huge asset** to the Village. She has made countless contributions to the Village; her most recent contribution is successfully obtaining funding for our Trout Ponds summer entertainment series! Stay tuned for more information coming soon! Thank you, Jess! I will miss Jess both personally and professionally. We would like to wish her and her family nothing but the best in their future endeavors! Feel free to stop in and wish her well during her last few days here in the Village office.

I hope everyone has a Happy Valentine's Day! And that Punxsutawney Phil was right and have an early spring!

*My Best,
Pam Benthin
Clerk Treasurer
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607-642-8686*



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

The DPW has been very busy, as of late, repairing some leaks to water mains here in the village. Both leaks were found and repaired in a timely manner. A huge thank you to those residents on Smullen & Cook, your patience with us while we repaired those leaks is very much appreciated. We would also like to thank the Town of Newark Valley for their assistance with both equipment and manpower.

The ice rink is up at our beloved Trout Ponds. Mother nature, and the lack of ice rink maintenance knowledge have yet to make it worthy of skating on. We have installed signs that state that the ice is not safe, but they seem to be ignored. This extra foot traffic on the ice will only delay us in preparing the rink's surface for skating. There will be a rules sign installed, along with green or red flags to notify the public of safe or unsafe ice conditions.

Just a reminder that Village parking laws are still in effect until April 1st. Per [Chapter 157. Vehicles and Traffic - Article III & VI. Parking, Standing and Stopping & Schedules](#) - No person shall park a vehicle between the hours of midnight and 6:00am of any day, in the parking lot of the Municipal Building, on any highway (St. Rt. 38/Main St.), or on any private road (village streets), within the corporate limits of the Village.

Also, we are still in the time of year when sidewalks and drains need to be kept clear of snow. Per [Chapter 140. Streets and Sidewalks Article V. Removal of Snow and Ice](#) - From October 1 of each year until April 15 of the following year snow and ice shall be removed within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall on residential sidewalks. 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. Failure to remove ice and snow within the time period shall be deemed to be a public emergency, thus allowing the Village DPW to remove any snow and ice present at the expense of the property owner. If you have a fire hydrant on your property, it's always a good idea to clear access around them, if you are able. The DPW will clear them routinely, but hydrants are last on the list in the snow removal procedure.

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LCRR (Lead Copper Rule Revisions):

The Village will be asking the residents for a little bit of help in the near future. State and Federal governing bodies are requiring all Public Water Systems (PWS) to create a complete Service Line inventory.

The Village will be creating a specific E-mail account where information on this subject can be transferred. A mailing will also be sent to every resident with more specific information regarding this subject.

This will be an entire Village project; we thank you in advance for your cooperation with this project.



TAPPAN SPAULDING LIBRARY:

Library Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 1pm – 6pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9am – 2pm

Greetings from Tappan-Spaulling Memorial Library! We've got some library board changes happening in February! Patti Schaffer's term as Library Board President will be ending after over 10 years of service. She's done a great job leading the library over the past decade. Lisa Proctor also has a term ending in February. Thank you, Patti, and Lisa for volunteering your time to keep our wonderful little library running smoothly! You will be missed! New board member information will be coming soon.

Listed below are our regularly scheduled 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: **2/14, 3/13, and 4/10.**

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: **2/28, 3/26, and 4/23.**

Bunny StoryTime: On **March 16th**, we will once again be partnering with the Tioga County Bunny Buddies 4-H Club for a Bunny StoryTime where you can come and meet live bunnies and listen to some stories. This event will be held at the **Newark Valley Community Connection**. The time is yet to be determined, so keep your eye out for updates!

Puzzle Swap: We have a LOT of puzzles of all sizes 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!

Museum Passes: We still have family museum passes for the Ithaca Sciencenter available to borrow! These passes come in a kit with a book and instructions and information about the passes. They are funded by the Myrtle Dee Nash Memorial Fund of Community Foundation of Tompkins County. The passes are good for 2 adults and their children under 18. Stop in and check them out!

The best way to stay up to date on all events, closings (if school is closed, we are closed), happenings, etc., is to check our website and follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram! If you have an idea for a program (child/teen/adult), we'd love to hear from you!

Erin Chapman, Director

Tappan-Spaulling Memorial Library

FB: [Tappan-Spaulling Memorial Library](https://www.facebook.com/Tappan-Spaulling-Memorial-Library)

Instagram: [tappanspaulling_library](https://www.instagram.com/tappanspaulling_library)

director@tsmlibrary.org

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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.

E-Blast

Since 2017 the chamber has been publishing a weekly E-Blast every Friday 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 237 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 northerntiogachamber@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.

Upcoming Events

In a few more weeks we will have our new and improved website up and running. We are so excited about this and look forward to sharing with all chamber members how it benefits them. Please stay tuned for more information coming.

We are also seeking folks who are interested in participating in a Northern Tioga Farmers Market. If you are interested, please reach out or be sure to come to our monthly chamber meetings. At this point, we are seeking 80% of participants to sell meat, produce, dairy, eggs, honey, maple syrup, honey herbs, etc, and 20% of vendors selling crafts. Liability insurance will be required.

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. You can find the Scholarship application at the NVHS Guidance office. Applications are due April 17th.

You're Invited

The Northern Tioga Chamber meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm (either via zoom or at 9 Park St NV in the Noble room). 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 We are currently seeking 3 more directors. 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 Thank you for supporting the Northern Tioga Chamber!

Respectfully,
Nicole Kobziewicz, Secretary
[*northerntiogachamber@gmail.com*](mailto:northerntiogachamber@gmail.com)
(607) 725-0580



MAINE EMERGENCY SQUAD:

Celebrate American Heart Month with Life-Saving Skills

February marks a special time of year, not just for its wintry charm but also as American Heart Month, a vital period dedicated to raising awareness about heart health and the importance of urgent care in cardiac emergencies. The American Heart Association (AHA) emphasizes the significance of this month as an opportunity to foster community well-being and educate the public on the critical role of timely interventions during heart-related crises.

In the spirit of American Heart Month, we're reminded of the power and importance of being prepared in emergency situations, particularly those involving heart conditions. Learning CPR and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) can make a monumental difference in saving lives during cardiac emergencies. These skills are not just for healthcare professionals but are essential for everyone, empowering community members to act swiftly and effectively until emergency services arrive.

Maine Emergency Squad, Inc. proudly stands as a certified ASHI (American Safety & Health Institute) CPR Training Center, committed to equipping our community with these lifesaving skills. We believe in bringing essential training to your doorstep, offering CPR/AED classes at your location for convenience and ease. Whether you're a business, school, community group, or an individual eager to learn, our certified instructors are ready to provide comprehensive, hands-on training that can prepare you to make a difference when it matters most. This February let's take a step towards a heart-healthy community by learning how to protect those around us. To schedule a

CPR/AED class with Maine Emergency Squad, Inc., please reach out to jwychules@maineems.net. Together, we can create a safer environment for our loved ones and neighbors, embracing the true spirit of American Heart Month.

*Kyle Barrett, PMD
Deputy Director
KBarrett@MaineEMS.net*

Newark Valley Historical Society



Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum:

9241 State Route 38, Newark Valley

Newark Valley Depot:

6 Depot St., Newark Valley

Feb. 3 - Black Powder Annual "Groundhog Shoot"

with paper targets, open to the public.

12-4 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Black Powder Range.

Range officer Lester Crampton:

lesterworld2@yahoo.com

Feb. 10 - Shuttles & Spindles Guild:

10-2 @ Noble Room in PO Bldg.

Discussion & Demo on processing wool.

BYO lunch & beverage, \$10 annual dues. New members welcome!

Denise: 607- 642-5568 sdtarbox@frontier.com

Feb. 17 - Cooking/Guides Guild:

10-1 @ Lil's house

Colonial through contemporary potluck meal, heritage recipe discussion, and voting on field trip & presentation topic(s).

BYO plate, bowl, mug, cutlery & prepared food to share.

To sign up contact D'Amone: 607-398-4332

March 9 - Shuttles & Spindles Guild

10-2 @ Noble Room in PO Bldg.

Spin-in, small weaving projects, or your project.
BYO lunch & beverage. New members welcome!
Denise: 607-642-5568 sdarbox@frontier.com

March 16 - Cooking/Guides Guild

10-2 @ Noble Room in PO Building.

Spring sewing meeting with display/presentation:
Aprons through Time, 1800's-1900's.
Display & workshop, open to the public.
BYO lunch & beverage. New members welcome!
D'Amone: 607-398-4332.

April 13 - Shuttles & Spindles Guild

Trip to Rabbit Goody's studio

Thistle Hill Weavers, in Cherry Valley, NY.

Details TBA.

Denise: 607-642-5568.

April 13 - Hike to Black Burial Ground

10 AM @ Farmstead's Welcome Center

11 AM @ Oakley Corners State Forest.

\$3; RSVP by 4/6/24

Ed Nizalowski: 607-642-8075

April 17 - Cooking/Guides Guild

10-1 @ Farmstead.

Site cleaning for school tours & Bluebell Day.

BYO lunch & beverage.

New members welcome!

D'Amone: 607-398-4332

April 20 - Blacksmith Guild

10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop.
(3rd Sat. of each month through Nov. 16.)

New members welcome!

Doug Dayger: 607.669.4489

April 20 - Cooking/Guides Guild

10-2 @ Farmstead.

Finish site cleaning. BYO lunch & beverage.

New members welcome!

D'Amone: 607-398-4332

April 18 - Annual Meeting & Dinner

6 PM @ NV Fire Station.

Bring a dish to pass.

Newark Valley Historical Society

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607-642-3339
projectneighbor625@gmail.com

News from Project Neighbor of Newark Valley. Your local food pantry was happy to provide services to many households within the village and town of Newark Valley as well as contingent communities. We provided Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday baskets to over 100 households for each holiday as well as providing many weekly pantry visits from those experiencing food insecurity. We were proud to help support the local Veteran's Office and American Legion with a pantry session dedicated to military and veterans' families.

Project Neighbor is gearing up to be able to assist persons with food allergies needing specialty food assistance and those that may need help getting to the pantry. Please visit the pantry during any of our weekly pantry sessions to get more information. We are open Tuesday and Thursday 3-4pm and Wednesday 6-7pm. Easter comes early this year, if you are in need, please contact us in person during a pantry or by calling 607-642-8176 or 607-642-3339 to register for an Easter holiday box.

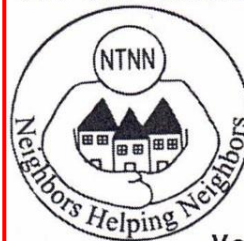
Project Neighbor is located at 79 Whig Street in Newark Valley where we welcome your donations of food, personal care items and financial assistance. Thank you to all persons and groups that assisted us in our mission during 2023.

A reminder, the pantry is closed when NVCSO is closed for weather related emergencies.

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 group meets every two weeks between 10 am and 12 noon in the Noble Room located in the Municipal Building, Newark Valley, NY.

Our meetings for the upcoming months in the Noble Room are February 21, March 6, March 20, and April 3rd. We also hold three-day retreats from 9 am until 3 or 4 pm, three times a year. A picnic and Christmas party are also held yearly.

The Valley Quilters make and donate quilts to families who have lost their homes due to fires, children's groups, Tioga County Veterans, etc. Interested individuals are welcome to join or visit our meetings and for more information please call Louise at 607-223-4324 or Patti at 607-642-8839.

Happy quilting, The Valley Quilters

Newark Valley Community CONNECTION

A place to gather for community, recreation,
celebration, creativity, arts and learning



As you may have heard, Newark Valley Community Connection, Inc., is a new local nonprofit dedicated to creating a supportive environment for people to share experiences, create connections and form

lasting bonds. We are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support we have received during the incredible journey of the past 6 months developing Newark Valley Community Connection. In a short time, we've accomplished so much together! From the monthly lunches to the dinners, concerts, and the heartwarming family and children's holiday celebrations, we've witnessed the transformative power of community connection. We especially would also like to thank the generosity of the members of the old Congregational / United Church of Christ for their decision to donate their buildings so that we could create such a wonderful and historic place to gather.

We always need and appreciate volunteers and also want to hear your ideas! In between these upcoming events listed below, we will be working hard to create inviting spaces for family movie watching and youth activities.

The lower levels of the buildings have plenty of room for creative uses, such as creating a Maker Space Workshop. We will be meeting with the Youth Rotary Interact Club so we can hear ideas from our local area youth about what they would like to see in the community building. Ideas have ranged from setting up a podcast area, to pool tables and maker spaces thus far. A generous grant of \$8,875 from the Floyd "Vic" Hooker Youth Fund of the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers will serve as the foundation for creating engaging movie times, family programs and establishing a safe space for our youth at Newark Valley Community Connection.

Recognizing the importance of family well-being, we are excited to soon establish an indoor children's play space (not for drop ins but for children with caregivers' present), creating opportunities for parallel play and early childhood development. The community buildings will also serve as a satellite location for a family health clinic, ensuring accessible healthcare and family planning resources for residents.

Here's a glimpse of what's coming up, with more events to be added: These events are donation based but play a crucial role in raising funds for operating expenses (utilities and insurance are over \$15,000 per year!), more improvements and community initiatives. Your participation and support not only guarantee a good time but also contributes to the betterment of our community! Our organization is entirely supported by your donations, fundraisers, and grants we may receive.

**February 10th –
"Celebrate Love" Dinner & Concert**

Save the date for a special evening of love! Enjoy a dinner with steak and shrimp scampi at 5 pm, followed by a soulful concert by the acoustic duo "Friday at Fred's." Suggested donation \$25

**February 12th –
Monday Lunch**

Our regular Monday Lunch, held on the second Monday of the month, continues from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Join us for good food and great company. Suggested donation, \$7, \$5 senior citizens and students.

**February 14th –
Monthly Family Health Clinic**

1:00 PM-4:00 pm! Walk-ins available. Once per month, we are a satellite location for the clinic sponsored by Tioga Opportunities, Inc. Call 607-687-5333 for more info.

**February 18th –
Snack, Sip, and Paint Fundraiser**

Get creative and support a good cause! Join us at 2 pm for our Snack, Sip, and Paint fundraiser. \$25

**February 25th –
Sunday Brunch**

Another delicious brunch from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. It's the perfect way to kick off a Sunday! Suggested Donation \$10 / \$8

March TBD - Movie Night

March 11th –

Monday Lunch

Our regular Monday Lunch, held on the second Monday of the month, continues from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Join us for good food and great company. Suggested donation, \$7, \$5 senior citizens and students.

**March 13th –
Monthly Family Health Clinic**

1:00 PM-4:00 pm! Walk-ins available. Once per month, we are a satellite location for the clinic sponsored by Tioga Opportunities, Inc. Call 607-687-5333 for more info.

**March 16th –
Stories with Bunnies**

A collaboration with our Newark Valley Tappan-Spaulling Library and Newark Valley Historical Society!

**March 16th –
Dinner & Concert**

Save the date for a special evening with the Dean Goble Band!! Enjoy dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by music and dancing with the popular Dean Goble Band at 6:45.

**March 23rd –
Craft Fair and Bake Sale**

Come and check out local artisans and crafters from 9 AM to 3 PM

**April 8th –
Monday Lunch**

Our regular Monday Lunch, held on the second Monday of the month, continues from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Join us for good food and great company. Suggested donation, \$7, \$5 senior citizens and students.

**April 10th-
Monthly Family Health Clinic**

1:00 PM-4:00 pm! Walk-ins available. Once per month, we are a satellite location for the clinic sponsored by Tioga Opportunities, Inc. Call 607-687-5333 for more info.

April TBD - Movie Night

April TBD - Organ Concert

April 20th –
Concert with Ain't Misbehavin'

May 4th –
Bicycle / Cycling Festival

More events to be scheduled and will be posted in the Pennysaver, Facebook and on our website; Newarkvalleycc.com. You can call 607-308-1503 or message us on Facebook or at Newarkvalleycc@gmail.com for more info, to volunteer or to make reservations. We're looking forward to sharing these memorable moments with you and building a stronger community together. Feel free to invite friends and family to join the fun!

Kindly,
Catherine Aingworth Young



ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS AT THE TROUT PONDS PARK

Trying something a little different this year.
Stay tuned for details.....



FROM THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY CLERK:

The time has come to say goodbye. It was mentioned in the previous newsletter that I was leaving the Village Office as well as the state of New York for a warmer, less snowy life south. After a few setbacks and delays with potential buyers, we have finally sold our house and are on our way to calling the south our new home. I have immensely enjoyed my time here at the Village and the connections, relationships, and friendships that have been made over the past six+ years. I wish you all the very best in your endeavors, adventures, and all your future days.

*Jess Moore,
Village Deputy Clerk
11/2017 - 02/2024*



PRESIDENTS' DAY GARBAGE NOTICE:

As the Village Offices do NOT close for the Presidents' Day Holiday, Garbage **WILL** be collected on Monday, February 19th. Please have cans to the curb no later than 6:00am.

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.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:



The Village Offices will be closed Friday, March 29th in observance of Good Friday and the Easter Holiday.

Village Offices will be closed on **Friday, March 29th** for the Good Friday/Easter Holiday. We hope you all enjoy your holiday and are able to spend some of it with family and friends.



**MEMORIAL DAY
CELEBRATE - REMEMBER - HONOR
OUR HEROES WHO MADE THE
ULTIMATE SACRIFICE**

Village Offices will be closed on **Monday, May 27th** for the Memorial Day Holiday. Please take a moment this weekend and give thanks to those that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and our freedoms.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2023
Village Newark Valley
PO Box 398 Newark Valley NY 13811
(Public Water Supply ID# NY5304407)

INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, Village Newark of 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 included within this report 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.

Perfluorooctanoic acid(PFOA), Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid(PFOS), 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>	MCLG	<u>Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)</u>	<u>Likely Source of Contamination</u>
COLIFORM 2 WELLS	NO	Monthly	Absence	n/a	n/a		Naturally present in the environment
LEAD **	NO	6/27/2022	0.0035	mg/L	0.0010	0.015	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
COPPER **	NO	6/27/2022	0.0832	mg/L	0.0250	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing. runoff from fertilizer use.
NITRATE - WELL #3	NO	12/6/2023	0.986	mg/L	0.050		Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
NITRATE - WELL #4	NO	12/6/2023	0.980	mg/L	0.050		
DISINFECTION PRODUCTS* (HAA5)	NO	8/2/2021	7.34	ug/L	2.0	80	
PRIMARY INORGANIC CHEMICALS *	NO	8/23/2023		mg/L			
SECONDARY INORGANIC CHEMICALS*	NO	8/23/2023					
PRINCIPAL ORGANIC CHEMICALS *	NO	8/23/2023					
BARIUM	NO	1/30/2023	0.031	mg/L		2	Discharge of drilling wastes
NICKEL	NO	1/30/2023	< 5.0	ug/L			
SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICALS *	NO	8/23/2023					
VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS*							
<u>CHLOROFORM</u>							
WELL # 3		1/30/2023	< 0.50ug/L			80 ug/L	
WELL #4		1/30/2023	< 0.50ug/L			80 ug/L	
<u>BROMODICHLOROMETHANE</u>							
WELL # 3		1/30/2023	< 0.50ug/L			5.0 ug/L	
WELL #4		1/30/2023	< 0.50ug/L			5.0 ug/L	

<u>DIBROMOCHLORMETHANE</u>							
WELL #3		1/30/2023	< 0.50 ug/L			5.0 ug/L	
WELL # 4		1/30/2023	< 0.50 ug/L			5.0 ug/L	
<u>BROMOFORM</u>							
WELL # 3		1/30/2023	< 0.50 ug/L			2.0 ug/L	
WELL # 4		1/30/2023	< 0.50 ug/L			2.0 ug/L	
TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES*	NO	8/23/2023	0.00256	mg/L		0.0005 mg/L	By-product of drinking water chlorination
RADIUM 226* WELL#3	NO	8/22/2017	0.119 pCi/L			5 pCi/L	
RADIUM 228* WELL#4	NO	8/22/2017	-0.288 pCi/L			5 pCi/L	
GROSS ALPH* WELL#4	NO	8/22/2017	-0.147 pCi/L			15 pCi/L	
PFOA WELL #3	NO	8/24/2023	< 2.03	ng/L		10 ng/L	Released into the environment from widespread use in commercial and industrial applications.
		8/24/2023	< 1.94	ng/L		10 ng/L	
PFOA WELL#4	NO	8/24/2023	< 2.04	ng/L		10 ng/L	
		8/24/2023	< 2.04	ng/L		10 ng/L	

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

** Average of the two highest levels or 90th 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 above 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 New York State.

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

During 2023, 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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