



VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY NEWS

February 2026

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Mayor's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Interim Mayor of the Village of Newark Valley. I would like to thank the Village Board for the trust they have placed in me, and for the many kind words and conversations I have already had with residents since taking over for Jim Tornatore, who proudly served as Mayor for over 21 years. On behalf of the village, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mayor Jim for the many years of dedicated service to our community. Jim's steady leadership, commitment to public service and genuine devotion to the residents of Newark Valley have left a lasting mark on our village. We are grateful for his contributions and wish him all the best in the years to come.

Many of you are aware on the afternoon of December 12th our DPW barn was involved in a major fire. We are so very grateful no one was injured as a result of this incident. The building itself and many of its contents sustained extensive damage, however, our major assets (trucks, tractors, backhoe, portable generator) were saved due to the brave actions of our DPW Supervisor, Matt Seamans. Due to Matt's quick-thinking, he was able to move these assets to safety and avoid any fire or water damage. Many thanks to Matt, our DPW and office staff, as well as our board of trustees who all went above and beyond in the days after the fire to make sure our water system and other municipal services continued without disruption. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the Newark Valley Fire Department, NVFD Auxiliary, Maine EMS, and the many assisting departments whose swift, professional

response helped safely extinguish the fire and protect our community. Additionally, sincere thanks go out to the Town of Newark Valley, the Town of Newark Valley Highway Department, and the Newark Valley CSD for working collaboratively with us as we navigate through the recovery process. It's inspiring to witness how deeply people care about this community and to see everyone come together in challenging times.

The village board held a special meeting the Tuesday after the fire, December 16th, for the purpose of hiring The Niland Group, a public adjusting firm. This firm will assist the village in the insurance claims process to ensure the best recovery possible in the wake of the barn fire. The Niland Group has a comprehensive list of municipal clients and was highly recommended by the entities we reached out to before making this decision. We are confident the village will be better off in the end utilizing their expertise in the complex insurance claims process rather than trying to navigate the process on our own. The recovery process for the DPW barn will not happen overnight, it will take some time, and we ask for your patience as we work with Niland toward the best possible outcome for the village.

While we continue to navigate the challenges posed by the DPW barn fire and work diligently toward recovery, I also wanted to share a bit more about myself. My wife Kellie and I, along with our two boys Finn and Sawyer, live on Elm St. in the village. We are actively involved in youth sports (soccer, football, basketball, baseball, and golf) and we love walking, hiking, and riding our bikes with our dog, Bingo, in and around the Village. Newark Valley is our home, and we care deeply about preserving what makes our village special while planning responsibly for the future. I approach this role with humility, optimism, and a strong sense of responsibility.

Please feel free to reach out to me via the village office with questions or concerns. I look forward to working together to keep the Village of Newark Valley a strong, welcoming, and vibrant community.

Sincerely,
Joe Mooney
Mayor,
Village of Newark Valley
mayor@newarkvalleyvillage.com



CLERKS OFFICE:

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is staying warm during our exceptionally cold winter.

The Village is very pleased to announce that we have adopted the new budget with a zero percent increase.

Tax bills will be going out by March 1st payments are due by March 31st with no penalty. Tax 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. Payments can also be mailed, dropped in the Village drop box or paid online. Please note if you plan to pay online, our credit card processor does charge a processing fee. This is not a Village fee. The Village does also offer direct debit payments from your bank account each billing month. This service is free of charge. If you are interested, please contact the Village office.

The Village will be holding its regular election on Wednesday March 18th in the Municipal Building, Noble Room, 9 Park St. Polls will be open from Noon until 9:00 pm. On the ballot this year will be positions for Mayor and two Trustees. There are three candidates running for these positions. Mayor - Joe Mooney, Trustee positions - Katie Sack and Bill Foster.

As a reminder the Village rents dumpsters. So, if you are working on organizing during these cold months, we are happy to help. 3-yard dumpsters are available for \$100. Call the Village office to schedule.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the winter. Spring will be here before we know it.

Best regards,
Pam Benthin
Clerk Treasurer
info@newarkvalleyvillage.com
607-642-8686



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Hi everyone,

It has been a long and eventful winter already this year. We have worked through multiple obstacles and have continued to bring residents the services they have come to expect from the Village. We have unfortunately been unable to offer an ice rink this year due to the rink materials being damaged in the DPW Barn Fire.

As winter continues, I would like to remind everyone that there is no overnight parking on our streets. Not parking on the streets will help in

removing all the snow from our streets. 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.

It is also very helpful if you keep a clear path or spot to your garbage cans. Climbing over the snowbank to collect the garbage can adds time and risk to collecting the garbage. Remember your garbage cans must be removed from the street after we have emptied them. If you have a fire hydrant located on your property, please keep a 36 inch clearance of snow and ice on all sides. This ensures quick access and safety for our first responders and residents alike.

Stay safe and warm this winter,

DPW supervisor, Matt Seamans
dpw@newarkvalleyvillage.com
607-642-8700

Music and Mosaics

This year we are excited to bring you Music and Mosaics! A free community event will be held on April 18, 2026 from 12-3pm in the Noble Room at 9 Park Street in Newark Valley. Jablon



Studios will be facilitating a mosaic workshop at which each participant will be able to make two mosaic coasters. Preregistration is required for the event since there are a select number of spots available. Please contact the office either by email or phone call to sign up. We can't wait to see you there! 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.

PS. Be on the lookout for a free community concert coming in July!

Newark Valley Village Office
607-642-8686
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TAPPAN SPAULDING LIBRARY:
Tappan-Spaulling Memorial Library
P.O. Box 397, 6 Rock St.
Newark Valley, NY 13811
(607) 642-9960

Library Hours:

Monday & Wednesday, Saturday: 9am – 2pm
Tuesday, Thursday: 1pm - 6pm

Happy New Year from Tappan-Spaulling Memorial Library!

I just wanted to take a minute to thank everyone for their patience with the hour changes, programming

changes, and closures (both scheduled and sudden) throughout December and January. Between the weather and staff illnesses, it's been a rough two months, but we are back in the swing of things! This reminds me to remind you all to follow Tappan-Spaulling Memorial Library on Facebook and/or Instagram to ensure you're informed of the latest changes!

Submarine History Library - We have a new Submarine History exhibit donated by Gary L. Cornett SKC (SS), USN, Ret. Gary is a Newark Valley native, is part of the NVHS Class of 1966, and served in the US Navy from 1966-1989. Next time you're in the library, check out the collection of submarine books, videos, and paraphernalia!

Upcoming Programming

Children:

StoryTime is on Mondays at 10am at the library! Bring your kiddos in for stories, crafts, and activities!

LEGO Club: Bring the kids in and have them build their very own creation and then display it at the library for the month! Each month, there's a drawing to win a small LEGO set. Come check it out! The next LEGO Club will be Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30pm in the Noble Room.

Adult:

Virtual Book Club: For February, we're reading and discussing *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Check out the Facebook event for more info on upcoming book clubs.

In Person Book Club: We now have an in person book club that is more like a book share. Everyone reads a book with a similar theme and then we meet up and share about our books! February's theme is "Love Gone Wrong" and we will meet on Wednesday, 2/18, at 6:30pm at the Newark Valley Community Connection.

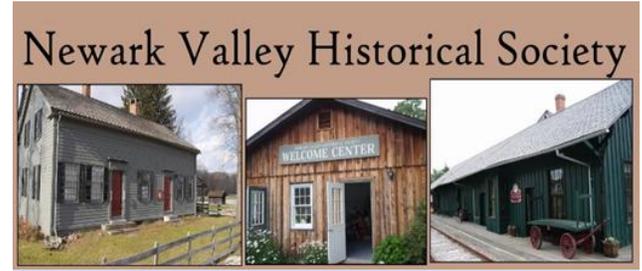
Stitch and Chat: We have a small group of needlepointers, crocheters, and knitters that meet every other Thursday at 5pm at the library to work on their projects while socializing. Upcoming meet-up dates are 2/12 and 2/26.

Please be sure to follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram to stay up to date on all of the library fun!

Erin Chapman -Library Director
director@tsmlibrary.org

Website: tsmlibrary.org

Facebook: Tappan-Spaulling Memorial Library



Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum:

9241 State Route 38, Newark Valley

Newark Valley Depot:

6 Depot St., Newark Valley

Feb. 14 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** 10-2 @ Noble Room at NV P.O.; Jean: Drop Spindling. Bring a drop spindle and/or roving if you can. BYO lunch. New members welcome! Denise: 607-642-5568.

Feb. 21 **Cooking/Guides Guild:** 10 AM-12:30 PM @ Noble Room. Agenda TBA.

March 14 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** 10-2 @ Noble Room at NV P.O.; Gail: Knitting Mittens. Bring yarn and knitting needles if you have them. BYO lunch. New members welcome! Denise: 607-642-5568.

March 21 **Cooking/Guides Guild:** 10-12 @ Noble Room: business meeting; then 12- 2 PM sewing/craft project.

April 11 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** 10-2 @ Farmstead. Tegan: Needle Felting Dryer Balls demo. BYO lunch. New members welcome! Denise: 607-642-5568.

April 16 **Annual Meeting & Dinner:** 6 PM @ Fire Station. Bring a dish to pass.

April 18 **Cooking/Guides Guild:** 10-1 @ Farmstead. Site cleaning prior to School Tours.

April 18 **Old Hickory Long Guns:** time TBA @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Black Powder Range. Work party: prepare shooting range for the season. Bona Bunnell: 607-770-1152, bonabunnell22@gmail.com.

April 18 **Blacksmith Guild:** 10-4 @ Farmstead. Every 3rd Sat. of the month through October. \$10/ year dues. Visitors and new members welcome! Doug Dayger: (607) 669-4489.

April 25 **Hike to Black Burial Ground:** 10 AM @ Farmstead; 11 AM-1 PM @ Oakley Corners State Forest. \$3. RSVP by 4/20/26. Ed Nizalowski: 607-642-8075 or treesprit441@gmail.com.



Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce

The Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce is excited for 2026! Starting off the year, there will be a Chamber fundraiser held at Cardinal Lanes on Sunday, March 8th. This will be teams of 2, "No Tap," style of tournament. Cost of entry is \$30 dollars per person or \$60 per team. There will be three heats during the day, which include 10:30 a.m., 1:00 pm, and 3:30 pm. Cash prize will be awarded to the tournament winner. There will also be a variety of raffle baskets. Be sure to stop down to Cardinal Lanes and check out the tournament or enter a team of 2 if you wish to play! Cardinal Lanes is located at 24 Watson Ave in the Village of Newark Valley.

More exciting events include Desire to Inspire which will be held Saturday May 14th, at The Gambrel in Berkshire, and Summerfest 2026 which will be held on Saturday July 25th. More details of these events can be found on our website at northerntiogachamber.org. Details will be posted to our website and Facebook page once available.

We'd also like to give a shout out to a new business that has opened in the

village, Aroma Wax, located at 8 Elm St in the Village. Feel free to give Amanda a text or call regarding her shop hours and different products she has to offer 607-725-5134.

Lastly, don't forget to follow our podcast, "Talking Business" which can be found on all major streaming platforms. For those who don't use Spotify or apple podcast, you can access our podcast directly from our website home page, northerntiogachamber.org by clicking the link to our podcast.

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.

Thank you for supporting the Northern Tioga Chamber!

Respectfully,
Northern Tioga Chamber
northerntiogachamber@gmail.com



PROJECT NEIGHBOR OF NEWARK VALLEY

Project Neighbor of Newark Valley would like to thank - all our friends and neighbors; as well as school, church and business entities that made donations to the pantry during the holiday season. Your generosity helped us through the SNAP snafu and helped us provide holiday boxes at Thanksgiving and Christmas. In addition to food and financial assistance, Project Neighbor received hand knitted hats, personal care products, and generous supplies of pet food. All were appreciated! As we move into 2026, the pantry will continue to be open

Tuesday and Thursday 3-4pm and Wednesday 6-7pm. We are located at 79 Whig Street in the village. We are closed when the NVCS D is closed for weather. Project Neighbor will be accepting registrations for Easter holiday boxes beginning February 1st and accept reservations through March 15th. Because of delivery and storage issues, the box delivery day for those registered will be TUESDAY 3/24/26 from 4pm to 6pm. Holiday boxes will be delivered via the circular roadway north of the pantry which travels in front of the village DPW building. Easter holiday boxes will be more streamlined but will still provide substantial resources. To register for an Easter box, stop in during a regular pantry session or call (607)642-3339. Volunteers are always welcome. Specific need is for Food Recovery drivers and delivery drivers. Mileage reimbursement can be provided. If interested, please contact Renee at (607)642-8412. Financial donations can be addressed to Project Neighbor 79 Whig St Newark Valley 13811. Donations of food are welcome during any pantry session. PLEASE do not leave any donations outside the pantry door for safety reasons.



**Newark Valley
Community
Connection**

We would like to thank our neighbors and friends for the continued support you show

Newark Valley Community Connection. Whether you attend an event, volunteer, share your ideas, or help spread the word, it truly makes a difference! We're always seeking suggestions to make life welcoming and delightful here for all of us. Everyone is encouraged to check us out and join us—we would love to see you!

Let's keep growing, connecting and sharing our small town magic. We try our best to keep everyone updated, however, these events are subject to change, so please

visit our website at newarkvalleycc.com or our Facebook to stay up to date.

Tuesdays in February, 10:15 am: Tea & Live Stream Yoga with Lindsey. Lindsey is a certified yoga and fitness instructor with experience in studios, rehabilitation and behavioral hospitals and in working with veterans through the **Operation Red Wings Foundation**. Enjoy community along with accessible guided chair and floor movement right here in Newark Valley.

Thursday February 19, 6:30 pm: Beginner Line dancing and lessons with Red's Line Dancing on our Hardwood Dance Floor. No experience necessary—but a good time is guaranteed! \$5 Suggested Donation.

Sunday, February 15, 2:00 pm: Community Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser for Jared Martin

Saturday, February 28: Murder Mystery Dinner is back! Join us for a 1970's themed evening of murder, mystery and mayhem at Newark Valley Community Connection. Dinner will be Chicken Francaise over Pasta, Vegetables, Garlic Rolls, Salad and Dessert. Reservations Required. \$30 call 607-308-1503 or visit newarkvalleycc.com

Ongoing: Book Club meetings and a new **Sewing Group** (see Facebook or newarkvalleycc.com calendar for dates)

March- April

Tuesdays in March, 10:15 am: Tea & Live Stream Yoga with Lindsey

Thursday March 5 & 19, 6:30 pm: Beginner Line Dancing with Red's

Monday March 9: 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM Community Monday Lunch

Saturday, March 28: Spring Craft Fair 10:00 AM to 2 PM

Tuesday Yoga TBD Stay tuned to our website for additional dates for yoga in April.

Thursday, April 9: Sip and Paint 6 pm: Sip and Paint with Nerissa Enjoy a cozy, creative evening at our sip and paint event. All materials will be provided, so just bring your creativity! It's a wonderful way to relax and unwind. Suggested Donation. \$30

Monday, April 13: Community Monday Lunch 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM

Saturday, April 18: Chicken BBQ and Rummage Sale

Thank you kindly,

Catherine Aingworth Young

UP-COMING OFFICE CLOSURES:



Offices will be closed on **Monday, February 16th** for President's Day.

VILLAGE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

- NEW YEAR'S DAY
- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
- PRESIDENT'S DAY
- MEMORIAL DAY
- JUNETEENTH
- INDEPENDENCE DAY
- LABOR DAY
- COLUMBUS/INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S 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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2026
BRUSH AND LEAVES
COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Weekly Collection Every Tuesday
April 16th thru November 5th-ish

VILLAGE BOARD
MEETINGS:

2ND TUESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

6:30PM

NOBLE ROOM @
9 PARK STREET

VILLAGE OFFICES:

CLERK'S OFFICE:

MON.-THURS: 9AM TO 5PM
CLOSED 1:30-2:30 DAILY
FRIDAYS: 9AM TO NOON
607-642-8686

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