



Newark Valley News

December 2012

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"News from Your Town"

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

The year is nearly over and what a year it has been. We have spent much of this year getting everything put back together from last years flooding. The work is now 95% complete and FEMA funding has been received.

The Board and I have put a lot of time working on the issue of natural gas exploration and fracking. This issue has brought about the most community involvement I have seen in the 15 + years I have been on this Board. The whole Board recently went to Pennsylvania to look at issues first hand and to gain a greater understanding of what the future may hold. The issue is currently held up at the state level. I believe the boards position of letting the State make the rules and treating it as any legal land use is a prudent one. The Board is working diligently with the Town Attorney and Planning Board to establish local laws to best protect our roads and way of life.

On another note we recently passed our 2013 Town budget. The Board, Department Heads and I worked hard to keep expenses as low as possible. We were able to stay under the States 2% tax levy cap law. The increase is greater than 2% due to carry over from last year and the retirement costs that are exempt from the levy cap. The new budget is available on our web site. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holidays and hope that next year is Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous for all.

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor



TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

Hours: January and February: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Fridays. March through December: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. then 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Fridays.

DOG LICENSES

The Town of Newark Valley requires you to license all dog(s). If you own a dog and live in the Town or Village of Newark Valley, your dog must have a license. In order to get a dog license, you **must** have a current Rabies Certificate and the appropriate fee amount (for now the fees are \$7.50 for spayed/neutered dog, \$15.50 for an unaltered dog). If your dog has been spayed or neutered, please provide a certificate, so you can get a discounted license fee. You can mail the information to us or stop by in person.

The license has to be renewed every year. Please make sure you provide your rabies certificate if the old one has expired, neutered certificate (if applicable) and sign the license. You can renew by mail. Just send everything in that is required, including your payment and we will send your license and certificates back to you.

If you no longer have a dog, please contact this office to update our records. Your cooperation is vital in keeping our records current.

Every month we have to generate delinquent dog notices and we do not like to send them any more than you like to receive them. So, to avoid this, please update us on the status of your dog(s) and renew your dog license(s) promptly.

HANDICAP PARKING

If you need a handicap parking tag, you need to get a form from us, or your doctor's office, have the doctor fill it out, (both of you need to sign and date it) and bring it into our office along with your driver's license. We will then fill the request from the application. There is no cost to you. You must live in Newark Valley to have this office issue you one. If you live in Newark Valley, you must get your tag here in Newark Valley.

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Get to know your Officials!

Supervisor -

Stuart Yetter, Jr.

Office: 642-8746

Can be reached during
daytime hours at

642-8084

Town Board Members -

Donald Thomas

Joseph Tomazin

Daniel Cheresnowski

Ron Graham

Court Officials -

Justice Todd Smith

Justice John Schaffer

Clerk Yvonne Tuetken

642-5278

Dog Control Officer -

Jim Weed

642-3287

Code Enforcement Officer

- Tom Larson

Fire Marshal -

Dennis Liebe

642-3617

Highway Supt. -

Charles Meade

642-9927

REGISTRAR MARRIAGE LICENSES

Getting married? If you plan to get a marriage license from us, please note the following:

License Fee is \$40.00, payable by check or cash.

1. Both Bride and Groom must be present at time of the application.
2. Proof of identity (driver's license, non driver's license)
3. Certified Birth Certificate for proof of birth, name and age.
4. Certified Divorce decrees from all previous marriages.
5. There is a 24 hour waiting period between the purchase of the license and the wedding ceremony.
6. The license is valid for only 60 days.

The license has to be filed where it is purchased, not where the marriage takes place.

You may apply for a marriage license in any Town or City office in New York State. If you choose to apply in Newark Valley, you must arrive one hour prior to this office closing.

Hunting and fishing licenses are still available for purchase. No doe permits are available now for this area.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Barb Mock, Town Clerk



HISTORIAN CORNER

The Apple Festival was an enjoyable time in spite of the weather. We were fortunate to be able to have our display in the Education Building.

We had quite a collection of some local authors on display. Jerry Marsh and his book on the Civil War (he was on hand), Stanley Backmurski's memoirs, John Nizalowski (2 books), David Curkendall's memoirs, and Ginny Mullen's update of the village of Newark Valley. If we missed some--please let us know.

Our unidentified picture notebook was an item of interest to several of our visitors. Fortunately for us, they were able to identify several pictures. We would appreciate it if you would stop by some Wednesday from 2-4 and maybe you could add your name to the "I know who" list.

We were invited to have a display of the war memorabilia that we have accumulated at the annual Veteran's Day dinner held on Veterans Day. This event is a project put on by the Newark Valley Historical Society. Thanks to Deputies Marsh, Schneider, and Stephens for setting up the display. If you have something to share, we would certainly appreciate it.

Thanks to Mr. Burrell for sharing his collection at the dinner again this year.

Both displays were enjoyed by all!!

Thanks to the Newark Valley Historical Society for this yearly event. Everyone appreciates the effort of so many to show our veterans--WE DO REMEMBER!!!

Shirley Callahan, Town Historian



TAX COLLECTOR

Tax collection hours will be on the tax bills and are the following:

January and February: Monday - Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Fridays. March, April, and May: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. then 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Fridays. No holiday or weekend collections.

Want to pay your tax bill in December? Please call the office at 642-8746 between now and December 15th to "get on the list" of December payers. This is a fresh list, there are no carryovers from last year or previous years as we found last year that our list was very outdated. We will call you as soon as the tax bills are available so you can come in and pay or mail your payment before 01/01/2013.

If you expect to get a Town and County Property Tax Bill and have not received it by January 7, 2013, please call our office at 642-8746 and we will send you a copy.

If you have a mortgage with escrow, your taxes are probably paid by you as part of your monthly payment. Then, your mortgage company or some designated processing company makes the actual tax payment on your behalf. We get notifications from most mortgage companies to send the tax bill to that company directly, which we do. However, in the absence of any notification, we will send the bill to you. **As the property owner, you are responsible for the taxes.**

If your mortgage company or bank is supposed to pay your taxes through an escrow account, or will not be paying your taxes anymore, please make sure they notify Tioga County Real Property by filling out Form 953 and faxing or mailing it to them at 56 Main Street, Owego, NY 13827. Hopefully, this will alleviate any of the problems we have had in the past.

Payment can be made in person or by mail. If you mail your payment, it is considered paid on the **postmark date** (not the date of the check) so, be sure that it is postmarked no later than the date it is due. If you do need to pay late, please include the interest amount, as we cannot accept a payment for more or less than the exact amount due. If you do not pay in person, or your mortgage company pays on your behalf, a "PAID Receipt" will be mailed to your address of record. If that address has changed, please notify the assessor at 642-8666.

We do not accept payment after May 31, 2013. Call the Tioga County Treasurer's Office at 687-8670 to find out how to pay your tax bill.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 642-8746.

If you have questions about your assessment or exemptions, please call the assessor at 642-8666.

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Well, the Highway Department Employees did it!, all of the major flood work is completed. We have large ditches yet to fill, and they will be filled as we clean other areas; using recycled materials. The last flood money did get here and Lamb Road Creek is done with the rip rap. It's time to get the trucks ready for the winter season. Remember to put SNOW TIRES not ALL SEASON TIRES on your vehicle, you will have better control in the snowy conditions. Also, please don't park along the roads in the winter and try not to push snow from your driveway out into the roads. With all the hard work we had this year; I want to again thank all of the residents for going slow in our work zones. It meant a lot to me and my employees while they were working. And of course; to my employees, if it wasn't for you we couldn't have gotten this work done in such a timely fashion; Thank you! We also want to thank those of you who called with kind words, thanking the Town employees for a job well done. From all of us here at the Town Highway Department, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Charles E. Meade, Highway Superintendent

LIBRARY NEWS

There are lots of new and exciting happenings at the Tappan Spaulding Memorial Library!

Earlier this summer we welcomed Carol Forde as our new director. Carol has worked at the library as the librarian's assistant and has experience in working with our community members. She has excitement and new ideas that she brings to this role. We also welcomed Victoria Reese as our librarian's assistant. Vicki works in the Newark Valley school district and brings her education and school library experiences to our library.

On Saturday, December 1, 2012 the library will be offering a class to learn to create a beautiful holiday centerpiece. This event will take place from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Noble Room. The cost for the event is \$10 per centerpiece and that price includes the supplies for the centerpiece. Please bring your own scissors.

The library will be having an open house December 8, 2012 the night of Holiday Magic. Please join us for Christmas music, decorations, and presents for the children! To help raise money to buy new books the library will be selling a variety of fudge. Come visit and bring the family and see all that the library has to offer to you.

Patti Schaffer

DOG DATA

I would like to remind all residents of the importance of getting your dog licensed and to place the license tag on your dog's collar. This is the quickest way for me to find the owner and get your dog back home as soon as possible. I know your dog would appreciate it and so would I.

It is the time of year for outside dogs to have their shelter winterized. Keep in mind the following rules:

1. Not all dogs are suited for outdoor living. Old dogs, puppies, small breeds, and short-haired breeds will be severely stressed.
2. The best dog house in the world must have proper bedding. Straw, hay, or blankets can all be used for bedding. Frequent changes of bedding are necessary to keep your dog neat, clean, and warm. Make sure water and food is available even in a snow storm.
3. Think small when deciding on the size of your dog's house so heat from his body will warm him in cold weather. An adult dog needs enough room so he can sit without bumping his head, turn around and lie down comfortably.
4. Proper placement of the dog house is very important. The door should face away from the wind, and if possible place the house on the sheltered side of your house or garage. It also is recommended to place a flap over the door to provide extra protection.
5. If you walk your dog in the winter be aware of the ice melting materials on the roads and sidewalks. Keep the dog's feet cleaned off for their protection.
6. And don't forget your dog loves you and wants your attention, please make their winter as nice and warm as possible.

Rabies Clinics: First Thursday of every month 4-5:30PM.

Endicott Agway—116 Jennings St., Endicott, NY

Fee is \$20.00 Phone: 754-6660

Tioga county has not scheduled Rabies Clinics yet for 2013. They plan on a time frame of the last of January/ first part of February.

Please call Environmental Health at 687-8600 for dates.

Jim Weed, Dog Control Officer

FIRE MARSHAL FACTS

A recent survey conducted by Kenton in late August revealed that 74% of homeowners who responded could not correctly describe where to install smoke detectors in the home.

- 43% admitted they don't know how often to replace smoke detectors.
- 61% confessed they've left a smoke detector without a working battery.
- 67% of homes are under-protected, with too few smoke detectors.
- **Missing batteries** are the main reason why smoke detectors fail to operate in residential fires.

You can make a difference – for your family and the firefighters

BE A HERO SAVE A HERO

Share the pledge:

I will place a smoke detector in every room, and replace detectors that are 10 years old.

If you need help on checking your smoke detectors, please call the Fire Marshals office at 642-3617 or the Fire prevention Bureau at 642-9555 we will get back to you within 24 hours.

Fire Department News

Every day, the firefighters that respond from our main station at Route 38, are your neighbors, co-workers, friends, and even family members who give their time and effort in protecting and supporting our community. Men and women from the Town and Village of Newark Valley volunteer their time serving the community from all corners of our township. You can become part of this team, starting with the information you can find on our Web site by going to **newarkvalleyfire.com**

Free Carbon Monoxide Alarms

The Fire District has purchased 28 CO alarms to be given to the full-time residents of the Newark Valley Fire District that need them. For more information please call 642-9555

Dennis Liebe, Fire Marshal

CODE COMMENTS

While decorative lights and other electrical decorations add to the splendor of the season, they can increase the risks of fire and electrical injuries if not used safely. Use this handy check list to double check that your personal situation is safe.

INDOOR DECORATIONS

Always purchase electrical decorations and lights from reputable retailers.

Use lights approved for safe use by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.

Never connect more than three strands of incandescent lights together.

Consider purchasing LED lights, which use less energy and run cooler than traditional incandescent lights.

Before decorating, determine how many outlets are available and where they are located. Plan your displays accordingly.

Carefully inspect each electrical decoration. Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.

Follow the manufacturer's use and care instructions that accompany electrical decorations.

Avoid overloading electrical outlets with too many decorations or electrical devices. They can overheat and cause a fire. Just because you can plug a decoration in doesn't mean you should.

Make sure that cords are not pinched in doors, windows, or under heavy furniture, which could damage the cord's insulation. Never put a power cord of any kind under a carpet.

Do not mount or support light strings in a way that might damage the cord's insulation.

Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing bulbs or fuses.

Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to sleep.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday

Tom Larson, CEO

ASSESSOR NOTES

The Senior, Agriculture and Enhanced Star Renewal letters will be mailed out at the end of December. You may contact me anytime at the following numbers:

642-8666 Phone

1-315-391-8323 Cell

1-315-458-0365 Fax

I have updated the Enhanced Star IVP (Income Verification Program) listing, this should help with the confusion over the Enhanced filings we were having. We will send postcards to all who have signed up for the IVP who have qualified for the Enhanced Star Exemption.

Michael Maxwell, Assessor

NEWARK VALLEY CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Newark Valley Community Christmas choir presents their annual Christmas Cantata, "Let the Whole World Sing!" by Joel Raney. The performance will be held on Sunday December 9th, 2012 at 7pm at the Newark Valley United Methodist Church, Rt. 38 Newark Valley, NY. (In case of inclement weather, the 'makeup' date is Sunday December 16th, 2012 7pm). The choir, directed by Mrs. Jewel Griffith and accompanied by Mrs. Brenda Yeier, consists of members of the Newark Valley and surrounding communities from many churches far and wide. Christmas is celebrated in more than 160 countries by many diverse people. Yet despite these differences, we celebrate the season united as one kingdom of believers. The hope for peace on earth is shared by all in our small towns, cities and throughout the world. Please come and join the choir in celebrating Christmas with "Let the Whole World Sing!"

Jeanne Lindsay

Officials cont.

Town Historian -

Shirley Callahan

Deputy Historians -

Joan Shaver

Ginny Mullen

Marty Schneider

Nellie Snapp

Gwen Stephens

Nancy Hess

Jerry Marsh

642-8705

Shirley can be

reached at home

by calling 642-3361

Town Clerk/Tax

Collector - Barb Mock

Deputy - Alex Torra

642-8746

Assessor - Michael

Maxwell 642-8666

These are your local officials. We are all here to serve the needs of the Taxpayers. Please don't hesitate to call us for help or to offer suggestions to improve "Your" local government.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Newark Valley's
Holiday Magic
Saturday, Dec. 8th 4-8 p.m.

Village Green & Noble Room

Santa in the Gazebo 4-5 p.m.

Gingerbread Houses (for contest details: 642-3906)

Christmas Music

Raffles

Hot cocoa & coffee

Homemade candies, cakes, soup, bread, pies, popcorn and peppermint pigs!

Horse & Wagon Rides between Village Green & Depot

Depot 4—5 p.m.

Silent Auction of beautiful wreaths

More than 20 decorated trees

Music by Grassanova with Tom Quigley

Delicious food: pulled pork, chili, sloppy joes, hot dogs & deserts, hot chocolate & mulled cider

Model Trains on a dioramic layout

Santa's arrival at 5:30 p.m.

Much, Much more!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Town Board Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7PM.

Town Planning Board Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Town Court: 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7PM. 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6PM.

Town Clerk: January and February: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Fridays. March through December: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. then 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Fridays.

Town Assessor: Call for day & time

Town Hall Receptionist: Monday through Friday 10 AM to 1 PM.