



Newark Valley News

December 2013

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"News from Your Town"

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

Here at the Town Hall we have just wrapped up another budget season. Things are looking good for the 2014 tax year. Our 2013 revenues met all expectations and expenditures are all coming in at or below the budgeted levels. We were able to stay under the state mandated tax cap of 1.66% our local tax rate is going up less than 1%.

As a result of good management primarily by the Board and the Highway Department we are able to increase the funding for highway maintenance. This allows us to keep up our preventative maintenance plan to preserve the existing roads and do some improvements.

Expenses continue to rise in the snow removal budget as sand and salt costs continue to increase. The Highway Department will do their best to maintain safe passable roads at a cost we can afford. I ask everyone else to do their part by keeping the proper tires on their vehicles and drive slowly and cautiously.

We have also started to plan for the construction of a salt storage facility and to put money in the capital reserve to move towards that goal.

The Town also has a need for people to serve on various advisory boards. We have a need for members on the Board of Assessment Review, the Variance Board and the Town Planning Board. Anyone interested is asked to contact me or any Board member for additional information.

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the residents for an additional four years. I wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

**Hours: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Thursdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Fridays.**

DOG LICENSES

If you own a dog and live in the Town of Newark Valley:

Newark Valley Town Law requires you to license your dog(s). Your dog **must** have a license. In order to get a new dog licensed, you must have a current Rabies Certificate and the appropriate fee amount. If your dog is spayed or neutered, please provide a certificate, so you can get a discounted license fee. Please put the dog tag on the collar of your dog (highly recommended) then if your dog becomes lost, we will be able to identify the animal and owner easier. The tag is good for the life of the dog and just like the license is non-transferrable. If the tag is lost, a new one can be issued for a charge of \$3.00.

You can get a new license or renewal license by mail. You will need:

A current Rabies Certificate (all the required information about the dog and you should be on the Rabies Certificate)

A spayed or neutered certificate, if it applies

A check or money order made out to the Newark Valley Town Clerk in the amount of **\$7.50** for a spayed or neutered dog or **\$15.50** for an unspayed or unneutered dog for a year license

Mail to: Newark Valley Town Clerk, 109 Whig Street, Newark Valley, NY 13811

We will mail back all originals, the license and if needed, a license tag.

If you no longer have your dog, if you change your phone number, or you have a change of address (even if you move to another town), please contact the Town Clerk's Office to update our records. Your cooperation is vital in keeping our records current. In doing so, you won't receive a renewal or delinquent notice.

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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 -

Sue Stevens

642-3287

Code Enforcement Officer

- Tom Larson

Fire Marshal -

Dennis Liebe

642-3617

Highway Supt. -

Charles Meade

642-9927

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. Thank you.

Failure to license your dog or renew a license is a violation of the Town Law and will result in an appearance ticket with a maximum fine of \$250.00.

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.

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.
7. 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.

If you need a copy of a birth, marriage, or death certificate, contact the office at 642-8746. You will need to fill out a form. There is a \$10.00 charge for each copy.

Hunting and fishing licenses are still available for purchase.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Barb Mock, Town Clerk



TAX COLLECTOR

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

January and February: Monday - Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Fridays. No Holiday collections.

If you want to pay your tax bill in December please call the office at 642-8746 between now and December 20th to get on the "list" of December payers. This is a fresh list, there are no carryovers from last year, or previous years. We will call you as soon as the tax bills are available so you can come in and pay or mail your payment before 01/01/2014.

If you expect to get a Town and County Property Tax Bill and have not received it by January 10, 2014, 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.

Barb Mock, Tax Collector

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

The year is gone already and I hope everyone had an enjoyable one! Here at the Highway Department we did all that was scheduled to do plus more. Make sure you have your Snow Tires on, Not your All Season Ones!! Please slow down when the road is covered with snow or ice, and give yourself 20 to 25 minutes extra to get where you have to go. Also, please don't park along the roads in the winter and try Not to Push Your Snow into the Roads! We are now geared up for Santa to arrive so he can bring Happiness, Joy and Blessings to you. From all of us here at the Highway Department Seasons Greetings to you and your Family's!

Charles E. Meade, Highway Superintendent

DOG DATA

A reminder from Sue your Dog Control Officer: Winter and cold weather are on the way.

Please remember your dog's comfort, outdoor dogs should have an adequate house, bedded with clean straw or hay. Also, water should be supplied, as the outdoors dish freezes. Check your dog's run line, or tie-out lines for damage and replace them before colder weather arrives.

Don't forget to keep your dog's rabies vaccination up to date and licenses current.

Wishing you a safe and Happy Holidays for your family and your pets.

Sue Stevens, Dog Control Officer



HISTORIAN CORNER

2013 certainly "slipped by"!!! Here we are with our little stacks of history still on the table. They have changed in content but not in size. That is a given in this job, but we love it!!

The Apple Festival weekend was a great one. Many people turned out to enjoy the efforts of many hands. We enjoyed our space in the Education Center. People continue to enjoy our unidentified photos notebook as well as some of our "wares", local authors and etc,

The annual Veteran's Day dinner sponsored by the Newark Valley Historical Society was a success again. The war memorabilia display that my deputies displayed was enjoyed by the veteran's (as well as the great dinner)! Thanks to Deputy Marsh for being our representative and Deputy Schneider for her assistance in the setup. Thanks to Mr. Burrell (from Owego) for joining us again with his display of war memorabilia.

Thanks to Ethel Curkendall for her help in passing out the cards that will help us collect the service information we need to continue compiling the lists of all war veterans in this area (Berkshire, Richford and Newark Valley) You may recall we previously printed a sample of the card (see below). We are asking if you haven't made one out please do and return it to us.

Kudos to Ray and Linda Barrett for the recognition they received at the dinner for "everything they do for the VFW".

Shirley Callahan, Town Historian

The Town of Newark Valley Historians are in the process of compiling lists of veterans in our area. To do this, we need your help. Please fill out the form below this paragraph and mail it to us at 109 Whig Street attention Town Historian or drop it off at the same address (Town Office). They are open Monday thru Friday from 10-1.

Some of you may know we display our war memorabilia at the Veteran's dinner held annually at the Fire Station. We hope to expand our resources. Your help is needed and appreciated.

Name and rank _____

Place served _____

Date served _____ Phone _____

Mailing address _____

NORTHERN TIOGA NEIGHBORS NETWORK

The Northern Tioga Neighbors Network (NTNN) is currently looking for interested parties to volunteer and/ or join the Board of Directors. NTNN is an all-volunteer non-profit based out of the Hubbard Resource Center in Richford. NTNN serves clients in Richford, Berkshire, and Newark Valley. Volunteers are needed to provide services such as transportation to doctor's appointments, food pantries, and other needs throughout the community. Furthermore, the volunteers at NTNN provide services such as friendly home visits, assistance with applying for benefits, and minor home maintenance for disabled and elderly residence.

NTNN's service allows for scores of residence to remain at home rather than being placed in residential care. Thus, NTNN improves the quality of life for friends, neighbors and loved ones while saving families and tax payers the expense of these services. As of September 2013, NTNN has served more residence and has traveled more miles than all of 2012. Thus, the need for volunteers now is greater than ever.

The ideal volunteer is someone that lives in Richford, Berkshire, or Newark Valley, enjoys serving others, and has a license and access to reliable transportation. There is no minimum requirement for the amount of hours for a volunteer to serve. Becoming a volunteer at NTNN is a great way to give back to the community while still being able to enjoy a flexible schedule. NTNN provides mileage reimbursement for volunteers, provides liability insurance while carrying out official business, and provides training and continuing education opportunities for volunteers.

If interested, please call NTNN at 607-657-2823 and leave your name, phone number, town of residence, and interest in volunteering and/or serving on the board. A NTNN representative will return your call within one business day.

Kyle Hagenbuch



CODE COMMENTS

Electrical Loads — As we approach the Christmas season, many Newark Valley citizens will be putting up decorative lights. I would remind you that extension cords can only carry so much electrical current. An overloaded circuit can cause heat, blown circuit breakers and potentially a fire. Let's have a safe end of the year by keeping an eye on how much load we put on our extension cords.

911 Signs — As I travel around town, I have noticed the improvement in the number signs on our homes and mail boxes. Have you noticed that the stick on numbers peel off every year or two? This is because of two reasons. 1. They are not manufactured to last forever. 2. If you do not pre clean the surface well before you stick them on, the numbers will be falling off sooner than they should. A more expensive but longer lasting solution is the reflective green aluminum signs. These are being sold at local hardware stores. Some of our regional fire departments are selling them at cost.

Remember — If you are not certain you need a building permit, just give me a call. There are no silly questions. It is best and least expensive to know you are ok upfront.

Tom Larson, CEO



ASSESSOR NOTES

All Aged (Senior) and Enhanced Star renewal forms will be mailed at the end of December. Those Enhanced Star participants who have filed an IVP Form where the State verifies their income will receive a postcard from the Assessor rather than a renewal form. As a reminder, all renewal forms must be returned by March 1, 2014.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your assessment or exemptions, please contact me. I am in my office at the Town Hall each Monday from 2 PM to 5 PM. My office number is 642-8666.

I can also be reached by e-mail at nvassessor@stny.rr.com.

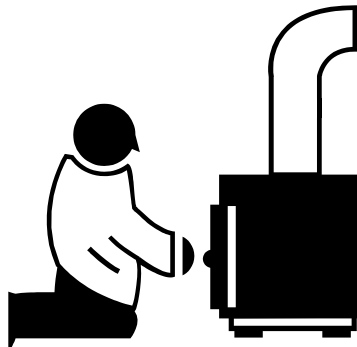
Douglas Barton, Assessor

FIRE MARSHAL FACTS

Winter is here and because of the rising cost of home fuel, many people are looking into alternate heating sources in their home.

Before you purchase a solid fuel heating stove, make sure that it is approved by Underwriters Laboratories. Also a building permit needs to be obtained prior to installation from the local Code Enforcement Officer. Also make sure that you notify your insurance company.

Dennis Liebe, Fire Marshal



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 - Karen Umiker
642-8746

Assessor - Douglas Barton
642-8666

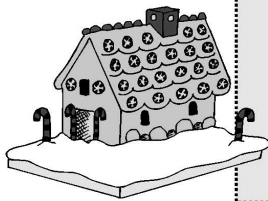
These are your local officials. We are all here to serve the needs of the Taxpayers. Please don't hesitate to call us for help or to offer suggestions to improve "Your" local government.

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Town of Newark Valley
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Newark Valley, NY 13811

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Newark Valley's Holiday Magic 8th Annual Gingerbread Contest & Display

Sat., Dec. 14 -- 3-8 p.m.
@ Noble Room of P.O. Bldg.

- ★ NEW categories: **Experienced** and **Novice**
- ★ Entries judged on visual appeal, use of materials, & originality.

Experienced Adult: Ages 16 and up

Everything must be edible.

Prizes: \$75 First Place; \$50 Second Place

Experienced Youth: Under 16 years old

Adults may only help bake and assemble.

Prizes: \$60 First Place; \$40 Second Place

Novice Adult: Ages 16 and up

Prizes: \$50 First Place; \$30 Second Place

Novice Youth: Ages 11 to 15

Adults may only help bake and assemble.

Prizes: \$30 First Place; \$25 Second Place

Novice Youngster: Ages 10 and under

Adults may only help bake and assemble.

Prizes: \$20 First Place; \$15 Second Place

Group/Family: Any combination of adult(s) and child(ren)

Prizes: \$50 Party Basket, \$25 Party Basket



To enter call JoAnn Byrne, 658-6789 or jbyrne6@stny.rr.com by Dec. 11.
Bring entries to the Noble Room on **Thursday, Dec. 12, 4-6 pm.**
All entries receive a Christmas Ornament.

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: Monday thru Wednesday 10 AM to 1 PM. Thursdays 10 AM to 5 PM. Closed Fridays.

Town Assessor: Mondays 2 to 5 PM

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