



Newark Valley News

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"News from Your Town"

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

Here it is the close of another year. This was a year of challenges for the Town that was met with great success.

We upgraded our Highway fleet with 2 new trucks. One was totally paid for out of our Capital Reserve Fund. The other had a down payment, but was financed for 5 years. The trucks being replaced were over 20 years old. This purchase did not cause an increase in local property taxes.

Significant improvements were made to the Records Storage Facility at little cost to the taxpayers. The Historians worked diligently to find grants and funding that covered nearly all of the cost of a new bathroom and a much larger records storage area. Many thanks for their hard work and also to the Town Highway Department for their help in excavating for the septic and installing the water lines, and also to Councilman Cheresnowski and Tomazin for their donation of time and skilled labor.

I would also like to congratulate the NVCS football team for their tremendous accomplishment of winning the State Championship. This brings much pride and community spirit to all the towns that are part of the school system.

You will see inside of the newsletter a plea for help on some of our Boards. The Board of Assessment Review is not a time consuming job and does have a small payment.

The Planning Board is in danger of closing down due to lack of people to contribute. This job does take some time commitment and monthly meetings. This board is very important to the Town as it helps shape the rules and laws that determine how many things are done in the Town. If anyone has any interest, please contact me for details.

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

**Hours: Monday thru Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Closed Fridays.**

DOG LICENSES

If you own a dog and live in the Town or Village 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 **\$10.00** for a spayed or neutered dog or **\$20.00** 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.

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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 -

Timothy Dalton

Joseph Tomazin

Daniel Cheresnowski

Warren Smith

Court Officials -

Justice Todd Smith

Justice John Schaffer

Clerk Yvonne Tuetken

642-5278

Dog Control Officer -

Denise Liske

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.

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

TOWN OF NEWARK VALLEY

VOLUNTEER BOARD

MEMBERS NEEDED

The Newark Valley Town Board is seeking letters of interest for the positions of:

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW
(BAR) MEMBERS (Paid Position)

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS

Applicants should submit letter of interest, to Newark Valley Town Supervisor, 109 Whig Street, Newark Valley, NY 13811 or by e-mail at nvsupervisor@stny.rr.com. If you have any questions regarding these positions, please contact the Town of Newark Valley at 642-8746.

Stuart L. Yetter, Jr., Supervisor

MERRY CHRISTMAS



TAX COLLECTOR

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

January and February: Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 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. We will call you as soon as the tax bills are available so you can come in and pay or mail your payment before 01/01/2017.

If you expect to get a Town and County Property Tax Bill and have not received it by January 10, 2017, please call our office at 642-8746 and we will send you a copy. If you want your tax bill sent to a different address, please contact us at 642-8746.

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, 2017. 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.

Barb Mock, Tax Collector



FIRE MARSHAL FACTS

I am stepping down from my position as the Town of Newark Valley Fire Marshal & Deputy Code Enforcement Officer. My last day in office will be January 2, 2017.

After 32 years of working in the code enforcement office I will miss working with the public most of all. At this time my plans are to spend more time with my wife Marge and my family. Please have a safe and happy holiday season.

DID YOU KNOW

Nearly half of holiday decoration fire shappen because decorations are place too closed to a heat source.

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire.

As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

- * Inspect Christmas lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- * Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.
- * Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.

If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked over easily.

Be safe, and Happy Holidays,

Dennis Liebe, Fire Marshal



DOG DATA

Please remember to report a missing/located dog IMMEDIATELY by contacting the Newark Valley Dog Control - Denise Liske (607) 642-3287. The Dog Control Officer can assist with searching and the retrieval of your dog as well as should anything ever happen to your dog while they are not within your care; the Dog Control Officer often has to make difficult decisions on the dog's behalf.

The law requires that an outdoor dog has proper protection from the weather. A doghouse should be large enough for the dog to stand up, lie down and stretch out in without touching the sides or top but not too large that it can't retain its own body heat. The doghouse should be waterproof and at least 2 inches off the ground. Appearance is not as important as insulation so I always recommend wood versus plastic as it is more weather resistance. Please be sure to have a door flap or wind-breaker on the entrance during the winter months. The doghouse should have dry bedding - straw or wood shavings are best because blankets and fabrics tend to hold the moisture which decreases a dog's body temperature. Water should be available for the dog at all times and it should be given adequate food as dogs will need more calories in the winter to accommodate for their increased need for body heat.

Another concern is the salt utilized to melt ice on driveways, roads and sidewalks. Try to keep the dog off the salty sidewalk or roadway whenever possible – preferably walking on the grass or snow to prevent chemical burns to their paws. To prevent the dog from ingesting these toxic chemicals by licking their paws, keep a shallow bowl of warm water and a cloth nearby so that you can wipe the dog's paws when coming back inside. And lastly, please remember to keep the hair trimmed between their paws to reduce the risk of ice-balls which place them at risk for frostbite and hypothermia.

Happy Holidays to All The Fur Babies Out There & Their Families!!

Denise Liske – Newark Valley Dog Control Officer



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HISTORIAN HAPPENINGS

We have great news!

Thanks to Deputy Mullen & Deputy Schneider we were able to receive 2 grants earlier this year, one for a bathroom from the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation and one for more space from the Community Foundation for South Central New York, both badly needed. It's been a long, tough process, but now we have both!

A very special thanks to Dan Cheresnowski for volunteering to construct the new room - great job! – and to those who helped him, including Joe Tomazin, Ray Shaver, Jeff Mann, Jesse Mann and Will Simmons. Thanks to Steve McElwain for his voluntary consulting on the construction and drawing up the plans for the restroom. Our new restroom was built by Jeff Mann, who did a beautiful job. We truly appreciate all the work done by Chuck Meade and his Town crew on cleaning out space in the building, and digging, laying pipe and the septic system, and hooking up water to the new restroom. Chuck supported us every inch of the way during this long project. As for the donations we received, some are anonymous so I'm not naming names except for Jim & Liz Olmstead who donated a neat water heater! And we thank Pat Callahan for touch-up work around our original office.

So we are in great shape and invite you to stop by and see our updates as we gradually organize and rearrange our materials. Special thanks to all of you from all of us. It is a great feeling to have all of the help we received as we continue to preserve Newark Valley history.

In late summer, John Howland contacted us. Former residents had stopped at the Howland Farms B&B and asked about the "Swimming Hole" on Blodgett Road. Were there any pictures?

Our collective "Memory Banks" recalled pictures of a swim team, one member being Butch Hollenbeck. Found his graduation date and worked backwards. John came in to help. Using yearbooks and alumni scrapbooks, we found several pictures – 1939. This was before John and Betsy bought that farm in 1947. Copies were made and sent to the Holmes brothers who had milked on the farm and lived nearby.

More history for the Howlands and several very happy people!

Shirley Callahan, Town Historian
Ginny Mullen, Volunteer Historian
Marty Schneider, Volunteer Historian

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

I hope everyone had a great hot summer for 2016. Everything at the highway department was done and then we did some more. We received 2 new plow trucks with sanders and plows. Our new salt and sand building was put up and we have started to fill it. Again drive slowly this winter and start out 15 minutes early to get where you want to go safely. Have an enjoyable winter and holidays coming!

Thank you,

Charles Meade, Hwy. Supt.

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, 2017.

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



CODE COMMENTS

New Code is in full effect.

As the title states, our new, New York State Code is in full effect. This has been true since October 3 of this year. We here at the Code Department will be using this new code for anything that requires a permit. The new code is similar to the old, but there are a lot of small changes. This is especially true with the NYS commercial and residential energy code.

Here is a change that you might like. In the old code, any building (shed) smaller than 144 square feet did not need a permit. In the new code that value has been increased to 200 square feet. Now a building may be 56 square feet bigger and not need a permit.

Time to winterize!

It is time to look over the outside of your home and take care of the small improvements needed for winter prep. As this article comes out we will be in the cool cycle of the year. It is much easier and we all will do a better job when the temperatures are moderate and not freezing cold.

Tom Larson - CEO

Officials cont.

Town Historian -

Shirley Callahan

Volunteer Historians -

Joan Shaver

Ginny Mullen

Marty Schneider

Nellie Snapp

Gwen Stephens

Jerry Marsh

642-8705

Shirley can be

reached at home

by calling 642-3361

Town Clerk/Tax

Collector - Barb Mock

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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Newark Valley, NY 13811

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

In this season of miracles and wonders, come and enjoy an "Invitation to a Miracle" a Christmas Cantata presented by a combined choir of singers from the churches of the Newark Valley area.

The cantata will be held on December 11th at 7:00pm. This free musical celebration of peace and joy will be directed by Mrs. Jewel Griffith, accompanied by Mrs. Brenda Yeier and held at the Newark Valley United Methodist Church, Main Street Newark Valley, NY.

Come celebrate with us the glorious impossible of God's magnificent gift of grace!

If inclement weather causes cancellation, the Cantata will be held on the following Sunday the 12/18/16 at the same time and location.

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 Thursday 10 AM to 1 PM. Closed Fridays. .

Town Assessor: Mondays 2 to 5 PM

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