



# Newark Valley News

December 2017

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*"News from Your Town"*

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

I would like to thank everyone who voted in this year's election. I am looking forward to serving as your Supervisor for the next four years.

We recently approved the 2018 budget for the Town. We were able to stay under the tax cap this year. The Board is working hard to maintain all services and keep our assets in good condition. Right now we have no big expansion plans. We are hoping to replace the roof on the Town Hall and the Historian Building. Proper maintenance is money well spent. Currently all of our facilities are paid for and we have some savings in a capital reserves account for future needs. The only debt load is for a Tandem Axle Plow truck. We hope to have this paid off before any major new equipment purchases. We are working on building the Equipment Capital Reserve account back up.

The Planning Board has completed the master Plan for the Town. We hope to have a Public Hearing on this plan by or shortly after the first of the year.

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor



## TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

**Hours: Monday thru Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Closed Fridays. 642-8746**

**Cash, check, or money orders are accepted for transactions, NO CREDIT CARDS.**

### DOG LICENSES

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

You are required 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), if your dog gets 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 renew a license by mail. You will receive a renewal notice when the license is due. You will need:**

A current Rabies Certificate (all the required information about the dog and you should be on the Rabies Certificate, if not please provide the information)

A spayed or neutered certificate, if it applies

A check or money order made out to the Town of Newark Valley 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. You can buy a one, two, or three year license as long as your rabies certificate doesn't expire before the license does.

**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.**

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.

## *Get to know your Officials!*

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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/Fire Marshal -

Tom Larson

642-3617

Highway Supt. -

Charles Meade

642-9927

### **HANDICAP PARKING FOR TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY**

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, fill out your part (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. If you live in the Town of Newark Valley you must get your tag here. If you live in the village you must go to the village office.

### **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 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 at the Town of Newark Valley office, 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 607-642-8746. You will need to fill out an application form. There is a \$10.00 charge for each copy.

Hunting and fishing licenses are still available for purchase.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Barb Mock, Town Clerk

## **TAX COLLECTOR**

We here at the Town of Newark Valley would like to issue a warm welcome to our new Town Tax Collector.

At the November 21st Board meeting the Town Board appointed Lori Martin to the position of Town Tax Collector.

Lori will be collecting town taxes for the 2018 year during the following hours:

**JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY FROM 2:00 TO 5:00 PM.**

**MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY, FROM 2:00 TO 5:00 PM.**

If you have any questions, Lori can be reached during these hours at 642-8746 or by e-mail [nvtaxcollector@stny.rr.com](mailto:nvtaxcollector@stny.rr.com).

Please note these hours to pay your taxes in 2018. They will be printed on your January tax bill.

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor



## HISTORIAN HAPPENINGS

We are grateful to the following people for their contributions to our holdings: Jim Mead for an early fire department photo, Mike and Felicia Ballard for early history items, Jay Purple for telephone company and other early NV history items, Connie Strohl for scrapbooks, Bruce Devlieger for a key to the Opera House and village newsletters, Ed Nizalowski for many contributions, Todd and Laura Lusk for Lusk family history, the Margaret Ames Hover Thomas family for lots of West Creek info. Hopefully, we can soon meet with several folks from that area to finish sorting it all out.

Still more contributions have come in - several local pictures from the Hilliard Family, duplicate yearbooks to fill out our collections from Helen DeHaan, Jerry Dunn and Vickie Lewis. Copies of more of Edward R. Eastman's books that most of us didn't know existed.

We especially wish to thank Denny Liebe for his fire extinguisher presentation to our office staff.

While sorting through more old papers we found some poems written for members of the Howland Family, one a 25th anniversary for Charlie and Georgia Rowan Howland, one an 80th birthday greeting for Fred Howland. They have been copied and given to the Howland family. John Howland also joined in the fire extinguisher discussion and related an emergency at the farm that had been saved by an extinguisher.

We also received an e-mail from a niece of Louis and Gertrude Walters (Remember Trudy Murch?) wanting information and directions to the farm, all of which we were able to give her. In return, she sent family history to add to our collections.

Some of the things we are receiving truly belong in another town - such as some Partridge family photos from Berkshire. They will be shared. We try to make sure that family members are aware of what we have, and certainly will copy anything they want.

Our "Memories of Newark Valley" notebook is growing! Latest addition is a long oral history by Ed Niz with Vic Kobylarz. We can't put it down! Do you have something to contribute?

We had a display at the annual Veteran's Day dinner sponsored by the Historical Society. Each year we try to find some different things to highlight.

Thank you all very much for making our office even more complete for our users. AND COME VISIT, Wednesdays from 2 until 4, or by appointment.

The display of Newark Valley's important women "created by Marty Schneider" (featuring our own Lena Bushnell) was moved from the Depot to the Farmstead for the Apple Fest weekend, where it would be seen by many more people. Next stop - the Town Hall Courtroom.

The Town Historians' Office has lost a good friend and co-worker in the passing of Jerry Marsh. He will be sorely missed.

We welcome Janet Frieman to our volunteer staff.

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



## DOG DATA

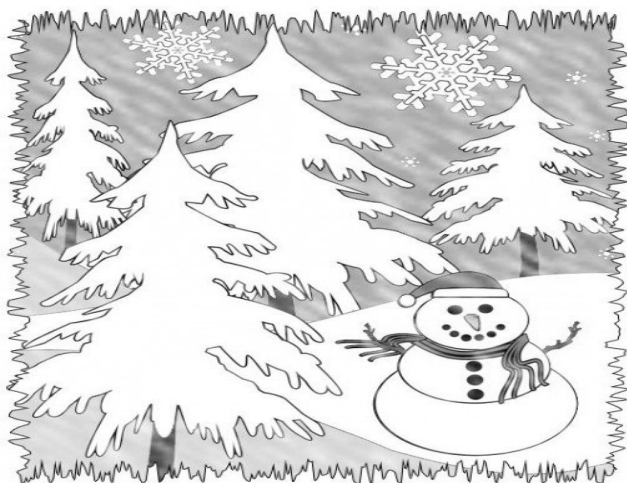
Please remember to report a missing/located dog IMMEDIATELY by contacting the Newark Valley Dog Control - Denise Liske (607) 642-3287. The Dog Control Officer can assist with searching and the retrieval of your dog as well as should anything ever happen to your dog while they are not within your care;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



## FIRE DEPARTMENT FACTS

Fire Chief John Haney, of the Newark Valley Fire Department reported so far this year we are down 44% of our fire incident calls, That's great.

John stated that this does have a lot to do with our fire prevention program, the team members are trying very hard to prevent fires in Newark Valley. When the firefighters are not running calls they are conducting fire prevention classes, at schools, businesses, and inspecting unsafe structures in our area.

The Team is also going around checking on our senior citizens that they do have working smoke detectors. We are also keeping up our training and meeting the NYS fire rules. We have received 4 new members to the fire department which helps a lot.

If you would like to visit our fire station we do give tours, call at 642-9555 give us 24 hours to get back to you.

Also upcoming on December 16, 2017 Breakfast with Santa from 8 am - 1 am. Bring the Whole family, this is a fun time.

Have happy and safe holidays

John Haney, Fire Chief

## HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Another year has gone. The road work is still going on. This winter I hope to get back on the brush and old tree removal, but if it's in or around any electric, telephone or television wires we will not remove them, electricity hurts! We here at the Highway Department hope everyone will have wonderful Holidays and remember to get your snow tires on! Take your time and drive safe. This might be an Icy Winter! Thank you.

Charles Meade, Hwy. Supt.



## CODE COMMENTS

Free access to the New York State Codes are available at: <http://codes.iccsafe.org/New%20York%20State.html#2015>. The supplements are there as well. Check it out.

### Christmas Decoration Safety:

Here are a few reminders for your Christmas light safety. If using electric lights for decoration, indoor or out, make certain the amount of amps on the load is less than the amps your extension cord can hold. Add the amps up if you chain the lights into one long string. You can use outdoor lights indoors or outdoors but indoor lights are just for indoors. Inspect your lights. They may not be in as good a shape as you remember from last year. When in doubt, throw them out. Your house and your families safety is not worth the cost of a new set of lights.

### 911 numbers:

Over time many of you have seen the value and wisdom of having clear 911 mailbox numbers on your mailbox or home. Most problems are with the mailbox. Code says that the numbers must be 4" in height and on both sides of the mailbox. I know from personal experience that the paper stick on numbers start to peel off after two seasons. This is good for the people who make stick on number, but a real annoyance for the home owner. The reflective, heavy duty numbers last much longer. Of course they are more expensive. I encourage you to follow code and protect your family should any emergency services needs to find your home if needed.

### Many Questions Answered:

You can find many of the answers you need to build on our town web site - ([www.townofnewarkvalley.com](http://www.townofnewarkvalley.com))

Tom Larson - CEO

## *Officials cont.*

Town Historian -

Shirley Callahan

Volunteer Historians -

Joan Shaver

Ginny Mullen

Marty Schneider

Nellie Snapp

Gwen Stephens

Jerry Marsh

JeanEllen Parmalee

642-8705

Shirley can be

reached at home

by calling 642-3361

Town Clerk - Barb Mock

Tax Collector - Lori

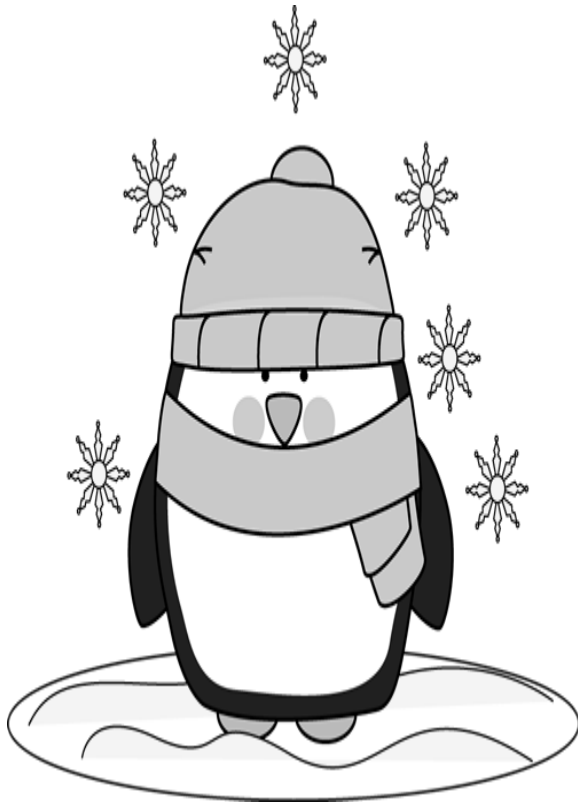
Martin

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.



## 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, 2018.

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](mailto:nvassessor@stny.rr.com).

Douglas Barton, Assessor

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# Christmas Cantata

## 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.

Inspired by an ancient Celtic Christmas Carol, a Christmas Cantata "Stars of Glory" radiates the promise of the Christmas miracle.

A mix of eleven traditional carols including some beautiful Irish melodies performed by a combined choir of singers from the churches of the Newark Valley area invite our gaze heavenward in anticipation of Christ's birth.

The cantata will be held on Sunday December 10th at 7:00pm. This free musical celebration of joyous expectation 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 Star of Glory shining brightly this Christmas season

If inclement weather causes cancellation, the Cantata will be held on the following Sunday the 12/17/17 at the same time and location.