



Newark Valley News

June 2012

On the Web at www.townofnewarkvalley.com

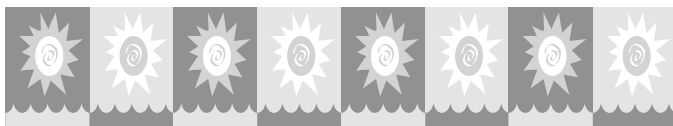
"News from Your Town"

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

In a previous column I asked for input regarding the potential start of natural gas drilling and fracking from our residents. I received a total of three phone calls and one e-mail on this issue. I think that there are more people with thoughts on this issue that haven't weighed in. The Town Board has had one person speak with us who would like to see a total ban on drilling in the town. At our last meeting we had a large crowd of people in attendance who were very much in favor of gas drilling. At this time the Board has briefed them on a resolution we have been asked to consider that basically states we have no problem with drilling and feel that the DEC regulations will be adequate to safe guard our residents. The Town Board and I are working hard to pick the right path for all residents and property owners large and small that is the best for our future. Anyone with thoughts or ideas on that is welcome to and urged to contact me or my Town Board members.

The job of the Town Board is to ensure that the rights of all residents are safeguarded for the future in a way that best serves the town as a whole. This includes the safeguarding of our water, the preservation of our roads and maintaining the quality of life while protecting the economic interest of all of us who live here. There are a lot of strong feelings on both sides of this issue. Fortunately, I believe we have a Town Board in place who will listen to all sides and facts presented to them and carefully consider our options. Once this is done, the appropriate actions will be taken that will best benefit the Town as a whole.

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor



TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

Hours: September to March: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Fridays.
April to September: 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

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 (fees will stay the same, \$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. You can get a 1, 2, or 3 year license.

The license has to be renewed when it expires. 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.

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

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 by 1 hour prior to this office closing.

Have a nice summer!

Barb Mock, Town Clerk

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Well, last year at this time, we were cleaning up from a Flood. But, this year we are still cleaning up from Two Floods!! I am still working with FEMA on getting Russell Road's money. I thought we had it all taken care of, but we had to do more paper work. This will be a very busy year; fixing and paving the areas that were damaged, along with spring clean-up. I have figured one and a half miles of paving this year. We will be finishing up Allison Hill Road (Howard Hill side) and 1 mile of Howard Hill. I have a lot of road re-surfacing to do yet but, the flood work has to come first. We have 18 months to complete all flood areas, which we had 33 roads damaged. We have to drive sheet metal (piles) in along the creek banks to stabilize the road.

We also have to put rip rap and/or concrete blocks in some areas, along with new guide rails and replace big sluice pipes. So bring on the Sun and just a little rain would be nice. Have a wonderful summer and please remember to go slow in our work areas, my men would appreciate it. Any questions call me here at the Town Highway Barn at 642-9927.

Thank You,

Charles E. Meade

Highway Superintendent



DATA FROM DOG CONTROL

I am Jim Weed, the Dog Control Officer for the Town of Newark Valley.

My duties are to answer complaints by residents because of dogs running at large and other uncontrolled behavior of dogs.

Every dog needs a license. The dog tag needs to be put on the collar of the dog.

If your dog escapes from you , and I pick it up, the dog tag is how I find the lost dog's owner.

Without a dog tag your lost dog will be taken to the Front Street Dog Shelter and hopefully you will call me and we can make arrangements for your dog to come home.

It is very sad to take a stray dog to the shelter and I know, just by the way the dog acts, it is a family pet.
Please license your dog.

Make sure your dog has proper shelter, food and water. A hot summer has been predicted.

If you have a dog complaint, lost dog, found dog or questions, please call 642-3287.

Jim Weed, Dog Control Office (DCO)

NV FIRE DEPARTMENT

You may have noticed the Newark Valley Fire Department is going around the Town and the Village conducting pre-plan inspections.

These inspections will help allow the Fire Department to create pre-plans to assist emergency personnel in better performing their duties in event of a fire or other emergency.

No violations will be issued by the Fire Department if they find a fire code violation. That's not the NVFD job. This inspection is only for pre-plans to assist the department .

Newark Valley Fire Prevention Bureau

HISTORIAN CORNER

Deputy Historian Jerry Marsh has published his book profiling 319 Civil War soldiers who resided and/or enlisted at Newark Valley or are buried in the town's cemeteries. In his book, titled :*"The Brotherhood of Battle,"* Jerry tells of the eleven families who sent their father(s) and son(s) to the war, the seventy sets of brothers who served, the seventy-four soldiers who were killed or wounded in battle and the thirty-nine who died of disease. Much credit for the book goes to descendants and others who graciously shared their photographs, letters, diaries, other documents, and family oral histories.

"The Brotherhood of Battle" will be available at the beginning of June at the following locations: the Town Historian's Office, 109 Whig Street, Newark Valley; the Tioga County Historical Society Museum, Front Street, Owego and the Riverow Bookshop, Front Street, Owego; the Bement-Billings Farmstead Gift Shop; at BOOKS I Should Have Read, 105 S. Duane Ave, Endicott; or by contacting Jerry Marsh, telephone (607)321-1379, e-mail JLMarsh15@frontiernet.net

Kudos to Jerry and wife Sarah for their endeavor and the effort and time they took to be accurate. Good job !!

FYI

It was mentioned in the March Newsletter about the Ladder Factory and the memorabilia that Ray and Joan Shaver and Sharon Weed put together. It will be on display at the Depot starting Friday, June 8th. It will be the first of the programs that the Newark Valley Historical Society sponsors every Friday evening all summer.

Shirley Callahan, Historian



FIRE MARSHAL FACTS

Q & A to the Town Fire Marshal

Q: Do I need smoke detectors in my home or business?

A: Yes, all residential properties require smoke detectors in each sleeping area as well as adjacent to sleep areas. Depending on when a house was built, some smoke detectors will either need to be battery power or required to be hard-wired and interconnected. The Fire Marshal's Office can provide more specific information.

Q: When I rent an apartment should there be a smoke detector in the bedrooms already?

A: Yes, you should have one in each bedroom, that's NYS fire code law.

Q: If there are no smoke detectors in the apartment should I buy them and put them up?

A: No, it's up to the landlord to have them installed before you move in.

Q: Do I have to get a outdoor burn permit in the Town of Newark Valley if I am having a small camp fire with my family?

A: No, the permit is for cleaning up your property, and it's for larger fires like bonfires or a pile of branches. The maximum size is 4' X 4'.

Q: I have noticed that some mailbox's have very small numbers that you can't see until you get on top of it. I was told the numbers must be 4 1/2" high is that right?

A: Yes, you are right. The Town of Newark Valley Code Enforcement Officer will be going out looking for violators. This is a Town Law. You should be able to see an address from at least 100' away on a mailbox.

Q: I understand that I can get an outdoor burn permit after May 15th, until March 15th. Is the burn permit good for all that time?

A: No, the permit is only good for 30 days, and if you need another permit all you have to do is to call the Town of Newark Valley Code office at 642-3617.

Q: Can I have a bonfire and fireworks on my property?

A: Yes and No. Yes, you can have bonfire, but you must get a burn permit,. No, the fireworks are illegal in the state of New York.

Dennis Liebe, Fire Marshal

HIGHWAY GARAGE PROPOSED OPEN HOUSE

The Town Board and I are interested in knowing how many people would be interested in having an Open House at the newly renovated Town Highway Garage.

We will make a ten wheeler snow plow available for the residents of the town to climb into and sit in the drivers seat to see what our highway employees go through while keeping the town roads open during the stormy winters. These trucks seem enormous when the blades are out in front and on the side, not to mention loaded with 40,000 pounds of sand behind you.

Let us know what types of equipment you would be interested in checking out and we will try to make it available if possible. We might be able to expand this equipment to fire trucks, an ambulance or even a school bus.

I will make a flower available to the first twenty-five ladies who climb up into the cab and sit in the seat of our highway snow plow. It should be fun. We will try to schedule this event for some Saturday morning in September. We will let you know a specific date and time in September's Newark Valley Newsletter.

You can let me know if you would be interested in seeing the highway barn and seeing a plow truck up close by e-mailing me at nvtownhall@stny.rr.com.

Donald Thomas, Councilman



CODE COMMENTS

Assorted informational Items

Plan now for the upcoming winter fuel bills.

A little preparation now can save you a lot of money this coming winter. I know that we are in the hot time of the year. If we work around the house now while the weather is pleasant, the financial savings can be great in the cold season. Does anyone think the price of energy will be lower this winter? Seal the heat leaks in your home. Code for new buildings requires an inner and outer seal to keep out drafts. If your home is not new, you can plug those holes now and keep your cash in your pocket instead of letting it go out the window. Here is one example: In my house I have a fold up attic stairway in my second floor ceiling. I noticed a small space between the ladder door and the ceiling. It was small. Only about a sixteenth of an inch. After thinking about it a little while, I realized that that sixteenth of an inch went all the way around the opening. Effectively, I had a rectangular opening that was one sixteenth by one hundred and fifty nine inches. The area of the space was 9.994 square inches. This is the same area as a hole 3.568" in diameter, or a square 3.16" on a side. A baseball is 2.9" in diameter. I had a small chimney in my roof, venting my expensive hot air out of the house 24 hours a day! To solve this I purchased a product for the stairway called an attic tent. This sealed the leak. The attic tent cost me two hundred dollars and I estimate that I saved seven hundred dollars on my heating bill the following winter. Sealing the leak was money well spent. Do you have any small leaks in the walls and ceilings of your home?



Swimming Pools—Buyer beware!

It is the pool season again. Retailers generally do not inform the public that State and Local Laws must be satisfied to install a pool. Just one time, I saw a small three by five index card next to the pool display which read, "check your local codes that may apply to pool installation." Most of that information is available on the Town website www.townofnewarkvalley.com. A complete list of state codes is available online at <http://publiccodes.citation.com/st/ny/st/index.htm>. Pools can be expensive. Anything that is capable of holding more than 24" of water must satisfy all the rules for a full size pool. If you are looking to cool off the little ones inexpensively this summer, pick up a small three ring blow up pool that is not capable of holding more than 24" of water and have a good time. Otherwise, I will be happy to issue you a permit here in my office.

Tom Larson, Code Enforcement Officer



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.

Newark Valley News
Town of Newark Valley
109 Whig Street
Newark Valley, NY 13811

PRSR STD
US POSTAGE PAID
NEWARK VALLEY, NY
PERMIT NO. 6

Postal Customer
Newark Valley NY 13811

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Tappan Spaulding Memorial Library will be holding it's, "Riding for the Library" fundraiser on September 15, 2012.

Participants will cycle from the library in Newark Valley to the library in Berkshire. Cyclers will get sponsors to sponsor them for how many miles they can ride.

Children, seniors or anyone who does not want to ride on Route 38 can start at the Trout Ponds Park and ride to the end of Elm Street, getting sponsors to sponsor them for how many trips they can make.

Registration for adults is \$10.00 and for children is \$5.00. T-shirts will be provided and water will be available at start and finish of ride.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place cyclers who get the largest monetary amount in both categories.

Help support your local library, get some exercise, fresh air, and meet your neighbors.

Watch for more details in the near future, and don't forget to check out the Library's website at <https://sites.google.com/site/tappanspauldingmemoriallibrary> and see us on Facebook.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Town Board Meetings: Work Session Meetings for June 5th, July 3rd and August 7th have been canceled. 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: September to March, Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Closed Friday
April to September, Monday thru Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday evening 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Closed Friday

Town Assessor: Call for day & time

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