



Newark Valley News

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

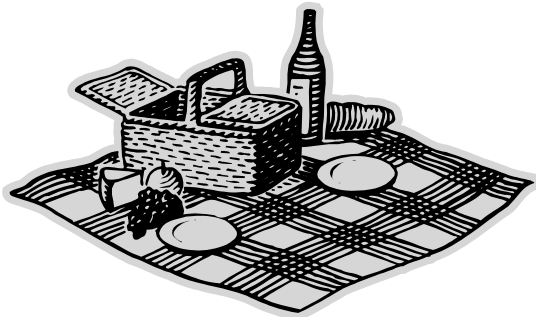
Summer is finally here in the valley. Here at the Town we are looking forward to a year of making improvements rather than doing repairs due to natural disasters. There are several paving and rebuilding projects planned all around the Town.

Current issues facing the Town Board are the drafting of legislation relating to the possibility of gas drilling in the town. We are currently working with the Planning Board to develop laws regarding road use, light pollution and other issues that may arise.

The last few months I have been serving as co-chair to a group called TING (Tioga Investigates Natural Gas). This is a group of interested and concerned individuals from across the County concerned about gas drilling. The group is not for or against the process, but rather it is reviewing the proposed regulations to see how Towns, Villages, and various agency's will be affected. I have gained a lot of knowledge to bring back to the Town Board to use in our quest to protect the Town.

We also are in need of a person to serve on our Town Planning Board. This board meets once a month to plan legislation and development issues in the Town. If anyone is interested contact me for more information.

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 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 (\$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 license for 1, 2, or 3 years providing the rabies doesn't expire for the duration of the 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 the licensed dog or you are or have moved, 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. 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 process your 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—Sue

Stevens

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 the 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. (It must have a raised seal).
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.

Enjoy the summer!

Barb Mock, Town Clerk



HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Hello Summer! This year because the sides of the Roads didn't freeze solid, we have a lot of edges to cut off and pick-up. If you would like fill dirt please call me so I can come out to see where you would like us to put it. We can't dump near well's or septic's and we are not liable for damages to driveways or lawns. Our trucks are heavy empty or loaded. If you think you have a drainage problem, call me and I'll come out and check for you. We do have some wood chips this year – first come first served. I hope everyone will enjoy the Summer!! Please remember to Slow Down in the Work Zones when you see the guys working on the roads. My employees and their family's Do Appreciate it. Thank you and have a safe Summer.

Charles E. Meade

Highway Superintendent

TAX COLLECTOR

I cannot accept payment for taxes after May 31, 2013.

If your Town and County Property Taxes were not paid by May 31, 2013, and you want to pay them, you will have to contact the Tioga County Treasurer's office at 687-8670 or go to the Tioga County Treasurer's Office at 56 Main Street, Room 210, Owego, NY, 13827.

Barb Mock, Tax Collector

DATA FROM DOG CONTROL

I am Sue Stevens, 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 Stray Haven 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.

Sue Stevens, Dog Control Office

ASSESSOR NOTES

Basic Star exemptions will be updated for 2014. You will be notified by NY State Tax and Finance on how to reapply for this exemption. Please do not fill out a form and mail it in as I cannot accept it. Your 2013 Basic Star is already in place for the September 2013 School Tax bills.

The Enhanced/Senior Exemptions will be updated the same as they have in the past. You will be notified in late December 2013 to apply for the 2014 tax roll. These forms will be processed by your Assessor. Thank you .

Michael Maxwell, Sole Assessor

HISTORIAN CORNER

As our part in Newark Valley Days Parade, we will again be coordinating our senior citizens--anyone 90 or over living in Newark Valley, Berkshire or Richford. We hope to have antique autos for them to ride in. It will be held on August 10th. If you are willing to participate please call Shirley 642-3361 or Ginny 642-5541. Come join us!!

LOST AND FOUND:

We are asking everyone to explore their memory bank--Originally there was a beautiful fence along the front of Hope Cemetery. Last seen--about the time Route 38 was re-done. Please contact us with any information you might have.

Also:

We recently acquired two beautiful photo albums. There are many photos of a young soldier and pictures of service related scenes. They are dated 1952-but no names. The albums came from an old house on Blodgett Road. If you have any clues stop in at the Historians Office any Wednesday 2-4 or call me at 642-3361 and leave a message.

We 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 _____

Mailing address _____ Phone _____

FYI

Currently we have displays at---

Depot--Bicycles in our town (from the good ole' days)

Town Office--Ladder Factory memorabilia

Bank TBA

Shirley Callahan, Historian

FIRE MARSHAL FACTS

The burn ban is over now, you are allowed to burn in the Town of Newark Valley. An open-burn permit must be obtained from the Fire Marshal or Code Enforcement officer before any burning may take place.

1. The permit is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance, there is no cost for the permit.
2. Fire Marshal or Town CEO has the right to inspect and limit the amount of material that may be burned.
3. Proper safety precautions must be taken before any burning takes place. These precautions include:
 - A) Material to be burned shall be at least 50 feet from the nearest structure.
 - B) Water and/or other extinguisher agent shall be within 20" of the fire at all times.
 - C) The fire shall be supervised by the person to whom the permit was issued until the fire is completely extinguished.
4. The maximum pile size of the material to be burned shall be four feet wide and four feet high.
5. You may call in for a permit at 642-3617 or e-mail at nvfiremarsahl@stny.rr.com.

Dennis Liebe, Fire Marshal



CODE COMMENTS

SWIMMING POOLS AND HOT TUBS - People in the community are surprised when I tell them that anything that is capable of holding 24 inches of water is considered a swimming pool. Hot tubs are considered swimming pools. Both swimming pools and hot tubs need a permit and must follow NYS code regulations. You will see "BLUE POOLS" advertised in the paper and in our big box stores. For what you get, they are not that expensive. It looks like a great deal. They become expensive when you try to make them follow the code. Because they have no solid side to hold a splash alarm, a custom post and bracket must be constructed. When you add the cost of the bracket, the GFI electrical installation, the electrical inspection and the alarm itself, the blue pool becomes much less a bargain. If you are not willing to make an investment into a pool and you want to cool off the kids on a hot summer day, I suggest the purchase of a simple multi-ring blow up pool from one of the big box stores. If it is not capable of holding 24 inches of water it is not subject to NYS codes.

911 NUMBERS - There is code in NYS and Town law that requires your house number be clearly on display. Putting the code aside for a moment, I would ask that each home owner take a little time to look at their property and decide if their home is clearly marked with numbers. Should the situation occur that you need emergency services like ambulance, fire, or police, you want the people coming to serve you to find your home as quickly as possible. There are times when seconds can save lives. I would hope that every home owner will label their homes and mail boxes with 4 inch numbers that are in reverse contrast to the house or mailbox color the numbers are on. I have seen many homes with white numbers on a light gray house. This is not going to be seen. Some of us live on driveways that are shared by more than one household. Having the numbers on your mailbox at the end of the long driveway may not be enough. You may need driveway signs or extra numbers on the side of your home to make it easy for emergency service personnel to find you. Help the people who can help you, find you. We have a great deal of helpful information concerning code on our web page at; <http://www.townofnewarkvalley.com/codeenforcement.html> .

Tom Larson, Code Enforcement Officer

NV HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER EVENTS

June 8 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild**: spin and weave @ Farmstead, 10-2. (BYO lunch & bev.) New members welcome. Denise Tarbox: (607) 642-5568.

June 8 **Willow Hoop Pot Trellis Workshop**: *Folk Art Series @ Farmstead's Welcome Ctr., 9241 State Rt. 38; 12-4, with Bonnie Gale. Adults & teens. \$45/ \$43 members, RSVP by 6/1: 642-5412.*

June 15 **Blacksmith Guild**: 10-? @ Farmstead. New members welcome. Doug Dayger: (607) 669-4489.

July 6 - Oct. 6 **Bement-Billings House OPEN FOR TOURS** each Saturday and Sunday, 12-4 PM.

July 13 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild**: Dyeing @ Farmstead, 10-2. Bring small skein or fleece to dye. (BYO lunch & bev.) New members welcome. Denise Tarbox: (607) 642-5568.

July 15-19 **Frontier Wisdom Camp @ Farmstead's maple grove, ages 10-17, \$200, 9 AM -4 PM. Jerry: (607) 687-2271.**

July 20-27 **NE NRLHF Primitive Rendezvous @ Farmstead; open to public 7/20-7/21, 9 AM -5 PM; \$5 ages 12+ (veterans, fire, police --free w/ ID). (Bement House & Gift Shop open 10-4.)**

July 20 **Cooking Guild**: Open hearth cooking @ Farmstead, 10-2. BYO lunch. New members welcome! RSVP Jane: (607) 727-8214.

July 20 **Blacksmith Guild**: 10-? @ Farmstead. New members welcome. Doug Dayger: (607) 669-4489.

July 24 **Pine Needle Basket Workshop**: *Folk Art Series @ Farmstead's Welcome Ctr., 9241 State Rt. 38; 1- 4:30, with Carol Lukovich. Adults & teens. \$8 /\$7 members; RSVP by 7/17: (607) 642-5412.*

Aug. 3 **Theorem Painting Workshop**: *Folk Art Series @ Farmstead's Welcome Center, 9241 State Rt. 38; 10-3, with Joann Balfour, HSEAD. Adults & teens. \$20 /\$18 members; RSVP by 7/27: 642-5412. (Make 8" x 10" early American stenciled floral.)*

Aug. 4 **Vinegar Painted Frame Workshop**: *Folk Art Series @ Farmstead's Welcome Center, 9241 State Rt. 38; 11-3:30, with Joann Balfour, HSEAD. Adults & teens. \$20 /\$18 members; RSVP by 7/27: 642-5412. (Make 8" x 10" early American false-grained frame.)*

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

SUMMER RECREATION

642-8686, Village of Newark Valley

607-205-7548, Jacia Donnelly

Open to residents of Newark Valley, Richford and Berkshire.

Safe and fun summer activities such as giant four square, arts-n-crafts. American Red Cross learn to Swim lessons at Greenwood Park (if funding permits) Various walking or bussed field trips.

Registration at the NV Middle School on July 15. Registration will continue the first week of summer or by appointment. All campers must register before attending camp.

Ages: Completed Kindergarten & Up

Dates: July 16—August 8

Time: Complete schedule available at registration.

Fee: Donations of \$25 per child, \$60 per family. Fieldtrips extra.

Jacia Donnelly

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: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Closed Friday

Town Assessor: Call for day & time

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