



Newark Valley News

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"News from Your Town"

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

At this point in time, the Town finds itself in a tough financial position. Over the years, expenses have been climbing faster than our revenues. The Town Board has been doing everything possible to keep taxes as low as possible. Even before the States Tax Cap Law our 10 year average increases in the tax rate was not over 2%. The majority of spending is in the Highway Department. The Highway Superintendent and our capable crew have done everything in their power to do more with less. We have downsized the crew and the rest of the employees are doing the job. Now, we are at a point where our equipment is aging and repair costs is sky rocketing. Road material costs jump every year. In order to maintain what we have accomplished in the last ten years, we find it necessary to plan on a moderate tax increase this year in excess of the states mandated 1.5%. To do that, we will be holding a Public Hearing on the passage of a local law to allow us to exceed the cap. I encourage anyone with questions to attend the board meeting or contact myself or a board member so we can explain our reasons for doing so.

Any increases in taxes will be used for a couple of things. One is to fund our machinery capital account to pay for replacement of aging equipment. Our newest plow truck is 10 years old and our others are up to twenty. Our excavator is reaching the point where replacement may be wise. We also need to look at our spending on road work to keep blacktop roads from deteriorating. Maintenance can't be put off. We would also like to continue to turn dirt roads into blacktop or stone and oil roads. While the initial cost to hardtop a road is high, the long term maintenance costs are lower for a hardtop road.

If Mother Nature continues to provide us with the cold snowy winters we have experienced the last two years, our snow removal budget will need to be increased as we have had significant shortfall the last two years.

The Board and I are well aware that the financial picture is not that rosy for all of us personally and we are approaching the possibility of tax increases with that in mind.

Stuart Yetter Jr., Supervisor

LEGAL NOTICE

The Newark Valley Town Board has scheduled a public hearing to consider adopting a local law to override the tax levy limit established in NY General Municipal Law 3-c for the Town budget for 2016. Said public hearing will be held on June 16, 2015 at 7:15 pm at the Town Hall, 109 Whig Street, Newark Valley, New York.

By Order of Town Board

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor, Newark Valley

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, 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 (\$10.00 for spayed/neutered dog, \$20.00 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 moving 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.

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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
Ron Graham

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

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.

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.

Barb Mock, Town Clerk

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Well, is the year of 2006 starting all over again!

It shows it on the NV-Maine Road, (near Town of Maine line) approximately 80' to 100' of guiderail is in mid air, due to a driveway pipe 75 feet up on personal property that was plugged. It has washed the shoulder, concrete blocks and a 2 foot diameter tree root section away from the bank. Broome County weather at the airport said in our area we had 2 to 2-1/2 inches in less than 2 hours. So please, check your private pipes for leaves, branches and gravel on both ends so the water goes where it is suppose to go!

Another busy year! 1.8 miles of paving on NV/Maine Road, has already been done. Drive carefully in that area as there are low shoulders which will be filled after the pavement is sealed with stone and oil. The other areas to be sealed with stone and oil are: Howard Hill 1.75 miles, Shirley Road 1.95 miles, Upper Whig Street .35 miles, and Tappan Road .38 miles. Of course, the rest of the town 59.50 miles, will be getting work also; hot patch, gravel and rework with dust control. Just keep in mind I have only four full time personnel which are doing six men's work.

Chris Pozzi has retired and we all wish him well in his retirement, Thanks Chris!

I am losing a lot of road signs, curve signs, suggested speed limits signs, road name signs, and workmen signs right off of NV/Maine Road. So, keep your eyes open for license plate numbers, color and makes of vehicles and where it was taken. Please Help! It cost the tax payers a lot of money to replace these signs. Call me at the Highway Department at 642-9927 or the Tioga County Sheriff's Department at 687-1010, this will be very helpful.

Have an enjoyable summer and give our employees a brake, slow down in our work zones, thank you.

Charles Meade, Highway Supt.

HISTORIAN CORNER

Busy, Busy, Projects and Displays.

We recently had a couple from Ohio here to continue searching their families. Great visit! Then a former resident, Judy (Prentice) Ragan came here from California (again!) continuing her research on her family. She and Ginny had great success. Then the following week a lady from Greene called and came, guess what! she also was searching the Prentice Family (she was a cousin) and had been in touch by e-mail with Judy! You just never know what you'll find and who you will meet.

Marty has been working on a display for the Depot's Summer Friday Night Programs. It's a fantastic accumulation of history of the Joslin Tours Artifacts consisting of trips taken during the 1920's and 30's. Jim Neifer; also, a former resident shared many postcards and four great photos. One in particular of his Grandmother and Aunt in a touring car on the western tour in 1924, it shows them in the redwood tree opening in California. Our programs are every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Please add this event to your summer to do list.

Ginny has been busy working with the Middle School Fourth and Fifth grade Newspaper Club to do a history on the Middle School from its beginning. Then they advanced to researching the how's and when's of Alexander park. It's been an exciting time for all involved. To quote Ginny, "I'm having a ball".

Do you remember when there was a Museum south of the Village? Art Livermore was there for many years. Mr. Niz (from the Historical Society) would like to hear from you if you know stories. Also, Mr. Livermore wrote a column in Tioga County Herald for years. It was known as "Uncle George Says".

Shirley Callahan, Historian and her many Deputies.

TAX COLLECTOR

I cannot accept payment for taxes after May 31, 2015.

If your Town and County Property Taxes were not paid by May 31, 2015, 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

DOG DATA

It's that time of year where the warm weather has moved more dogs outside. Please remember that your dog needs appropriate food, water and shelter to coincide with the seasonal changes. Make sure your dog is continuously receiving sufficient physical and mental exercise every day. Often when a dog causes noise disturbances, it is from the lack of their physical needs being met, boredom or frustration. Newark Valley Town Law 70-5B prohibits any dog from engaging in "habitual and sustained loud howling, barking, yelping, crying or whining or to conduct itself in such a manner so as to unreasonably and habitually annoy any person." An appearance ticket can be issued for this violation.

According to the Humane Society of the United States, the best way to get your dog to stop barking is to remove the stimulation. It can be extremely challenging to figure out what reward your dog gets out of barking. But don't give your dog the opportunity to continue the barking behavior. Often if your dog barks at passersby when he's in the yard, the solution may be to bring him into your home or install a privacy fence. More tips can be located @ http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/how_to_stop_barking.html

Denise Liske - Newark Valley Dog Control



LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Newark Valley passed on May 19, 2015 a Resolution allowing for the Town to lease approximately 7 acres of Town land on Tax Map No. 64.11-1-7 to Zorn Farms, LLC for farming purposes for the term of one year, subject to a permissive referendum, such that the effective date stated in the lease shall be 45 days from the date of this resolution if no petition for a permissive referendum is filed.

By Order of the Town Board
Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor, Newark Valley

FIRE MARSHAL FACTS

The State finally lifted the burn ban, at this time you can burn outdoors, but first you must obtain a Burn Permit. There is no cost for this permit. You also have a month on the permit, and if you need another one just call in, and we will bring one to you.

This office investigated nine (9) unauthorized burnings, during the burn ban. I posted the burn ban being extended and we still had illegal burning. If you are not sure about burning, please call this office or the Newark Valley Fire Department at 642-9555.

Grilling Safety Tips

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn, is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries.

Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling:

- Propane BBQ grills should only be used outdoors
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep kids and pets at least 3' away from grill area
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill grates and in trays below the grill.
- Try not to leave the grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not remove the grill.
- If the flame goes out, turn the grill off and wait at least 15 minutes before re-lighting it.

Dennis Liebe, Fire Marshal



CODE COMMENTS

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

I would like to emphasize in this article the importance of a Certificate of Occupancy. A Certificate of Occupancy, or C/O, is a document that is issued to a property owner by the Town's building department. The purpose of this document is to state what the structure can be used for, that the structure is suitable for occupancy and that it complies with all building codes. Our town requires a Certificate of Occupancy for all permitted structures and a Certificate of Compliance for all projects that require a permit but people do not live in it. An example of this would be installing solar panels or an exterior electrical generator.

The owner first acquires a building permit, then is inspected throughout the building process. An example is, foundation, framing, electrical, plumbing heating, etc. When the builder is done, the final inspection is completed. After this the certificate of occupancy is issued and the project can be occupied with people.

A Certificate of Occupancy may be required before acquiring a new home owners insurance or mortgage. Lending institutions and insurance companies vary, but it is now more common for these companies to require a copy of the C/O before they will work with you.

If you have a project coming up that requires a building permit, the easiest thing you can do is follow the permit process to the end and get your Certificate of Occupancy.

More information on permits and C/O's can be found on our web site: www.townofnewarkvalley.com

Tom Larson, Code Enforcement Officer



NV HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER EVENTS

June 5 **Depot Friday Nights:** The Tarps, 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. See Schedule at nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

June 6 **Cruise-In:** 5-7 PM @ NV Depot. All vehicles welcome; refreshments available. Ray: 642-3627.

June 12 **Depot Friday Nights:** *Rick Marsi-- "Exploring Alaska's Inside Passage,"* 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. See schedule at nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

June 13 **Antiques Appraisal:** *Bob Connelly,* 12-4 PM @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Herrick Barn, \$5 per item.

June 13 **Maple Grove Frolic:** Public Muzzleloading Shoot, 10-12; Club shoot 1 PM @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Black Powder Range. Public invited 10-3, no charge. Jerry: 972-1876, geraldrhodes@gmail.com.

June 13 **Blacksmithing 101:** Learn basic blacksmithing with *Gary Hinman & Doug Dayger,* 9 AM-5 PM @ Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. \$30/\$28 NVHS members. Register by 6/5/15: 642-5412. Folk Art Series: NY-SCA-Dec.

June 19 **Depot Friday Nights:** *Cobblestone Crossing,* 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. See schedule at nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

June 20 **Blacksmith Guild:** 10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. Doug: 669-4489.

June 20 **Path Through History:** 10-2 @ Farmstead. Open hearth cooking, FREE TOUR. Jane 727-8214.

June 26 **Depot Friday Nights:** *Grassanova,* 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. See schedule at nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

July 3 **Depot Friday Nights:** *Little Big Band with Bruce Dedrick,* 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. See schedule at nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

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

July 4 **Cruise-In:** 5-7 PM @ NV Depot. All vehicles welcome; refreshments available. Ray: 642-3627.

July 10 **Depot Friday Nights:** *Horseshoe Lounge Playboys,* 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. See schedule at nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

July 11 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild:** *Warp Clare de Loom,* 10 AM-2 PM @ Bement-Billings Farmstead. BYO lunch & beverage. New members welcome! Denise 642-5568.

July 11 **Willow Weaving:** Make 6' garden trellis with *Bonnie Gale,* 10 AM-5 PM @ Welcome Ctr.. \$85/\$83 NVHS members. Call for supply list. Register by 7/2/15: 642-5412. See www.bonniegale.com. Folk Art Series: NYSCA-Dec.

July 11 **Civil War Author David Clutz** will give a talk about *Southern Tier Civil War Solders at Depot 6:30 p.m.* *Ed Nizalowski* will perform songs from the *Civil War in conjunction with the presentation.*

July 17 **Depot Friday Nights:** *Swing Street Jazztet with Al Hamme,* 7-9 PM @ NV Depot. Free. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments available. See schedule at nvhistory.org. 642-9516.

July 18 **"Dear Friend Amelia:"** *Play by Mary Jordan,* 7 PM @ Depot. Tickets \$10 by July 11; \$12 at door. Mail check to: NV Hist. Soc., PO Box 222, Newark Valley, NY 13811. Refreshments available. 642-9516.

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 - Sharon Weed
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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COMMUNITY NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

Newark Valley Joint Youth Summer Recreation Program

New this year, there will be a summer food program! This will include free breakfast and lunch served three days a week during the designated times to all campers and youth family members. Please call Jacia Donnelly (607.205.7548) for all of the information your family will need to participate in all of the fun, safe, and now yummy parts of the program! Program calendars will be available soon at the Newark Valley Village.

Please also visit us at

<https://www.facebook.com/NVJointYouthSummerRecreation>

or <https://villagenv.com/residents/youth-program/>

Updated information will be post as soon as possible for each new season.

Town Board Meetings: 1st & 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 a.m. to 1 p.m., Closed Friday

Town Assessor: Monday's 2—5 p.m.

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

