



Newark Valley News

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"News from Your Town"

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

There was a public hearing held at the May 21st Board meeting on Local Law #1-2019 regarding changing the position of the Highway Superintendent from elected to appointed. I would like to give you some information regarding this:

The Town Board did not make the decision to appoint the Highway Superintendent. The decision we made was to put on the ballot in November the option for the public to vote if they wanted to change the Highway Superintendent to an appointed position. That was done at this time for several reasons. The job of Superintendent of Highways has become much more difficult in the last 30 years. Rules and regulations are more complex than they were and the job requires quite an extensive skill set. If the job was appointed only those with the appropriate qualifications would be considered. Every year the Board is faced at a few board meetings with angry tax payers who want the Board members to address highway issues that we did not have direct control over. Appointing a Highway Superintendent would solve that.

Some people feel that going to an appointed Superintendent is taking rights away from the voter. The Superintendent would be appointed by 5 people that were elected by the voters.

If the change is made at this time it would come into effect at the end of the current term when Mr. Meade plans to retire, so no one will be losing their job.

This is part of the thought process that has led up to this being put on the ballot. Anyone wanting to know more is encouraged to contact any Board member or myself to discuss the issue.

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, for 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.

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 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

Town Historian -

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. **There is a \$10.00 late fee per delinquent dog.** So...to avoid this, please update us on the status of your dog(s) and renew your dog license(s) promptly, thank you.

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. Social Security Number.
6. There is a 24 hour waiting period between the purchase of the license and the wedding ceremony.
7. The license is valid for 60 days.
8. The license has to be filed where it is purchased, not where the marriage takes place.

If you choose to apply at the Town of Newark Valley office, you must arrive one hour prior to this office closing.

Barb Mock, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR

REMINDER

2019 Property tax collection has ended.

Tax bills for this year can no longer be paid at the Town of Newark Valley office.

Please call the **Tioga County Treasurer's Office at 607-687-8670** to find out the amount due and how to pay your tax bill, or to get information regarding any prior year taxes.

If you have a change of address or transfer of property please contact Doug Barton, Assessor at 607-642-8666.

Wanda Grover, Tax Collector

DOG DATA

REMINDERS – It's that time of year where the warm weather has moved more dogs outside. Please remember to ensure that your dog is continuously receiving sufficient food, water, shelter and exercise to coincide with the seasonal changes.

According to the Newark Valley Town Local Law - it shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to allow a dog to be running at large as well as engage in habitual and sustained howling, barking, crying or whining as to unreasonably and habitually annoy any person. No one should expect a dog to always remain silent but there is an expectation that a dog should not become a nuisance to their neighbors. It is recommended that a detailed log indicating the time and duration of the annoyance occurrences be submitted to the dog control officer with any complaints.

Please remember to be respectful of your neighbors and often these situations can be resolved without negative reactions and legal action by discussing these concerns with them – even if it is via the assistance of the dog control officer.

LOST/FOUND DOGS - please immediately contact the Newark Valley Dog Control Officer @ (607) 642-3287 for any potential sightings and sharing information. Keep in mind that most individuals that either retrieve a dog or are searching for their dog will contact the Dog Control Officer – so let's work together to bring these dogs home. AND please affix their ID tag to their collar for identification as well as it is mandated by the Newark Valley Town Local Law.

Denise Liske, Dog Control Officer

HISTORIAN CORNER

On July 27th we will be ready to see the Summer Fest Annual parade. We will also be watching for our local Seniors over 90+ riding in cars provided by the Antiques Automobile Club of America (Owego Chapter). A great time is enjoyed by all, especially the 90+ year olds.

Deputy Mullen is putting the finishing touches on our 2019 Depot Display as we speak. Deputy Mullen has researched all SPORTS that Newark Valley had and has since 1870.

Come see some of our teams over the years, read about the 1907 baseball game against Sayre, or the Bloomer girls. See how we discovered the identity of an 1897 photo found in a Madison Wisc. attic. Then there are lots of other sports, some school teams, some community teams. Fire Dept., International Harvester, Church teams. We have stories and LOTS of pictures. Do you remember our Championship football teams, or the basketball team that played at Cornell against Elmira Free Academy, and Ernie Davis? It will be ready for visits as soon as the summer Friday night programs start in June. Hope to see you there!

If you have more to share, again, please contact us and we'll use it. . Again, let Ginny know.

We've recently received more old year-books, only 1 of which was one of our missing ones. If you have lost yours, check with us to see if we might have a duplicate. These have been gifted to us with the understanding that we will re-gift them if necessary.

Next, the Owego Museum is looking for descendants of Isaac Wiltse, a Civil War Veteran, as well as an Owego Cop who was killed in the line of duty in the 1870. Anyone out there know of any descendants? We'll be happy to send them on to Owego for a special program they are planning for October.

Shirley Callahan, Historian and her many Volunteers

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

To start , TURN OFF THE WATER!
Everything we do is so soft and it's hard to get rid of ditch dirt. We are still moving ahead.

The State and Federal are still working on the flood of August 2018. I had to use some of my CHIPS money to do some of my flood work to get it done. The roads that need to be re-surfaced are:

Ketchumville Rd, North Ketchumville Rd., Settle Rd. and N V Maine Road.

Because I had to use some of my Chips money on flood work, all the work to be done on the above roads will be cut in half. I still have the monies for all gravel roads with dust control. I hope the weather will still give us a nice summer anyway. (it doesn't look promising) Remember to slow down in our work zones, my men are important too. Thank you

Charles Meade, Highway Supt.

CODE COMMENTS

Pool Safety and Installation

As we begin a new pool season, I feel it is important to remind the citizens of Newark Valley of the pool code. In general, anything that holds water for people that is capable of holding 24 inches of water or more needs to follow the code and get a permit. This includes above ground, below ground, and hot tubs. For more detailed information see <https://www.dos.ny.gov/DCEA/pools.htm>. Note, this is an abridged summary of the code. There are links to the details on the page. In town we follow the state code and do not have a local code concerning pools. Pool installation must also follow the National electrical code (NEC). The current version is 2017.

Tom Larson, CEO/Fire Marshal

Officials cont.

Town Historian -
Shirley Callahan

Volunteer Historians -

Joan Shaver

Ginny Mullen

Marty Schneider

Nellie Snapp

Gwen Stephens

Janet Frieman

Jeanellen Parmalee

Sharon Weed

642-8705 or 642-5541

Town Clerk- Barb Mock

Deputy - Lora Corson

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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109 Whig Street
Newark Valley, NY 13811

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US POSTAGE PAID
NEWARK VALLEY, NY
PERMIT NO. 3

Postal Customer
Newark Valley NY 13811

COMMUNITY NEWS

Project Neighbor of Newark Valley Food Pantry Hours:

**Every Tuesday and Thursday
3-4 pm**

**Every third Saturday of each
month 10-11 am**

**Senior Pantry
every second Wednesday
10-11 am**

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 4PM. 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4PM.

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.