



Newark Valley News

June 2020

On the Web at www.townofnewarkvalley.com

"News from Your Town"

MESSAGE FROM THE

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

The Town recently received a response from the Ag and Markets regarding our proposed CAFO law. Our attorney has been communicating with them regarding their input. Much of what we proposed to put in the law was not satisfactory to Ag and Markets. Basically, all we can do is request copies of information that is already on file with the DEC. Things like the actual Nutrient Management Plan do not have to be shared, it is just subject to DEC inspection. There are some other options that the attorney discussed. One of these things is that there may be a mechanism whereby the Town may require some type of prior notice before manure can be actually spread in some instances or locations. This would be a big help to the affected residents, if it is possible. The attorney is working with the appropriate people from the state to find the best way to incorporate this into a new local law. With the limitations on office hours and people still working remotely a realistic time line to craft this new law and get it reviewed and ready for a public hearing could be several months. The Town board is well aware of the impact this situation this operation has on the residents affected by the odors. It does not make any sense to pass a local law that we know will end up in expensive litigation and most likely be struck down. To that end, we are going to basically shelf the current law and rewrite a new one that will have a better chance of doing some good.

Until supplies run out, we have a small amount of mask available for Newark Valley residents.

Stuart Yetter Jr., Supervisor



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 - Martie Ritz

642-3617

Highway Supt. -

Charles Meade

642-9927

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

COURT COMMENTS

I would like to take this opportunity to share some rather exciting news as it pertains to the Town of Newark Valley Court. The Town of Newark Valley Court was awarded a JCAP grant in the amount of \$6,500 to make necessary safety and functionality changes to the bench and court clerk area. This has truly been a multi-year process. The first step was to have a security risk assessment done. This was performed in coordination with the NYS Unified Courts Security Division. I would like to thank Supervisor Yetter, Councilman Cheresnowski, Councilman Tomazin, Councilman Dalton and Councilman Smith for their continued support during this process. The cost of the construction project came in a little higher than the money the court was awarded. The remaining balance has been covered by monies from the court's operating budget. To keep costs down, I personally removed the old bench. I can say that no extra town money was spent on this project. The work was completed by Jeff Rockwell Woodworkers out of Candor. Justice Courts are often called "the courts closest to the people". Due to the COVID pandemic and the current social distancing guidelines the court is still closed. I am hopeful that in the coming weeks we will be allowed to reopen. Please check the Town of Newark Valley Website, townofnewarkvalley.com for further updates. You can also call the court. We will be updating the message on a weekly basis.

Sincerely,

John Schaffer, Town Justice



******ATTENTION******

**BEFORE ENTERING THE
TOWN HALL OR COURT**

**YOU MUST:
HAVE A MASK ON.**



**ONLY ONE PERSON PER
OFFICE OR AT THE
COUNTERS.**

**IF SOMEONE IS AHEAD OF
YOU PLEASE WAIT OUTSIDE
AND YOU WILL BE CALLED
IN WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN.**

DOG DATA

TIOGA COUNTY NY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC SCHEDULE

PREREGISTRATION - <https://apps.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/counties?eventCountyID=54>

\$10 donation per animal is requested but no animal will be turned away for inability to pay

- THURSDAY, June 25th, 2020, 6PM-8PM @ Apalachin Fire Station

- THURSDAY, July 23th, 2020, 6PM-8PM @ Spencer Fire Station

THURSDAY, August 27th, 2020, 6PM-8PM @ Berkshire Fire Station

DOG CONTROL & CHANGES RELATING TO COVID-19

The Newark Valley Dog Control Officer remains available 24/7 to respond to dog control issues and provide guidance on animal related concerns. Most situations are being handled via phone whenever possible to limit the contact of the Newark Valley Dog Control Officer within the community for the safety of all involved per COVID-19 regulations. The Newark Valley Dog Control Officer does have the appropriate necessary attire such as masking & gloves to respond to calls if deemed necessary.

GUIDANCE TO CARETAKERS FOR ANIMALS OF COVID-19 POSITIVE INDIVIDUALS

There are three options available for the animals of COVID-19 positive individuals – the animal can remain in its own home (BEST OPTION), the animal is removed from the home and cared for by another individual in their home or the animal is taken elsewhere for room/board. Remember that according to the CDC and AVMA, there is no evidence that animals are involved in the transmission of SARS-COV2 to people. However, the virus can live on surfaces for several days and the home of a COVID-19 individual is still at risk. Think ahead about how you would provide the necessary care to these animals while minimizing possible cross contamination from the infected home to other homes.

<http://blogs.cornell.edu/cornellsheltermedicine/2020/04/05/guidance-for-caretakers-for-pets-of-covid-19-positive-patients/>

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 (607)642-3287

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

CODE COMMENTS

With summer upon us, I wanted to cover some quick notes regarding the Codes as the warm weather arrives! Just a simple recap on some of our Town's requirements!

Did you know that to have a pool / spa you need a permit? A permit is needed if the water at any point is deeper than 24" inches! Pools also have some other requirements regarding barriers, alarms, elevation, set up and maintenance, please feel free to contact me with any questions or to help get you set up to enjoy your pool this summer!

Next the burn ban is over, however the Town of Newark Valley does require a burn permit for open burning! These permits are free and good for 30 days! We want to make sure that everyone is burning safely, to protect you, your loved ones, and your surrounding neighbors!

Who doesn't love sitting outside and enjoying our beautiful area on a deck or porch? Decks do require a permit; it is easy to fill out and I have lots of resources available to help you with your deck. Keeping to code, design ideas, you name it!

Lastly, demolition of an existing structure needs a permit. This permit is FREE!

For more information on these topics or any other projects or building questions, visit the Town website and under the Code Enforcement section you will find lots of information, or feel free to contact me.

With all the chaos of this past spring, let us look forward to a safe and fun summer ahead!

Help me, help you!

Martie Ritz, Code Enforcement / Fire Marshal



HISTORIAN CORNER

Like everyone else, Your Town Historians are staying home. The phones still ring, and we are still planning for the future.

Marty has a display for the Depot concerning its history, (celebrating 100 years!) only this will have to wait another year

Ginny is compiling a small scrapbook about the virus in our area. Thankfully, there's not a lot in it yet, mostly the daily counts. Our thoughts are with Joan Shaver who is living at Elderwood in Waverly.

We had planned an open house for Memorial Day weekend, as the extended Bushnell family would be in town for committal services, and so much of our collection came from them. We wanted them to see how we are taking care of it. Again, postponed.

Stay safe; call me at home if you have questions. So far, I've been able to answer some from here. (The latest one was how old is the Stimming gym?!) Answer: It was added in late 1950's and in use by 1956 when we moved here, along with the Eastman School and the north wing on the Middle School. Do you remember Homemaking and Drafting were taught in the house located where the kindergarten playground is now? (Maybe typing?)

Your memories are important. Call me with corrections and additions if you wish.

Ginny Mullen, Historian and her many Volunteers

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Well this article is going to sound like a year ago! I hope everyone is doing well from the virus attack which will be around for a while. I am still working on 2018 flood (paper work) and now the 2019 flood paper work. We have only received 2 checks for, Bridge Street (Rip Rap – large stone for embankment) and the work that have been done; both are from the 2018 flood. My employees are busy cleaning ditches, changing pipes where needed and grading holes on gravel roads when I can spare 2 crews. Unknown if we are going to receive any money from the State of New York (which I use to maintain all hard surface roads). The Town board has cut my road repair monies to stay under the State's 2%. I am doing my best with what I have and to stay within my budget areas. Remember to slow down in our work zones; my men are important to us and their families. Thank you for your support, WE Will Make It!

Thank you,
Charles Meade, Highway Supt.

TAX COLLECTOR

REMINDER

Property tax collection has ended for 2020. Payments can no longer be accepted at the Town office.

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

THANK YOU!

I want to thank all of you for your patience and understanding when the town office had to close due to COVID-19 and suddenly the only payment option was to mail in your payments. I know there are a lot of you that prefer to pay in person. Hopefully, collection will be able to resume to "normal" for 2021. Stay safe and healthy!

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

Officials cont.

Town Historian -

Ginny Mullen

Volunteer Historians -

Marty Schneider

Nellie Snapp

Gwen Stephens

Janet Frieman

Jeanellen Parmalee

Sharon Weed

Office: 642-8705

Ginny: 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.



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

PRSR STD
US POSTAGE PAID
NEWARK VALLEY, NY
PERMIT NO. 3

Postal Customer
Newark Valley NY 13811



ASSESSOR

OFFICE HOURS CHANGE

The ASSESSOR will be in his office on MONDAYS from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Doug Barton, Assessor

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.