



# Newark Valley News

June 2021

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*"News from Your Town"*

## MESSAGE FROM THE

## TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

Summer is here and things are rolling along here at the Town. We held a very successful clean up days, properly disposing of many tons of waste items, one full tractor trailer load of tires and a dumpster full of electronics. This is not only good for the residents who bring items in, but for everyone else who doesn't have to look at tires and trash thrown out along the road.

The Town is entering into a project in cooperation with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. We have acreage out behind our highway department stockpile area. This land is in the flood plain and currently used for agricultural purposes. We were approached about the possibility of having a flood control project done on this parcel. After two meetings and a public information session, the board has decided to move forward with this. The basic plan is to do some grading and to reforest the area to help retain water and slow down flooding downstream. This is done without any financial input from the town.

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, WE CANNOT ACCEPT PLASTIC OF ANY KIND.**

### **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!

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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 - Chance

Spoonhower

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

### HISTORIAN CORNER

Chickens, pheasants, what's next?

A recent gift of an old scrapbook tells of the PHEASANT farm that 'Elmer. Shoultes and his partner, Gordon Settle had established - a pheasantry on this property, (This is sporting?)

A few escaped and may be responsible for the few wild pheasants we see around here today.



For the 1914 Tioga County Fair, Elmer Shoultes was the biggest exhibitor of chickens (1400 birds.) Normally, they were housed behind his home at 6 John St., in the village.

After the fair, they were crated up, put on the train and taken to Whitney Point for the Broome County Fair! And then on to DelRyter.

By 1946, Mr. Shoultes and his partner, Gordon Settle had moved on to pheasants. They purchased eggs, increased the height of the fencing, and settled in a hen and a cock in each section. Eventually, the grown birds would be sold to sportsmen's clubs. Is this sporting to shoot stock that has always been penned up?

The men retained 150 birds for the next season as they understand the second and third seasons are the most profitable,

Breeds included were Ringnecks, Mongolians and Reeves, in order of value

Last summer, as I sat on Ross and Kay McGraw's back deck, down from the woods came a cock, a hen and several chicks. Beautiful and cute! Are these descendants of the John St. birds? A beautiful sight, no matter (this writer wasn't happy when a pheasant kept visiting her tomato plants and pecked a hole in each almost ripe fruit!)

At any rate, this is just one more "strange" occupation here in our valley, these old scrapbooks hold a lot of fascinating history, and fun stories.,

Your Town Historians were happy to return to their office on March 10<sup>th</sup>, after the December snowstorm destroyed the Highway equipment storage building next to us, and took down our electric power. Thanks to the Town crew, we now have an underground service line to our building, and we're back to work organizing the materials we have for your use. We thank Roy Fox, Nancy Tappan, Reva Stratton's family, and others for donating photos and scrapbooks to our collection. Stop by and see us, Wednesday 2-4 or call for an appointment.

The big endeavor for this summer season has been the history of our DEPOT and TRAIN SERVICE for 150 years. (Of course, because of last year's closures, now it's 151 years.) The large display is in the Depot, and can be seen Friday nights in June, July, and August. A smaller version will be at the Welcome Center during the Apple Festival October 2&3.

Ginny Mullen, Historian and her many Volunteers

## DOG DATA

**REMINDERS** - According to the Town of Newark Valley Dog Control Local Law - it shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to allow a dog to 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. 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.

**REASONS WHY DOGS MIGHT BARK** - They are saying hello; They are territorial; They are afraid; They are seeking attention; They have separation anxiety; They are social barking; They are frustrated; They are sick or in pain (<https://www.masterclass.com/articles/how-to-teach-your-dog-to-stop-barking#8-reasons-why-dogs-bark>)

**LEARN EFFECTIVE COMMANDS OR STRATEGIES** - Determine the cause; Remove stimuli; Distract; Ignore; Change their confinement; Play music; Obedience training (<https://www.masterclass.com/articles/how-to-teach-your-dog-to-stop-barking#8-reasons-why-dogs-bark>)

**LOST/FOUND DOGS** - please contact the Newark Valley Dog Control Officer ASAP @ (607) 642-3287 OR (607) 339-6566. 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 before transport to Stray Haven should happen. AND please remember to license your dog & affix their ID tag to their collar - especially in emergency situations this will allow for immediate identification and initiated contact of the owner - as well as it is mandated by the Town of Newark Valley Local Law.

**Denise Liske, Dog Control Officer 642-3287**

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

## HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Well, summer is here when it's supposed to be spring! Don't really care just as long as the temperature stays up Not Down! My crew and I have finished 2 out of the 4, flood work projects for 2019. The paper work will be in the mail and I'm waiting for them to say we didn't receive it yet! This year we have a lot of paving to do and gravel to haul on many of our gravel roads. The paving projects are, 1.2 miles on Howard Hill Road, 1.85 on Shirley Road, .23 on Markham Road (backside towards Settle Road) .4 on Dodson Hill Road (backside towards Settle Road). Resurfacing Projects are, Grandview Drive, Edgewood, Ridge Haven, Highland Drive, Golden Lane and small areas over all the rest of the roads. It was a hard winter and now it's time to fix them back up! 6 more months left until I retire!

Charles Meade, Highway Supt.

## TAX COLLECTOR REMINDER

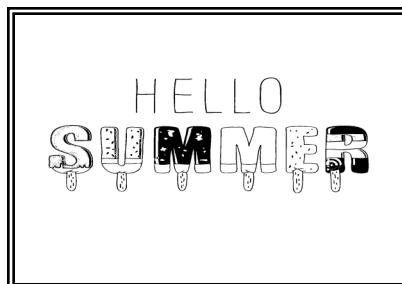
**As of May 31<sup>st</sup>** property tax payments are no longer accepted at the Town Tax Collector's office.

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.

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

Thank you!

Wanda Grover, Tax Collector



## 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.

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## **2021 TIOGA COUNTY RABIES CLINIC – PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

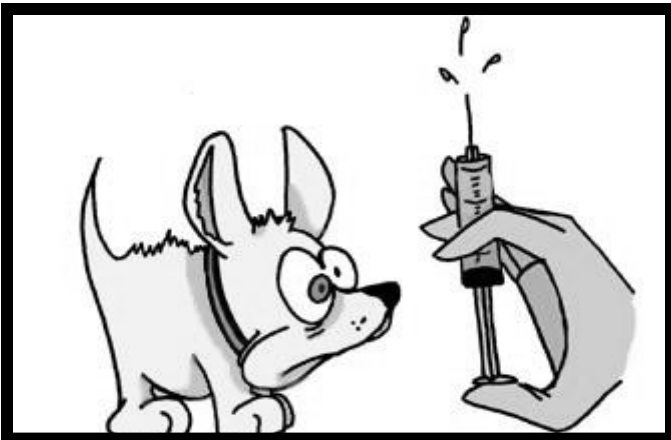
<https://www.tiogacountyny.com/media/9383/2021-rabies-vaccination-clinics-8.pdf>

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021 5:30PM-8:00PM

Berkshire Fire Station, 12515 State Route 38, Berkshire, NY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021, TIME TBD

Stray Haven, 194 Shepard Road, Waverly, NY 18892



## **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.