

# Newark Valley News

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"News from Your Town"

# MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

.Spring is just around the corner and we are busy planning for it. Fortunately, the mild winter has provided some relief to a very strained budget. It has also allowed the Highway Department to start preparing for all of the flood damage repairs we are faced with.

We have been doing work to be prepared for the possibility of natural gas drilling in the Town. We have recently passed a noise ordinance for the Town. We are currently looking at a light ordinance and gathering information for a road use law. While these laws are not specifically aimed at natural gas operations, the possibility of drilling in the Town has sparked this flurry of legislature. As these laws will affect all types of industrial and economic activity in the Town, I urge everyone to check the information as it becomes available on the Town's website and provide us with any input and concerns you might have. The Board and I are here to serve the needs of all of the town residents and unless your needs are communicated to us, we can't act on them.

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor



# **TOWN CLERK'S CORNER**

Hours: September to March: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Fridays. April to September: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. then 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Fridays.

## DOG LICENSES

The Town of Newark Valley requires you to license **all** dog (s). 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 (fees will stay the same, \$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.

The license has to be renewed every year. 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 a dog, 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. So, 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 fill the 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.

# 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 -Vacant 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 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. 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.

## Barb Mock, Town Clerk

## **NV FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Newark Valley Fire Department is giving live fire extinguisher training for clubs, business, church groups. The safety training is to OSHA requirements, and at the end of the training each individual will receive a certificate from the NVFD. For more information please call Jim VanNordstrand at 642-3374 or Ken Schnieder at 642-8789.

SMOKE DETECTORS are available for the homeowners of Newark Valley if you need one, please call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 642-9555 and someone will get back to you within a day.

## HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Highway Happenings

Oh Sun! Oh Sun!" Where art thou?"

I apologize for not having a Highway Happenings last edition. I have been going back and forth with FEMA on the road and culvert replacements. Right now Lamb Rd. pipe, Smokey Zimmer Rd. pipe and Ketchumville Rd sheet piling are covered. We are still working on the pipes on, Bailey Hollow Rd., Russell Rd, Barbertown Rd, Dodson Hill and Dalton Hill. These pipes were damaged by the tropical storms. We will be up-sizing these pipes to stop the over flow from tropical storms in the future, if we can get things straightened out with the Federal and State Government. If not, this could cost the tax payers big money. With regular storms we have no problems; the water goes where it is supposed to go! Note: After the Flood the D.E.C. allowed us to clean the small streams, which we did. They should allow somebody to clean the larger streams where the gravel is full but, it's a Trout Stream!! This year is going to be a catch up from last September's flood. We covered all the bad areas with creek gravel, but no fine gravel (item #4.) We did not have to borrow money like some towns did, we contained our own. I want to THANK Everyone who watched out for my employees while they were working. It means a lot when you go Slow in Work Areas. Any questions or concerns please call me at 642-9927.

Thank you and let the Sun Shine!



## **TAX COLLECTOR**

## **HISTORIAN CORNER**

## **Tax Collector**

The tax collections hours are on the tax bills and are the following:

March: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Fridays. April and May: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Fridays.

We do not accept payment after May 31, 2012. Call the Tioga County Treasurer's Office at 687-8670 to find out how to pay your tax bill.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 642-8746.

Barb Mock, Tax Collector

# FIRE MARSHAL FACTS

# Still need a burn permit for outdoor burning in the Town of Newark Valley.

Just a reminder on the ban regarding open burning, open burning is prohibited in New York State between March 15th and May 15th. If you have a fire started between these dates and the fire department happens to be called, they by law must extinguish the fire.

Outdoor burn permits, are still available at the Code Office 109 Whig Street, at no cost to you. Call the Code Enforcement Officer or Fire marshal at 642-3617 and we will bring the permit to you as we need to inspect the burn pile before issuing the permit.

Dennis Liebe, Fire Marshal



After a great deal of time and effort Sharon Weed, and Ray & Joan Shaver put together a great history of the Ladder Factory. There are numerous notebooks of who, what and when covering over 70 years.

One book in particular contains 2000 names of former workers. Thanks Sharon, that was quite a task. They had a presentation at the Depot in the fall. A great number of former workers enjoyed the display and talk. The plan is to have a display at the Depot when they open in the spring. If you have some memorabilia you would like to share, please give us a call . You can reach Shirley at 642-3361 or Ray at 642-3627.

When Don Biehl gave us a painting done by his brother Phil he also gave us some Biehl history along with some of Art Livermore's. Some of you might remember when Art wrote for the Tioga County Herald. His column was known as "Uncle George Says". We have been enjoying going through both. Part of the Stimming Greenhouse history includes the Biehl Family. For instance Mr. Biehl designed the greenhouses and became part of the greenhouse operation. Many stories come to light when you start what seems to be the simple task of sorting things out. Thanks again Don.

We are planning a display of the Stimming Greenhouses at a later date. If you have something to share, please call me at 642-3361.

If you haven't seen the bicycle display at the Town Office do take a minute and drop in, the office hours are September to March: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays 10a.m. to 1 p.m.. April to September: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. then 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays 10a.m. to 1 p.m. to 1 p.m. to 1 p.m.

The 2012 calendars are available at the Cardinal Café and the Wine & Sprit Shop. They are also available from the Historians - Richford, Bill Sherwood 539-6283, Berkshire, Ray & Nancy Hunt 657-4416 and Newark Valley, Shirley Callahan, 642-3361.

We are still looking for your "I Remember Growing Up in Newark Valley" memories.

Shirley Callahan, Historian



# Spring

# **NEWARK VALLEY ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS**

Town and Village of Newark Valley Residents:

The Town of Newark Valley will be conducting Spring Clean-up on Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th. Items may be brought to the Town Hall, 109 Whig Street, and deposited in dumpsters at the rear of the property. Operating hours will be between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on both days. Residents 65 and over plus Town residents who are disabled and who wish to have their debris picked up on Thursday, May 3rd, must make an appointment no later than Tuesday, April 24th, 2012, but not before April 1st by calling the Town Highway Department at 642-9927 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Debris and/or brush to be picked up or dropped off will be limited to one pick-up truck load per household ONLY. More than one pick-up truck load will be left for the homeowner to properly dispose of. NOTE: Due to the new DEC No Burning Law we will not be taking wood. That means no construction wood of any kind i.e.; plywood, boards, 2x4's, 2x6's, etc. We will take brush no bigger than 4 inches in diameter at the cut off area to be run through the brush chipper. No debris from Towns outside of the Town of Newark Valley will be accepted. This year we will be taking tires as well. They can be no larger than 16 inches and can be on rims. The cost is \$2.00 per tire and proof of residency is required at time of drop-off. All tires must be dropped off at the 109 Whig Street site. No tire pick-up will be offered during Senior pick-up day.

The following items WILL NOT be accepted:

Glass of any kind, paint cans or other hazardous waste containers, construction debris, shingles or tar paper, household garbage, batteries or recyclables.

The following items WILL be accepted:

Old furniture, brush 4 inches or less in diameter, mattresses, plastics, scrap metal, and appliances (with doors removed).

If you have any questions please feel free to call the Highway Department at 642-9927.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Stuart Yetter, Jr.-Supervisor

Charles Meade-Highway Superintendent

## **CODE COMMENTS**

#### Planning to build?

The code requires insulation of R20 in the wall and R38 in the ceiling. You can do a better job in your ceiling with less insulation (R30) if you use a raised heal truss instead of the standard truss. Raised heal trusses, raise the truss up a little and allow for proper insulation at the intersection of the wall and the ceiling. For a detailed and easy to understand explanation of this, watch the video at http://www.hgtvremodels.com/video/raised-heel -roof-trusses-video/index.html .

### **Swimming Pools**

It is the pool season again. This is a reminder that a permit is required for any structure, basin, chamber or tank which is intended for swimming, diving, recreational bathing or wading and which contains, is designed to contain, or is capable of containing water more than 24 inches of water at any point. This includes inground, above-ground, and on-ground pools; indoor pools; hot tubs; spas; and fixed-in-place wading pools. Many people have said to me, "I just want to cool off my little kids this summer. What do I do?" You should pick up an inexpensive blow up swimming pool from one of our retail outlets that will hold less than 24" of water. Lots of fun and no permit required!

### . Vacant Properties

You will observe in the coming months, more and more vacant buildings with a large "X" sign next to the door. This is a requirement of New York State law that has been enacted recently. The sign will have either a square, a diagonal line, or an X. Should the building catch fire, this will warn the firemen about the condition of the building. If you have a vacant building and want to learn more about these signs, contact the Code Department.

### Follow through with your permits!

Many people think that after they have purchased a permit and finished the project that the permit is completed. This is not the case. Your permit to build is not finished until you receive a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion from this office. When you have completed your project, get in touch with my office so that I can give you a final inspection and a certificate to complete the permit.

Tom Larson, Code Enforcement Officer

## TOWN BOARD MEMBER MESSAGE

I AM VERY HAPPY TO REPRESENT THE Town of Newark Valley for the next four years. I've been in this post for the past twelve years and look forward to serving each and everyone of you to the best of my ability.

The entire Board is looking out for you and your tax dollars and we intend on giving you every consideration with individual needs. If you have a particular problem or concern please bring it to me or any of the other Board members and we will work to get you a solution.

This Board is dedicated to making your town a beautiful, well managed, place to live.

Donald Thomas, Councilman

642-8955.



## 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. Newark Valley News

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**



# DATES TO REMEMBER

**Town Board Meetings:** 1st and 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 through Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Fridays.

Town Assessor: Call for day & time

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