



# Newark Valley News

March 2014

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*"News from Your Town"*

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

It has been a busy winter for the Town. Mother nature has kept our crews busy and is being hard on our budget, but the Highway Staff is doing their best to keep our roads clear and safe as economically as possible.

In recent months the issue of fracking has been coming up. The Board members have taken time to review their thoughts and position on this issue. The consensus was that they were happy with the actions taken thus far by the Board. This issue will remain a contentious issue until the state finally makes a decision.

The other issue facing the Town will most likely be budgetary. With the return of heavy snows with frequent freeze/thaw cycles there will be more damage to the roads. As expenses increase it becomes more and more difficult to stay within our budget. The Board and the Highway Superintendent will work diligently to stay in our budget.

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor

## NV FIRE DEPARTMENT

It's 3:00 a.m. A fire call goes out, and a Newark Valley firefighter drags themselves out of bed, wondering if this is a major fire, a horrible fatal accident, or just a false alarm.

They are trained, prepared and equipped, and respond quickly. They know they could be at the scene anywhere from 10 minutes to several hours. And he or she has to go to work at 8:00 a.m. They are volunteer firefighters.

The Newark Valley Fire Department had a busy year in 2013, they responded to 144 fire calls.

The Line Offices for 2014 are, Chief: George Wahl, 1st Asst. Chief: John Haney, 2nd Asst. Erik Vergason, 3rd Asst. Ernie Tuetken, Captain: Dave Ackley, Captain: John Sweger, Executive Board: President Mike Simmons, Vice President: John Schaffer, Recording Secretary: John Sweger, Financial Secretary: Cheryl Galluzzo, Trustee: William Duda, and Treasurer, Cliff Alexander.

## TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

**Hours: Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 5 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 (\$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 with a check or money order 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.

(You can get a one, two, or three year license. License cannot exceed rabies certificate).

### 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.

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## 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 -

Donald Thomas

Joseph Tomazin

Daniel Cheresnowski

Ron Graham

Court Officials -

Justice Todd Smith

Justice John Schaffer

Clerk Yvonne Tuetken

642-5278

Dog Control Officer -

Sue Stevens

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.

7. 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 one hour prior to this office closing.

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

Barb Mock, Town Clerk

## TAX COLLECTOR

**Hours - Monday thru Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Fridays.**

You can pay your taxes in March (2% penalty), April (3% penalty), and May (4% penalty).

**We cannot accept payment after May 31, 2014.** Call the Tioga County Treasurer's Office at 687-8670 to find out how to pay your tax bill after May 31, 2014.

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

Barb Mock, Tax Collector

## DOG DATA

A message from the Dog control Officer:

Dog owners please put your dog's license and rabies tag on your dog's collar, your current contact phone number would be helpful also. I pick-up dogs wearing only a collar with no tags. Also, if you lose your dog, please call me first. I have picked up several dogs that no one has reported missing.

Please remember they are part of your family too!

Sue Stevens—DCO



## FIRE MARSHAL FACTS

Spring is just around the corner. That means that you will be working around the outside of the house, picking up all the dead branches that fell from the trees, and just taking care of your lawn. But, if you are going to burn those tree branches you still need to get a outdoor burn permit, remember there is no cost just stop in or call the Fire Marshal's office at 642-3617, we will bring one out to you.

The Fire Marshal's office issued 72 outdoor burning permits in 2013.

### Cooking Fires in Residential Buildings:

On average, an estimated 164,500 cooking fires in residential buildings occur each year in the United States.

- Cooking was, by far, the leading cause of all residential building fires and injuries.
- Residential building cooking fires occurred mainly in the evening hours from 4 to 9 p.m., peaking from 5 to 8 p.m., accounting for 26 percent on the fires.
- Residential building cooking fires peaked in November at 10% and declined to the lowest point during the summer months from June to August.
- Confined fires are those fires involving the contents of a cooking vessel without fire extension beyond the vessel. This type accounted for 94% of residential building cooking fires.
- Oil, fat and grease (51%) were the leading types of material ignited in non-confined cooking fires in residential buildings.
- Please notify the Fire Department if you had a cooking fire, to have them investigated. They need to make sure that the fire has not extended into the walls.

The term **cooking fires** includes those fires that were caused by stoves, ovens, fixed and portable warming units, deep fat fryers, and open grills, as well as those fires that are confined to the cooking vessel.

Dennis Liebe, Fire Marshal



## HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Well, do you remember the weather in the 1970's, the cold days and nights with blowing and drifting snow, and the snow banks higher than your cars? It's Close! I hope we have a S-l-o-w melt of the snow so we can find all of the frozen pipes to unthaw. We have started to unthaw them; some of the water can't get off the roads to the ditches so it needs help. If we miss or don't see your problem, please call the highway department at 642-9927. The gravel roads will be getting soft on the top until the frost leaves the rest. Right now the frost level is close to 3 feet and possibly in some areas 4 feet deep. Please drive slow on the gravel roads and watch the holes on the black-tops. The black-tops are doing ok as of February 21, but potholes could happen and we will be checking. Thank you and have a safe spring.

Charles E. Meade, Highway Superintendent

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Do you have a new business or an existing business or Organization? Join the Newark Valley Chamber and join our meetings on the 4th Wednesday of every month from February through October. (November's date changes due to Thanksgiving.) Come to see what plans we have for our members this year!

A Ribbon Cutting was held on February 6, 2014 for Patsi Spoonhower of Studio 34 NVNY; Our newest member of the Chamber.

Keep posted:

To our website, [www.NewarkValley.org](http://www.NewarkValley.org) for the announcement of our next Duck Race.

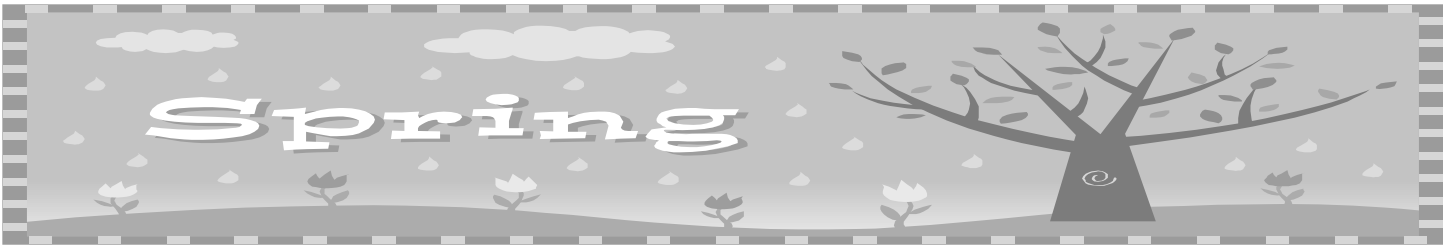
Once the ducks migrate back this spring, it will be easy to adopt a Lone Duck or a Quacker Pack. We will have further details soon!

Shop Local...

Our Members wish to Thank You for your trust and continuing to do business with them. Check out our website to see who our business members are. We will be adding more members to our list soon. They are here for you!

Submitted by NVCC Secretary

Kat Amato



## **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 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd. 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 1st, must make an appointment no later than Monday, April 28th, 2014, 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

### 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 in-ground, 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 can I do?" You should pick up an inexpensive blow up swimming pool from one of our retail outlets that will hold less than a maximum of 24" of water. Lots of fun and no permit required!

### Planning to build? Do I need a permit?

There are a lot of misconceptions concerning whether a permit is needed or not. Here are some guidelines: Installing or replacing a roof. A new or replaced deck or porch. Swimming pools, hot tubs and saunas. House additions. Anytime you change the framing or structure of a building. Changing any exit or entrance. Installing indoor or outdoor wood burning furnaces, stoves, and chimneys. Any demolition. Signs. This is an incomplete list. When in doubt, give me a call. There are no stupid questions.

### Do I need a permit for replacement windows?

Usually not. If you do not change the size of the window frame, then no permit is needed. Most people place a replacement window in the old, existing window frame. If you change the frame size, like adding a picture window, you will need a permit.

### Clean it up Free !!

The Town of Newark Valley will hold it's annual Spring Cleanup Days on May first through the third. Start planning now for your spring cleanup.

Tom Larson, CEO

## HISTORIAN CORNER

Looking back----

It's hard to believe!! We had our first printing of the Newark Valley News in 2003!! Chamber of Commerce had a listing of 35 business's and weather was an issue in eight of the eleven years of the Newsletter. It is still a very popular paper.

Weather made headlines again this year but we have to realize we are still very fortunate when we look around the country.

It may seem like we are doing the same thing all the time. The fact is- we are. The only difference is we deal with many people from all over the country. We start with Ginny Mullen's history of Newark Valley and trace families back to Gilbert Purple's history of Newark Valley then we add some of Lena Bushnell's scrapbook's and usually end up with more than we bargained for!!

We also deal with donations. We are acquiring a great deal of "memories". We are an important part of the memory aspect for many people who realize we are sharing and keeping these things safe for everyone.

Deputy Snapp is continuing her search of veteran's history. We are compiling lists of service people from all wars. We still need YOURS!! A sample of what we need was in the December issue. If you need one please let us know. Call me at 642-3361 or stop in at our office on Wednesdays' from 2:00-4:00.

Shirley Callahan, Town Historian



## *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 - Karen Umiker

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

Newark Valley Historical Society EVENTS (cont. on page 3)

See [nvhistory.org](http://nvhistory.org) for updates.

March 8 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild**: spinning 10-2 @ Rollie Noble Room in PO Bldg. BYO lunch & beverage. New members welcome! Call Denise 642-5568.

March 15 **Guides Guild**: costuming workshop 10-2 @ Rollie Noble Room in PO Bldg. BYO lunch, sewing supplies, & project--help available. New members welcome! RSVP Jane (607) 727-8214.

April 10 **Annual Meeting & Dinner**: 6 PM @ Newark Valley Fire Station. Bring a dish to pass.

April 12 **Spring Fling Pancake Breakfast**: 8:30-11 AM @ Depot. \$6 adult, \$4 child (10 & under). Decorated egg contest, Easter egg hunt 10 AM, children's activities. (607) 642-9516.

April 12 **Shuttles & Spindles Guild**: spinning 10-2 @ Rollie Noble Room in PO Bldg. BYO lunch & beverage. New members welcome! Call Denise 642-5568.

April 19 **Cooking/Guides Guild**: 10-2, TBA.

April 19 **Blacksmith Guild**: 10-3 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Blacksmith Shop. (3rd Sat. of each month through Oct.) Doug 669-4489.

April 26 **Benefit Auction**: 6-9 PM @ NV Fire Station. Preview & desserts 5 PM. 642-9516.

May 3 **Black Powder Guild**: public Muzzleloading Shoot, 10-12 @ Bement-Billings Farmstead's Black Powder Range. Call Joe: 723-8405.

## 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 thru Wednesday 10 AM to 1 PM. Thursdays 10 AM to 5 PM. Closed Fridays.

**Town Assessor**: Mondays 2 to 5 PM

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