



# Newark Valley News

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*"News from Your Town"*

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

To the Residents of Newark Valley:

The Town of Newark Valley was recently the subject of a letter to Governor Cuomo sent by Mayor Tornatore and published in the Pennysaver. There are some misconceptions presented that I would like to clarify.

The Town of Newark Valley does believe in shared services. This goes back to the late seventies when I first went to work at the Highway Department. As Supervisor and Town Representative to the Council of Governments, I was actively involved in the creation of the County Wide Shared Services Agreement we all use. The Town has additional agreements with the Newark Valley Central School District regarding purchases of salt and fuel.

The Town of Newark Valley has never developed a budget that charged Town residents who live in the village a higher tax rate than Town residents. One year there was some type of anomaly at the County Office of Real Property when tax bills were computed. The Town did not receive any additional moneys because of it.

The Mayor's proposal for the Town to plow village streets is not exactly a shared service proposal. He proposed that the Town Highway Department perform these services with the total cost coming out of the Town budget.

It is true that Town residents who live on the five miles of village streets receive no direct highway services from their town tax bill. The other Town residents who live on the nearly eight miles of state roads and seven to eight miles of county roads don't receive direct benefits either.

A recent state audit did point out a lack of written records documenting highway operations. The Highway Superintendent who is an elected official and not under the control of the Town Board is working to correct this issue. The Town Board does and always has reviewed any highway agreements and every bill generated.

I personally believe every Town of Newark Valley taxpayer, regardless of their address, is receiving good value for their town taxes.

We have a dedicated team of full and part time employees. We serve 4871 residents and maintain sixty-five miles of roads with only six full time employees receiving benefits. We continually update our equipment and maintain and improve our buildings and roads.

The various Town Boards I have worked with over the last 17 years have worked diligently to keep the overall tax rates as low as possible. If anyone would like to know more about how or why the two tax rates vary and go up or down please call or stop by my office and I will gladly explain it to the best of my ability.

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor

## TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

**Hours - Monday thru Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 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 (\$10.00 for spayed/neutered dog, \$20.00 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).

## 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 Todd Smith

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

### 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.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Getting married? If you plan to get a marriage license from us, please note the following:

1. Both Bride and Groom must be present at time of the application.
2. You must show proof of identity (driver's license, non driver's license, passport)
3. You must have a Certified Birth Certificate with a raised seal for proof of birth, name, and age.
4. You must provide 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.
7. The license has to be filed where it is purchased, not where the marriage takes place.

The license fee is \$40.00, payable by check or cash.

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.

### CERTIFIED COPIES

If you need a copy of a marriage certificate, death certificate, or birth certificate, please call this office and we will direct you further.

Barb Mock, Town Clerk

## TAX COLLECTOR

**Hours - Monday thru Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed Fridays.**

You can pay your taxes in **March (2% penalty), April (3% penalty), and May (4% penalty). Check, money order or cash is accepted. If you don't know how much you owe please call this office.**

**We cannot accept payment after May 31, 2017.** Call the Tioga County Treasurer's Office at 607-687-8670 to find out how to pay your tax bill after May 31, 2017.

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

If you have any questions, please call the office at 607-642-8746.

Barb Mock, Tax Collector



## **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 5th and Saturday, May 6th. 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 4th, must make an appointment no later than Monday, May 1st, 2017, but not before April 10th 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. The first four tires per household will be accepted free of charge any additional tires at a cost of \$1.00 per tire. 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, recyclables or electronics\*.**

### **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**

**\*Tioga County Solid Waste now offers an Electronic Recycling Program located at Taylor Garbage Transfer Station, 352 Glen Mary Drive, Owego, NY. For more information or questions visit: [recycling.tiogacountyny.com](http://recycling.tiogacountyny.com) or call Ellen Pratt at 687-8274.**

## HISTORIAN CORNER

We are very happy to invite you to an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, April 30, from 12-4. Please come and bring a friend to see the improvements to our office and discover all of the wonderful materials that we have for your use. Or call one of us to schedule a visit at another time.

Do you have unwanted NVHS yearbooks that you would consider donating? We are missing 1945, 1962, 1988, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, and everything after 2009. The Library is also missing these volumes.

A recent inquiry has us looking forward to a possible visit from a young man ( Matthew A. Voorhees) researching the Purple family. We've been able to send him quite a bit of information since Gilbert Purple was very active in town affairs and the Tioga County Herald editor for many years. We have a Purple family scrapbook and the history Gilbert wrote of Newark Valley. A high school senior and his school's student archivist, he plans to compile photos and what he learns about this family into a book. He also wants to see the former home and will be pleased to see how well-cared-for Gilbert's home is today.

Shirley Callahan, Town Historian

Ginny Mullen, Volunteer Historian

Marty Schneider, Volunteer Historian

## HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

While I am writing this, we had a weekend of 50 degrees sun shine weather! The robins are back, the maple trees have been tapped, is it here! Spring? As you noticed the shoulders of the roads were rolled up. We will be trying to bring them back or picked up. This winter was a roller coaster ride with the up and down temperatures. The gravel roads are terrible with waves and holes done with the plows. The last snow plowing was done with the two small trucks. I will be working on getting prices to do our work for the summer. Most of the cost won't be until April, due to the fact that Tioga County bids don't come out until then. I hope everyone had a nice winter and will enjoy the spring. I want to thank the people that do call in for problems they see on their roads or any roads, because it helps us out. Hope to see you, May 4th, 5th and 6th for Spring Clean-up again.

Charles E. Meade, Hwy. Supt.

## DOG DATA

### LYME DISEASE

Please remember that ticks which can transmit Lyme Disease are located in tall grasses, thick brush, marshes, woodlands and even your own back yard – just waiting to grab onto your dog when he passes by. Detailed information is available @ <http://www.akc.org/content/health/articles/lyme-disease-in-dogs/> but please be aware that the most common symptoms of Lyme Disease in dogs include:

- Fever
- Loss of Appetite
- Reduced Energy
- Lameness - shifting, intermittent and/or recurring
- Generalized stiffness, discomfort and/or pain Swelling of Joints

**TIOGA COUNTY NY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC SCHEDULE- \$10  
donation per animal is requested but no animal will  
be turned away for inability to pay**

THURSDAY, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 6-8 pm at Waverly Village Barn, Spring Street, Waverly

SATURDAY, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 2-4 pm at Hickories Park, 359 Hickories Park Road, Owego

**THURSDAY, MAY 18TH, 2016, 6-8 PM AT NEWARK  
VALLEY FIRE STATION, ST RTE 38, NEWARK VAL-  
LEY**

THURSDAY, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 6-8 pm at Apalachin Fire Station, 230 Pennsylvania Avenue, Apalachin

### LOST/FOUND DOGS

If you have lost a dog - please contact the Newark Valley Dog Control Officer ASAP 24/7 @ (607) 642-3287. Often, I am able to just offer my assistance by being a contact for any potential sightings and sharing information as you search for your dog. Keep in mind that most individuals that retrieve a lost dog contact the Dog Control Officer immediately - so let's bring your dog home quickly & safely before transport to Stray Haven has to 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 Newark Valley Town Local Law.

**Denise Liske, Dog Control Officer (607)642-3287**

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

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Newark Valley Fire Department would like to send a special thank you to Denny Liebe for the dedication and hard work he has done over the last thirty years as Fire Marshal and Code Enforcement Officer for Newark Valley. Denny has always been on the forefront of keeping the men and women of the Fire Department safe for all of these years.

In 2016 the members of the Newark Valley Fire Department put in over 4,000 hours of their own time to serve their community. These hours include calls, training, public service and community events through the year.

As a reminder, the New York State Burn Ban will be in effect starting March 16 through May 14, please do not burn clean wood or brush outside during this period. Burn permits are still required for burning clean wood or brush outside after the burn ban has been lifted and can be obtained by contacting the Newark Valley Code Enforcer Tom Larson at 642-3617. For any additional information, you can contact the Newark Valley Fire Department at 642-9555 or visit [dec.ny.gov](http://dec.ny.gov)

Thank you,  
John Haney  
Chief Newark Valley Fire Department



## CODE COMMENTS

Free access to the New York State Codes are available at: <http://codes.iccsafe.org/New%20York%20State.html#2015>. The supplements are there as well. Check it out.

### Swimming Pools:

If a swimming pool or hot tub is in your plans, a permit will be needed. If you just want to cool off the kids on a hot summer day, purchase a classic ringed, blow-up pool. If it is not capable of holding 24" of water, it is not considered a swimming pool and not subject to the code.

### Spring Burn Ban:

New York State is having its' yearly burn ban again. It starts after March 15 and ends after May 15. Questions and answers about the ban can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html> or from your code officer.

### Burn Permits:

Burn permits are still required for the burning of brush and natural wood from your property at the code office. They are free.

### Many Questions Answered:

You can find many of the answers you need to build on our town web site - ([www.townofnewarkvalley.com](http://www.townofnewarkvalley.com))

Tom Larson  
Town of Newark Valley CEO



## Officials cont.

Town Historian -

Shirley Callahan

Volunteer Historians-

Joan Shaver

Ginny Mullen

Marty Schneider

Nellie Snapp

Gwen Stephens

Jerry Marsh

642-8705

Shirley can be

reached at home

by calling 642-3361

Town Clerk/Tax Collector -

Barb Mock

Deputy - Janet Smith

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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Newark Valley, NY 13811

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



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## 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 Thursday 10 AM to 1 PM. Closed Fridays.

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

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