



Newark Valley News

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"News from Your Town"

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

Winter is winding down and we are starting to prepare for spring. With all of the freeze-thaw cycles we have had, the roads are starting to deteriorate. The Highway Department will do their best to shape them up as quickly as possible. Along with the regular summer maintenance, there is a significant amount of flood damage repairs that has to be done. Patience from everyone would be appreciated.

Another issue facing the Town is the concerns brought to the Town Board by the neighbors of the swine raising facility on 38B. This facility is an Ag business in an Ag district and the Town cannot regulate it. We are working on ways to help mitigate the impact on the neighbors. There will be a public hearing on a proposed Local Law to that end on April 7th at the Town Hall.

We will also be opening bids for remodeling of the Town Justice bench area in the Courtroom. This is being paid for by a grant secured by Judge Schaffer.

Also remember Town Clean Up Days are coming up. Details are in this newsletter.

The Town Board is also trying to be proactive environmentally. We have over the last few years, been researching the cost of converting our street lights to LED. Until recently, the cost has been prohibitive. This year NYSEG has come out with a program to do this. The Town's upfront cost will be paid back by electric bill savings in less than a year. After that we will be saving nearly \$2000/year on our street light bill.

Stuart Yetter, Supervisor

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

**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, so you can get 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.

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.

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

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, fill out your part (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. If you live in the Town of Newark Valley you must get your tag here. If you live in the village you must go to the village office.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Getting married? If you plan to get a marriage license from us, please note the following: The license fee is \$40.00, payable by check or cash

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. Social Security number.
5. You must provide Certified Divorce decrees from all previous marriages.
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.

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 need a copy of a marriage certificate, death certificate, or birth certificate, contact the office at 607-642-8746. You will need to fill out an application form. There is a \$10.00 charge for each copy.

Barb Mock, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR

REMINDER

Collection HOURS for MARCH, APRIL & MAY are

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 2-5 pm.

Taxes paid in March (2% penalty), or in April (3% penalty). In May (4% penalty) plus a \$1.00 2nd notice fee is due. Check, money order or cash is accepted. If you don't know how much you owe please call this office at 607-642-8746 during the hours posted above.

NO payments accepted after May 31, 2020.

Call the Tioga County Treasurer's Office at 607-687-8670 to obtain amount due and how to pay a current year tax bill after May 31, 2020 or for 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.

Wanda Grover, 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 1st and Saturday, May 2nd. 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 Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. Residents 65 and over plus Town residents who are disabled and who wish to have their debris picked up on Thursday, April 30th, must make an appointment no later than Monday, April 27th, but not before April 6th by calling the Town Highway Department at 642-9927 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 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 car and light pick-up truck tires only, at a cost of \$2.00 per tire. No equipment or heavy truck tires will be accepted. 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.tiogacounty.com or call Ellen Pratt at 687-8274.**

HISTORIAN CORNER

The Town Historians have again received some nice gifts.

The Tarbox family delivered two scrapbooks that Ruby had created. We are "mining" those! More about that later.

Roy Fox delivered some newspaper and photos that he had collected over the years, plus some other Newark Valley items.

We appreciate these things so much.

In one of Ruby's scrapbooks are many clippings from World War II. Among them is a faded yellow copy telling of the Community Honor Roll, which was erected on the Village Green. I'll guess there are 75 - 100 names on it. Hopefully we can get a decent copy, enlarged, so we can really read it.

My question: Does anyone remember this, or dare I ask, have a picture of it? We'd love to feature it in next fall's Veterans' Day Dinner.

Marty is researching the various doctors over the years the list is amazing! JeanEllen is trying to keep up with the current scrapbooks, Nellie is compiling service records, Gwen is helping with school records, Janet files and sorts - Bless her! and is cross referencing some old scrapbooks too. Sharon pitches in as needed, but mostly on school items. She has connections!

As we study all these good things, they answer a few questions, and ALWAYS raise more! So if you can help us, PLEASE let us know..

This week, I was researching a building on Water St that I thought I knew a lot about. WRONG! Several sources gave me different, but more plausible information.

Did you know that the Fire Station stood between the apartment house and the creek on the north side of Water St? It had been moved there from the present bank site! The Hugh Stowell family once lived in this building.(Ed Hollenbeck's great grandparents!) Grandma had a millinery shop on the first floor. Obviously the creek has been widened since!

As always, we welcome you to the office on Wednesday afternoons from 2 - 4, or if you call Ginny or Marty, we will make arrangements to meet you some other time.

Ginny Mullen, Historian

DOG DATA

UNDERSTANDING CANINE SURVIVAL MODE

Although difficult for an owner to understand until that time it is experienced - survival mode is a reality that is too often seen ... when a dog becomes separated from his owner – it's similar to a trigger that leads to regression into "feral" mode ... the dog believes that it must depend on it's primal instincts for survival – the need for survival / food / water / shelter ... every aspect of their lives become a threat as well as every animal and every human.

When survival mode takes over it's difficult to determine and different for every dog ... for some it is near instantaneous, then for others it might be weeks or more ... it is based on such factors as life experiences / breed / personalities / circumstances ... learned basic commands become no longer effective and their name often will not lead to any recognition or response either ... often not a permanent change in your dog though and once caught – those personality traits will come back with time ...

Once it is realized that your dog is missing – PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE – contact the Dog Control Officer immediately so together we are able to reach out to others and track the sightings ... AND encourage others not to attempt to approach your dog because often it will increase their fear and need for survival – pushing the dog from the area or challenging the flight mode into fight mode when approached ... the Dog Control Officer will assist with monitoring the sightings then coordinating the necessary interventions and perhaps even trapping the dog if deemed necessary.

For attempted retrieval after a sighting – remember to go quietly to where it was seen ... take some treats and don't raise your voice or go toward your dog if sighted because it could be in survival mode ... immediately sit down on the ground - with the treats surrounding your area - continue speaking soft to your dog until it approaches you – this will be difficult because your adrenaline will be rising & might take a significant amount of time BUT sudden movements as well as increased tones or eye contact might increase their fear level causing the dog to retreat – let your dog approach with time as each moment it will see you / hear you / smell you / touch you – after this recognition that you're their owner – the feeling of the reunification is just as indescribable as the confusion of survival mode ...

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

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

CODE COMMENTS

REMINDER: The **NYS BURN BAN** is in effect from **March 16th - May 14th!**

“The ban on residential burning runs from March 16 to May 14. New York's spring burn ban started in 2009. Since then, the number of wildfires has fallen by nearly 37 percent.” – NYS DEC
Please help to protect our beautiful town and its residents by abiding by the NYS Burn Ban!

Now, as the warm weather finally approaches, we all know it becomes project season! From updating our homes themselves, to the properties and landscapes where they are! Here is a list of items that require a permit in the Town of Newark Valley to help prepare you for your next project!

- * New Roof
- * New Pool greater than 24” deep
- * Hot Tubs and Saunas
- * A Demolition
- * Any Change to a building structure
- * New Buildings and structures
- * New or Replace Decks/Porches
- * Sheds larger than 144 sq. ft
- * Stationary Emergency Generators
- * To install fireplaces, Chimneys, & wood burning stoves, both indoors and out.
- * For many signs near the road way
- * And More

Remember, your projects help to better the town and permits and the code are present to ensure that work is done properly and safely!

If you are a builder either for your own home or commercially, it would be a good idea to check out the new codes and their supplements. The Code has changed significantly here in 2020! Free access to the New York State Codes are available at: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/public/collections/NY>. Along with free access to the codes online always feel free to contact me, Martie Ritz, so that I can help answer any questions you may have and help guide you through your next project!

Martie L. Ritz
Town of Newark Valley
CEO/FIRE MARSHAL

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Will Mother Nature leave us alone? Let's dry out and get to spring early. Ten guesses on what I have been doing? Working with SEMO and FEMA on the last 2018 flood still! Also working on last year's 2019 Halloween Storm. I hope by now enough T's are crossed and the I's are in order. There is too much work to clean-up after this winter, edges to be groomed and picked up, also roads to be swept. If you have any concerns about what I may have missed, call me @ 642-9927. Spring clean-up is April 30th on Thursday for Senior's and all others will bring their stuff to the Highway Department May 1st and May 2nd. Saturday hours will be 7:30 am to 12.00 pm. So be prepared.

Charles E. Meade, Hwy. Supt.

Officials cont.

Town Historian -

Ginny Mullen

Volunteer Historians-

Marty Schneider

Nellie Snapp

Gwen Stephens

Jeanellen Parmalee

Janet Frieman

Office: 642-8705

Ginny: 642-5541

Town Clerk - Barb Mock

Deputy - Lora Corson

Tax Collector - Wanda

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

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NEWARK VALLEY, NY
PERMIT NO. 3

Postal Customer
Newark Valley NY 13811

COMMUNITY NEWS

Town of Newark Valley

Volunteer Board Members Needed

The Newark Valley Town Board is seeking letters of interest for the positions of:

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW (BAR) MEMBERS

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS

Applicants should submit letter of interest to Newark Valley Supervisor 109 Whig Street, Newark Valley, NY 13811 or by email at nvsupervisor@stny.rr.com

If you have any questions regarding these positions, please contact the Town of Newark Valley at

607-642-8746

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 4PM. 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4PM.

Town Clerk: Monday thru Thursday 10 AM to 1 PM. Closed Fridays.

Town Assessor: Thursdays 2 to 5 PM

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

Tax Collector: Tuesday & Wednesday 2 to 5 PM. ONLY!