

# Newark Valley News

March 2021

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*"News from Your Town"*

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

One of the things the Town Board is going to do this year is to place a proposition on the ballot this November proposing that the position of Highway Superintendent go from elected to appointed. I have heard a number of comments from the public and I would like to elaborate. The Superintendents position is the highest paid elected official and spends approximately 75% of the Town Budget. Here in Newark Valley we have been fortunate to have had a long term competent person in the position. With his retirement coming up, the possibility exists that a person that has little or no experience or qualifications could be elected. Once elected, the Board has little control over the day to day operations. One of the often repeated complaints I have heard is "Why doesn't the Board do something?" With an elected Superintendent the Board has few options. With an appointed Superintendent the Board would have more controls.

The Board is not putting this issue on the ballot to deprive voters of any of their rights. We are putting it on the ballot to give voters the right to choose how the Highway Superintendent is chosen and if they need to meet certain qualifications regarding experience and ability to have the job.

There are advantages and disadvantages to either side of this issue. We feel that now was the time to put it up to the voters to decide if what we have is acceptable or if there is a better way for local government to operate.

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!

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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 -

Bill Carrigg

- 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.**

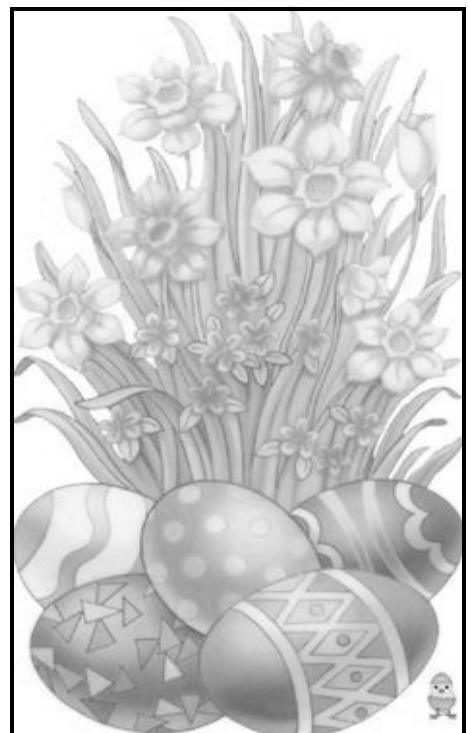
Taxes paid in March (2% penalty), or in April (3% penalty). In May (4% penalty) **plus a \$1.00 2<sup>nd</sup> notice fee** is due. Check, money order or cash is accepted. If you don't know how much you owe please call this office at 607-642-8746 during the hours posted above.

**NO payments accepted after May 31, 2021.**

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, 2021 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, April 30th and Saturday, May 1st. 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 8:00 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Residents 65 and over plus Town residents who are disabled and who wish to have their debris picked up on Thursday, April 29th, must make an appointment no later than Monday, April 26th, but not before April 5th 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 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. Again 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. New this year we will be taking electronics (i.e. Computers, TV's, E Readers, Laptops, Monitors, etc.) the cost of this program is \$5.00 per item. Proof of residency is required at time of drop-off. All tires and electronics must be dropped off at the 109 Whig Street site. No tires or electronics 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

### COVID GUIDELINES FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS:

Due to COVID restrictions the hours for clean-up will be reduced. Residents will be limited to one trip into clean-up days. Each person will have to sign in with their name, address and phone number for COVID tracking purposes. Each resident must be masked and will unload their vehicle and then be directed to pull out by Town personnel. All vehicles will enter through the Highway Department driveway and will exit out through the Town Hall parking lot.

## HISTORIAN CORNER

The Town Historian's office has been closed for a couple of months, but the questions keep coming.

Currently looking for any information about John Crossen playing baseball on a town team!! Now, was that Newark Valley or Berkshire? - they lived on the town line!

We continue to clip newspaper articles, to mine Barbara Tappan's scrapbooks and generally try to keep up. Marty's working on Depot history

What about the Speedville horses that participated in the inaugural parade in the 1800's?

I received a request from California for Zimmer history. I need more specific information!

When we can get back in, there will be lots of filing and research.

Meanwhile, if you have a question, MAYBE we can answer it from home.

Stay safe, Ginny Mullen, Historian

## DOG DATA

### WINTER REMINDER – MANDATORY BY LAW

Outdoor Sheltering - A doghouse should be 2" from the ground, waterproof and size appropriate - the dog needs to be able to stand up, lie down and stretch out without touching the sides or roof but not too large that it can't retain its own body heat. Please be sure to have a wind-breaker on the entrance during the winter months. It is recommended to utilize wood homes versus plastic homes as it is more weather resistance as well as straw or wood shavings since blankets and beddings tend to hold the moisture which decreases a dog's body temperature.

### DOG CONTROL & CHANGES RELATING TO COVID-19

The Newark Valley Dog Control Officer remains available 24/7 to respond to dog control issues and provide guidance on animal related concerns. Most situations are being handled via phone whenever possible to limit the contact of the Newark Valley Dog Control Officer within the community for the safety of all involved per COVID-19 regulations. The Newark Valley Dog Control Officer does have the appropriate necessary attire such as masking & gloves to respond to calls if deemed necessary.

### TIOGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT & STRAY HAVEN RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC SCHEDULE

- It is anticipated that 4 rabies clinics will be held at Stray Haven
- It is anticipated that 2 additional rabies clinics will be held in Tioga County

ALL updates regarding the finalized details/locations will be posted on the Newark Valley Dog Control Facebook Page

If you have lost or found a dog, please contact the Newark Valley Dog Control Officer ASAP 24/7 @ (607)642-3287 or (607)339-6566. My assistance will be given by being a contact for any potential sightings and sharing information as we make sure these furbabies are returned home safe.

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

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



## COURT COMMENTS

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I would like to take this opportunity to point out several significant changes that are affecting the way Newark Valley Court handles day to day operations. Due to the deteriorating health situation across the nation, New York State has directed courts to significantly scale back in person appearances.

- ▶ As a result, all court proceeding's will be conducted virtually. In order to comply with the state's requirements, the court now has a virtual courtroom. You can access the virtual courtroom from the Town of Newark Valley website: [townofnewarkvalley.com](http://townofnewarkvalley.com). Select the court tab, once there, you will find instructions on accessing the virtual courtroom.
- ▶ The court has also set up a link to accept credit card payments online. Information on payments is under methods of payment.
- ▶ A mail slot has been added on the outside courtroom door. This can be used to drop off payments or paperwork during non-court hours. The court asks, items being placed in the mail slot be in a sealed envelope along with your contact information on the outside.
- ▶ Lastly, the court will still be open during normal court hours, for those wishing to make payments in person.

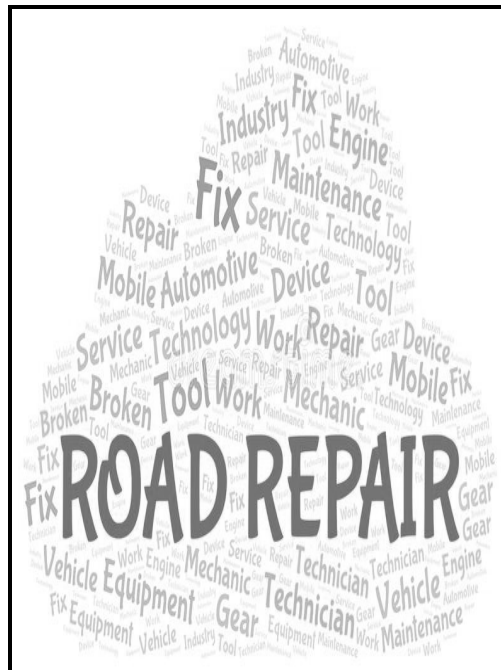
As we navigate our way through this ever-changing landscape, I would encourage you to keep checking the court's webpage for updated information. If you need to reach the court, you can call (607) 642-5278 or email: [Newarkvalleycourt@outlook.com](mailto:Newarkvalleycourt@outlook.com) or [jschaffe@nycourts.gov](mailto:jschaffe@nycourts.gov).

John D. Schaffer, Town Justice

## HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

I hope all of this snow melts SLOW, if not we will have water issues. Help us by keeping your water ways clear if possible. Of course, I am still working with the State and Federal people on the 2018 and 2019 Floods. Now they are losing papers that I have already sent to them, but I have learned to make extra copies for that reason! Just as soon as this snow stops and the roads get swept off, I'll know more about my projects this year. I do have 3 roads to put gravel on yet for the flood of 2019 plus the water washouts we had before the 44 inch snow fall. Have a safe spring and if you see a problem please call and let me know @ 642-9927. Only 10 more months left!

Charles E. Meade, Hwy. Supt.



## *Officials cont.*

Town Historian -  
Ginny Mullen  
Volunteer Historians-  
Marty Schneider  
Nellie Snapp  
Gwen Stephens  
Jeanelle 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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## 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 4PM. 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4PM.

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

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

**Town Hall Receptionist:** Monday through Friday 12 noon to 2 PM.

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