



Newark Valley News

September 2011

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

The summer is winding down and it has been a busy one. We just enjoyed a great Newark Valley Days and I would like to thank all of those who made it happen. This year's festival was one of the best in years and was the result of a lot of hard work from many people from the Village, Town, Chamber of Commerce and Historical Society. Hats off to you all.

As summer ends and fall and winter approaches it is time to focus on our Town budget. The State has passed a limit on the percentage that taxes can increase. Historically the increase in our tax rate of the last ten years has averaged less than the property tax cap. This year will present a challenge for us all to meet that level and still provide all of our services at the same level. We have seen drastic increases in the cost of all of our road materials. The cost of the health insurance for our employees increases every year. The amount of our contributions to the retirement system is increasing each and every year. The Town Board and I along with all of our other officials are looking at every possible way to make us more efficient, eliminate wasteful practices and keep the tax levy as low as possible.

Stuart Yetter, Jr.— Supervisor

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

NEW TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS STARTING SEPTEMBER 6th, 2011:

Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Closed Fridays

2011-2012 Hunting & Fishing Licenses are now available

DOG LICENSES

If you own a dog in the Town of Newark Valley:

Newark Valley Town Law requires you to license your dog(s). If you own a dog and live in Newark Valley, your dog **must** have a license. In order to get a new dog license, 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 tag on the collar of your dog (highly recommended) then if your dog becomes lost, we will be able to identify the animal easier.

You can apply for a license or yearly renewal by mail. If applying or renewing by mail, you will need:

A current Rabies Certificate (all the required information about the dog and you are on the Rabies Certificate)

A spayed or neutered certificate, if it applies

A check or money order made out to the Newark Valley Town Clerk in the amount of \$7.50 for a spayed or neutered dog or \$15.50 for an unspayed or unneutered dog

Mail to: Newark Valley Town Clerk, 109 Whig Street, Newark Valley, NY 13811

We will mail back all originals, the license and license tag.

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 -

Delbert Mock

642-3287

Code Enforcement Officer

Tom Larson

Fire Marshal -

Dennis Liebe

642-3617

Highway Supt. -

Charles Meade

642-9927

Every year you need to renew the license. Please make sure you provide your current rabies certificate, neutered certificate (if applicable), sign the license, and send the whole license back to the Clerk.

If you no longer have your dog, 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. So... to avoid this, please update us on the status of your dog(s) and renew your dog license(s) promptly. Thank you.

Failure to license your dog or renew a license is a violation of the Town Law and will result in an appearance ticket with a maximum fine of \$250.00.

There is a Rabies Clinic at the Newark Valley Fire Station on September 6, 2011 from 6-7 P.M. and a Rabies Clinic in Barton September 7, 2011 at the Waverly Village Barn on Spring Street from 6-7 P.M.

Check the Town's website for the 2010 Local Law for Dog Control and Dog Licensing.

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 have to live in Newark Valley to have this office issue you one.**

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

Both Spouses must be present at time of the application

Proof of identity (driver's license, non driver's license)

Certified Birth Certificate for proof of birth name and age

Certified Divorce Decrees from **all** previous marriages

Social Security number

There is a 24 hour waiting period between the purchase of the license and the wedding ceremony

The license is valid for 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 one hour prior to closing of Clerk's office.

Barb Mock— Town Clerk/Registrar

The **7th Annual Newark Valley Alumni Concert of Scholarships** will be held Saturday, October 22, 2011, at 7:00 pm, in the Newark Valley High School Auditorium. This concert has become an eagerly anticipated annual community event featuring Alumni with a variety of skilled talent.

A reception will follow the program and donations for the Scholarship Fund will be accepted at the door. Through the generosity of our community, the Alumni Association presents seven scholarships to graduating Seniors each year.

This year's concert committee: Jewel Griffith, Laura Johnson, Jerry Marsh, Bonnie McLaud.

HISTORIAN HAPPENINGS

Time flies when you are having fun. Hard to believe another September has rolled around.

Newark Valley Days were a huge success. A lot of hard work but a LOT of fun!

We were pleased to be able to share our Lena Bushnell history with the NBT Bank for their 100th anniversary. It is rewarding to have the privilege of providing this memorabilia for these events. (Thanks to the Bushnell family). The bank girls did a great job with all their displays.

Thanks to the Tappan Spaulding Librarian (Luann) we recently received some memory material from the Anna Graham Comstock family. It is always exciting to browse through these things, we have a 1887 teaching certificate, teaching contracts and much more.

This is what we do—when we get these donations, we attack them! You have to be there to appreciate how important these things are.

The 2012 calendars will be available at the NBT Bank, Stoughton Farm and the Wine and Spirit Shop.

The Phil Biehl paintings will be on display at the Depot on Friday nights through September 16th.

We have on display at the Town Historian office some of the photos Ray Hunt has restored for us. Quite a treat.

We are at the office on Wednesday's from 2-4. Our number there is 642-8705.

Shirley Callahan—Historian

DOG CONTROL

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!!!

We had a very sad incident happen this summer. Two dogs running at large that did not have rabies shots or licenses, attacked two other dogs, fatally wounding one and seriously wounding the other one. Thankfully, the dogs didn't have rabies and the families involved did not have to go through the series of rabies shots, but it could have happened. The owner of the attacking dogs has been fined a very large sum of money plus other monetary fees. So, PLEASE, keep your dog(s) on your own property and get your dog's rabies shots and license(s) to avoid this from happening to you.

RABIES Clinics

Tuesday, September 6, 2011, 6:00 P.M. at the Newark Valley Fire Station located on State Route 38.

Agway, at 116 Jennings Street has rabies vaccinations available the first Thursday of every month from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at a cost of \$20.00, questions? Call 754-6660.

DOG ENUMERATION

Thank you for all the responses we received for the enumeration. I will be checking on as many houses as I can get to this year that we did not get a response from. **Keep in mind that if your dog is not licensed, you will receive an appearance ticket. Every dog needs to be licensed, even those that never go outside.**

Please put the dog tag on the collar of the dog. We have a leash law and every dog that is picked up without a license or ID will be taken to Stray Haven.

If you have a dog complaint, lost dog, found dog or questions, please call 642-3287.

Del Mock, Dog Control Officer (DCO)

FIRE MARSHAL FACTS

Tip for a safer fall season

As the kids go back to school and the weather changes, we offer these important reminders for a safer fall season for back-to-school. If your child comes home from school before you get home from work, instruct him or her to never open the door to a stranger or let a phone caller know he or she is home alone. Also, make sure your child knows the code for your security system, so that his or her departure or arrival won't set off the alarm.

Fire Marshal Facts—Continued:

For Halloween

Leave a light on by the front door and sweep your walkway clear of dead leaves or debris which might cause your guests to slip. Also, remove hoses and sprinklers from the lawn. Children don't always use the sidewalk! Use battery-powered lights instead of candles for jack-o-lanterns. And keep your jack-o-lantern clear of people's paths.

Fireplace Safety

Chimneys and fireplaces should be inspected and cleaned every year. Look for a licensed professional chimney sweep in your phone book. You should also examine the exterior of your chimney for cracks in the masonry or brick.

Tour of the Newark Valley Fire Station

Tours of the Newark Valley Fire Station are available upon request. Station tours take approximately 30 minutes and includes viewing the fire trucks and firefighting equipment, as well as talking to the firefighters about their job. Please call 642-9995 and leave a message and someone will get back to you the next day.

Dennis Liebe - Fire Marshal

TAPPAN SPAULDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Tappan Spaulding Memorial Library in Newark Valley is planning its first annual Fundraiser, "Riding for the Library."

Adult participants will cycle from the Newark Valley Library to the Berkshire Free Library and back approximately 12 miles. Children under 18 will ride from the Trout Ponds Park to the end of Elm Street. Adult participants will acquire monetary sponsorships for how many miles they can ride while children acquire monetary sponsorships for how many trips they can make.

Registration for adults is \$10.00, registration for children is \$5.00. Registration fee includes a t-shirt, and bottled water the day of the ride.

Registration forms can be found at the library web site at www.fills.org/newarkvalley/ or by calling the Library at 607-642-9960 or Peggy Head at 607-642-5421.

All proceeds will benefit the Library Building Fund.

NEWARK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS:

Sept. 10 Historic House Tour: meet at Welcome Center 1:00 PM. Refreshments. \$10. RSVP 642-9516.

Sept. 11 Bement–Billings House Parlor Concert (flute & sax) 12-2 PM and Guided Nature Trail Walk at 2:30 PM. Free.

Sept. 18 Farmstead Tree Tour, 1-3 PM; and Farmstead Woods Tour 3-5 PM. Free.

Sept. 24 "Potting, Pickling, Preserving & Food Ways" Workshop: 12-4 PM. 1800's methods of storing meats, fruit, vegetables, eggs & milk. Adults. \$22/NV Historical Society members \$18. BYO lunch. Instructor: Leslie Kiersted. Pre-register 642-5412 by Sept. 17.

October 1 & 2 32nd annual **APPLE FESTIVAL**: 10 AM–5 PM at Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum. Apple pie, crisp, & cider; delectable BBQ beef, pork & turkey; buttered salt potatoes; soup from the cauldron; 13 Musical Groups on 2 stages; Jam Session Tent 1-4 PM; Gift Shop; Kids' activities; Crafters; Horse & wagon rides; 1800's Farmstead Museum tours; Revolutionary War re-enactors. (\$6 adults, \$4 students/senior citizens, \$20 family rate).

TAX COLLECTOR

Hours: Monday through Wednesday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Thursday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Closed Fridays.

If you had a problem with the information on a tax bill last season, please contact the Assessor at 642-8666 as he is the one who puts the information into the system to generate the tax bills.

If you have a change of address, please contact us at 642-8746.

If your mortgage company or bank is supposed to pay your taxes through an escrow account, please make sure they notify us that they will do so. If you pay your taxes yourself, but your mortgage company used to, please make sure the mortgage company or bank fills out **Form 953** and sends it to the Tioga County Real Property Office.

If we **do not** receive confirmation that your mortgage company or bank will be paying your tax bill, **you** will receive the bill. As the owner, **you** are responsible for the taxes.

Just a reminder.... School Taxes are paid at the School's Administration Office.

Barb Mock—Tax Collector

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Again, the summer went too fast. We here at the Highway Department, have been very busy with flood work and working the projects scheduled for this year.

Federal Government (FEMA) and State Government (SEMO) have not yet completed any flood damage as of August 15. I am watching closely on the monies for the Town, which is near the end. I still have one project to do on Shirley Rd., which we might not be able to do because of the flood work that should be done before the winter arrives.

I will be working on the 2012 budget with the Supervisor and the Councilmen. This year I didn't raise anything. I can't say that I will be able to do that next year! But if everybody would get snow tires (Not All Season Tires) and take their time going to and from work and to the store, maybe we wouldn't have to go out so many times to sand the roads. I know your answers are "we pay a lot of taxes" but if you read your tax bill, Town of Newark Valley only receives Part Town or Town wide monies, No County Tax, No Fire Tax and No Recycling Tax. So we, at the Highway Department, have to work with a budget for the entire Town. Over the years I have taken old gravel and old black top and ground it up and re-used it on the roads, we are not always buying new. I try to recycle the existing materials, so I have in my heart not to burden the Town Tax Payers, "only to do good by all."

Well, enough about that, fall and the colored leaves are around the bend. Be careful with the foggy mornings and remember the School Buses will be out there soon! Feel free to call the highway with any questions about the highway at 642-9927. Have a safe fall.

Charles Meade - Highway Superintendent

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 - Jane Locacio
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.

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MESSAGE FROM THE
NEWARK VALLEY POST OFFICE

THE CONVENIENCE OF THE DRIVE-UP DROP BOX THAT WAS LOCATED AT THE ROCK STREET END OF PARK STREET IN FRONT OF THE POST OFFICE HAS BEEN RELOCATED. YOU WILL NOW FIND IT ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF PARK STREET, JUST AS YOU PASS BY THE NEW PARKING SPACES ACROSS FROM THE CITGO GAS STATION.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Town Board Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

Town Planning Board Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Town Court: 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7 PM. 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 PM.

Town Clerk: Monday through Wednesday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Thursday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Closed Fridays.

Town Assessor: Call for day & time

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