

# Newark Valley News

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*"News from Your Town"*

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

It has been a busy summer for the Town Board this year. The issue of natural gas drilling has come to the forefront with very strong feelings on both sides of this issue. There has been much study on this issue at the Board level as we try to determine the course of action for the Town. Hundreds of pieces of information on both sides of this issue have been given to the Board members. There are articles and opinions to support both sides of this issue written by people far more learned than we are. It has become a daunting task to review and digest all this information.

I have recused myself from the vote because I believe that because I own over one hundred acres of land that could be leased that the ethics laws require me to do so. I will however share my thoughts with all of you.

It is becoming apparent that horizontal fracking is likely to be allowed soon in New York State. Many of the Towns that surround us have embraced the process, so no matter the stand of our Board we are going to have many of the problems that come along with this process. I believe that New York State DEC is working hard to promulgate regulations to make the process as safe as possible. I also believe the economic benefits are undeniable, but they are going to come at a cost to the lifestyle we all enjoy.

I believe that the best thing we can do as a Town is to put in local regulations for noise, road use and other peripheral developments to protect costs associate with gas drilling from being passed on to the local taxpayers and to work with neighboring communities and the DEC to see that this vast resource is utilized as safely and environmentally as possible. I also think there is not a need for this process to happen quickly as the gas is not going anywhere. The best course of action is slow, thoughtful and well regulated and policed by the DEC.

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor

## TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

**2012-2013 Hunting & Fishing Licenses are now available. Be sure to buy your hunting license by October 1, 2012 to be eligible for a DMP.**

### 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 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 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 get a new license or yearly renewal by mail.

##### **You will need:**

- A current Rabies Certificate (all the required information about the dog and you should be 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.

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

## Get to know your Officials!

### Supervisor -

Stuart Yetter, Jr.

Office: 642-8746

Can be reached during  
daytime hours at

642-8084

[nvsupervisor@stny.rr.com](mailto:nvsupervisor@stny.rr.com)

### Town Board Members -

Donald Thomas

Joseph Tomazin

Daniel Cheresnowski

Ron Graham

### Court Officials -

Justice Todd Smith

Justice John Schaffer

Clerk Yvonne Tuetken

642-5278

[nvcourt@stny.rr.com](mailto:nvcourt@stny.rr.com)

### Dog Control Officer -

Jim Weed

642-3287

### Code Enforcement Officer -

Tom Larson

[nvcode@stny.rr.com](mailto:nvcode@stny.rr.com)

### Fire Marshal -

Dennis Liebe

[nvfiremarshal@stny.rr.com](mailto:nvfiremarshal@stny.rr.com)

642-3617

### Highway Supt. -

Charles Meade

642-9927

[nvhgwydept@stny.rr.com](mailto:nvhgwydept@stny.rr.com)

**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, 2012 from 6-7 P.M. and a Rabies Clinic in Barton September 5, 2012 at the Waverly Village Barn on Spring Street from 6-7 P.M.**

**Check the Town's website for information pertaining to the Town. Minutes of Town Board Meetings, Newsletters, Tax Rolls, recent Local Laws and much more are available to you for access. <http://www.townofnewarkvalley.com/>**

### 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 parties 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 by 2:00 P.M.

Barb Mock, Town Clerk/Registrar



## ASSESSOR ANOUNCMENTS

I will be in my of during the months of September through December 2012 on the following days: September 10th, October 8th, November 12th and December 10th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You can call me anytime at 642-8666 or e-mail me at maxapraisal@hotmail.com. I will be setting up more in of-ice days after January 1, 2013.

I will be mailing out exemption renewal forms before January 2013.

If you are filing an Enhanced Star application you will need to submit a 2011 tax return with that form.

Michael Maxwell, Assessor

## HIGHWAY HAPPINGS

Its' September already! We, at the highway department, have been diligently working on flood work as the money comes in. All the big pipes are in the ground, and the concrete blocks, to hold the stream banks are in too, except for Lamb roads rip rap, around the bank and pipe has not come in yet. We are still working with FEMA and SEMO on that. We started to haul gravel out to the gravel roads but we had to stop working them for a while, so we could go to the black topped roads and black-top the washed out areas before the cooler weather arrives, so the black-top is not wasted. When that is all done, we will go back to the gravel roads. I want to thank all my employees for their hard and steady professional work they have given me and to the tax payers of Newark Valley. It has been two full years of, "Feet to the Grind Stone" as my dad would say! Please be careful with the foggy mornings and remember the School Buses will be out there on the roads again. Please slow down for our guys out there in the work zones, they want to get home safely to their families. Any questions please call the highway barn @ 642-9927. Thanks to all and have a safe and colorful fall.

Charles Meade, Highway Superintendent

## HISTORIAN CORNER

WELL!! It looks like September snuck up on us--but we all enjoyed August--Especially Newark Valley Days. They certainly did a great job!!

As you know, the antique cars are a big hit. It was all the more interesting for us because this year the Historian's Office had the opportunity to add a special group. All seniors 90 or over were invited to ride in these cars. I must say--it was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Ginny for the idea and the planning.

I understand Jerry is doing well with his book on the Civil War soldiers. That is a great accomplishment.

The Historical Calendar will not be available this year, not an easy decision-maybe later.

With fall comes October and the Apple Festival at the Bement-Billings Farmstead  
See you there!!

It's hard to tell you what goes on at our office. You might want to stop in and see for yourself. Our regular hours are Wednesday from 2-4. Our phone # is 642-8705.

Shirley Callahan, Historian

## TAX COLLECTOR

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 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

## FIRE MARSHAL FACTS

**NO BURN PERMITS** will be issued in the Town of Newark Valley until Governor Cuomo lifts the ban on outdoor fires that is in place until October 10, 2012.

Gov. Cuomo says the risk of wildfires has become "disastrous" as dry weather conditions have heightened danger.

He is asking everyone to refrain from starting any outdoor fire and in cases where a fire must be started, please keep it small and never leave a fire burning unattended.

If you will notice, all of our creeks are very low and dry. The Fire Departments around Tioga County look to creeks to fill up their fire trucks when they are out in the county fighting fires.

If you buy a new woodstove, you must get a building permit at our office. Before starting it up it must be inspected by the building inspector or fire marshal.

No permit is needed if you just want a safety inspection done on your existing woodstove before using it this winter.

Dennis Liebe, Town Fire Marshal

## NV FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Newark Valley Fire Department will be hosting an "OPEN HOUSE" during Fire Prevention Week.

WHEN: Saturday, October 13, 2012

WHERE: Newark Valley Fire Department, 7151 State Route 38

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

There will be fire fighting demonstrations, fire station tours, free fire education/prevention material and the Tioga County Sheriff Department will be doing the child fingerprinting. Visitors will have an opportunity to practice the use of a fire extinguisher on live training props, also enjoy free refreshments. Also for the kids Burnie the Clown will be there. Check with the fire prevention bureaus booth about free smoke detectors for your home.

Also on October 15, 2012 at the Newark Valley Fire Station: **DOUG'S FISH FRY**

From 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Dennis Liebe

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

**Sept. 7 "Backyard Universe"** at Depot Friday Nights: Jim Eggleston--amateur astronomy in your own backyard; view the night sky through telescopes and take home a star chart. (doors open 6PM, program 7PM)

**Sept. 8 Antique Appraisals** with Bob Connelly, at Bement-Billings Farmstead's Herrick Barn, 12-3 PM **NOTE NEW TIME & LOCATION**

**Sept. 14 Irish Stoutmen** at Depot Friday Nights: Irish folk quartet plays and sings a great mix of powerful rebel songs, jovial drinking songs, toe tapping reels, and beautiful Irish ballads. (doors open 6PM, program 7PM)

**Sept. 15 Carve a Christmas Ornament** at Welcome Center, 9 AM-4:30 PM; \$15, adults & ages 12+ with adult. BYO lunch, 12" ruler, utility knife, extra blades. Chip carving tools available for \$20. **RSVP 642-5412 by Sept. 12.**

**Sept. 22 Weave a Pie Basket** at Welcome Center, 9 AM-5 PM; Shaker technique, 12" round, split reed basket with handle. \$30 adults & teens. BYO lunch. **RSVP 642-5412 by Sept. 15.**

**Oct. 6-7 Apple Festival** at Bement-Billings Farmstead, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (music, crafts, folk dancing, 1800's re-enactors and demos, gifts shop, and Folk Art); \$6 / \$4 students and senior citizens/ \$18 family rate.

**Nov. 11 Veterans; Dinner** at NV Fire Station, 4 p.m.; for Veterans of Berkshire, Newark Valley and Richford.

**Dec. 8 Holiday Magic** at NV Depot, Village Green and Nobile Room, 4-8 p.m.

Ellen Samsel



## CODE COMMENTS

### The Simple Permit Process

#### 🔗 TALK TO YOUR LOCAL CODE OFFICIAL

Your code official wants your project to be a success and will help you avoid potential problems that could cost you time and money. You will be asked some basic questions (What are you planning to do? Where?), and advised of any requirements. Basic questions on personal liability and workman's compensation insurance will be asked. The code official will provide you with the resources and information needed for compliance with the applicable building codes. You will then receive an application for a building permit.

#### 🔗 SUBMIT APPLICATION

At this stage you will document the "Who, What, When, Where, and How" of the job, along with any sketches or plans of the proposed work and proof of insurance.

#### 🔗 REVIEW PROCESS

In a brief amount of time, the code official will review your plans and determine if your project is in compliance with local requirements. If your plans meet these requirements, a permit is issued. If not, the code official may suggest solutions to help correct the problem.

#### 🔗 RECEIVE PERMIT

Now that you have been approved for a permit, you have legal permission to start construction. A fee, based on the size of the job, is collected to cover the cost of the application, the review, and the inspection process. An experienced code official is available to you should you have any questions concerning your project. You should consider your code official as an ally who will help you make your project a success. Separate permits are typically required for each individual project.

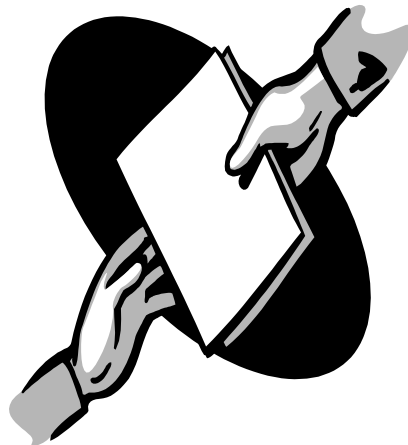
#### 🔗 JOB-SITE VISITS

On-site inspections will be required to make certain the work conforms to the permit, local/state codes, and plans. Again, you will have access to the expertise of the code official to help you with questions or concerns regarding the project and to minimize potentially costly mistakes. The code official will let you know approximately how many inspections may be needed for your project. Usually, a one- or two-day notice is needed when requesting visits.

#### 🔗 FINAL APPROVAL

The code official will provide documentation when construction is complete and code compliance is determined. You will then have the personal satisfaction of a job done right. Enjoy your new surroundings with the peace of mind and the knowledge that they meet the safety standards in your community. It takes everyone in a community to keep our homes, schools, offices, stores, and other buildings safe for public use. Your safe construction practices help protect you, your family, your friends, and your investment. Be sure to get your local code official involved with your project, because the building department is an important ally, from start to finish.

Tom Larson, Code Enforcement Officer



## *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 - Alex Torra

642-8746

[nvtownclerk@stny.rr.com](mailto:nvtownclerk@stny.rr.com)

Assessor - Michael Maxwell

642-8666

[maxappraisal@hotmail.com](mailto:maxappraisal@hotmail.com)

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

### APPLE FEST

The 33rd Annual Newark Valley Apple Festival will take place on October 6 & 7, from 10AM-5PM each day, at the Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum on Route 38, one mile north of Newark Valley, NY.

Always fun for the whole family, this event includes "apple everything," kids' activities, great food, crafts, horse & wagon rides, and a well-stocked gift shop. Did you know you'll also see how people lived 150 years ago? You'll find demonstrations of blacksmithing, open hearth cooking, spinning and weaving, black powder shooting, soap making, tours of the farm house and so much more.

There will be lots of music including folk, bluegrass, Celtic, traditional fiddle music, barbershop, string band, and Gospel. New this year - we will feature many exciting dancing groups from the area. You can either watch or join in and learn!

Admission is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. Children under 5 are free. For more information call 642-9516 or visit [nvhistory.org](http://nvhistory.org). See you there!

Leslie Inderwies

### 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:**

**Town Assessor: Call for day & time**

**Town Hall Receptionist:** Monday through Friday 10 AM to 1 PM.  
[nvtownhall@stny.rr.com](mailto:nvtownhall@stny.rr.com)