



Newark Valley News

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"News from Your Town"

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

Fall is approaching and that means its budget time here at the Town. I and the Town board remain committed to keeping our property taxes as low as possible. We are striving to stay under the state mandated tax cap. This year the percentage has been lowered due to a lower inflation rate making our jobs even more difficult. We will be looking hard at all of our expenditures to cut and control costs. As always, input from the public is greatly appreciated.

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor

TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

HOURS: Mon-Wed 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., Thurs 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. **CLOSED** on Fridays.

2013-2014 Hunting & Fishing Licenses are now available. Be sure to get your hunting license by October 1, 2013 to be eligible for a Doe Management Permit, (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 and owner easier.

You can get a new license or renewal license 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 unsprayed 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 license tag.

Every year you need to renew the license unless you get a two or three year 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.

If you decide to buy a 2 or 3 year license, the Rabies Certificate must be valid during the whole licensing period.



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

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

Dog Control Officer -

Sue Stevens

642-3287

Code Enforcement Officer -

Tom Larson

nvcode@stny.rr.com

Fire Marshal -

Dennis Liebe

nvfiremarshal@stny.rr.com

642-3617

Highway Supt. -

Charles Meade

642-9927

nvhgwydept@stny.rr.com

If you no longer have your dog, or 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. 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.

Check the Town's website for **Rabies Clinic updates.**

I have been asked if a dog license is transferable to another town if the owner moves, the answer is no. You must buy a new license in the town you live in.

You will not receive a new tag for a license renewal. If the original license tag is lost, you need to buy another one for \$3.00.

Town's Website

Check the Town's Website for information pertaining to the Town. Minutes of Town Board Meetings, Newsletters, Tax Rolls, recent Local Laws, Rabies Clinics and much more are available to you for access at: <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 requirements:

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 (must have a seal)

Certified Divorce Decrees from **all** previous marriages

Social Security number

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

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 at least one hour before we close

Barb Mock, Town Clerk/Registrar



HIGHWAY HAPPINGS

This month of August felt like a tsunami (Lake, River) coming out of the sky in less than 20 minutes! Two roads were closed: Brown Rd. and Ketchumville Rd. The main creeks came over their banks and into the roads. We did have damage on the other roads but we took care of them already. The projects for this year have been completed. All gravel roads will be re-worked, but haven't yet. The brush is growing again in feet instead of inches and the grass along the roads is growing in spades. I will be working with the Supervisor and the Town Council on the next year's budget. Just remember to be careful driving in the foggy mornings and remember the School Busses will be out there again too. Have a safe and colorful fall.

Charles Meade, Highway Superintendent

TAX COLLECTOR

TAX COLLECTOR – (for Town and County Taxes only, not school taxes).

HOURS: Mon-Wed 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. Thurs: 10 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. CLOSED on Fridays.

If there was a problem with the information on your 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 you pay your taxes yourself, but your bank or 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 you don't receive your tax bill by January 6, 2014, call us at 642-8746 and we will send it to you.

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

Barb Mock, Tax Collector

HISTORIAN CORNER

You may remember last month we told you about two albums we had acquired; Well guess what? We found a home for them! Shirley Sherwood Houston came to the office and was able to identify the soldier as a boy she had known as a teenager. She knew who his cousin was so we contacted Doug Fesseden and his wife Dorothy (Collyer) who just happened to be here in the summer (from FL). They were delighted to have this piece of family history. They in turn will share with another cousin from CA. This is how things happen! A special thanks to Lillian (Spoonhower) Hoffmier for rescuing them when they were about to be destroyed.

Newark Valley Days happened despite severe rain and the aftermath of the Trout Ponds being closed for some of the events. The parade was great and the eight, Plus 90 Seniors that got to ride in some of the antique cars were thrilled! We talked to many other seniors who had they been able, would have joined the other seniors. Maybe next time. Many thanks to the Antique Car Assoc. and the drivers.

The Class of '59 had their reunion and as a result we have a great memory from Ken Moody to add to our Memory Book. A portion of one of five of Dr. Hartnagel's medical exams were conducted once or twice during the school year. Doc took care of all the area citizens in a kind and caring way whether you could afford it or not. When he came, he did two things to everyone: listen to your heart and feel your neck. During these neck exams, the diagnosis was almost always "tonsils and glands". This eventually resulted in a tonsillectomy for many kids, me included. He may hold the NY State record of recommended tonsillectomies, but it was a common diagnosis and practice. If you write your memory, you may read the Memory Book.

Carole Stelmack has compiled a scrapbook for each of the classes from as far back as 1889!! If you are having a class reunion, these scrapbooks are available. She has done a terrific job and we want to share!! Just give us a call.....

By the time you read this we will have presented "Old Businesses" at the Depot. Deputy Ginny and husband Tom will have presented a program about the many stores and businesses and the way it was back in "the old days".

Also, in conjunction with this, Deputy Marty has put together several collages of businesses that aren't in the presentation. They will be on display in the waiting room at the Depot for the remainder of the Friday night specials.

Shirley Callahan, Historian

FIRE MARSHAL FACTS

Frequently asked questions

Q: What does the Fire Marshal do in the Town of Newark Valley?

A: The Fire Marshal's Office enforces the New York State Fire and Building Codes, and the Town of Newark Valley Codes. I do smoke/carbon monoxide detector inspections, inspections for residential properties that are being sold, leased or rented and regular inspections of businesses, schools, restaurants, and facilities in the township.

I also inspect many of the vacant buildings in the township, and issue outdoor burn permits and inspect the site where the burning is to take place.

Q: What am I required to do when I sell, lease, or rent my property?

A: You may call the office for an appointment to have me do an inspection of your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. I need to *make sure* they are working and in the correct location.

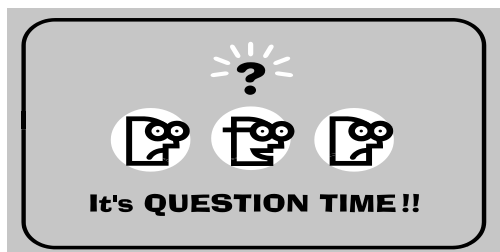
Q: How often should I clean my fire-place flue and dryer vent?

A: Your chimney flue and dryer vents should be cleaned yearly just to be safe.

Q: I have a new mailbox what size numbers should I put on it?

A: The Town code calls for four inches in height on your mailbox. This is to insure that the emergency vehicles can see the numbers from a distance of a 100 feet.

Dennis Liebe, Town
Fire Marshal



APPLE FESTIVAL

Apples, Music, History, and More!

Bring your family to Apple Festival for fun in the country!

The 34th Annual Newark Valley Apple Festival will be October 5-6, from 10 AM-5 PM each day, at the Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum, 9241 State Route 38, one mile north of Newark Valley, NY. You'll find "apple everything," music, kids' activities, great food, dancers, traditional crafts, demonstrations of 1800's skills by costumed guild members, horse & wagon rides, cider pressing, and a well-stocked gift shop. Historic house tours are included.

Across Sycamore Bridge there will be black powder shooting demos that will illustrate the differences between smooth bore and rifled guns, and a chance for everyone to shoot a muzzleloader with the Black Powder Guild. Hawk and knife throwing and archery will also be demonstrated.

There will be 13 different groups on two stages (Barn and Tent) playing music that includes folk, bluegrass, Celtic, traditional fiddle music, string band, and Gospel. Several of the groups have performed for numerous Apple Festivals and are well known throughout the region, while others are new to Newark Valley. The popular Pat Kane returns Saturday at 1:00, and Cobblestone Crossing will entertain Sunday at 1:00. Other musicians include Tom & Marie; Trish & Dannielle; Triton Trio; Curt, Rob, & Jim; Janelle Daddona; Melanie and the Boys; Grasskickers; Grassanova; Uncle Joe and the Rosebud Ramblers; New Appalachia; and the Hilltoppers.

\$6 adults; \$4 students/seniors; \$18 family rate.

Free parking. nvhistory.org.

Leslie Inderwies



CODE COMMENTS

PREPARE YOUR HOME NOW FOR WINTER

As the weather becomes cooler we are reminded that winter is just around the corner. Too many times I have been caught in late October cleaning out the eaves trough and wishing that I had done it in the "Good" weather of September. Here are some reminders of things you can do to save money and keep your home a safe and happy place this winter.

Clean out your wood burning stove chimney. Start out the season correctly and things will go better all winter long. If you can not do it, hire a chimney sweep.

If you have a high ceiling with a ceiling fan, use it to blow the hot rising air down. Taking the hot air from the top of the ceiling to where people can benefit from it will save you money.

Wash the windows. Clean windows do more than provide a great view. It allows you to check for cracks and damaged caulking, both of which are heat wasters.

Put up or close storm windows. The additional layer of glass slows the transfer of heat outside and saves money.

Clean your gutters. Not only does clean gutters prevent water from falling on "us" as we walk into our homes, it also channels the water away from your basement. This prevents basement water leakage.

Check to see if your smoke detectors and CO2 alarms are working. I usually change the batteries every new years eve, and mid summer. Did I do it last time? Give the buttons a push and test them out. If you can not reach, use a broom handle to push the button.

Experts say that two percent of your heat leaves the house through your electrical outlets. It is easy to stop this. Hardware stores have inexpensive outlet insulation gaskets that will put a stop to the air and heat loss.

Have your furnace inspected now! Don't wait until something breaks. Especially if you have oil heat. A little preventive maintenance now can save you a lot of money compared to a service call at 3 a.m. in the morning.

Experts say that thirty percent of home air leaks come through holes where pipes, vents, or electrical conduits go through walls and floors. Walk around your home with a caulking gun and stop those leaks.

Tom Larson, Code Enforcement Officer

NV FIRE DEPT.

The NVFD received a grant for over \$100,000. With the help of Senator Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand we were able to purchase 24 Self-Contained-Breathing-Apparatus. These are to replace our present 16-year-old SCBAs. These will provide a higher level of safety to our firefighters, enabling them to more safely protect the community of 5,000 people which we serve. Our fire commissioners worked very hard to get this grant.

The Newark Valley Fire Department will be hosting an **OPEN HOUSE and Doug's Fish Fry** during fire prevention week.

When: Saturday October 5, 2013

Where: Newark Valley Fire Station at 7151 State Rt. 38

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

There will be firefighting 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 using a fire extinguisher on live training props. You can also enjoy free refreshments. Stop at the Fire Prevention Bureau booth and ask about free Smoke Detectors for your home.

Dennis Liebe

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

Assessor - Michael Maxwell 642

-8666

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

The Ninth Annual Newark Valley Community Concert for Scholarships will be held Saturday, October 26th, 2013, at 7:00 pm, in the Jewel Griffith Auditorium at the Newark Valley High School. The concerts feature talented NV alumni musical artists and are held for the entire community.

A reception will follow the program. There is no charge for admission but donations are appreciated and will be accepted at the door for the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Through the generosity of the community, the Alumni Association presents seven scholarships to graduating Seniors each year.

Thank you,

The Alumni Community Concert Committee

BASIC STAR REGISTRATION

The STAR Registration Program has begun and Basic STAR recipients can now register on the State's [Web site](#) at www.tax.ny.gov or by calling at (518) 457-2036.

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 Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Closed Friday

Town Assessor: Call for day & time

Town Hall Receptionist: Monday through Friday 10 AM to 1 PM.
nvtownhall@stny.rr.com