



# Newark Valley News

September 2017

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*"News from Your Town"*

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

September is nearly here and fall is really a wonderful time of the year. It is, however, one of the more difficult times of the year for me as a Supervisor. A very important part of my job is to develop the budget for the town and that process is now underway for the 2018 fiscal year. As a property owner and taxpayer I want lower taxes. As a Town official I want to improve the town and provide better roads and services. I want our employees to be fairly compensated for the work they do for us. Trying to accomplish that has become much more difficult since the first budget I developed back in 1999. Even then when we didn't have a property tax cap we strived to keep under the inflation rate for tax increases. Now I am hoping to prepare a budget with no tax increase if possible. Many costs have stabilized like road materials and energy costs. Labor costs still increase as employees get raises, however, we have decreased our work force in the years I have been here. One of the biggest pressures on our budget is the rapidly raising cost of replacing highway equipment and the cost of maintaining this equipment as it becomes ever more complex.

As Supervisor of Newark Valley I am very fortunate to have a dedicated staff and Town Board to help address these issues. Everyone does their part to make sure we utilize our talents and resources as efficiently as possible. To that end, I would ask again, if anyone has thoughts or ideas that will help us reach our goal of maintaining and/or improving services while holding the line on property taxes, please contact me or any of the Board members.

Stuart Yetter, Jr., Supervisor

## TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

**Hours - Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Closed Fridays. Phone: 607-642-8746**

### HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

**Doe permits are available now through October 1, 2017.**

**If you find that you can't come to the office for your hunting license, you can get your license directly from NYSDEC- call [1-866-933-2257](tel:1-866-933-2257) or go to [www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6101.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6101.html).**

### NEW DOG LICENSES

The Town of Newark Valley requires you to license **all** dog (s). If you own a dog and live in the Town or Village of Newark Valley, your dog must have a license. In order to get a dog license, you must have a current Rabies Certificate and the appropriate fee amount (\$10.00 for spayed/neutered dog, \$20.00 for an unaltered dog). If your dog has been spayed or neutered, please provide a certificate, so you can get a discounted license fee. You can mail the information with a check or money order to us or stop by in person.

### RENEWALS

The license has to be renewed every year. Please make sure you provide a current rabies certificate if the old one has expired, neutered certificate (if applicable) and sign the license. You can renew by mail. Just send everything in that is required, including your payment and we will send your license and certificates back to you.

If you no longer have a dog, please contact this office to update our records. Your cooperation is vital in keeping our records current.

(You can get a one, two, or three year license. License cannot exceed rabies certificate).

### 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 must live in the Town of Newark Valley to have this office issue you one. If you live in the Town of Newark Valley, you must get your tag here at the Town Hall.

Barb Mock, Town Clerk



## *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 Todd Smith

Justice John Schaffer

Clerk Yvonne Tuetken

642-5278

Dog Control Officer

Denise Liske

642-3287

Code Enforcement Officer

- Fire Marshal - Tom

Larson

642-3617

Highway Supt. -

Charles Meade

642-9927

Town Historian -

## **TAX COLLECTOR**

If you want your tax bill sent to a different address or you no longer pay by escrow, please call 642-8746. Any other changes please contact the assessor.

School taxes come out this month.

**You do not pay your school taxes at this office. They are paid at the high school.**

Barb Mock, Tax Collector

## **DOG DATA**

### **TOWN OF NEWARK VALLEY ANNUAL ENUMERATION & DOG LICENSING LAWS**

Please submit the annual dog enumeration form that is attached in this newsletter to the Newark Valley Town Hall by October 31, 2017. It is very important that every household responds to the requested information regardless of whether you own a dog or not. If this form is not returned, a home visit may be necessary by the Newark Valley Dog Control Officer to acquire this information.

Please be sure to have the dogs on your premises timely & appropriately licensed as well as the ID tag properly affixed to their collar at all times. Any dog older than 4 months of age must be licensed via the Newark Valley Town Clerk and/or when they have resided in the Town of Newark Valley for more than 30 days - unless they are exempt pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law §109.

Lost & Found Dogs - contact the Dog Control Officer immediately to ensure they are returned home quickly and before transport to Stray Haven needs to occur per state regulations.

## **2017 TIOGA COUNTY RABIES CLINIC**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

6:00-8:00 P.M. Nichols Fire Station, 106 West River Rd, Nichols

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017 6:00

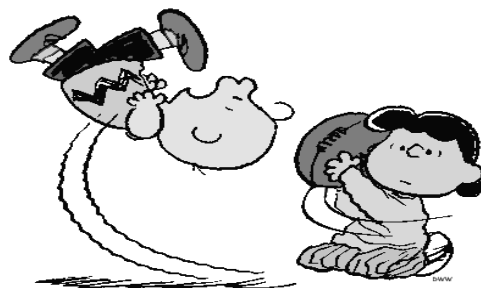
-8:00 P.M. Campville Fire Station #3,  
1307-1315 State Rte 38, Owego

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

## **HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS**

This time last year all of our projects were complete. Not this year, but I am trying to get our oil and stone roads done before School starts. (I am writing this August 10<sup>th</sup>.) We have, and have to do again, the gravel roads. With these heavy down pours it has washed the edges and centers on our roads out. (We will be there soon I promise) Next in line is our budget for 2018 already! Again, I will be working hard with the Town Board and Supervisor Yetter with this. I have a tired 2001 Caterpillar Excavator, which does 90% of our ditch cleaning, concrete block setting, along with big stone placing along pipes and edges of our creeks. It's lost high range and the engine now has a knock. Please remember the fog has arrived so go slow in our work zone areas and watch out for the School Buses! If anyone knows who is taking our Road Name Signs, Please let me know, even if you can only get a plate number that is helpful. These Road signs are up for your 911 locations so help us help you get these expensive villains!, call 642-9927 please leave a message. Thank you.

Charles E. Meade, Highway Superintendent



Dear Village or Town of Newark Valley Resident:

The Dog Control Officer is conducting the annual census/enumeration of all the dogs living in the Village & Town of Newark Valley. It is very important that every household responds to the requested information regardless of whether you actually own a dog or not.

Licensing ensures that all dogs have been properly vaccinated against rabies for the protection of you, your family and your neighbors. After licensing your dog – should you move, change your contact information, the dog is missing, the dog been transferred to another individual or the dog is deceased, please contact the Newark Valley Dog Control @ (607) 642-3287 to update our records.

If you wish to submit a license/renewal at this time, please review the licensing requirements below. Keep in mind that if your dog is not licensed and if the dog tag is not properly affixed to their collar, you may receive a court appearance ticket which could result in a maximum fine of \$250.00. The dog tag on their collar has proven successful in getting your dog back home should they ever become lost as every dog that is picked up without an ID often ends up being taken to Stray Haven.

- ☐ No one at this residence owns a dog.
- ☐ I/We currently own the dog(s) listed below. (Attach additional page if more than 5 dogs are owned)

Dog's Name	Breed	Age	Color	Sex	Spay/Neuter	Rabies Expiration	Notate License #
				M F	Yes No	/ /	
				M F	Yes No		
				M F	Yes No		
				M F	Yes No		
				M F	Yes No		

Licensing Requirements

- Current Rabies Certificate (do not submit the tag)
- Certificate of Spay/Neuter, if applicable
- License Fee - \$10.00 for a Spayed/Neutered Dog & \$20.00 for an Unaltered Dog
- Please make your check or money order payable to the Town of Newark Valley

I/we understand our dog ownership responsibilities with respect to licensing & verify that all of the information above is complete & accurate to the best of our knowledge.

\*Name(s):

\*Address:

\*City/State/Zip Code:

\*Phone Number:

\*REQUIRED

(Signature)

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please  
affix  
Stamp

Newark Valley Dog Control  
Town of Newark Valley  
109 Whig Street  
Newark Valley NY 13811

## HISTORIAN CORNER

At this writing, we have exhibits at the Depot (important women of Newark Valley); one at the County Fair (Ladder Factory), one in the Court Room (Newark Valley Opera House) and will be placing one at the Welcome Center for Apple Fest. We also contacted many of our seniors from northern Tioga, 90 and over, inviting them to ride in the Newark Valley Days Parade, in Antique/Classic cars, several provided by Antique Automobiles of Owego Club members. This is a real fun project for all involved. If we missed you, or you will turn 90 in 2018, please contact us, so we don't miss you for next year. Five seniors were able to join in the parade - Bob Cornwell, Lillian Gregrow, Varina Henson, Evelyn Martin, and Joyce Tarbox, driven by Jerry Adams, George Simon, David Gregrow, Ken Cornwell, Gordie Tull and Jeff Gregrow, who picked up Nellie Snapp as a bonus! Our thanks to the Owego Antique Automobile Club.

Over the early spring we were given a large box of photos and a few clippings from the Neil and Liza Ives estate. We sorted, found very little Newark Valley stuff, so ran articles, letters in the Owego papers asking anyone from the Nichols/Towanda area who knew any of the family names we listed, to contact us. No response, so this month, all of this was taken to the museum in Owego, where it will be available to anyone for research. There were so many wonderful pictures of ancestors, that I wish fit in my family tree! Nichols has no historian, so contacted the Senior Citizen Club, hoping someone there would respond.

Now, we have a large amount of genealogy and history of West Creek, from the Margaret Ames Hover Thomas estate. We are sorting and filing, and sharing again with Owego, who will photo copy and return it to us. It's too good to be hidden. These random gifts are how our collection grows.

We continue to organize materials in our new space. We hope you will stop in and visit us, any Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4, or by appointment with Ginny 642-5541

or Marty 642-8789. We have so much to share. We would also welcome more help, whether occasionally or on a steady schedule.

Do you know we have the alumni scrapbooks, created by Carol Valentine Stelmack for every graduating class from the beginning? Fantastic resource!

Shirley Callahan, Historian  
& Volunteer Deputies

## CODE COMMENTS

Free access to the New York State Codes are available at: <http://codes.iccsafe.org/New%20York%20State.html#2015>. They offer an option to buy, but it is free to view. The 2016 and 2017 supplements are there as well.

NEW CODE On July 13, 2017, the NYS Code Council adopted rules that amend the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the State Energy Conservation Construction. The rules will become effective on October 31, 2017. There is no grace period. Complete explanation of the changes and a copy of the *2017 Uniform Code Supplement* can be found at: <https://www.dos.ny.gov/DCEA/noticadpt.html>. There are 202 pages of changes. People who build or are planning to build should check the changes.

BURN PERMITS Burn permits are required for the burning of brush and natural wood from your property at the code office. They are free and available during normal office hours.

## CODE OFFICIALS

Protecting Lives by ensuring our Homes and Businesses are Built SAFE and Resilient!

Tom Larson - CEO

## *Officials cont.*

Town Historian -

Shirley Callahan

Volunteer Historians -

Joan Shaver

Ginny Mullen

Marty Schneider

Nellie Snapp

Gwen Stephens

Jerry Marsh

642-8705

Shirley can be reached at home by calling 642-3361

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

- Barb Mock

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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Newark Valley, NY 13811

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Town Board Meetings:** 1st & 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 Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Closed Friday

**Town Assessor:** Monday's 2—5 p.m.

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

**THE TOWN CLERK/  
TAX COLLECTOR  
DOES NOT ACCEPT  
CREDIT/DEBIT  
CARDS AS PAYMENT.  
CASH,CHECK OR  
MONEY ORDER  
ONLY.**