



# Newark Valley News

December 2019

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*"News from Your Town"*

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

This has been a busy fall here at the Town. The budget process was more difficult than it has been in the years past. Costs have increased on many things and the surpluses used to offset taxes have all but disappeared. Fortunately, with extensive discussion and some difficult cuts, the Board was able to pass a budget that kept us under the tax cap.

I need to apologize to everyone for a snafu that occurred. Earlier this year the Board passed a Local Law to put on the ballot for voters to consider changing the position of the Superintendent of Highways from elected to appointed in two years when the current Superintendent retires. Due to a communication lapse between my office and the Town Attorney and the Board of Elections the proposal never made it on this year's ballot. The Board plans to redo the Local Law and have it on the ballot in 2021.

I would like to welcome our new Code Enforcement Officer. Tom is retiring from the position and we all wish him well. The new Code Officer is Martie Ritz. She has nearly completed the State mandated training and is going to be a welcome addition to our staff.

The Town also suffered a loss this fall when our Town Historian passed away. Shirley Callahan served us for many years and was instrumental in the many improvements of the Historian's office. Thank you Shirley, may you rest in peace.

Stuart Yetter, Jr., 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, for 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.**

## 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 -

Martie Ritz

642-3617

Highway Supt. -

Charles Meade

642-9927

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.

### **Starting July 1, 2018, 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. Thank you.

### **HANDICAP PARKING FOR TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY**

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.

### **REGISTRAR 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.

1. Both Bride and Groom must be present at time of the application.
2. Proof of identity (driver's license, non driver's license)
3. Certified Birth Certificate for proof of birth, name, and age.
4. Certified Divorce decrees from all previous marriages.
5. There is a 24 hour waiting period between the purchase of the license and the wedding ceremony.
6. The license is valid for 60 days.
7. 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 at the Town of Newark Valley office, you must arrive one hour prior to this office closing.

If you need a copy of a birth, marriage, or death 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.

Barbara S. Mock,  
Newark Valley Town Clerk

## **HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS**

Again another year is about to end! We are still working with the State and Federal Government on the 2018 Flood and have received no money yet. We have been doing some of the repairs that I have the money for out of our budget and using the same money to do necessary road work. The nickels are turning to half pennies and running out of funds. Then we were tricked Not treated on Halloween night, 13 roads were damaged. I have gone over these roads with SEMO (NY State) with the approximate damage over \$98,000. There might be enough Damage for us to recover the damage cost because; Tioga County is over @198,000. Threshold, we will be waiting to see! Again, we will make every road safe, marked but rough, so please go slow in these areas. We here at the Highway Department hope everyone will have wonderful Holiday's and remember to get your Snow Tires On! Take your time and drive safely. I hope no ice, but you never know.

Thank you, Charles E. Meade Highway Superintendent



# Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 295, Newark Valley, NY 13811-0295

[www.NorthernTiogaChamber.org](http://www.NorthernTiogaChamber.org)

Happy Holidays to all! The Northern Tioga Chamber wishes everyone the joy of family togetherness, love, and peace at this holiday time. We have the following to report:

Welcome Wagon - to date, 5 people have received baskets in 2019 (4 in Newark Valley, 1 in Berkshire). The purpose of our Welcome Wagon program is to gift new home buyers in the Northern Tioga communities of Newark Valley, Berkshire and Richford with a basket of items provided by local merchants, to welcome them to the area and introduce them to local businesses. Community supervisors are encouraged to submit the names of new homeowners to the chamber so we can provide them with this 'welcome' basket. And area businesses are encouraged to provide a supply of 'gift' items (pens, notebooks, discount coupons. etc.) to be included in the baskets. Check with the chamber for more info on this program.

## Memory Lane Movie Night!

Saturday, October 26 - The Chamber held the first of (hopefully!) monthly movie nights at the Noble Room in the NV Municipal Bldg. Abbott & Costello's *Jack and the Beanstalk*, a 1952 musical comedy was attended by several people. The movie was preceded by a *Mighty Mouse* cartoon, and popcorn, cider and donuts were available.

## BINGO Update

This highly-anticipated activity has been on the Chamber 'to do list' over many months. We were hoping to conduct weekly 'Throwback Bingo' games, both as a Chamber fund raiser and to provide an opportunity for our area to enjoy an inexpensive fun evening out. After endless hours of investigation into the regulations involved in running Bingo, and a training trip to Schenectady at the NY State Gaming Commission, it was determined that it was not feasible for the Chamber to undertake this project. Time, expense and logistics are not in our favor. This activity has therefore been discontinued as a consideration.

## Future Events Planned...

**Saturday, December 14** - Newark Valley Holiday Magic - The Chamber has assumed sponsorship of this annual event, formerly hosted by the Newark Valley Historical Society. As in previous years, Holiday Magic will take place at the Village Green and in the Noble Room of the N.V. Municipal Bldg. Plans are ongoing, but look forward to some old favorites...

Inside - check out the gingerbread house display, basket raffles, music and goodies in the Noble Room, and a Holiday Fair in the ambulance bays next to the Municipal Bldg, where you can do some holiday shopping and the kids can visit with Santa.

Outside - enjoy caroling, an outdoor fire pit, decorated and brightly lit Christmas trees on the Green, and a live Nativity. The Tappan Spaulding Library will host an Open House, with a free book giveaway for the kids.

**NORTHERN TIOGA DIRECTORY** - The Chamber is considering compiling a directory of all area businesses, churches and organizations. This will be a huge undertaking, but when it's complete it will be a handy source to locate and contact these entities. Distribution of the directory TBD. We'll keep you posted as we proceed.

The Northern Tioga Chamber meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. We invite you to attend our meetings, and welcome your participation and input. You can contact the chamber office at [northerntiogachamber@gmail.com](mailto:northerntiogachamber@gmail.com)

Thank you for supporting the Northern Tioga Chamber!

Respectfully,

Mer Barrett, President

[mer.northerntiogachamber@gmail.com](mailto:mer.northerntiogachamber@gmail.com)

(607) 778-9239

## HISTORIAN HAPPENINGS

I have been asked to explain the difference between the Historical Society and the Town Historian's Office. We have similar goals - preserving the history of our valley.

The Historical Society maintains the Depot and the Farmstead, sponsors Friday night Depot concerts and programs, helps decorate the Village Green for Christmas, and held BIG celebrations at the Depot. They also have wonderful collections of items – tools, clothing, other artifacts of the area. They hold workshops on various antique crafts.

They are a non-profit so can and do raise money for their projects, such as maintenance on the buildings.. They are located on the second floor of the Post Office building.

The Town Historian's Office is supported by your tax dollars and some contributions. We are located in the steel building at 109 Whig St, behind Hutchinson Hall. The Town provides us with our utilities and the building. We are climate controlled and handicapped accessible. Our regular hours are Wednesdays from 2 – 4, but will open by appointment when requested. (Ginny 642-5541, Marty, 642-8789)

Our collections are mostly paper, books, and photographs, some of which was moved from the Historical Society Office because of climate control and accessibility. We also have collections of Alumni materials, plus nearly complete sets of yearbooks, with some duplicates.

We do some research and try to keep up with indexing the gifts that are given to us by residents and former residents. These gifts enhance our collection of local history. We sometimes get visitors from other states who are looking for information. A recent inquiry came from a man visiting from state of Washington, looking for his grandparents' home. He had a picture, but it was similar to many others in the area, so couldn't send him to the exact location. But we tried, and he enjoyed looking around the area where his grandparents lived.

We had a display at the Depot during this summer, now in the Courtroom, on various sports from the 1890's to the 1960's. We exhibit different topics at the Depot, the Apple Festival, and the Courtroom each year. We prepare a display for the annual Veteran's Day Dinner, sponsored by the Historical. Society. We do work together.

Our ranks have thinned recently, so some things are slower. We miss Shirley Callahan, our leader, and Joan Shaver, who moved to Waverly. They had so much personal knowledge of the area. We were privileged to work with them for so many years.

Ginny Mullen, Volunteer Historian



## CODE COMMENTS

Greetings to all the residents of Newark Valley, winter is here bringing not only the wonderful holiday season and New Year, by also some simple safety reminders that are important for review!

### Wood Stove/Fire Places

As winter comes into full swing, routine care and maintenance of wood stoves, chimneys, and fire places is important and often can be overlooked! Whether your fire place or unit is used as your primary source of heat or just a fire for a holiday occasion, ensuring that your unit is not only routinely cleaned, but also properly maintained, is vital to safety and performance! When was the last time you had your chimney or unit cleaned? Is there a weather cap on your chimney and does it need to be replaced? Along with being conscious of the fuels and materials we burn in our fireplaces and woodstoves, take a little time before the holiday rush to make sure your heating units are up to date, ensuring for a safer and warmer holiday season.

### Generators

During this time of year winter weather can cause power outages, having those emergency generators are handy! The NFPA 70 standard recommends that any additional power units for the home such as generators must be identified and a placard placed at the service entrance location. If first responders report to a call at your home it is vital not only for their safety but how they will handle the incident if these addition power sources are present. This helps not only to protect your home, the people of the community, but also the fire department.

### Christmas Lights

There isn't much more that welcomes in the holiday feeling more than Christmas lights! As you get out and work on untangling those lights this season, here are a few safety tips to keep in mind. It is important to be aware of how many strands you string in a row. Looking at the manufacturer's instructions can provide the recommended number for maximum strands. They make these instructions so that the lights can be used as intended. Additionally, it is important to note that mixing different styles and brands of lights can present a higher hazard as they are not tested or manufactured the same. Next, be sure to note are the lights intended for indoor/outdoor use. Outdoor light could be used for either, but indoor lights need to stay indoors as they are not built to safely stand up to the weather conditions outdoors. Lastly, inspect the light in general for wire ware or missing bulbs, and when in doubt throw them out!

Have a safe an happy holiday.

Martie Ritz, Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshal

## DOG DATA

### WINTER HEALTHY DOG TIPS

- **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 windbreaker 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.
- **Food & Water** - Access to water should always be provided as well as adequate food - dogs will need more calories in the winter to accommodate for their increased need for body heat.
- **Ice** - Keep the hair trimmed between their paws to reduce the risk of ice retention which increases their risk for frostbite and hypothermia.

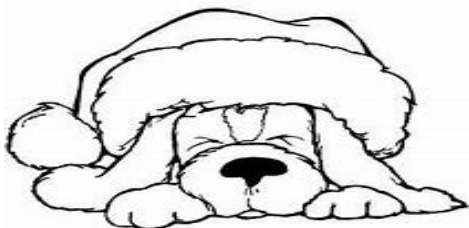
**Salt** - It's recommended to keep the dog off the sidewalks, driveways and roads whenever possible where salt is utilized to melt ice – preferably walking them on the grass or snow to prevent chemical burns to their paws. These toxic chemicals can be ingested by the dogs licking their paws – prevention is achieved by wiping the dog's paws when coming back inside.

### 2020 TIOGA COUNTY RABIES CLINIC

JANUARY 29, 2020 WEDNESDAY 6:00PM - 8:00PM - Candor Fire Station, 74 Owego Rd, Candor, NY

MARCH 26, 2020 THURSDAY 6:00PM - 8:00PM - Waverly Village Barn, 81 Spring Street, Waverly, NY

EXPEDITED SERVICE – Advance Registration - [www.health.ny.gov/go2clinic/54](http://www.health.ny.gov/go2clinic/54)



**LOST/FOUND DOGS** - If you have lost or found a dog - please contact the Newark Valley Dog Control Officer ASAP 24/7 @ (607)642-3287. The DCO is able to provide assistance by being a contact for any potential sightings and sharing information as you search for your dog. Keep in mind that most individuals that retrieve a lost dog contact the Dog Control Officer immediately - so let's bring your dog home quickly & safely before transport to Stray Haven should happen. AND please remember to license your dog & affix their ID tag to their collar - especially in emergency situations this will allow for immediate identification and initiated contact of the owner - as well as it is mandated by the Town of Newark Valley Local Law.

**Happy Holidays to All The Fur Babies Out There & Their Families!!**

**Denise Liske, Dog Control Officer**

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

## TAX COLLECTOR

That dreaded time of year is upon us again.

**TAX BILL TIME!**

**Tax payment collection hours for 2020 will be:**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Feb 29<sup>th</sup> Mon thru Thurs 2-5 pm;**

**March, April & May Tues & Wed 2 -5 pm.**

Please call the **Tioga County Treasurer's Office at 607-687-8670** for previous year tax amounts and/or payment information.

If you have a change of address or transfer of property please contact Doug Barton, Assessor at 607-642-8666.

Wanda Grover, Tax Collector



## *Officials cont.*

Town Historian -

Volunteer Historians -

Ginny Mullen

Marty Schneider

Nellie Snapp

Gwen Stephens

Janet Frieman

JeanEllen Parmalee

642-8705 – Office

642-5541 – Ginny

642-8789 – Marty

Town Clerk - Barb Mock

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

### Tioga County Rural Ministry Opening New Office for Northern Tioga Outreach Worker

Financial assistance to low-income individuals and families is one facet of Tioga County Rural Ministry's (TCRM) outreach ministry. We now have a handicap-accessible satellite office in the Newark Valley Municipal Building on Park Street. Paul Kunik, pastor of the Berkshire 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church, is our new part-time outreach worker whose primary duties are to receive and respond to financial one-time needs (e.g., gas/electric, prescriptions, car repair) of our Northern Tioga neighbors. Paul also has office hours at the Berkshire Community Hall on Mondays, from 3:30 – 7:30 pm and 2:00-4:00 pm on Thursdays and in Richford at the Hubbard Resource Center from 9-2 on Wednesdays. To make an appointment, you may contact Paul at 972-9089.

Sr. Mary O'Brien, CSJ  
Executive Director  
Tioga County Rural Ministry  
143 North Avenue  
Owego, NY 13827

## 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 sharp. 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4PM sharp.

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

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

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