



THE VILLAGE OF EAST NASSAU

Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2016

East Nassau Oral History Project

With the return of the warm weather, Village Historian Tom Kernan will be resuming his efforts to gather your recollections of East Nassau in times past. Whether you are a senior or younger, your memories of life in our village in former days will provide future generations of East Nassau residents with your own unique memories of the people and things which have helped make our village what it is today.



Photograph of Tayer Road circa 1900

The interviews, recorded on tape, will take only about 1/2-1 hour of your time, but will enrich the living history of our village. Sample questions will be provided in advance as a general guide, but you are encouraged to tell your own stories of the Village as you remember them. Tom can be reached at 518-766-5131 and will set up a meeting at your convenience.

Photos, anyone? If you have photos from the past, we would love to copy them for our archive. If you are interested in lending photos of village buildings, folks, Central School events, or any other Village-related subject, please contact Tom at the above number.

Disposing of Trash and Recycling



What do you do with your household waste? Many hire a waste hauler to collect and dispose of it. Residents of the Village of East Nassau may opt to use the Town of Nassau Transfer Station directly to save on the cost of waste removal. Residents must buy a permit to use the transfer station (available from the Town Clerk or at the transfer station for \$75/year with a discount available for seniors). The transfer station offers single stream recycling which allows you to drop off co-mingled paper, plastic (except bags), glass, and metal for recycling at no charge. Plastic bags and Styrofoam products and certain other plastics do not go in the single stream recycling bin, but can also be dropped off at no charge in another recycling area. Electronics and large metal objects have separate no-charge recycling areas. Anything

that is not recyclable must be put into the town's large special blue bags (available for \$2 each) and dropped off in the waste area. The Town of Nassau Transfer Station is located less than a mile west of the village on Central Nassau Road.

Note that burning or burying trash is illegal. Burning trash in burn barrels and appliances intended for wood fuel (wood stoves and wood boilers) is explicitly prohibited by New York State law as is the open burning of trash. The DEC strictly enforces these prohibitions.

Obviously, the best solution for waste disposal is to not generate any. Everyone should consider how to reduce the waste we generate and reuse our "stuff" as much as possible. But for the waste we do generate, the Transfer Station may be a less expensive alternative to disposing of household waste.

Giant Yard Sale—July 16th— Save the Date!



This summer, the Village of East Nassau's Senior Advocacy Committee will be hosting its first annual giant yard sale. We will have treasures galore, and all proceeds will benefit the SAC. **When:** Saturday, July 16, 10 am-3 pm. **Where:** corner of Tayer & Garfield Roads in the Upper Village, across from the village green.

You will find household items, clothes, puzzles & games, books, plants, and costume jewelry. Refreshments and

seating available. Craft vendors welcome: come set up your table on our lawn. Donations welcome: this is a perfect time to de-clutter your spaces. All clean, saleable items gratefully received. Drop off at 7 Tayer Road (on the porch in inclement weather) or call for pickup: 518-712-9836. See you then!

Please visit the official Village of East Nassau website:
villageofeastnassau.org

A Note About The Budget and Village Taxes

This past winter, we were blessed with relatively mild temperatures and very little snow. For those that love the cold and enjoy winter sports, this winter may have been a disappointment. But from a municipal budget perspective, it was a very good year. The village contracts for snow removal and pays the contractor for each "incident", whether it requires plowing or sanding or both. The flip side of that is that we do not pay when there are not snow events. This year, we saved significantly on the snow removal budget, especially compared to the previous winter which was quite extreme.

The approved budget for the coming fiscal year (which starts on June 1) reflects the savings realized from the light winter season. The "snow dividend" allowed us to accelerate road improvements we had already planned for future budget years and to lower the overall tax levy, reducing the tax rate for the coming year. That change is reflected in the current property tax bills

(taxes are due by the end of June). The tax rate is now \$1.82 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation – the same rate we had five years ago (in the 2011-2012 budget year). It is notable that village residents are not subject to the property tax associated with the town's highway budget (DB fund). The tax rate for the town's DB fund this year is about \$3.28 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. So, village property owners save \$1.46 per \$1,000, or over \$200 per year on a home assessed at \$150,000. It pays to live in the village!

Of course the snow dividend helped tremendously, but our budget also reflects a continuation of our very careful use of public funds. We have kept expenditures low while still improving our road infrastructure and introducing new initiatives over the past several years (the Bell Park, the Senior Advocacy effort, a focus on Historic Preservation, and our annual Cookie Contest to name several). The success of these efforts and the overall

efficiency of our village government is a direct result of community involvement – people that have gotten involved, worked on projects that are important to them, and improved our community. Our continued success will rely on the community involvement as well.

Please get involved – feel free to contact the mayor (email to mayor@villageofeastnassau.org or phone call to 518.712.9635) with comments, suggestions, or to volunteer for any ongoing or new effort.

No Unregistered Vehicles on Public Roads

Reminder: ATV's (all-terrain vehicles, or off-road vehicles) and all motorized vehicles that are not registered for highway use are not allowed on county or village roads. If you are stopped, you risk being fined, and you will not be permitted to drive back to your residence.

Important Phone Numbers

- Village Hall.....794 0289
Leave Message – Checked Daily
- Village Mayor.....712 9635
- Village DPW.....478 6075
- Code Enforcement and
Building Permits.....794 0095
- Village Clerk.....285 0713
- Nassau Transfer Station...766 2844
- Nassau Town Clerk.....766 2343
- Nassau Assessor.....766 3559
- East Nassau Post Office..794 9741
- Brainard Post Office.....794 7282
- Nassau Library.....766 2715
- New York State Police.....732 4777
Non-Emergency

Bell Park ... We've Come a Long Way



2016 will be another exciting year for the Village's first and only public park. Last year we finally erected the old tower, mounted the bell, and put a new

roof on. Volunteers planted flowers, mowed the lawn, and primed the new wood on the structure. It was a great experience and an exercise in a community coming together.

This year we plan to landscape the park, first laying more topsoil to level the ground with the platform. A special thanks goes to Ken Sherman of Ken Sherman Excavating for donating and delivering this topsoil. We have park

benches ready to be installed throughout, but will need concrete slabs to mount them on and the labor and cement to make that happen. We also plan on putting down walkways within the park, for safety in walking up to the bell as well as to reduce the amount of grass to maintain.

On the tower itself, we need to replace rotten wood and scrape the upper portion, then paint it and clean the rust off the bell mount. We may also erect railings around the bell, reproducing what existed on the original structure when it sat upon the church.

We look forward to moving Bell Park forward, and if anyone wishes to volunteer to help, please contact the village.