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Historian	Sandie Stoker Gilliland 373-3209 home
Highway Superintendent	Mark Chamberlain 364-8719 home
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Animal Control Officer	Carl Collier 253-4367
Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer	Michael Piechuta 283-0627 cell
Transfer Station Attendant	D J Grady 224-1817 cell

## Fall 2014



### Clerk Hours

Monday 9 am–1 pm  
Wednesday 3 pm–5 pm  
Thursday 4 pm -7 pm  
Eff November 8, 2014  
Saturdays 9-12

### Assessor Hours

By Appointment-806-5500

### Zoning Officer Hours

Monday 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

### Supervisor Hours

by appointment 252-1046

## Fall Clean Up Day

Sat. October 11, 2014

10 am to 4 pm at the Transfer Station

- ✓ For Scipio residents only. Sign-in required.
- ✓ For large items too big to bag.
- ✓ No truckloads of construction debris.
- ✓ Special Bin for scrap metal.
- ✓ No hazardous materials
- ✓ Household trash - bag and tag as usual.

No mattresses, tires, refrigerators, freezers, batteries, electronics, petroleum or pharmaceutical products, fluorescent lights, paint cans unless open and dry. For more info call 315-255-1183

If you've got a little time to help your fellow townspeople on clean-up day, Contact Keith Welch at 364-5218, Janet Reohr 252-1046, Debra Kellogg at the town office at 364-5740 or email us at [scipiotown@gmail.com](mailto:scipiotown@gmail.com).

You'll be helping others and get to talk to various board members in a relaxed setting. Thanks to all who have helped in the past.

## Rabies Clinic

Sat. October 18, 2014

1 pm to 3 pm at the Highway Garage

**Rabies immunization required:** for dogs 6 months & older and cats 3 months & older. (Please bring your animal's most recent rabies certificate.) Please bring your cat in a carrier.

Courtesy of Dr. Underwood. Suggested donation \$5.00 per animal.

## Transfer Station

Transfer Station open

Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm for Scipio residents only.

Household trash must be bagged and tagged with stickers at \$2.50 each (\$12.50 for a sheet of 5). These are available from the Town Clerk or Transfer Station Attendant. No charge for recyclables. Make sure you are placing items in the proper bin, and please breakdown your cardboard boxes.

## **Town Supervisor**

The town office has received a number of inquiries about Clarity Connect. This project for internet services has taken much longer than anticipated. The good news is that Clarity has finally received the state agreement. There are still some legal details to be finalized but money is available for construction to start.

We hope to have service to Scipio residents sometime in 2015. A more definitive time line should be available in a few months and we will be happy to share the specifics as we learn more.

## **Scipio Fire Department**

Greetings from the Scipio Fire Department. Thank you to all those who supported our community garage sale/chicken BBQ. It was a great success.

School is back in session. Please remember that it is against the law to pass a stopped school bus.

We are holding our annual Sportsman Pancake Breakfast on October 12th from 7a-12p. As always there will be tickets for sale at the door till the drawing at noon. 10 great prizes for hunters and fisherman and tickets are still only \$1.

Fire Prevention week is October 5th through 11th. We will be taking the trucks along with our neighboring SCCS departments and ensuring our youngest citizens know how to prevent fires.

As always we are looking for new members. If you are interested or have any questions feel free to stop by the fire house on any Monday after 6.

Have a safe fall.

## **Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Fall is here and tax season will soon be upon us. I will resume fall hours effective November 8, 2014. I will be open 9-1 Saturdays through April, and I will no longer be open on Thursday nights. It has been a pleasure getting to know some of you and I look forward to seeing you over the winter. Have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season.

## **Your County Legislator**

My submission to the spring newsletter didn't make the issue, so I want to begin by thanking you all for the support you offered in the November election. I said from the start that in order to win the County Legislative election, I needed strong support from Scipio. I got it and I am grateful. Now that I am in office, I encourage you to contact me with your concerns, ideas, and issues.

As I took office, one of the first things that became clear is that Cayuga County is facing a very real fiscal challenge. For the past several years, the County has balanced its budget by dipping into the fund balance, that is, the savings account. This cannot go on for long since the money will soon be gone.

I am sure you have heard a lot about State mandates and how the program and cost requirements imposed on Counties by New York State make it very hard to manage the local budget. Well, it is true. Approximately 70% of the property tax collected by the County goes to fund these programs, over which the County has no control. In the long run, we must work to get the State to pick up the cost of the programs it creates. In the short run, we have to accept these costs and work in areas we can control.

This is what I will help to do.

To make certain that I am available to hear your concerns, I am holding a series of sessions in October and early November; I invite you to join me for a discussion of the issues. These will be:

*Scipio at the Town Office*

*Thursday, October 30 at 6:30*

*Ledyard at the Ledyard Town Office*

*Saturday October 25 at 10 AM*

*Springport at the Springport Town Office*

*Thursday, November 6 at 2 PM*

I have scheduled a mix of Saturday, night and afternoon in an attempt to accommodate schedules and you should feel free to come to any that are convenient for you. I will be available to explain any votes about which you have questions, to discuss the budget/tax situation, and to hear any and all comments and complaints (or kudos) you wish to share.

If none of these times are convenient, give me a call at 294-8070.

The issues of manure, run off and lake quality have been of concern recently and in response Mike Didio, Republican Majority Legislator leader and I are sponsoring a Community Discussion on the issue. This will be held on October 29, Wednesday beginning at 6 PM. The location is pending. Watch for more details. If you have email and wish to get information on the meeting, send an email note to [kbatman@cayugacounty.us](mailto:kbatman@cayugacounty.us). I will let you know when the place is finalized and also share information as it is available.

Have a warm and safe winter.

Keith Batman

## **History Corner**

I'm excited to share with you that there is a recently published book with several references to Scipio, as well as to Ledyard. "The Seceders" by Alethea Connolly, is a story of the abolitionist movement as it developed in the Town of Manlius between 1834-1844. The Flemings, Wheatleys, Armwoods and other Cayuga County families are explored in this book and the author was kind enough to credit my research for some of her story. According to the birth registration form in our town ledger, Esther Wheatley was a slave born in Scipio in 1808; she worked in Manlius for most of her life and is buried with her sister's family in Ledyard.

I have completed the Comstock History (see last newsletter) and index; both are available at

[www.scipiocenterny.blogspot.com](http://www.scipiocenterny.blogspot.com) and the index with page links is available at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nycayuga/>. I am now working on more Civil War information for Scipio's "Boys in Blue" with names including Fordyce, King, Hoxie, Wood and Casler. And as always, if you have any stories or photographs of Scipio or her early settlers to share please let me know!

Sandie Stoker Gilliland

## **Town Court**

It has been a great summer, though not long enough. We would like to remind of a couple things. First please be sure to keep your car insurance current. Do not let it lapse! The insurance company immediately notifies the DMV and withdraws the registration. Also, lease help support our local DMV. Our county keeps 12.7% of every transaction they process, which lowers the tax we have to pay. When you get your renewal in the mail, cross off the Utica address and mail it to Cayuga County Department of Motor Vehicles, 160 Genesee Street. Auburn, NY 13021 or go into the office. Please drive safely and obey the law.

Hon. Brian Dugan, Court Clerk Deb Kellogg