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Historian  
Highway Superintendent  
Assessor  
Animal Control Officer  
Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer  
Transfer Station Attendant

Newsletter is on the Scipio website. If you would like to receive a paper copy by mail, please contact the Town Clerk. As always, we welcome comments and feedback. Write, email, call, or stop in during clerk's hours (Mon. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Wed. 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM & Sat. 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon).

**From the Scipio Town Court:** Well, spring is here again. Please watch for children playing and farm vehicles when you are out driving and enjoying the beautiful spring weather. Watch your speed as the police are on the lookout and they want you. Have a safe summer.

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**Clerk Hours**  
Monday 9 am–1 pm  
Wednesday 2 pm–5 pm  
Saturday 9 am–12 pm

**Assessor Hours**  
by appointment 806-5500

**Zoning Officer Hours**  
Monday 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Supervisor Hours**  
by appointment 252-1046

**Electronic recycling:**  
Anytime during business hours at Auburn Computer and satellite 74 Genesee St Auburn. [www.CNYDigital.com](http://www.CNYDigital.com) 315-255-6808.

## Spring Clean Up Day:

Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>., 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.
  - Household trash to be bagged and tagged as usual.
- No mattresses, tires, refrigerators, freezers, or batteries.**

Call 255-1183 for disposal of hazardous materials.

## Transfer Station open

Saturdays 10 am – 4 pm.

Scipio residents only.

Household trash must be bagged and tagged - \$2.50 per bagful. Tags available from Attendant or Town Clerk. No charge for recyclables. Please place items in the proper bin and break down cardboard boxes.



**Rabies Clinic:** There will be no rabies clinic this spring. Last fall Doc Underwood retired from providing this service and the town is currently looking to find another vet to fill this vacancy.

**Shopping Local:** Shopping local not only supports local businesses, but local government as well. Sales tax revenues are very important to towns and counties, helping to pay for the services local government provide. Shopping in other counties and on-line reduces tax revenues significantly. So it is very much to the benefit of the grassroots levels of government, and to the residents served, if shopping is done locally, within Cayuga County.

If you've got a little time to help your fellow townspeople on Clean-Up Day, please contact:  
**Howard Nelson at 730-2962,**  
**Gary Mutchler at 730-3638, or**  
**Town Clerk Tom Olenych at 364-5740.**  
**Or email** [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.

**From Town Supervisor Gary Mutchler:** A special word of thanks goes to Supervisor Janet Reohr and council members Greg Rury and Keith Welch for their years of service to our town. Janet has made the transition into my new job quite easy with all of the notes that she has passed on to me. She and the board members have also been very frugal and given our town a good base to continue serving our residents. At the same time, we welcome new board members, Leslie Baxter and Mark Ferrari.

Leslie Baxter and I attended the "Newly Elected Officials Training Seminar" in Rochester January 6-8 where we gained much knowledge and were able to interact with many other town officials. We came back with a sense of our town being very proactive and progressive and are thankful for all of our past town officials and their diligence in serving our residents well.

Once I decided to run for supervisor last June, I began attending all of the town board meetings. Having served on the planning board for 15 years, I had been a part of the wind tower discussions, comprehensive plan writing, and the rewritten zoning laws which were passed this past December. Our Code Enforcement Officer, Mick Piechuta is diligently studying the new law to become familiar with any changes that affect our town residents. Please note his comments elsewhere in the newsletter regarding building permits.

One of the areas of real interest these days is the use of solar power. Currently the town board is looking into installing solar panels on the town garage roof as we try to be proactive and wise in the use of the town's money.

Clarity Connect continues to grow and be able to serve more of our town residents. I would encourage everyone to call them at 607-257-8268. When you give them your address, they will be able to determine if you are within a line of sight of one of their towers and if not, they will put you on their list and be called when the services are available. They have stated that they would have moved faster if they had received the monies from the state that they are promised. The town offices are currently connected to Clarity Connect and we are moving forward for local townspeople to be able to access Wi-Fi in the parking lot. Information regarding this service will become available on the bulletin board outside the town office. I have lived in the town of Scipio for the past 45 years and have enjoyed the beauty and services of the town. Now it is my turn to serve the residents and I look forward to doing the best job that I can. If you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me either by email garymutchler@juno.com or by calling my cell phone at 315-730-3638.

**From Code / Zoning Mick Piechuta:** In December of 2015 the Town of Scipio adopted a new zoning law in which there were many changes. It created different districts, installed a new use table and created new procedures for obtaining the correct permits. However, many of the same rules are still in effect. We urge everyone to contact the Code – Zoning Officer if you are thinking of any type of project. It's better to ask first than to get an "Order to Remedy".

On another note, I have received a number of complaints concerning dilapidated buildings, junk or non-used vehicles and unsightly properties. While this is country living there are people that are trying to have their property look neat and orderly. We do not usually look for violations, however if there are complaints from neighbors or town residents we would follow through and look into the violations. Any violation would be part of the NYS Property Maintenance Code. We would ask everyone to look at their property and see if improvements could be made before you are given a citation to appear in Scipio Town Court to correct the violation.

If anyone has any questions or comments regarding codes and zoning, please feel free to contact me. I'm at the Scipio town offices on Mondays from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM and my cell number is (315) 283-0627.

**Grievance Day:** The town is in the final stages of revaluing all town properties. All new valuations were mailed out about March 1 and town residents were encouraged to contact the assessor if there were any questions. Heather Garner, our town assessor will be at the town office at the following times, if anyone wants to look over the 2016 assessment rolls: Tuesday, May 10 1-4pm, Wednesday May 18, 10 am -2pm, and 4-7pm, and Saturday May 21, 9am to noon. The Board of Assessment Review or "grievance day" is June 2 from 4-8 pm at the town offices 3705 State Route 34.

**From Highway Superintendent Mark Chamberlain:** After this winter we have a lot of ditching to do which means we will have a lot of ditch dirt. Anyone in need of any ditch dirt can call the town barn and leave your name, number and street address and I will get back to you. The number at the town barn is (315) 364-7754.

**From Town Clerk Tom Olenych:** If you're interested in making some extra money the town is looking for Election Day Volunteers. Openings exist for election day volunteers, making as much as \$175.00 a day for the general election, delivery drivers, \$20.00 / hour and curriers making a minimum of \$50.00. Job descriptions as well as complete pay scales and hours are available from the town clerk or call and leave your mailing address and I will mail you more information.

**Happy Spring from the Scipio Fire Department!** The Scipio Fire Department has been busy over the winter months with training and necessary certifications to provide a high level of care to the members of our community, and those that travel through it.

When we are responding to an emergency at your home we are looking for a house number so make sure your home is properly marked with reflective numbers to assist the responders. The fire department sells address signs that can be hung either horizontally or vertically. Visibility is important because the faster we find your home the faster we can provide assistance for your emergency.

Please join us on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM as we will be hosting an open house at our fire house. During this time, you and your family are welcome to come into our station to view our equipment and demonstrations. Member will be available to answer questions and provide you with an application if you are interested in becoming a member.

On Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>. treat your mother to breakfast out of the house. We will be hosting our annual Mother's Day pancake breakfast from 7:00 AM to 12:00 noon, with a menu of pancakes, french toast, sausage, eggs, orange juice, coffee and milk.

Our fire department is now certified to host defensive driving classes. These classes will assist you in removing up to 5 points off your license or a financial reduction in your auto insurance. Watch for these classes in the future. Dates and times will also be posted on the sign in front of the fire house.

#### **From The Town Historian:**

Greetings from the new Scipio town Historian. First off, huge kudos to Sandra Gilliland for leaving me a well-organized and complete set of files filled with information and for her fourteen years of service. So now about me. My name is Craig Kukuk and I live in the 1840s cobblestone house at 2345 Center Road. I hail from Michigan where I have lived most of my life up until 2011. While there, I was involved with various museums, especially Greenfield Village. I even volunteered at an 1840s cobblestone house farm museum in Ann Arbor that looks exactly like the one I now live in—who would have thunk! I've connected here with the Genesee Country Village and Museum near Rochester, along with other local sites such as Seward House.

I have had a deep connection to and passion with history since childhood, and especially have over the years developed a deep admiration for Abraham Lincoln. Last year I took part in the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's funeral in Springfield, Illinois.

My hope is to get to know more people in Scipio who have some stories to tell about the history of this rich place. I have much to learn and glean from others and am grateful for this opportunity to serve the community doing something I love to do. I have 17 cemeteries to visit, files upon files of Scipio history to pour over, old houses and barns to photograph, and people's lives to record. So if you drive by my place and you see me out tending to the garden and sheep, or dipping candles and making soap, stop by and pay a visit. I think I am going to love this journey!

**Regular Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Office on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. All visitors are invited to attend. If you have an item to bring to the board, you may contact the Town Supervisor or Clerk so that it may be placed on the agenda.

