

Town of Scipio  
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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 (315) 806-5500

### Zoning Officer Hours

Wednesdays 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

### Supervisor Hours

by appointment (315) 730-3638

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| Town Office                   | Highway Garage   | (315) 364-7754               |
|                               | Clerk's Office   | (315) 364-5740               |
|                               | Fax number   | (315) 364-6802               |
| Supervisor                    | Gary Mutchler  | (315) 730-3638               |
| Council members               | Vivian Cunningham  | (315) 567-9949               |
|                               | Mark Ferrari   | (716) 870-3380               |
|                               | Leslie Baxter  | (315) 237-1292               |
|                               | Gary Whitten   | (315) 364-8596               |
|                               | Brian Dugan  | (315) 364-5325 leave message |
|                               | Tom Olenych  | (315) 364-8816               |
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|                               | Heather Garner   | (315) 806-5500               |
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|                               | Howard Tanner  | (315) 730-7439               |
|                               | DJ Grady   | (315) 224-1817               |
| Justice                       |  |                              |
| Town Clerk/Tax Collector      |  |                              |
| Deputy Registrar / Town Clerk |  |                              |
| Historian                     |  |                              |
| Highway Superintendent        |  |                              |
| Assessor                      |  |                              |
| Animal Control Officer        |  |                              |
| Code Enforcement Officer      |  |                              |
| Transfer Station Attendant    |  |                              |
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**Spring Clean Up Day:**  
Saturday May 4th., 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 tires, refrigerators, freezers, or batteries.**  
**Mattresses will be accepted on Clean Up Day only.**  
Call (315) 255-1183 for disposal of hazardous materials.

**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.

**Transfer Station Hours**  
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  
**Summer Hours: Wednesdays Only**  
**May 1st. through September 25th.**  
**5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**  
**No change to normal Saturday hours.**

If you've got a little time to help your fellow townspeople on Clean-Up Day, please contact:  
**Gary Mutchler at 730-3638,**  
**Vivian Cunningham at 567-9949 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.

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).

**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 provides. Shopping in other counties and on-line reduces tax revenues significantly.



**Rabies Clinic:** Dr. Tyson Benson of the Homestead Large Animal Clinic will again be administering rabies shots at the town offices. The date will be Saturday May 4th, from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. and the cost is \$10.00.

**Spay and neuter services:** In addition to Dr. Benson's services the town has been contacted by Tracey Stevens DVM, CVA of Integrated Veterinary Services who will offer low cost spay and neuter services. The fees for her procedures are as follows:

Dog Spay \$105.00, Dog Neuter \$95.00, Cat Spay \$75.00, Cat Neuter \$55.00 and Rabies/Distemper Vaccinations \$10.00 each.

To set up an appointment she can be reached at [cgmom19992002@gmail.com](mailto:cgmom19992002@gmail.com). (preferred) or by phone at (315) 730-3934.

**From Town Supervisor Gary Mutchler:** Last Spring we were trying find an assistant for our bookkeeper Becky Rury. Finding none, she resigned effective September 30, 2018. We had 6 applicants and are happy to announce that Denice Hall has very capably filled the position. We are also thankful that Becky has been willing to be retained as a consultant in helping Denice assume the responsibilities of this position.

Thank you very much Becky for never missing a payroll in almost 12 years. You did a fine job serving our town.

May you enjoy spending more time with your family not that your retired.

As a town board we continue to try to serve our constituents in making the best decisions possible. Our current discussions include the application for a solar farm across from the NYSEG substation on Center Road, updating the office space at the town offices and working with the neighbors in determining the best arraignments for the town right of way on Ensenore Road and Firelane 26.

A big word of thanks goes out to the highway crew for their diligence in keeping our roads safely passable during the long winter. In one two-week period the fellows logged 150 hours each. We are all looking forward to spring and warmer weather so the crews can continue working on and improving the town's roads.

Spring Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday May 4, 2019, details on the front page of this newsletter. We are glad to provide this service to all town residents. However, just because someone has a Scipio mailing address it doesn't mean they are a resident of the Town of Scipio and this service is available only to town residents. Also, the recycling center will again have special hours from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday nights starting on May 1<sup>st</sup> and going through September 25<sup>th</sup>. These hours are in addition to its normal Saturday hours.

Cayuga County, which hosts the town's website, has recently upgraded the site. While it's a change and takes a little getting used to it will provide you with a host of information both current and from the past.

As always, I try to be available for any concerns, ideas or suggestions you may have. You can voice any of these by attending a town board meeting, we meet the second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM, or you can contact me directly at (315) 730-3638 or [garymutchler@juno.com](mailto:garymutchler@juno.com)

**From Town Justice Brian Dugan:** Hello Scipio! Please remember to check your registration and inspection sticker.

Be watchful of emergency responders and police vehicles. If you see them on the side of the road give them room. Start slowing down, passing wide and or coming to a complete stop at a safe distance away.

With warmer weather approaching, be aware of farm equipment coming in and out of fields from the main roads.

Please be watchful of kids on bikes and any pedestrians walking on the shoulders of the roads.

If you or anyone you know has a heroin or opioid addiction, please contact the Scipio Town Court.

We have information from different agencies that will provide confidential help.

Thank you to all emergency responders and United States veterans.

### **From Code / Zoning Howard Tanner**

My new office hours are on Wednesdays from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM and I can be reached at (315) 730-7439 or at [scpiocodes@gmail.com](mailto:scpiocodes@gmail.com).

**From Cayuga County Legislator Keith Batman:** As usual, water quality is high on everyone's radar. There were relatively few outbreaks of blue green algae in both Cayuga and Owasco Lakes last year, but the threat posed by these outbreaks is real and will continue. Everyone should

remain vigilant and report any suspicious sightings of algae or invasive plant growth. There are a number of places where concerns can be reported, but you can always turn to the Cayuga County Health Department (<https://www.cayugacounty.us/153/Health-Department>) for help.

A recent development is that the draft of the updated Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations is available for your review and comment. You can access a copy of this on the County website as well. Even though Owasco Lake Watershed rules are the purview of the City of Auburn and the Town of Owasco, the county has been very involved in supporting the efforts to rewrite the rules.

The new County WEB site was rolled out and while there are still some bugs to work through, you can access lots of information about the County and the Town of Scipio through the website and our Town link.

The County continues to work through a number of issues regarding staffing, Departmental organization, and of coarse budgets; if you have any questions, please contact me. You can be sure that I will work diligently on your behalf and on behalf of all residents of Scipio and Cayuga County. Here's hoping for a long spring and summer!

And of course, I continue to be honored and available to serve you as your Cayuga County Legislator.

If you need anything, please call (315) 294-8070 or e-mail [Kbatman@cayugacounty.us](mailto:Kbatman@cayugacounty.us). My first and primary job is to work for you.

**From Highway Superintendent Mark Chamberlain:** We have had a busy winter dealing with the challenges from the snow, the wind and the ice. We are thinking about our spring and summer projects, which means lot of ditching work to be done and that means lots of ditch dirt. So, if you're interested in ditch dirt you can call the town barn at (315) 364-8816. Please leave your name, phone number and street address. and I'll get back to you

**Mulch:** There is a pile of mulch behind the highway barn and anyone interested can come and help themselves.

**From Tom Olenych / Scipio Town Clerk:** Hello to everyone in the Town of Scipio.

As you may or may not know the County has revamped the County website. So, if your looking to access information about your town you can go to (<https://www.cayugacounty.us/936/Scipio-Town>) and that should take you to the town's page.

At the request of a town resident the monthly town board meeting agenda and minutes will be posted on the Town's bulletin board which is outside the town offices to the right of the front door.

In addition to the agendas and minutes there is plenty of other helpful information that is posted. All kind of things such as the town's contact list, how to protect yourself against mosquito and tick bite, veterans' concerns, when received, recycling information and the County's Annual Spring Tree Seedling and Groundcover Sale as well as it's Annual Spring Fish Stocking Sale. So please make use of this valuable resource.

**From Keith Welch / Scipio Zoning Board of Appeals:** Here's hoping that the longer daylight hours and the sun shining with more frequency has put a little hop into your steps. The ZBA has begun to meet bi-monthly on the first Tuesday of the even numbered months (Feb. April, June, August, October and December). Unless posted these meetings are scheduled for 7:00 PM at the Town offices and these meeting are open to the public.

In a sparsely populated community such as Scipio it is not always easy to find people able and willing to be a member of the various boards which make up the town government.

If you would like to become more involved, please contact Town Supervisor Gary Mutchler and he will be glad to add you to a list of willing candidates for the board seats as they become available. Please keep in mind that mowing grass onto the road is not only unsafe for the motorcyclists and bicyclist, it's illegal.

Life Rule #1: Don't get hurt.

Thank you for your time.

**From Town Assessor Heather Garner:** If you would like to schedule an appointment, request a review of the market value of your property, have questions regarding your assessment or exemptions please call me or text me at (315) 806-5500.

It is time to prepare exemptions, property inventory and values for the 2019 Assessment Roll. Notices will be mailed out about May 1<sup>st</sup>. to any property owners with a change of Assessed Value or an exemption removed. You are welcome to stop in during office hours in May while I am “sitting with the rolls” as no appointments are needed. Those hours will be posted at the Town offices, on the outside bulletin board, soon.

The Board of Assessment Review “Grievance Night” will be held on Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>. from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Town offices.

Beginning in June office hours will be by appointment only through the summer months.

As always if you have any questions or concerns you can call me or text me at (315) 806-5500.

### **From Leslie Baxter /Scipio Town Board / Scipio Fire Department EMS**

**Captain:** The Scipio Fire Department would like to remind residents to please check your smoke detector batteries this spring.

We would also like all residents to be aware of the Mandatory New York State Burn Ban that is in effect from March 16<sup>th</sup> thru May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please respect the rules and regulations and refrain from burning during these times.

We will be hosting an open house at the Scipio Fire Department on April 27<sup>th</sup>. from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, as part of the annual Recruit New York Campaign. This year we will be demonstrating vehicle extrication using the Jaws of Life.

The Fire Department is also having a chicken barbecue that day. Probably a good idea to order ahead of time, (315) 364-8922.

Come join us on May 12<sup>th</sup>. from 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM for an “All You Can Eat” Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast, we look forward to seeing you.

### **Vivian Cunningham / Scipio Town Board:**

Greetings, I coordinate the Spring and Fall Clean-Up Days and activities at the Town Transfer Station. We were fortunate to have the support of the Town of Scipio Fire Department members for Fall Clean-Up Day. Of course, we have their support 24/7 for fire and ambulance emergencies. I hope we all can give them our support for upcoming public hearings, votes and events.

We are experiencing increased costs for recycling. This is a national problem as the recycling materials exceed the products produced from recycled materials. New York state Law requires recycle materials be utilized and not placed in landfills. The town encourages the residents to be mindful of their use of plastic and to use recycled plastic materials whenever possible. Small things we all can do to cut down on the amount of plastic waste include such acts as taking a reusable bag to the grocery store, using a water bottle instead of single use drinking bottles, reusing plastic bags, shopping in the bulk food section of the grocery store and composting food waste. There are lots of suggestions on the internet regarding reducing plastic consumption.

We would also like to request residents to collapse cardboard boxes prior to recycling them.

Collapsed boxes allow us to adequately fill the dumpster. Unfortunately, many people do not do this, and we have had to increase the number of cardboard receptacles as a result.

Collapsing cardboard boxes saves the town money.

Thank you for continuing to recycle and participation in Spring and Fall Clean-Up Days.

**Ann Robson / Scipio Planning Board:** Scipio Planning Board seeks volunteers to review the town’s Comprehensive Plan.

A volunteer group of town residents will be forming this summer to review the Town of Scipio Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of a comprehensive plan (comp plan) is to help guide future

growth and development, while protection the quality of life, community values and the wellbeing of town residents. Would you have a few hours to volunteer? Where do you see future growth? Is present land use and infrastructure keeping in tune with the physical, cultural and demographic characteristics of Scipio?

The town board approved our current Town of Scipio Comp Plan in 2011. This document can be viewed at the town office and/or downloaded at [www.cnyrpdb.org/scipiocompplan/docs](http://www.cnyrpdb.org/scipiocompplan/docs). The comp plan is a public, consensus-driven document that our elected officials use as a guide for decision making within the town. It includes our town history, community inventory and focuses on how our community envisions the town’s future, with goals and specific recommendations in support of that vision.

Recently Cayuga County proposed the town review its comp plan in order to integrate changes that have occurred in the past eight years. The town board has approved a review of this document with the support of the Cayuga County Planning Department. Our next step is to invite you to be a member of a volunteer group of town residents who will review the current plan and suggest amendments to the town board.

Your commitment will be to read the current comp plan and participate in a few comp plan meetings starting in June 2019, on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday at 6:30 PM, in the town offices. If you are interested in volunteering for the short-term commitments or have questions please contact Ann Robson, Town of Scipio Planning Board Chair at [arobson@cnydigital.com](mailto:arobson@cnydigital.com) or call (315) 374-1967.

### **From Town Historian Dodie Rowlands: Having fun with history.**

A few months ago, Gay Baynes, a genealogist in Virginia, contacted Scipio to ask for help researching documents relating to ancestors of Lowell Mason back to the Mayflower. Well, the Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock, Mass in 1620, and Scipio NY wasn’t established until 1794. But with the help of other clerks and historians of surrounding towns we have found an amazing amount of information and documentation from the 1800’s, even before vital records were required. Still needed – records not found in Scipio or local towns and villages.

Marriage Certificate/Record of Reginal Barnes Mason (1922 – 2007).

Isabel Vivian Stoker (1927 – 2007) Married in Fleming December 31, 1947.

Marriage Certificate/Record of George G. Barnes (1825 – 1890).

Martha Jane Smith (1830 – 1904) Married in Scipio October 16, 1850.

If anyone has any information about these people, please contact me. Thanks!

Also, there is interest in the history of the cemetery that used to be where Dugan’s Country Grill now stands. There is some information on record about the stones being removed when the building was being built, around 1952.

In February I had the pleasure of giving a tour of my house to descendants of Captain George Whitfield (the war of 1812) who lived here in this old house in the mid-1800’s. He lived to be 93 and is buried in the Scipio Rural Cemetery.

All displays, notebooks, booklets, etc., in the History Corner, at the town offices are open to the public for viewing during regular town clerk hours. I encourage all to take a look. If anyone wants to take anything home, on a short-term loan please contact me.

For more Scipio history check out [theopendoreproject.com](http://theopendoreproject.com) and [howlandstonestore.org](http://howlandstonestore.org).

Our ancestors may never have thought that generations later we would be so interested in who they were and what they were like. Hope you are all valuing the present, appreciating the past and looking forward to the future.

Dodie Rowlands / Town of Scipio Historian

(315) 364-7682 or [dodiescipio@gmail.com](mailto:dodiescipio@gmail.com) (e-mail preferred).

**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.

