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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

Monday 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

### Supervisor Hours

by appointment (315) 730-3638

### 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.

### Fall Cleanup Day

Saturday October 5th., 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.

### 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

### Additional Summer Hours

**Wednesdays Only**

**May 1st. through September 25th.**

**5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**



### 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 Oct.5th. 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.

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	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
	Dodie Rowlands	(315) 364-7682
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	Mark Chamberlain	(315) 364-8719
	Heather Garner	(315) 806-5500
	Carl Collier	(315) 253-4367
	Howard Tanner	(315) 730-7439
	DJ Grady	(315) 224-1817
Justice	<a href="http://co.cayuga.ny.us/scipio">co.cayuga.ny.us/scipio</a>	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	<a href="mailto:scipiotown@gmail.com">scipiotown@gmail.com</a>	
Deputy Registrar / Town Clerk		
Historian		
Highway Superintendent		
Assessor		
Animal Control Officer		
Code Enforcement Officer		
Transfer Station Attendant		
Website		
Email		

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.

### **From Town Supervisor Gary Mutchler:**

Change, it's said, is the one great constant. But change can be hard. Whether it's self-initiated or imposed from the outside, change challenges us, stretches us and often makes us uncomfortable. In fact, I'm writing this on July 31<sup>st</sup>. on the heels of torrential rain, hail and 50 mile per hour winds at the farm. Talk about uncomfortable.

Yet Change is inevitable, and necessary for growth and progress – for individuals, groups and communities. As with most things, the way we navigate and respond to change is often more important than the change itself.

Our community is facing a number of changes in the coming months, and we have a wonderful opportunity to reap real benefits for our town and its residents.

First, remember town elections will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>. I encourage all to make our voices heard and come to the Scipio Fire Company to cast your vote. Please note the change in location due to space constraints at the town offices.

Regarding those space constraints, we have hired an architect to discuss renovations of the current office space. While structurally sound, it's evident that upgrades would help us better serve the growing needs of the town. Stay tuned for more details.

And finally, please read the article regarding the Town of Scipio Comprehensive Plan. The Comp Plan Update Committee has kicked off it's efforts to review the document that helps guide the town's future growth, development and community preservation. This is a critical process and it's important the updated plan reflect who we are and our collective goals as a community.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve our community and please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns ([garymutchler@juno.com](mailto:garymutchler@juno.com)).

### **From Cayuga County Legislator Keith Batman:**

With the early appearance of Blue Green Algae on Cayuga Lake, the bloom season has begun. As I have written in other newsletters, the threat posed by these outbreaks is real, significant 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 Count Health Department (<https://www.cayugacounty.us/153/Health-Department>) for help.

On another water quality note, the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations revision is entering the final review stage. The Town of Owasco and the City of Auburn, who have jurisdiction over Owasco Lake rules, are preparing the final rules and regulations which will be sent to the NYS Health Department for review and approval. This is the first revision of any watershed rules in the Finger Lakes in many years and is being closely watched by people throughout the Finger Lakes. No word on when final action at the State level can be expected once they receive the document from Auburn and the Town of Owasco.

As many of you are aware, there have been a number of administrative upheavals at the County level since the last newsletter communication. While the departure of our County Administrator and the Emergency Management Office Director were disruptive, the County continues to work and to function thanks in large part to a very committed group of employees who day in and day out come to work and do the job. We should all be grateful for the focus and hard work of our neighbors who keep the County working.

We are entering budget season and once again I will be focused on working to create and approve a budget that provides essential services while keeping the tax rate below the tax cap.

As always, I encourage you to contact me if you have any concerns or questions. My e-mail address is [kbatman@cayugacounty.us](mailto:kbatman@cayugacounty.us).

### **From Town of Scipio Court / Brian Dugan, Deb Kellogg & Eron Klipple:**

Be sure to check your inspection and registration stickers, avoid costly fines.

School will be starting soon so please watch out for stopped school buses and be careful of your speed in school zones. Violations could cost you your license and somebody's life.

We have many agencies for drug abuse, domestic violence, and senior citizen abuse. If you yourself need help or know of anyone needing these services please contact the court, we can help. Let's keep our community safe and happy.

Fall means harvest time so please watch out for large farm equipment moving on the roads, be patient and avoid accidents.

Respect our highway department, these men and women are working for you to keep our roads maintained and safe. Protect their safety and avoid tickets by observing speed limits in work zones and behind snowplows.

Thank you for driving safely.

### **From Highway Superintendent Mark Chamberlain:**

We are finishing up our road work for the year and getting ready for fall mowing. We are also getting our equipment ready and filling our salt shed for the upcoming winter weather.

The highway department is also looking for a part time snowplow wing person for the upcoming winter season. If you are interested in knowing more about the position, please call (315) 364-7754. In recent months there have been a lot of vehicle, garage and outbuilding robberies in our town. We are a small community and need to watch out for each other.

If you are the victim of a robbery or have any information regarding a robbery that has taken place you need to contact the New York State Police.

### **From Town Clerk Tom Olenych: Voting Dates:**

**NOTE: The polling place for the November elections will at the Scipio Fire Company, NOT at the town offices as in past years.**

**Ticks:** A few weeks ago, I had reason to call the NYS Bureau of Vital Statistics regarding a marriage license and, as always, they were very helpful in answering my questions.

After my questions had been answered the gentleman I was talking with asked if the town was experiencing a tick problem. He was asking because two of his sons had been bitten and both suffered medical complications as a result.

I told him I was not aware of ticks being any more a problem in Scipio than any place else and to date I personally had not heard of any incidences of humans or pet being bitten.

He then gave me some information about a very good website dedicated to the early detection of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses ([ticknology.org](http://ticknology.org)).

We ended our conversation with me telling him I would put something in the Fall Newsletter alerting residents to the problem and directing them to the website.

And this brings us to the bulletin boards hanging outside the front door to the town offices. These are there to provide residents with useful information about things such as ticks, HAB (harmful algae blooms) which can be very harmful to our lakes and other health related issues. In addition, there is information about upcoming community events and benefits, recycling of hazardous waste and household electronics information, town official's office hours as well as a contact list of all town officials.

Please make use of this resource and if there is something, you'd like to post or if you'd like a copy of something that is posted just let me know and I'll see that its done.

### **Public interest announcement from Duke Energy Renewables:**

The public is invited to attend a Duke Energy Renewables, Scipio Solar Project Open House, to be held at the Scipio Fire Company on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Open House will be from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

Duke is proposing to construct and operate a 20mw solar facility located on Center Road in the Town of Scipio. The Project will help advance New York State's renewable energy goals which mandate that by 2030 70% of all electrical power shall be supplied by renewable sources.

Project experts from the development, environment and construction teams will be available to meet with residents and answer questions relating to all phases of the Project development and operation. Renderings of the Project and handouts describing the Project will be available and a Project overview will be provided at 6:00 PM.

We look forward to the opportunity to meet with local residents and we thank you for your interest. In the meantime, prior to the October 10<sup>th</sup>, meeting if there are any questions please contact Bob Charlebois at (802) 345-9811.

### **From Ann Robson / Chair Town Planning Board:**

Are you looking for something interesting to read? May I suggest the Town of Scipio's Comprehensive Plan. I'm certain you will find it thought provoking. You may be a lifelong resident of Scipio or a recent transplant. The town's plan functions as the legal foundation for all land use decisions, it defines the community's vision, provides guidelines for development and establishes goals and objectives. What thoughts come to mind after reading this document? Our committee working on the update would like to hear from you. This fall at the town's Clean-Up Day, October 5<sup>th</sup> and again on Election Day, November 5<sup>th</sup> members of the committee will be present to gather your opinions. <http://www.cayugacounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/9577/Comprehensive-Plan-for-the-town-of-Scipio?bidId=>.

The Comprehensive Plan is an active tool and reference for decision-making boards of the town. It is a guide for taking actions in the best interest of the town and its residents. The Comprehensive Plan provides an overall framework that reflect current conditions and articulate Scipio's vision for its future.

The Town of Scipio's Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the town board in 2011. Every ten years it is recommended to review and update the plan. The Town of Scipio's Comprehensive Plan Update Committee has been busy this summer meeting monthly to discuss our community's vision and plan. This volunteer committee is comprised of town Planning Board members and a cross-section of Scipio residents.

Part of the update process will include a SEQR review, the county Municipal 239 review will be scheduled, and a public hearing will be planned before the Town of Scipio Comprehensive Plan Update is presented for adoption by the Town Board.

Of other interest...Duke Energy Renewables has applied for a Special Use permit to construct an 18 MW (DC) solar power array facility on Center Road. A public hearing will be scheduled after the county Municipal 239 review is complete. As this newsletter went to print the public hearing is TBA.

### **From Town Assessor Heather Garner:**

Autumn is quickly approaching which means Exemption Time for the Assessor. Exemption Renewal Application for Low Income Senior Citizens and Agriculture exemptions will be mailed in just a couple of months. **REMINDER: ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE SCPIO ASSESSMENT OFFICE NO LATER THAN MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>. 2020.** Send in a self-addressed stamped envelope and I will return a receipt back to you for your records.

ARE YOU A VETERAN, PERMANENTLY DISABLED OR HAVE YOUR LAND FARMED? You may be eligible for a partial exemption. Applications are available for pick up at the Town Offices or you may print them from home from the New York State Tax and Finance website ([www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov)).

Please feel free to stop in and chat with me during open Assessment Walk-In office hours October to February. I will be available in Scipio on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, and in Venice the same days from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. I look forward to seeing you soon.

If you have a time sensitive need please give me a call at (315) 806-5500.

### **From Leslie Baxter / Scipio Fire Company EMS Captain:**

The Scipio Fire Company will have our Fall Sportsman raffle and all you can eat pancake breakfast on Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. from 7:30 AM until 12:00 Noon. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any member of the fire department or at the breakfast.

Fire prevention week will be the second week of October, we will once again be at Southern Cayuga Central School to share our knowledge with the students.

The fire department continues to explore our options to provide the Town of Scipio residents with the best possible fire protection available.

Please stay tuned for more information and come out to support your community volunteer firefighters.

### **From Southern Cayuga Instant Aid (SCIA):**

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy year in Scipio, but if life happens be assured SCIA and the Scipio Fire Company have your backs. SCIA has responded to 27 calls so far this year in Scipio, with many recent motor vehicle crashes and serious life threats, including active heart attacks and strokes.

The most recent medical call in Scipio started at 2:43 AM and SCIA was en-route to the scene in four minutes with driver (Joey Eframson) and ALS provider (Joe Doeing) and on the scene by 2:55 AM to a chest pain call. With the help of Scipio crew Tim Weir and Cassie Ryan, the patient was loaded onto a rig and procedures started. The patient then suddenly went into cardiac arrest and with the support of both SCIA and the Scipio crew CPR was started, and the patient was shocked back into a normal rhythm with a defibrillator. The patient was then transported to Cayuga Medical Center, to have a catheter placed inside the patient's heart to open up blocked coronary arteries and prevent further heart damage, all within an hour of the start of the call.

Kudos to both SCIA and Scipio crews for saving the patient's life and supporting the family of the patient. SCIA is currently a 24/7, paramedic level not for profit ambulance with at station EMS personnel and/or volunteer drivers from home to help ensure the highest level of pre-hospital care in a timely manner for our Southern Cayuga Rural Community. SCIA is here to serve our local community!

Thank you for your support.

### **From Town Historian Dodie Rowlands:**

Since the last newsletter several people have made donations to our History Collection.

Thank you to: Marilyn Chamberlain for large book of maps of Cayuga County 1904, and an original document on the naming of Hunter Road.

Jerri Bernard for records of Biggar (VFW) and Grant Families.

Sarah Meixell for pieced wagon wheel quilt made in the early 1900's, which has an estimated 200 Scipio names written in the spokes. The quilt was displayed at the 1994 bicentennial of The Town of Scipio. Now it has been donated to the town.

I was happy to be able to assist several who made inquiries about early Scipio people and places.

A current project is to raise funds to restore the gravestone of Judge Seth Sherwood who was one of Scipio's earliest settlers. In est. 1794 he built a log house in the area which became know as Sherwood Corners, and was instrumental in having Sherwood named the county seat in 1804. He died in 1820. In 1919 the cemetery where he was buried was dismantled, and his remains were disinterred and moved to Sherwood Cemetery on Route 34B. Now his gravestone has seriously deteriorated and is in need of restoration.

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

For more Scipio history check out <https://scipiocenterny.blogspot.com>, [theopendoreproject.com](http://theopendoreproject.com) or [howlandstonestore.org](http://howlandstonestore.org).

Town of Scipio Historian [dodiescipio@gmail.com](mailto:dodiescipio@gmail.com) preferred or (315) 364-7682.

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

Greetings, I would like to thank everyone for working to keep our community clean and for participating in clean-up day in the Spring. We also had a wonderful participation of the Scipio Fire Company members who spent the entire day assisting town residents with clean-up day. The Fire Department deserves our support for their fund raisers as they are there for us 24/7 and we can never thank them enough. Fall clean-up day is set for Saturday October 5, 2019.

When planning for Fall Clean-Up, think about recycling materials that are gently used to the Rescue Mission in the Walmart Plaza for the benefit of families in Cayuga County: clothes, shoes, furniture, working appliances, etc. They will pick up large furniture and provide a receipt for a tax deduction. For more information call (315) 453-7242.

I would like to thank the town residents for making a concerted effort to collapse their boxes prior to putting them in the box dumpster. It does make a difference. The Town is experiencing increased costs for recycling. This is partly due to the difficulty in finding uses for recycled materials and increased recycle materials. While we encourage our residents to recycle, the transfer station is a service that is for the **Town of Scipio residents only**. Unfortunately, residents from other towns occasionally use the transfer station thinking it is a free service. Town of Scipio tax dollars pay for recycling. It is not free. It is also considered littering to use the transfer station outside of posted hours. Littering is associated with a fine. We appreciate your cooperation.

NYS has passed a ban on single use plastic bags that will go into effect March 1, 2020. This will require taking a reusable bag to the grocery store or use a provided paper bag. To date, Cayuga County has not placed a fee on paper grocery bags (according to law counties can), but they certainly add to the landfill if people use paper bags! There are exceptions to the law which include plastic bags for the following: uncooked meat/fish/poultry, bulk items, sliced/prepared foods, prescription drugs, newspaper delivery, bulk trash bags, food storage, garment bags, prepackaged bags and bags or carry out restaurants.

**Writers urgently needed!** 'Scipio Writers for Firefighters'. We are forming a temporary group of people with writing skills to assist the Scipio Fire Company with writing the final plan for the development of the new fire districts. If you have writing skills, experience with grants or technical writing, and have ever slept at night knowing the fire department is there if you need them, please consider joining our group. We will be working in the Fall on 2019. The scope and commitment is limited.

**The Scipio Fire Company needs our help.** If you can spare some time, please text or e-mail Vivian Cunningham (315) 567-9949 or vivian.cunningham@gmail.com.

**Recycling Events: Electronics Only:** Saturday October 5, 2019 at Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES, 1879 West Genesee Street Road, Auburn, NY, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Accepting TVs, computers, ink cartridges and more. A \$10.00 donation for each TV and CRT monitor is requested.

**No freon and No propane.**

**Household Hazardous Waste:** Saturday October 26, 2019. Accepted items include chemicals, pesticides, oil paint, antifreeze, gas & oil mix, light bulbs and much more.

**YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER.** Pre-registration available online starting August 1, 2019 at (<http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga>) Go to "registrations" for a class or event. The time and place for this event will only be posted on the pre-registration blog. In the event you are having difficulty registering you can contact Peggy Lillie at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County at (315) 255-1183 Ext. 238.

**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.