

Town of Scipio Newsletter  
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Spring  
2020



Greetings from Burns Road, and a happy early spring to you all. It has been a busy start to 2020, and we have a great deal to share. I want to begin by thanking Leslie Baxter and Tom Olenych for their dedicated service to the town as councilperson and clerk, and I'd also like to welcome Susan "Dee" Allen and Ann Robson into their new roles as board member and town clerk, respectively. I also want to thank the board for encouraging Mark Ferrari and me to attend the Association of Towns Annual Meeting in New York City, February 16-19. We sat in on a number of helpful sessions, spoke with several trade show vendors, and came back with much valuable information. We were especially interested in learning more about solar farms, as we continue to evaluate the project proposed by Duke Energy for the Carter Farm just east of Scipio Center.

Other sessions on cemetery management, land surveying technology, financial management, and communications and social media strategies were all extremely informative and will be helpful to the town's leadership this year.

Regarding the Duke proposal, we appreciate the large community attendance and participation at the public hearing in December. We continue to receive great input from our attorney and the previous and current code enforcement officers. As Mark and I attended the classes in NYC, we came away reassured that we have been guided very well.

Finally, I want to publicly thank the highway crew for their diligent work in maintaining our roads during this winter season. Since the one crew comes past my house near the start of their round, I know how early these guys are up and at it. But by the time this newsletter arrives at your home, all of the white stuff should be gone, and crews will be busy cleaning ditches and preparing for paving and mowing.

As always, thank you for your contributions to our community, and if you have questions or concerns, please contact me either by phone at 315-730-3638 or by email [garymutchler@juno.com](mailto:garymutchler@juno.com).

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Code Enforcement	315.729.3921

TALK WITH YOUR  
COUNTY LEGISLATOR  
KEITH BATMAN,  
DISTRICT 7

Keith will have open hours  
at the Scipio Town Office to  
meet with constituents on

Saturday, April 25th  
10 am to noon

Ask your questions,  
share your concerns and  
comments.

If you are unable to attend,  
you can contact Keith:  
[kbatman@cayugacounty.us](mailto:kbatman@cayugacounty.us)  
or call 315.294.8070



Hello Neighbors,

I'm pleased to report that, at long last, we're beginning to process of remodeling the Town Office. While there was some early discussion about the possibility of constructing additional office and meeting space, the Board ultimately decided to proceed only with an upgrade to the existing space and the addition of an entry vestibule serving both the Town Office and Town Court.

Our goals are to stabilize the existing structure, which has experienced some degradation due to poor drainage and insulation, improved functionality and appearance of the office, and improved energy efficiency through an upgrade to our heating and cooling equipment, lighting and insulation. We also plan to replace the inadequate lighting in the old Town Garage with efficient LED fixtures. We have engaged an architect to assist us, and hope to be ready with drawings and specifications for bidding in April. Any interested contractors please feel free to contact me!

Best,

Mark Ferrari, Scipio Town Board

## News from the Town Historian

The next time you visit the Town Office, I invite you to take a look at the photos, quilts, and artifacts on display. All displays, books, booklets, etc. in the History Corner are open to the public for viewing during Town Clerk Office hours. If you want to take anything home on short term loan, please contact me.

For more Scipio history check out:

[scipiocenterny.blogspot.com](http://scipiocenterny.blogspot.com)

[theopendoorproject.com](http://theopendoorproject.com)

[howlandstonestore.org](http://howlandstonestore.org)

A current project is to restore the grave stone 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 known 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 moved to Sherwood Cemetery on Rt 34B. Now his gravestone has seriously deteriorated and in need of restoration. Donations are being accepted toward this project. If you would like to donate, please contact me via email at [dodiescipio@gmail.com](mailto:dodiescipio@gmail.com) or call/ text 315.364.7682.

Regards, Dodie Rowlands



Did you know Ensenore Hotel was built in 1875 by George Clark. It was a post office, a rail road station and a place for the touring boats from Auburn to stop. Picture County Historians Office



*The cost of Trash Bag stickers for the first time in 11 years has been raised from \$2.50 to \$3.00/sticker.*

GREETINGS FROM BOARD MEMBER, VIVIAN CUNNINGHAM

**Clean Up Day is Saturday, May 2, 2020.** We appreciate the support of the community for the Town of Scipio Clean Up Day. The Scipio Volunteer Fire Department has assisted with Clean Up Days. We appreciate their support and their continued 24/7 protection on our community.

The cost of recycling has risen dramatically as it becomes more difficult to find resources for recycled waste. In NYS it is illegal to dump recycling in the landfill. So, we need to be cautious that we are recycling appropriately. As a reminder:

**For the cardboard container:** Shipping boxes, cereal boxes, egg cartons, paper towel & TP rolls  
*Recycle Better tips:* Flatten the boxes to save room. Make sure everything is clean and dry. No waxy coatings, please!

**For the Paper container:** Office paper, newspaper, paper bags, magazines, and junk mail.  
*Recycle Better tips:* Everything should be clean and dry. Staples and envelope windows are OK. No books please! (Try donating them instead).

**For the Glass/Plastic/Metal container:** Plastic drink bottles, milk jugs, yogurt cups, tubs and lids, shampoo bottles, soda & beer cans, soup & vegetable cans, foil, beverage bottles, & pickle jars.  
*Recycle Better tips:* Make sure everything is clean and dry. To save room in your bin, squish the bottles/cans. Put the caps back on so they won't slip through the cracks in our equipment. **No** bags or other plastics please! (Bags can often be returned to your grocery store). **No** Pyrex, ceramics, or window glass please! (Broken items belong in the trash; donate unbroken items). Ball up your clean foil. **No** miscellaneous scrap metal items please! (Save those for Clean Up day.)

**What doesn't belong:** Bagged items, food waste, clothing, batteries, electronics, small items like plastic silverware and straws, 'tangles' (like rope, hoses, clothes hangers) scrap metal.

You cannot put shredded paper into the paper container unless it is in a paper bag. Unfortunately, shredded paper is very difficult to recycle because the paper fibers have been damaged. Here are some alternative suggestions for your shredded documents. First ask people to stop sending junk mail and attempt to do more confidential work online using a passport manager (like Last Pass) to protect your online identity. If you must shred, purchase a good cross shredder. Shredded paper can be composted (not glossy or with cellophane windows), used as pet bedding, for packing, added to mulch, to make seedling pots, used for starting a fire in your woodstove or for making paper mache or fire starter bricks, extend kitty litter, or even scenting it with oil and making a sachet! Be creative.

Clothing no longer used or needed can be taken to the Walmart parking lot and donated along with household items for people in need locally. If you are needing clothes or household items how about shopping at the Thrifty Shopper in the Marshall's Plaza? Again, profits benefit local Cayuga County residents.

Think about upcycling what you have around the house. I found truly creative projects on the internet such as a crib made into a table for children, a old boat made into a hanging bed, an old suitcase turned into a medicine cabinet, pallets turned into a home cinema, an old piano turned into a bookshelf, a trampoline made into a cute hanging swing and multiple great projects. Instead of buying new get the creative juices going and try to upcycle, recycle or reuse what we already have.

Thank you for cooperating with the Town of Scipio Transfer Station hours and recycling guidelines. We will begin Wednesday summer hours on May 1<sup>st</sup> open 5-8 PM. Please remember that using the Transfer Station outside of open hours is considered littering and subject to fines. Your tax dollars support recycling and the Transfer Station is open for Scipio Residents only.

## RABIES CLINIC

Homestead Large Animal Clinic will conduct the rabies clinic on Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 10am to 1pm at the Highway Barn, \$10 per pet.



Is your dog licensed with the town? Contact the Town Clerk on the status of your pet.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Now that the warm weather is upon us we have a lot of road work and ditching to do. Anyone interested can call and leave us a message. Please leave your name, number and address. During the winter we have had a lot of utility poles replaced. If you have any poles left in your ditch let us know at 315.364.7754. Leave a message and we will get back to you. Thank You Mark Chamberlain

## Town Clerk

During this time of social distancing due to the COVID 19 crisis the Town Clerk office is closed to the public. You can contact me via phone, fax, and email. When this directive is changed an announcement will be made. We will resume clerk hours on Monday 9 am -1 pm, Wednesday 2-5pm and Saturday 9 am - noon. Would you like to receive the town news via email? Please contact the town with your email address. [scipiotown@gmail.com](mailto:scipiotown@gmail.com) or call 315.364.5740 or fax 315.364.6802.

Job Positions: Town Court Clerk and Town Office Cleaner. Contact Town Clerk for job descriptions. [scipiotown@gmail.com](mailto:scipiotown@gmail.com) or call 315.364.5740.

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