



# Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

AUGUST 2024

## Birthday Cake of the Month!!



Join us in celebrating Schuyler Birthdays!

Each month, submitted names will be drawn for a Birthday Cake.

Please submit Birthdays (name, date of birthday, and phone number) by the 15th of each month to:

birthdays@townofschuyler.org  
or drop form off (see page 2) at the Town Office (no phone calls please)



## Schuyler Car and Corn Show Saturday, August 10, 2024

### Featuring musical guest Gridley Paige!!

### Full details on page 3



## -Town Dumpster -

Saturday, August 17: 8 A.M.- 4 P.M.

Sunday, August 18: 8 A.M.- Noon

### Items Accepted:

(Limited to (1) Pickup Truck Load (4 cubic yd.)

- Green Waste (Brush, Grass, Leaves)
- White Goods & Metals (Household Appliances)
- Stuffed Furniture, Mattresses, Rugs
- Batteries

### Items Not Accepted:

- Construction & Demolition Materials
- Chemicals, Oil, Toxic Containers
- Large Tires (over 16"); Tractor Tires
- Household Garbage
- Paint Cans
- Recyclables



### Additional Charge:

- Car Tires up to 16" - \$6 each
- Car Tires up to 16" with Rims - \$9 each

Permits available from the Town Clerk's Office for \$10/yr.  
Proof of Town Residency (valid driver's license) Required

## Schuyler Historical Society Old Home Day Picnic

Sunday, August 25, 2024 12 P.M. to 3 P.M.

John A. LaPolla Post 8728 on Wood Lane

Grand Raffle Prize is a Deck Storage Bench.  
Additional Raffle Prizes and details can be found on page 5





## July Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Gene Primarolo, whose Birthday is July 21st!



### Schuyler Birthday Form

Birthday Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop off at Schuyler Town Office or e-mail to Birthdays@townofschuyler.org by the 15th of the month.

Thank you to Jayme Moore of *Moore Please Bakery* for this month's cake

## Submitted July Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Maria Kierpiec	July 3	Joe Salamone	July 3
Mike Servello	July 4	Colton Sanderson	July 5
Rick Proulx	July 8	Skyler Perkins	July 8
Jean Finster	July 9	Christine Loiacano	July 12
Renee Elwell	July 14	Tim Pavlus	July 24
Dominick Loiacano	July 28	Janet Platts	July 31

### East Schuyler Methodist Church

Sunday Mass is at 9:30 A.M.

118 Church Road in Schuyler



### West Schuyler Methodist Church

Sunday Mass is at 10 A.M.

297 Wood Lane in Schuyler



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**24TH ANNUAL**

**3PM  
TO  
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# SCHUYLER CAR & CORN



**EXTRA V A G A N Z A**

**FREE ADMISSION - RAIN OR SHINE!**

**\$1,000 GRAND PRIZE CORN ON  
THE COB EATING CONTEST!**

LIVE MUSIC • GRIDLEY PAIGE • CAR SHOW • FOOD TRUCKS  
FIREWORKS • BOUNCE HOUSES • FACE PAINTING • CRAFT SHOW  
DOG SHOW WITH CUTEST DOG & BEST TRICK • ROVERS DO OVER ADOPTION TENT  
KID'S HULA HOOP CONTEST • MULTIPLE VENDORS • HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES  
AXE THROWING • COUNTY SHERIFF CHILD SAFETY ID'S



**SCHUYLER RECREATION CENTER • 282 WOOD LANE • UTICA, NY**



## TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meetings are held Saturdays from 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. on:  
September 14  
November 9



The Exhibit Room is open to the public on Wednesdays from 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

### The Schuyler Chronicles Issue 3 - August 2024

*This month the Schuyler Historical Society is excited to tell you about two beautiful items in our exhibit room. Homes long ago were decorated with items that seem unusual by today's tastes. Two such items are a beautifully framed human hair wreath (donated by Bette Jo Caldwell) and a white feather wreath (donated by Betty Robbins Currier).*

*Hair art has its roots in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries when mortality rates were high. The keeping and saving of hair for use in jewelry or other crafts (such as wreaths) was common. However, it wasn't until the Victorian era (1837-1901), Queen Victoria wore a hair necklace of her husband, Prince Consort Albert, when he passed which sparked interest in hair art. Hair art also gained interest again with the Civil War. It became customary to make art from hair as a memorial for the deceased. In addition to remembrance of the dead, such art was also made from hair of the living as tokens of friendship.*

*Many wreaths were placed in the frame in a "U" shape symbolizing the dead's ascent upward to heaven. Closed circle wreaths were also popular as they represented everlasting life. When hair was crafted into art form, it usually took the shapes of flowers which were added to the wreaths. Beads, buttons, seashells, dried flowers, and seeds were also often included in the wreaths as adornments. When finished, wreaths would be mounted on silk or velvet backgrounds in shadow box frames which were then hung in the family home in remembrance and then passed down through the generations becoming a sort of family tree.*

*By the time World War I came around, hair art lost its popularity. People were more involved with the world around them and more issues demanded their attention. With the popularity and availability of cameras, photographs could now remind people of their loved ones as they once were in life and they no longer needed to memorialize them with locks of their hair.*

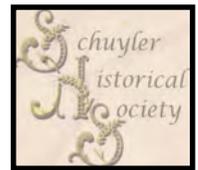
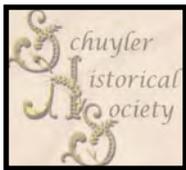
*If you would like to see these beautiful framed pieces of art, please drop by our exhibit room on Wednesdays from 10-12. Thank you for your interest in The Schuyler Chronicles.*

*This article was submitted by Marie Grose, President, and Christine Proulx, Recording Secretary.*



## *The Town of Schuyler Historical Society*

*is hosting the Old Home Day Family Picnic on Sunday, August 25, 2024 from 12pm to 3pm at the John LaPolla VFW on Wood Lane in Schuyler (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE). There will be plenty of great food, door prizes, and games for children. It is free to all Town of Schuyler residents. Raffle tickets will be available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and will include prizes such as a 27 Gallon Rattan Wicker Outdoor Storage Bench, \$100 Cash prize, a Kindle Fire 8, and more.*

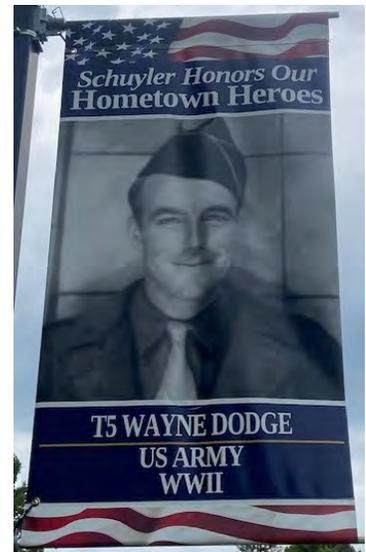


***YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!!***

*Hope to see you there*



### **Additional Hometown Heroes Banners Displayed at Town Hall**





**Planning Board Meeting - May 29, 2024**

\*\* Planning Board Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved \*\*

**Planning Board Members Present:**

Vice Chairman David Fusillo, Dale Dodge, Jean Finster, Micheal Ritter, Dan Tripoli, and Alternate Member Catherine Nimey. Absent was Chairman Victor Costanza and James Digristina.

**Also Present Were:**

Councilmen Joseph Juliano and Rodney Dodge, Herkimer County Legislator Ron Beach, Alan Swierczek, Lucas Saltsman, Herkimer County IDA CEO John Piseck, ZBA member Robert Wasyleski, Mark Kislyak, Pavel Kisylak, Cate Ricci, and Mike Lavelle.

Vice Chairman Fusillo called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Motion to Approve Water Tower Project:**

Motion by Dale Dodge, second by Michael Ritter that the Water Tower project at the current business park be approved by the Planning Board; all in favor.

**Application by Aldrich Trucking & Sawing, Inc.:**

Applicant Ryan Aldrich and engineer Alan Swierczek explained the project with detail. It would be a 30,000 square foot building in the current business park with office and aggregate material storage. The SWPP package is 90% done; there will be a pumping station with a 10,000 gallon tank, majority of business traffic will be early morning and late afternoon. There will be 22 trucks and approximately 30 employees. Motion by Michael Ritter, second by Dan Tripoli to adopt resolution of intent to act as lead agency and set a public hearing on the project for Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.; all in favor.

**Moton to Close:**

There being no additional business, a motion to close the Planning Board meeting was made by Catherine Nimey and seconded by Dan Tripoli; all in favor.

Submitted by Jeffery Dingman  
Planning Board Secretary

**Planning Board Meeting - June 5, 2024**

\*\* Planning Board Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved \*\*

**Planning Board Members Present:**

Chairman Victor Costanza, Vice Chairman David Fusillo, Dale Dodge, Jean Finster, Micheal Ritter, and James Digristina. Absent was Dan Tripoli and Alternate Member Catherine Nimey.

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**Planning Board Meeting - June 5, 2024 cont'd.**

\*\* Planning Board Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved \*\*

**Also Present Were:**

Councilman Rodney Dodge and Herkimer County Legislator Ron Beach.

Chairman Costanza called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Motion to Approve May 1, 2024 Minutes:**

Motion by Dale Dodge, second by Michael Ritter that the May 1, 2024 Planning Board minutes be approved; all in favor.

**Motion to Close:**

There being no additional business, a motion to close the Planning Board meeting at 6:10 P.M. was made by David Fusillo and seconded by Jim Digristina; all in favor.

Submitted by Jeffery Dingman  
Planning Board Secretary

**Planning Board Public Hearing - June 19, 2024**

\*\* Planning Board Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved \*\*

**Planning Board Members Present:**

Vice Chairman David Fusillo, Dale Dodge, Jean Finster, and James Digristina. Absent was Chairman Victor Costanza, Michael Ritter, Daniel Tripoli and Alternate Member Catherine Nimey.

**Also Present Were:**

Councilman Rodney Dodge, Ryan Aldrich, and Alan Swierczek.

**Open Public Hearing:**

Vice Chairman Fusillo opened the public hearing at 6:00 P.M. and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Applicant Ryan Aldrich and engineer Alan Swierczek provided a brief explanation of the project which had been fully explained at a previous Planning Board meeting. An opportunity for board comment and public comment was provided – there was none.

**Motion to Close Public Hearing:**

Motion by Jim Digristina, second by David Fusillo to close the public hearing; all in favor.

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**Planning Board Public Hearing - June 19, 2024 cont'd.**

**\*\* Planning Board Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved \*\***

**Motion for Resolution to Confirm Lead Agency Status:**

Motion by Jim Digristina, second by Dale Dodge for resolution to confirm lead agency status; all in favor.

**Motion to Close SEQR:**

Motion by Dale Dodge, second by Jean Finster to close SEQR; all in favor.

**Motion to Adopt Negative Resolution:**

Motion by Dave Fusillo, second by Jim Digristina to adopt negative resolution; all in favor.

**Motion to Approve Project:**

Motion by Jim Digristina, second by Dale Dodge to approve project; all in favor.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the Planning Board meeting was made at 6:05 P.M. by Jean Finster with a second by Jim Digristina; all in favor.

*Submitted by Jeffery Dingman  
Planning Board Secretary*

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**Town Board Public Hearing Wood Lane Park Grant - July 10, 2024**

**\*\* Town Board Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved \*\***

Supervisor Lucenti opened the Public Hearing and said we put in for a grant last year and we did not get it. He said he would like to put in for another grant with a 50/50 match and hire Jerry Silverman.

There was no public comment. The Public Hearing was then closed.

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge to submit application and hire Jerry Silverman; all in favor.

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**Town Board Meeting - July 10, 2024**

Supervisor Lucenti led the assembled people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and called the regular Town Board Meeting to order.

**Council Members Present:**

Supervisor Anthony Lucenti, Councilmen Joe Juliano and Rodney Dodge. Absent were Councilwoman Bette Szesny and Councilman Eric Kane.

**Also Present Were:**

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson, Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, Assessor George Haskell, and Codes Enforcement Officer Phil Green. Town Residents present were: Tim Riecker, Don Haman, Dale Dodge, and Kayla & Edward Sergott.

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**Town Board Meeting - July 10, 2024 cont'd.**

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**Minutes of June 12, 2024:**

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge that the minutes of June 12, 2024 be approved as printed; all in favor.

**Pay Bills:**

Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano that the bills be paid as presented; all in favor.

**Assessor Report by George Haskell:**

Assessor George Haskell said the final role has been turned in. He said on the Enhanced Star forms for 2025, they have to be filed after January 1, 2025.

**Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green:**

Codes Officer Philip Green said he has been doing inspections and there have been several issues with Property Maintenance.

Town Insurance Renewal - David Crane, Mang Insurance:

David Crane, from Mang Insurance went over the insurance policy for the Town of Schuyler.

Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano that the Town of Schuyler renews the insurance policy, in the amount of \$42,943.75; all in favor.

**Supervisor's Report:**

NYSAMCC Annual Conference for Judges September 22 through September 25, 2024

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge authorizing the Judges to go to the conference; all in favor.

NYSAMCC Annual Conference for Court Clerks September 28 through October 2, 2024

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge authorizing the Court Clerks to go to the conference; all in favor.

BRIC FEMA Grant: Sterling Creek

Supervisor Lucenti said the Town of Schuyler did not get the BRIC FEMA Grant.

Herkimer County Animal Shelter

Supervisor Lucenti said Herkimer County Animal Shelter wants \$250.00 per dog for medical exam and \$25.00 per day for board. He said Steven -Swan Humane Society wanted \$300 per dog for medical exam and \$75.00 per day for board.

Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano to hire Herkimer County Animal Shelter; all in favor.

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**Town Board Meeting - July 10, 2024 cont'd.**

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Pro Housing Letter

Supervisor Lucenti said there is a Pro Housing letter, stating that you support housing in your area or town. He said he spoke to John Piseck regarding this and John suggested that we submit the letter that the Town of Schuyler supports Pro Housing.

Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano that the Town supports the Pro Housing Program; all in favor.

Kathy Kupiec: Excellus Health Insurance

Supervisor Lucenti said there is a meeting with Kathy Kupiec regarding health insurance on July 18, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.

Town-Wide Garage Sale is July 26 - July 28, 2024

**Highway Report by Phil Johnson:**

Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson said Bowie and Spain Gulf S. have been paved. And the chip seal on McGraw and Wood Lane is done.

He said the salt shed has not yet been scheduled for repair and he also said the 2024 truck should arrive in September. .

Supervisor Lucenti thanked Phil Johnson for putting up the Veterans signs at Town Offices.

**Water Board Report by Bette Szesny: Not available.**

**Car Show Report by Cosmo Pellegrino:**

Cosmo Pellegrino said for the car show there is \$9,708.00 in the Extravaganza account. He said the date for the car show is August 10, 2024. He said after expenses are paid there should be approximately \$2,000.00 left for next year.

**Planning Board Report by Jeff Dingman - See Planning Board Minute(s):**

Jeff Dingman also spoke about increasing Carbonite cloud storage backup space, which would add an additional 200 GB of storage, for a total of 450 GB, for \$199.00. He also spoke about KnowBe4 security awareness training, which could be purchased for \$2,407.50 for 36 months. It was suggested to see if there was a trial period for the KnowBe4 program.

**Resident Comment: None**

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk

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301 North Washington Street, Herkimer, NY  
Phone 315-867-1176

**2024 Rabies Vaccination Schedule**

Thursday, August 22nd 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Salisbury Fire Department 2549 State Route 29, Salisbury Center
Thursday, September 12th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Cedarville Fire Department 960 State Route 51, Cedarville
Thursday, October 3rd 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Little Falls Town Garage 478 Flint Ave. Ext., Little Falls
Saturday, November 16th 10:00 - Noon	East Herkimer Fire Department 193 Main Road, East Herkimer

- All cats, dogs, and ferrets three months or older must be vaccinated, even if they stay indoors.
- Every dog and cat needs two rabies vaccinations, one year apart, then once every three years.
- Bring proof of the pet's vaccination history to receive a three year certificate.
- Ferrets must be vaccinated every year.
- Dogs should be on a leash. Cats and ferrets should be in a carrier or pillowcase.
- No vet exams will be given.
- Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals. Supplies are provided.
- \$5.00 donation per pet is suggested to defray costs.



**Walk-In and Pre-Registration available for all clinics**

**Pre-register for faster service at 315-867-1176; will end at noon the day before clinic**



**Pumpkin Carving Contest Coming In October!!!**

Stay tuned for more details in upcoming newsletters and online



**Upcoming Meetings and Public Hearings**



August 7, 2024 Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

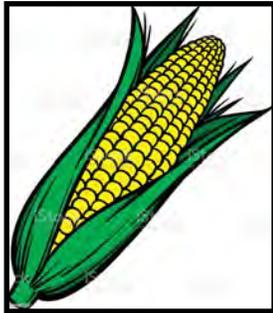
August 14, 2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting at 5:30 P.M.

August 14, 2024 Town Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.





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**Town and Court Clerk's Hours**  
Monday - Friday 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
Mondays - 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
  
Town Clerk: 315-733-7458  
  
Court Clerk: 315-733-1093

**Town Highway Department**  
  
Philip Johnson, Highway  
Superintendent  
  
Highway Garage: 315-733-7617  
Cell Phone: 315-240-1485  
highway@townofschuyler.org

**West Schuyler  
Cemetery  
Burial Plots  
Available**  
  
For further  
information and  
current pricing, please  
call Earl Haman:  
  
315-733-2920  
  


**Town Assessor - George Haskell**  
  
Available at 5:30 P.M. on July 10, August  
14, and September 11  
  
Please call for an appointment  
315-733-7458 ext. 225

**Codes Enforcement Officer**  
  
Call Before Starting  
ANY Building Project  
  
Philip Green:  
315-534-2232 (cell)

**East Schuyler Miller Cemetery**  
**Burial Sites Available**  
  
For further information and current pricing, please contact Harry Robbins, President:  
315-269-0861  
  


  
**JOHN A. LAPOLLA**  
**SCHUYLER VFW POST #8728**  
**240 Wood Lane, Schuyler**  
**Michael Collver, Commander**  
  
  
Social Hour at the VFW are held Fridays beginning at 3 P.M.!  
  
There are still openings for summer parties.  
  
Contact Gail Lesniak Moore for Facility Rentals: 315-794-5713