



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

JANUARY 2025

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Don't forget to submit birthdays at birthdays@townofschuyler.org or drop off form at Town Office

See page 2 for details and entry form

New York State STAR Program

Information from Town Assessor George Haskell regarding 2025 STAR Application may be found online at www.townofschuyler.org





December Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Clarence Caldwell whose 95th Birthday is December 6th!!!



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 December Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Victor Costanza	December 9	Douglas Collignon, Jr.	December 9
Brandon Loiacono	December 15	Christine M. Artessa	December 23
Mary Jane Costanza	December 27	Sal Barbero	December 29
Theresa Mishlanie	December 31	Rebecca Dingman	December 31

East Schuyler Methodist Church

Sunday Service is at 9:30 A.M.
118 Church Road in Schuyler



West Schuyler Methodist Church

Sunday Service is at 10 A.M.
297 Wood Lane in Schuyler





Thank You!!!!



On behalf of Santa and the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company, we would like to thank everyone who attended the Breakfast with Santa and came out to see Santa on his trip around town. To all the children in the Town, Santa would love for you to know how thankful he is to see your smiling faces for another year. And thank you to all who donated to the fire company during breakfast. Every penny counts, and your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The members of the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company





TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Schuyler Chronicles

Issue # 7 - January 2025

The leaves are off the trees and snow is accumulating. The increasingly cold temperatures remind us to put on our sweaters. Most of us take for granted that we can go to Kohl's to buy a sweater off the rack, but in the 1700 and 1800's (and earlier), it took a great deal of effort to make sweaters and other woollens.



This item of interest in the TOSHS Exhibit Room is a FLAX WHEEL.

What is the difference between a flax and spinning wheel?

A flax wheel is a specific type of spinning wheel designed primarily for spinning flax fibers into linen thread while the larger "spinning wheel" can be used to spin various fibers like wool and cotton.

You may wonder what is flax? Flax is the plant from which linen is made. To make yarn from flax, you need to harvest the flax plant, then through a process called "*retting*" you separate the fibers from the stem, followed by *scutching* to remove the woody parts and *hackling* to straighten and refine the fibers. NOW you can make the yarn. Find a comfortable stool and prepare for hours at the flax wheel where you would use a foot-powered treadle to rotate a large wheel, which then drives a belt that turns a flyer mechanism causing the flax fibers to be twisted and wound onto a bobbin creating the yarn; the flyer guides the yarn onto the bobbin evenly with hooks on its U-shaped arms, allowing for controlled tension and consistent spinning of the delicate flax fiber. You would need to moisten the yarn as you twist it by dipping your fingers constantly into a little cup of water hanging from a hook on the flax wheel. The yarn can then be plied to increase thickness if desired.

To this point you have harvested the flax, retted, scutched, hackled, and made the yarn. Now you can knit that sweater!! Hopefully you would get it done before spring.

This flax wheel was donated by Carolyn Conte (daughter of past Town Historian, Betty Currier). Carolyn received the wheel as a gift from the Burrell family of Little Falls. It was constructed in the late 1700's and has 90% of its original parts. This treasured artifact is in the Town of Schuyler Historical Society Exhibit Room.

Happy 2025 to our readers. We hope it is a happy and healthy one for all of us.

Respectfully submitted for your reading pleasure,
Christine Proulx, Recording Secretary TOSHS



Donation to Herkimer County Humane Society

A check in the amount of \$5,060.00 was presented to Bob Schrader of the Herkimer County Humane Society as a result of the recent fundraising conducted by the Town of Schuyler.



Pictured above are:
Robert Schrader, President of Herkimer County Humane Society
Court Clerk MaryAnn Dodge
Supervisor Anthony Lucenti



Whitesboro Central School District

Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will be held at the following elementary schools:

- Marcy Elementary School: MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025**
- Harts Hill Elementary School: TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**
- Deerfield Elementary School: THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025**
- West Road Elementary School: THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025**

To be eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2025, a child must be 5 year of age **on or before December 1, 2025** and must reside in the Whitesboro School District. You must bring proof of age (birth certificate); and proof of residency, including *three* (3) of the following: National Grid, telephone bill, current NYS driver's license, oil/propane delivery bill, cable bill, insurance bill, and/or paystub. Immunization records must be presented at time of registration.

If you have a child who will be eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2025, or know of someone who has a child who will be eligible, please call your school office for a registration packet to be mailed out to you. Contact numbers for each school office are listed below:

- Deerfield Elementary: 315.266.3410
- Hart's Hill Elementary: 315.266.3430
- Marcy Elementary: 315.266.3420
- Westmoreland Road Elementary: 315.266.3440

Reflective 911 Mailbox Markers

Available for \$10, with installation available through the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company if desired.

- Prominently display your address in the event of an emergency.
- Order forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office.





Thank you from the Editor:

I'd like to wish Anthony Lucenti the best of luck on his future endeavor as Herkimer County Legislator. During the process of preparing for the transition, I decided to recap some of the Town's achievements during his leadership:

- No tax increase in six years
- \$465,000 WIIA Grant for sewer rehabilitation
- Developed 2001 Community Strategic Plan
- \$32,000 Wadas Grant for new basketball backstops
- Updated kitchen equipment at Bowie Road Town Park
- Created Schuyler's first flood mitigation legislation
- Developed area's first solar ordinances and decommissioning process, which many towns since utilized
- George Dunbar Day
- Created West Schuyler Water District, including the acquisition of \$2,280,000 in grant money
- Acquired Claudia Tenney community support grant in the amount of \$1 million
- Created animal control legislation
- Co-founded the 'Schuyler Extravaganza', now entering into its 25th year
- Submitted BRIC Grant for Sterling Creek rehabilitation
- Joined Oneida County stormwater coalition
- Purchased property next to Town Office building to improve driver visibility
- Created East Schuyler water district and acquisition of \$3 million in grant money
- Held vote to lease unused town wetland property into solar array for \$3 million (defeated)
- Advocated for NYS DOT review of Schuyler four corners - scheduled for 2029
- Raised \$5,060.00 for Herkimer County Humane Society through 'Pumpkins for Pets' contest
- Hale Manufacturing successfully relocated to Schuyler
- Formed Schuyler's first Public Safety Committee
- Schuyler Dollar General
- Advocated for CFA Grant for Wood Lane Town Park Development (\$302,400 recently awarded)
- Fountainhead Group, Home Depot, Pepsi, Mirabito Holdings, Aldrich Trucking, Colucci Trucking, ADK convenience store located to Schuyler Business Park

During Anthony's tenure, he served on the following:

- MVEDD Board of Directors
- Herkimer County Supervisors Association - past president and current vice-president
- NYS Association of Towns voting delegate (3 years)
- Oneida County Sewer Steering Committee
- Herkimer County Cooperative Extension past president (2 terms)
- Eagle Scout advisor (projects within town)
- Charter member of Schuyler Historical Society

When I asked Anthony what he thought his greatest achievement was, he said "I answered every phone call that came into my office".



Planning Board Meeting - December 4, 2024

****Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved ****

Planning Board Members Present:

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

Also Present Were:

Town Supervisor Anthony Lucenti, Ron Beach, Codes Officer Phil Green, Councilman Joseph Juliano, Secretary Jeffery Dingman, J. Anthony Stucchi, Donald Ehre, Mark Kislyak, and Pavel Kislyak.

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

Motion to Approve Minutes:

Motion by Fusillo, second by Dodge to approve the November 6, 2024 Planning Board minutes; all in favor.

Buell Fuels Convenience Store:

Don Ehre and Jerry Stucchi explained the current situation with the ADK Food and Fuel convenience store located in the Business Park. Applicant does not wish to reopen SEQR, but acknowledges issues with NYD DOT. A proposed map was presented to the Board that addressed existing, proposing, and truck-only exits. Questions were asked with regard to the stop light, and applicant indicated that it is expected to go out to bid next month, and that it would typically be 18 months before completion.

Motion by Dodge, second by Ritter to approve extended apron; all in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Tripoli, second by Finster to approve time limit of two years for apron. Nimey- Yes; Fusillo - Yes; Dodge - No; Ritter - No; Costanza - No. Motion passed.

Resident Comment:

Mark Kislyak and Pavel Kislyak inquired as to a barrier for the gas station/convenience store - they would like a solid fence. A question was also raised as to drainage and water flow. Lastly, it was requested that trucks refrain from using jake brakes when entering the business park - the Kislyak's were told that Route 5 is State road, and this would have to be requested through NY State.

Westgate Heights Subdivision:

Don Ehre indicated that he had maps which needed to be signed off by the Planning Board Chairman.

Moton to Adjourn:

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the Planning Board meeting was made at 7:05 P.M. by Ritter, second by Dodge; all in favor.

Jeffery Dingman, Planning Board Secretary

Town Board Meeting - December 11, 2024

**** Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved ****

Council Members Present:

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

Also Present Were:

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson, Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, Assessor George Haskell, Codes Enforcement Officer Phil Green, and Town Attorney Mark Wolber. Town Residents present were: Peter Loftus, Dale Dodge, Ruby Beach, Harry Robbins, Melissa Snavlin, Bill Kimble (C2AE), Tim Riecker, JoAnn Mammone, Rebecca Cousin, and Anthony Klimek

Supervisor Lucenti called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., and led the assembled people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Update on West Schuyler Water:

Bill Kimble said the anticipated work elements in the next period are as follows:

1. Complete agency approvals
2. Complete supporting town to gain signed easement agreements
3. Continue working with financial advisors regarding funding requirements
4. Complete permit process
5. Complete town to gather USDA-RD-EFC documentation
6. Commence bid processing - January 2025
7. Commence Tank (SCADA) Communications purchase agreement with Town and Mohawk Valley Water Authority (MVWA) follow-through

There were questions regarding the placement of water hydrants by Anthony Klimek.

Highway Report by Philip Johnson:

Highway Superintendent Philip Johnson said the new truck is being worked on at the moment. He said he is buying a 2024 Chevy 6500 and is trading in the Ford 550. He said the cost is \$118,491.50 or 5 payments of \$28,244.45.

Motion by Kane, second by Dodge authorizing the purchase of the 2024 Chevy 6500; all in favor.

Set End-of-Year Meeting for December 23, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. (2025 Fire Contract)

Minutes of November 23, 2024:

Motion by Dodge, second by Kane to approve the minutes as presented; all in favor.

Pay Bills:

Motion by Dodge, second by Kane that the bills for the previous month are paid as presented; all in favor.



Town Board Meeting - December 11, 2024 cont'd.

Assessor Report by George Haskell:

George Haskell said the Star applications have to be sent in by March 1, 2025.

Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green:

Codes Officer Phil Green said he is still taking in building permits and doing inspections.

Supervisor's Report:

Retention of Dan Maxwell - Audit of Business Park

Supervisor Lucenti said he thinks we should be getting more money on the Business Park and introduced Dan Maxwell.

Dan Maxwell will be able to do the spreadsheets on the businesses that are located at the Business Park. He said he has been doing this for a long time and it is very possible the Town could get more money regarding all the development that has been going.

Motion by Dodge, second by Kane, to hire Dan Maxwell to do a spreadsheet on all the businesses in the Business Park for a fee of \$250.00; all in favor.

Planning Board Zoning Change Approval - Westgate Heights

Supervisor Lucenti said he needs a motion regarding Planning Board zoning change on Westgate Heights, from C-H (Commercial Highway) to R-1 (Residential), on four properties. He said Attorney Mark Wolber will do a Local Law on the four properties, Local Law 2024-11. Attorney Wolber said there will be more restrictions on those properties.

Motion by Dodge, second by Kane authorizing the change on four properties in Westgate Heights from C-H to R-1, on four properties; all in favor.

Sewer and Stormwater District Formation Update - Westgate Heights

Supervisor Lucenti said there is no sewer and storm water districts at the moment, but it is being reviewed by the Department of Health, for the future. He said he sill set it up with Costello, Cooney & Fearon.

Update Barking Dog Legislation

Supervisor Lucenti said we will hold off on this for the moment.

Resolution to Dedicate Remaining ARPA Funding for Railroad Street Bridge

Motion by Dodge, second by Kane to obligate remaining funds in the ARPA Fund account for the Railroad Street Bridge; all in favor.

Christmas Bonus for Full-Time Employees

Motion by Kane, second by Dodge authorizing a \$50.00 Christmas Bonus to full-time employees; all in favor.

Town Board Meeting - December 11, 2024 cont'd.

Water Board Report by Bette Szesny:

Not available.

Planning Board Report - Buell Fuel:

Supervisor Lucenti said there is a meeting with Buell Fuel and the NYS Dept. of Transportation to discuss progress, on December 20, 2024

Resident Comment:

Town Resident Tim Riecker said he wanted to thank Supervisor Lucenti for being the Town Supervisor.

Harry Robbins said there were 1,295 registered voters. He said there were lines out to the parking lot during election day.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk

**\$302,400 awarded to Schuyler for Wood Lane Park!!**

On December 23, 2024 Governor Kathy Hochul has announced the 2024 Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC) and Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) initiative.

As a result, the Town of Schuyler has been awarded a \$302,400 grant for the Wood Lane Park Development Project. This will add approximately 20 acres to the existing park. The Town of Schuyler was the only grant recipient in Herkimer County.

Congratulations to all who supported the efforts to make this recreation project a reality!

Thank you!!!



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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 at
315-733-2920



Town Assessor - George Haskell

Available at 5:30 P.M. on Thursdays

Please call for an appointment
315-733-7458 ext. 225

Codes Enforcement Officer

Call Before Starting
ANY Building Project

Philip Green: 315-534-2232

**East Schuyler Miller Cemetery
Burial Sites Available**

For further information and current pricing, please contact Harry Robbins, President:
315-269-0861

Winter Special until May 2025: Second Site Purchase for half-price: \$400




JOHN A. LAPOLLA
SCHUYLER VFW POST #8728
240 Wood Lane, Schuyler
Michael Collver, Commander: 315-525-3680


Social Hour at the VFW are held Fridays beginning at 3 P.M.!

For Facility Rentals: 315-733-6609