



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

AUGUST 2026



Join us on Saturday, August 8, 2026 for this year's Car and Corn Show

3 P.M. to Dusk

**Featuring musical guest
Dusty Puppies!!**



See Page 11 for Complete Details



-Town Dumpster -

Saturday, August 15 from 8 A.M.- 4 P.M.

Sunday, August 16 from 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

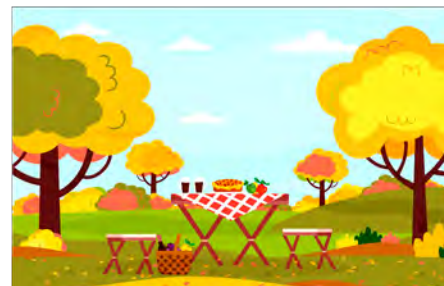
**Permits available from the Town Clerk's Office for \$10/yr.
Proof of Town Residency (valid driver's license) Required**

Schuyler Historical Society Community Picnic

**Sunday, August 16, 2026
Schuyler Town Park on Bowie Road**

**Grand prize: a set of two outdoor patio
chairs!!**

**Additional Raffle Prizes and details may be
found on page 10.**





July Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Kelly Bower, whose Birthday is July 27th!!

Kelly selected a homemade birthday cake baked by Jayme Moore of Moore Please Bakery!



Schuyler Birthday Form

Birthday Person: _____

Birthdate: _____

Submitted By: _____

Phone/E-Mail Address: _____

Please drop off at Schuyler Town Office or e-mail to Birthdays@townofschuylerny.gov by the 15th of the month. Enjoy your choice of a gift card to a local business or homemade birthday cake.

Submitted July Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Maria Kierpiec	July 3	Joe Salamone	July 3
Michael Servello	July 4	Colton Sanderson	July 5
Alia Matev	July 7	Skyler Perkins	July 8
Jean Finster	July 9	Christine Loiacano	July 12
Renee Elwell	July 14	Tim Pavlus	July 24
Dominick Loiacano	July 28		

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 11 A.M.
297 Wood Lane in Schuyler

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - July 21, 2026

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

Zoning Board Members Present:

Chairperson JoAnn Mammone, Jeffery Dingman, Sarah Collignon, Cosmo Pellegrino, and Kari Puleo.

Also Present Were:

Town Supervisor John Werczynski, Ronald P. Graziano, and Anthony Klimek.

Chairperson Mammone opened the meeting at 6:03 P.M. and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Presentation by Applicant:

Applicant Ronald P. Graziano was asked to present his case regarding a denial given by the codes officer, to building a garage on a lot before building a residence. Ronald started by asking the board what it needed to know. Chairperson Mammone said that this is your opportunity to present his case before the board. He said that he wanted to build a garage first because of the lay of the land. He claimed building the home first in the desired location would be more difficult. The applicant said that he could not build the 2 structures simultaneously due to finances.

Board members asked if he had obtained an engineer/ professional opinion on building garage first (he had not); Primary use of garage (storage and not commercial); Time-frame for building a house (approx. 3 years).

Public Comment:

Chairperson Mammone then opened the meeting for public comment. A resident read directly from the Town of Schuyler Zoning Code stating that an accessory structure (garage) is only allowed to be built after a principally permitted use (residential home) in that district, in this case R-A. He also mentioned it has certain dimensional requirements. Chairperson Mammone reiterated that we have these laws for a reason. At this point, the applicant briefly thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Motion to Close Public Hearing:

Motion by Puleo, second by Collignon to close public hearing; all in favor.

Decision Regarding Application:

Being the applicant, Ronald P. Graziano gave no further information, the board agreed to hold to the zoning code regulations and move forward with a denial of the appeal. Motion by Puleo, second by Collignon; all in favor.

Motion to Approve Minutes:

Motion by Puelo, second by Pellegrino to approve the March 25, 2026 ZBA meeting minutes; all in favor.

Motion to Close Meeting:

There being no additional business, a motion to close the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was made at 6:22 P.M. by Pellegrino, second by Dingman; all in favor.

Submitted by Sarah Collignon and Jeffery Dingman



Planning Board Meeting - July 8, 2026

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

Planning Board Members Present were:

Chairman Victor Costanza, Vice Chairman David Fusillo, Jean Finster, James Digristina, and Robin Lindsay. *Absent: Daniel Tripoli and Michael Ritter*

Also Present Were:

Patrick Theodossiou, John Piseck, Steve Boisvert, Jason Kantak, V. Jim Bono, Secretary Jeff Dingman, and Recoding Secretary Sarah Collignon

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 Digristina, second by Lindsay to approve the June 3, 2026 Planning Board minutes; all in favor.

Update on 'Project Mohawk' by applicant SunCap Property Group, LLC:

Patrick Theodossiou and Jason Kantak presented their update on the project: They have finalized the septic design, water, geotechnical, Environmental Assessment & Traffic Assessment reports, as well as architectural designs. The complete final design package is being approved. There were no additional questions from the board.

Resolution to Confirm Lead Agency for Project Mohawk:

Motion by Fusillo, second by Finster that the Planning Board be lead agency for the project; all in favor.

Motion to Set Public Hearing for Project Mohawk: August 5th at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Digristina, second by Lindsay; all in favor.

Motion to Close Meeting:

There being no additional business, a motion to close the Planning Board meeting was made at 6:14 P.M. by Lindsay, second by Finster; all in favor.

Submitted by Sarah Collignon and Jeffery Dingman

THE SCHUYLER CHRONICLES

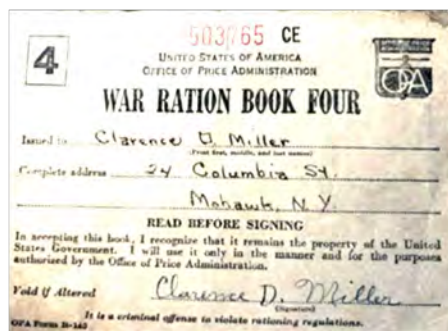
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WWII Rationing

Every one of us has been affected by some type of shortage throughout the years. In the 1970s, I remember news reels on the Chet Huntly and David Brinkley news hour showing long lines of cars waiting at the gas pumps for their chance to fill up. Gas rationing in the 1970s was primarily managed through the "odd-even" license plate system, where drivers could buy fuel only on alternating days based on the last digit of their license plates. Triggered by the 1973 Arab oil embargo and the 1979 Iranian Revolution, the crises caused severe shortages and skyrocketing prices.

More recently, we had the egg shortage around Eastertime two years ago. Due to several factors (rising economic costs of farming and avian flu), eggs weren't rationed, but the severe shortages caused egg prices to rise to about \$6 per dozen. Basically, the cost alone took care of the rationing quotient.

The most drastic measures for rationing, however, happened during WWII. The Office of Price Administration (OPA) issued war ration books containing removable stamps to control the consumption of scarce goods like sugar, gasoline, tires, coffee (if you could find it), and meat. Every American, including infants, received books. Both the use of points and cash were needed to buy groceries and other affected goods.



Red stamps were used for meats, fats, butter, and cheese. Shoppers typically received 64 red points per month. Blue stamps were used for processed foods (canned, bottled, frozen fruits and vegetables). To alleviate some of those shortages, many people grew Victory Gardens. The same principle holds true now with the high cost of groceries over the last two years. Sugar and coffee stamps were the most sought after. If there was a special celebration coming up that was 'cake-worthy', many people saved up their sugar coupons so they could make a cake without cutting down on the sugar. People also supplemented their sugar ration by using maple syrup, corn syrup, or molasses. Gasoline stamps were also highly prized. If you needed more of those, you had to prove your needs and driving priority to increase your weekly gallon limits. Many people turned to bicycles during that time—and walking. But remember, rubber drives were held so the tires on your bicycles could be recycled into tank treads and Jeep tires for the war effort.

The center picture (above) shows a small blue 'coin'. It is a token made out of vulcanized cardboard. These were issued in red and blue (same uses as the stamps), but since the stamps had higher values and change could not be made, the tokens were given out as change.

Rationing began in January 1942 with tires. Sugar was the first food to be rationed starting in May 1942. Numerous items were rationed until it was completely phased out in 1947.

People and the government took rationing extremely seriously. Through citizen volunteer networks, enforcement investigations, and public shaming, fraud was exposed and violators punished. Products were sold for hefty prices on the Black Market. Coupon trafficking, theft, and retailer fraud was also present. Violators risked severe penalties, including hefty fines, loss of business licenses, and prison.

Ohhh, the things we take for granted now: sweet baked goods, shoes, availability of tropical fruits, a nice cup of coffee in the morning. All that and more available on a whim. Enjoy!

Christine Proulx, Recording Secretary TOS Historical Society



Town Board Public Hearing - July 8, 2026

Supervisor John Werczynski called the Public Hearing to order at 5:50 P.M.

C2AE representative Mike Jantz spoke to the Town Board members and residents and presented information regarding the Brown, Graham, Newport Road Water Project. The project is fully designed, and bids were received last fall but grant programs applied for were unsuccessful. We are at the stage of attempting a last shot to make this affordable to residents.

We are looking at a community development block grant (CDBG), the program's goals are to maintain safe, healthy and economically viable places to live. To support these goals, CDBG encourages investment by helping local governments plan and implement projects that revitalize communities and create economic investment opportunities that primarily benefit low and moderate-income residents; improves the quality of life through investments in public infrastructure and public facilities; and promotes coordination among federal, state, and local funding sources. From the approximately \$29.2 million available from NYS, approximately \$25 million is designated for public infrastructure projects and the Town will be seeking up to \$2 million but to do so, we are required to completely de-obligate the prior approved grant from WIIA before seeking this.

The proposed project will improve drinking water service, fire protection and Town services. The \$2 million in funds will support community projects and will be committed to fair housing for the Town with no prejudice toward protected people. The project is not expected to result in permanent displacement of any residents, businesses or organizations.

Questions were permitted to be asked after each part of the presentation. A town resident asked if the "cut-out" would be respected. She was referring to an agreement previously made to not be a part of the project. The answer to that was there is no "cut-out" but there would be no increase to the cost as previously provided; otherwise, the Town would not be able to proceed with the project.

The closing statement provided that the Town of Schuyler is pursuing CDBG funding to address important infrastructure needs, improve services to residents, and reduce the financial burden on local taxpayers. All public comments received during this hearing will be considered a part of the Town's FY2026 CDBG application.

With no further questions asked by the Board or residents, the Public Hearing adjourned at 6:14 P.M.

Submitted by Deputy Town Clerk, Janice Rathbun

Town Board Meeting - July 8, 2026 cont'd.
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Town Board Members Present:

Supervisor John Werczynski, Councilmen Dale Dodge, Joe Juliano, Eric Kane, George Luther III.

Also Present:

Town Clerk Kristin Salamone, Deputy Town Clerk Janice Rathbun, Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, and Town Residents Katrina Weber, Herkimer IDA Chairman V Jim Bono, Joe Salamone, Jean Finster, Harry Robbins and C2AE Representative Mike Jantz. Absent from meeting was Highway Superintendent Philip Johnson.

Supervisor Werczynski called the regular meeting before the Town of Schuyler Town Board to order at 6:15 P.M. at the Schuyler Town Office, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion to Approve the Minutes:

Motion by Juliano; seconded by Luther to approve the Town Clerk's minutes from June 10, 2026, meeting; all in favor.

Motion to Pass Resolution 2026-6:

Motion by Dodge, seconded by Juliano to pass resolution 2026-6 authorizing De-obligation of FY2019 NYS WIIA Grant Award and Submission of FY2026 NYS WIIA Grant Application; all in favor.

Motion to Pay Bills:

Motion made by Juliano; seconded by Dodge to approve bills as presented; all in favor.

Codes Officer Report:

Supervisor Werczynski read the Codes report. Twelve building permits have been issued, 1 Certificate of Occupancy, multiple field inspections, follow-up inspections, property maintenance, complaint investigations, one unsafe structure, one Notice of Violation, numerous zoning, engineering, contractor and public assistance inquiries. The permit fee schedule has been finalized.



Town Board Meeting - July 8, 2026 cont'd.
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Assessor's Report:

The final roll is out. There is a copy with the Town Clerk and the Assessor's Offices for viewing.

Supervisor's Report:

Motion by Kane; seconded by Dodge to pass resolution 2026-7 appointing Supervisor John Werczynski as the Fair Housing Officer for CDBG Homes & Community Renewal Program; all in favor.

Motion by Dodge; seconded by Kane to pass resolution for a Public Hearing on August 12, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. to establish a local law for a temporary twelve-month moratorium on the approval, permitting, construction, expansion, or establishment of Data Centers within the Town of Schuyler; all in favor.

Motion made by Kane; seconded by Luther to pass a resolution to allow NYS DOT to perform a study on lowering speed limits on Newport Road up to Cosby Manor Rd; all in favor.

Planning Board and IT Report:

Secretary Dingman reviewed SunCap Property Group's plan to build a 143,000 square foot warehouse with the Board members. The Herkimer-Oneida Planning Board met and approved a resolution for the Planning Board to be lead agency. A Public Hearing will be held August 5, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. to gather any public input.

Secretary Dingman asked Salamone the status of CCNY's project of hardwiring the computers. Salamone replied that we are just waiting for the wiring to be hooked up.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report:

Secretary Dingman reported there was a Zoom meeting held regarding the solar project, but there are no results at this time.

Water Board Report:

Mohawk Valley Water Authority representative Dale Dodge stated the MVWA board discussed the new regulations they must comply with. He also stated MVWA is looking to expand their presence on social media.

Town Board Meeting - July 8, 2026 cont'd.

Public Comment:

Board member Juliano asked who maintains the roads in the Business Park as he has received complaints about holes in the business park's road that need to be filled. Bono replied that the roads are owned by the IDA and will pass along this information.

Resident Harry Robbins stated that it was a great turnout for the Primary Election with 368 voters coming to vote. Everything ran smoothly with no complaints. Robbins congratulated Kristin Salamone on her excellent campaign.

Board member Dodge asked for any updates for the water tower. Bono responded that the Town of Schuyler was awarded \$1M in grant money and the project will go out for bid.

Supervisor Werczynski asked where the water tower will be erected. Bono responded that the tower will be built right before the circle on the left by New England Wood Pellet plant.

Bono stated that Utica Roof has started construction of their building.

Resident Jean Finster informed the town's people the traffic lights are now flashing at the Business Park intersection.

Close the Meeting:

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to close the meeting at 6:43 P.M. was made by Kane; seconded by Juliano; all in favor.

Submitted by Kristin Salamone, Town Clerk

Newsletter Mailings

If you or someone you know are not receiving the monthly newsletter, please send an e-mail to webmaster@townofschuylerny.gov with the address and we'll gladly add it to our mailing list. Alternatively you may call the Town Office at 315-733-7458.



Please note also that current and past issues of the Newsletter (in full color!) are always available on our website at www.townofschuylerny.gov. under Community > Town Newsletter.



Town Board Meeting - June 10, 2026 cont'd.

Close the Meeting:

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to close the meeting at 7:47 P.M. was made by Kane ; seconded by Dodge; all in favor.

Submitted by Kristin Salamone, Town Clerk

IT'S ALMOST HERE!

The Town of Schuyler Community Picnic
will be held on Sunday, August 16, 2026
from noon until 3pm
at the Bowie Road Town Park.



The Community Picnic is totally free for our residents.
This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to visit
with old friends and neighbors and meet new people in our town.
We saw quite a few new people at the picnic last year and
hope to see more this year.

---More reasons to attend---

Give yourself a day off from cooking. No one ever left hungry!
Everyone gets a free door prize ticket upon checking in.
Raffle prizes will be drawn at the end.
We're getting more and more prize donations so your chances are good that you'll be walking away with
something besides a satisfied appetite.

This year's raffle will be \$1 for one ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets.
Grand Prize is a set of two outdoor patio chairs.
Second Prize is \$100 cash.
For third prize, we will raffle off two \$50 gift cards for local restaurants.

See any member of the TOS Historical Society for tickets.
Tickets are available at the Town Clerk's window.
They will also be sold at the picnic.

If you have any questions, please call us at 315 917-3334.
If we're not there, please leave a voicemail.

So make sure you mark August 16 on your calendar.
See you there!

Sponsored by the Town of Schuyler Historical Society



It's Here!!!

August 8, 2026

3 P.M. to Dusk



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AUGUST

**SCHUYLER
CAR & CORN**
EXTRAVAGANZA
CAR SHOW

282 Wood Ln. Schuyler, NY
ALL CARS AND MOTORCYCLES WELCOME

3PM TO DUSK
PARKING BEGINS AT 2:00
\$10.00 DONATION
ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO CHARITY
HOSTED BY DJ JACK CLARK
REGISTRATION TENT UPON ARRIVAL

TROPHIES FOR:
BEST IN SHOW + \$100 CASH PRIZE
PEOPLE'S CHOICE + \$50 CASH PRIZE
PEER JUDGED TOP 30
BEST PAINT
BEST BIKE
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DOOR PRIZES
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301 North Washington Street, Herkimer, NY
Phone 315-867-1176

2026 Rabies Vaccination Schedule

Thursday, August 20th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Salisbury Fire Department 2549 State Route 29, Salisbury Center
Thursday, September 17th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Cedarville Fire Department 960 State Route 51, Cedarville
Thursday, October 1st 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Little Falls Town Garage 478 Flint Ave. Ext., Little Falls
Saturday, November 14th 10:00 A.M. - Noon	East Herkimer Fire Department 193 Main Road, East Herkimer

- Dogs and cats must be vaccinated between 3 and 4 months old, 1 year later, and then once every 3 years, even if they stay indoors.
- Ferrets must be vaccinated every year.
- Dogs, cats, and ferrets must be on a leash, or in a carrier.
- Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.
- No vet exams will be given.
- A \$5.00 donation per pet is suggested to defray costs.
- Doors will not open until clinic start time. In adverse weather, wait in your vehicle.

Bring proof of your pet's last rabies vaccination to receive a 3-year certificate.



For faster service please call 315-867-1176 and pre-register!

Upcoming Meetings

- **August 5, 2026** Planning Board Meeting at 6 P.M. + Public Hearing on Project Mohawk: Application to build a 142,611 square foot facility on parcel of land located within the Schuyler Business Park
- **August 12, 2026** Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M.: Consider Moratorium on Data Centers in the Town of Schuyler
- **August 12, 2026** Town Board Meeting at 6 P.M.

Little Free Library



Our Little Free Library at the Schuyler Town office is seeing a lot of activity and we couldn't be more delighted. We've had visitors and some nice donations of books. Last month, I let our residents know what we would and would not take as donations. We appreciate how everyone is following our suggestions.

But if you have books that do not meet our standards, what do you do with those books that are gathering dust in your basement? If they are in good condition, you can check with the Kirkland Library since they do take donations for their annual sale in the Clinton Town Square. You can also take your books to the Salvation Army. Thrifty Shopper in New Hartford Shopping Center (the retail outlet for the Rescue Mission of Syracuse) will also take book donations. There are several small independent book shops in the Mohawk Valley. You can check to see if they will take your donations.

If your books aren't resalable (water damage, odor, bad condition), you can put them in the trash. Please note that paperbacks ONLY can go into the recycling bin. If you have hard covers, those go in the regular garbage. If you have time, you can tear the paper pages out of the hard covers and those paper pages can go into recycling. The hard covers themselves need to go into the trash since they can have glue and fine mesh wire in the spines that cannot be recycled.

Thank you for patronizing our LFL. We are updating and rotating books weekly. Keep the kids reading this summer to enhance their skills, and we adults can relax on the front porch on a nice summer afternoon and read—until you feel the need for a nap.

Christine Proulx, TOSHS Recording Secretary



Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company News



SCHUYLER
VOLUNTEER
FIRE COMPANY INC.

FALL
Chicken BBQ

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 13TH
NOON TO GONE
DRIVE THRU ONLY

STATION 1
120 NEWPORT RD
UTICA, NY 13502

\$15
A DINNER

WHAT'S INCLUDED:
✓ 1/2 CHICKEN
✓ A SIDE
✓ ROLL
✓ DESSERT

*Thank you for supporting
your local fire company!*



Attention Hookers and Knit-Wits

If you are a hooker (crocheter) or a knit-wit (knitter) and are always looking for projects, the Town of Schuyler Historical Society can use your talents.

The Historical Society is excited to be invited back to join the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company for their annual "Breakfast with Santa" event in December. Last year we handed out free children's books and bookmarks, family tree templates, and matching crocheted hat and scarf sets. My goal this year is to crochet 100 sets to distribute to the children. If you know how to knit or crochet hats and scarves and would like to help me meet our goal, please call us. Our phone number is 315 917-3334. If we have any sets left over, I will be donating the extras to the Neighborhood Center in Utica on behalf of the New Vision Pioneers (formerly Verizon Pioneers) for their annual Children's Christmas party.

I'm looking forward to seeing how many talented people we have in our community. Thanks!

*Christine Proulx, Recording Secretary TOSHS,
and a long-time intermediate crocheter.*



P.S. Thank you to Mrs. Kathy Morse of Newport Road for your donation of many beautiful skeins of yarn over the past several years.



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Court Clerk: 315-733-1093

Town Highway Department

Philip Johnson

Highway Superintendent

Highway Garage: 315-733-7617

Cell Phone: 315-240-1485

highway@townofschuylerny.gov

**Town of Schuyler
Historical Society**

315-917-3334

Please leave a message
if no one is available

Town Assessor

Amie Maxwell: 315-733-7458 ext. 225

Summer Office Hours:

First Tuesday of each month: 1-3 P.M.

Codes Enforcement Officer

Call Before Starting
ANY Building Project

Bianka Rico: 315-940-9935

Dog Control Officer

Andrew Topham

315-404-8447

**Police or Fire
Dial 911**

**East Schuyler Miller Cemetery
Burial Sites Available**

For information and current pricing, contact:
Harry Robbins at 315-269-0861

**West Schuyler Miller Cemetery
Burial Sites Available**

For information and current pricing, contact:
Earl Haman at 315-733-2920



**S/Sgt. John A. LaPolla Post #8728 VFW
240 Wood Lane**

Mike Collver, Commander

Post Phone: 315-733-6609

Commander Mike Collver Phone Number: 315-525-3680



Post Social Hour held Fridays at 3 P.M. ALL WELCOME