



# Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

MARCH 2024



## *A Schuyler Spectacular*



**Please join us on April 5th (Friday Night) @ 6:00 P.M.**

*...to honor Joe Juliano, Mark Rende, and WW2 Veteran Steven Glenske  
We are also celebrating Schuyler's 232nd Birthday*

*Harts Hill Inn, 135 Clinton Street Whitesboro, NY.*

### Menu:

**Hors d'oeuvres** - cheese block, cracker tray, fresh vegetables, sour cream dip, garlic and red pizza, vegetable spring rolls, stuffed mushrooms, scallops in bacon, and Tomato Daniel Bruschetta;

**Buffet** - baked chicken, Italian meatballs, sausage and peppers, oven browned potatoes, rice pilaf, antipasto salad, chef salad and bread. Carving station- hot baked ham, hot turkey breast, and hot top round of beef. Followed with birthday cake!

### Special Presenters:

Assemblyman Robert Smullen, VFW Commander Mike Collver, Pastor Robbin Harris of West Schuyler United Methodist Church, Bruce Ward of Ward Real Estate, John Calidonna of Clinton Tractor, Schuyler Historical Society, and Michael Gruet of East Schuyler Methodist Church.

**Special Master of Ceremonies:** *Peter Loftus, member of the Broadway Theatre League*

**Music:** Sal Stokes, the singing DJ

**Cash Bar**

**Casual Attire**

### Ticket Options:

- Schuyler Town Office: \$15.00 each - Cash or Check - or -
- Venmo (JoAnn-Mammone): Questions call 315-404-6847

**Deadline to purchase tickets: Friday, March 29th**



## February Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Pamela Zygmunt, whose Birthday is February 25th!



### 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.

Happy Birthday also to Linda Tripoli, whose Birthday is February 21st.

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



## TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The first meeting of 2024 will be held on Saturday, March 9th at 10 A.M. at the Town Hall.



## West Schuyler Water Project Update



Ian Yerdon, Senior Engineer of C2EA spoke at the February Town Board meeting to advise the Board that the West Schuyler Water Project has been sent to all involved outside agencies for review. Based on their comments, the project should be put out to bid this September.

Questions were asked by the Board regarding possible bids over the established threshold. Ian advised the Board that if the bid does come in over, we could be able to apply to our current funding agencies to offset the costs. The amount of additional funding will ultimately depend on the bid projections.

**Your new Early Voting Site is now:**

**Holy Family Parish  
763 E. Main St.  
Little Falls, NY 13365**

**Parking will be available at:**

- The Holy Family Parish parking lot - entrance is located next to the Academy Apartments (former St. Mary's School), 637 John Street, Little Falls, NY. Park behind the building closest to the gym.
- School Parking Lot across the street from the church.
- On-street parking.
- A few Handicap parking spots are in front of the church and in the parking lot across from the church.

**Please note: this site change is ONLY for EARLY VOTING. Your Election Day poll site remains the same.**

**EARLY VOTING DATES & TIMES:**

- Sat., March 23rd, 2024: 8am-5pm
- Sun., March 24th, 2024: 8am-5pm
- Mon., March 25th, 2024: 8am-5pm
- Tues., March 26th, 2024: 11am-8pm
- Weds., March 27th, 2024: 11am-8pm
- Thurs., March 28th, 2024: 8am-5pm
- Fri., March 29th, 2024: 8am-5pm
- Sat., March 30th, 2024: 8am-5pm

For more information, please contact the Herkimer County Board of Elections at **(315) 867-1102** or visit our website at [www.herkimercounty.org/elections](http://www.herkimercounty.org/elections)

**Commissioners of Elections**

Republican - **Kim S. Tranter** · Democratic - **Robert J. Hoyt**



## Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company



Recruitment packets are available at Town Clerk's Office, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502 during business hours.

Please consider joining and making a difference in your community.



**WEST SCHUYLER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**297 WOOD LANE - SCHUYLER NY**

**SATURDAY MARCH 9TH, 2024**

**SUNDAY SWEETS - BAKE SALE 10AM - 2PM**

**cookies-cup cakes-breads and more!**

**All proceeds to benefit the daughter of one of our parishioners to help with extreme medical expenses**

**SATURDAY MARCH 30TH, 2024 - @ 10:A.M.**

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**INSIDE OR OUT - COME FIND OUT!**

**ALL CHILDREN WELCOME!**

**FUN FOR ALL AGES!**



East Schuyler Methodist Church invites you to join our traditional worship service every Sunday at 9:30 A.M. at 118 Church Road, Schuyler, New York



**Please Note Upcoming Services:**

- Palm Sunday - March 24th
- Good Friday - March 29th at 5 P.M.
- Easter Sunday - March 31st



**IF YOU LOVE ME**



**LICENSE ME**

## *Rabies Vaccination Requirements*

*No dog license may expire after the expiration date of the dog's rabies vaccination. If your dog is due for a rabies vaccination booster during the next year, you must have it boosted now in order to have a full year license. If you choose not to have your dog vaccinated now, you will still need to pay the full annual fee and you will need to renew your dog license again after it has been vaccinated. Residents need to report any changes in status of ownership (i.e. deceased, moved, transferred ownership, lost or stolen).*

### *Dog Licensing Requirements*

*All dogs 4 months of age or older must be licensed. Dog Enumerations (Census) are performed throughout the Town periodically, and all owners of unlicensed dogs are subject to new fines and penalties, as set forth in the Town's Local Laws (see below):*

**DOG LICENSE FEES**

- \$7 PER DOG — SPAYED / NEUTERED w \$16 PER DOG — UNSPAYED / UN-NEUTERED



**PUREBRED DOG LICENSE FEES**

- UP TO 10 DOGS — \$50.00 PLUS \$4.00 PER DOG FOR NYS DOG POPULATION CONTROL
- 11 - 25 DOGS — \$60.00 PLUS \$4.00 PER DOG FOR NYS DOG POPULATION CONTROL
- 25 OR MORE — \$125.00 PLUS \$4.00 PER DOG FOR NYS DOG POPULATION CONTROL



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**PLEASE NOTE:** *In an effort to update our computer records, the town clerks' office is asking anyone who no longer owns a dog that was licensed with the town; to inform the clerk's office at 733-7458, so they can be removed from our data base. Thanks for your cooperation.*

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— A LEASH LAW IS IN EFFECT IN THE TOWN OF SCHUYLER —



# Congratulations!

Congratulations Vincent J. Bono on your service as Herkimer County Legislator and your new position of Chairman of the Herkimer County IDA promoting travel and tourism in Herkimer County. Jim served 20 years as the Herkimer County Legislator, 8 years as Vice Chairman, and 8 years as Chairman, representing District 11.

*The Town Board has proclaimed March 3 through 9 as Vincent J. Bono Week. If you see Jim please thank him for his many years of service. We wish you the best in your new position.*



Supervisor Lucenti presents Vincent J. Bono with proclamation proclaiming March 3-9 as Vincent J. Bono Week

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## 2024 Town Dumpster Dates

\* Please note price change in car tires \*

April 20 and April 21  
June 8 and June 9  
August 17 and August 18  
October 19 and October 20

Saturday: 8 A.M.- 4 P.M.  
Sunday: 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  
(valid for entire year)

Proof of town residency (valid driver's license) required





## The Town of Schuyler Joins the Mohawk Valley Hometown Heroes Banner Program

This is a 3 year program. The banners have a 'life expectancy' of 5-8 years, depending on weather conditions. The banners will be given to the purchasers after 3 years. Each municipality can determine if they want to leave the banners up year round, or put them up before Memorial Day and take them down after Veterans Day. Each municipality will hang, maintain, and take down the banners.

While each municipality will need to have hardware to hang the banners, Tim Riecker of Emergency Preparedness Solutions, LLC has generously offered to pay for the hardware to hang the banners (\$70 for a single and \$120 for a double). Thank you, Tim and Emergency Preparedness Solutions!

The committee has established a website ([mohawkvalleyhometownheroes.com](http://mohawkvalleyhometownheroes.com)) and has a P.O. Box where submissions can be made.

The HTH committee will accept submissions through the website and P.O. Box, organize the files and locations and submit them all for printing. The banners will be shipped directly to the Town Hall.

The cost of the banners will be \$150 for 2024. Below is an example from 2022. The banner will name each location.





## Mohawk Valley Hometown Hero Program

The Hometown Hero Banner Committee is currently taking applications for Military Hometown Hero Banners. The program provides a decorative 30" X 60" street banner to honor those who are currently or have previously served. The banners will be displayed for 3 years from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. *To qualify for this program, the individual being honored must have served in one of the United States Armed Forces. First priority will be given to Veterans from the Mohawk Valley (Born, Raised, or Resided), then veterans from outside of the greater Mohawk Valley. Please print and complete this form and send it along with photo and check made out to Oneida Chapter NSDAR for \$150 to:*

Program Coordinator  
Mohak Valley Hometown Heroes  
P.O. Box 855  
New Hartford, NY 13413

### Veteran Profile

Town of Schuyler

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Service **OR** War Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor & Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Status (KIA/POW/MIA)(Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Photo can be submitted either by mail or digitally. If there are concerns over a treasured picture, please contact us for more information and help. Please do NOT fold the picture. For more information see [mohawkvalleyhometownheroes.com](http://mohawkvalleyhometownheroes.com) or [mohawkvalleyhth@gmail.com](mailto:mohawkvalleyhth@gmail.com). Please call Tom Buono at 315-790-1402 with any questions.

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<b>Planning Board Meeting - February 7, 2024</b>
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\*\* Planning Board Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved \*\*

**Planning Board Members Present:**

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

**Also Present Were:**

Town Supervisor Anthony Lucenti, Codes Officer Phil Green, Secretary Jeffery Dingman, Councilmen Joseph Juliano and Rodney Dodge, Herkimer County IDA CEO John Piseck, Al Zangrilli, Richard Finster, Fern Ladd, Kevin Otis, Lori Otis, Roy Coffin, and Thomas Tripoli.

**Public Hearing – Application by Buell Fuels for Construction of an ADK Food & Fuel Convenience Store in Schuyler Business Park:**

Engineer Albert Zangrilli described the project to the public in attendance. Questions from the public included concerns as to the business park/convenience store entrance, overnight truck parking, and general truck traffic and noise associated with jake brakes. Planning Board member Daniel Tripoli inquired as to a stormwater prevention plan, and was reminded by Herkimer County IDA CEO John Piseck that this information was in the packet and this project is no different than other projects which have gone into the park with regard to adhering to strict standards and guidelines.

After hearing public comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by James Digristina and seconded by Daniel Tripoli. Jean Finster – aye, Dale Dodge – aye, Daniel Tripoli – aye, David Fusillo – aye.

**Additional Business Related to ADK Food & Fuel Convenience Store Project:**

A motion to confirm lead agency status was made by Dale Dodge and seconded by Jim Digristina. Jean Finster – aye, Daniel Tripoli – aye, David Fusillo – aye.

Supervisor Anthony Lucenti suggested that another Planning Board meeting be held soon. Due to some administrative issues, Buell Fuels shouldn't have to be held up for another month. Suggested that the Planning Board meet again on Thursday, February 15th at 6:00 P.M. A motion to hold another Planning Board meeting on February 15th was made by Daniel Tripoli and seconded by Jean Finster. All in favor.

**Additional Business:**

Before closing, residents Kevin Otis and Lori Otis inquired as to placing a No Jake Brake sign and lowering the speed limit at Drive-In Road. These two items will be looked into.

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

*Submitted by Jeffery Dingman  
Planning Board Secretary*

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<b>Planning Board Meeting - February 15, 2024</b>
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**Planning Board Members Present:**

Chairman Victor Costanza, Vice Chairman David Fusillo, Dale Dodge, Jean Finster, James Digristina, and Daniel Tripoli. Absent was Michael Ritter. Daniel Tripoli arrived during adjournment of the meeting.

**Also Present Were:**

Alternate Planning Board Member Catherine Nimey, Richard Finster, Codes Officer Philip Green, Councilman Joseph Juliano, Ron Beach, Herkimer County IDA CEO John Piseck, and Al Zangrilli.

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

**Application by Buell Fuels for Construction of an ADK Food & Fuel Convenience Store in Schuyler Business Park:**

Herkimer County IDA CEO John Piseck spoke and indicated that Delta Engineering have reviewed drawings and prints, and a SWPP report should be finished soon. The Herkimer County IDA highly recommends that the Board support the application.

Albert Zangrilli spoke next and indicated that they have been working with Delta Engineering and we are in agreement that the project can move forward.

A motion was made by Dale Dodge and seconded by Jean Finster to close SEQR. Jim Digristina – aye, David Fusillo – aye, Victor Costanza – aye.

A motion to adopt a negative declaration was made by Jim Digristina and seconded by David Fusillo. Dale Dodge – aye, Jean Finster – aye, Victor Costanza – aye.

A motion for approval of the project was made by Dale Doge and seconded by Jim Digristina. Jean Finster – aye, David Fusillo – aye, Victor Costanza – aye.

**Westgate Heights Subdivision Project:**

Codes Officer Philip Green presented a letter from Boulder Consultants and indicated that Clayton Homes is looking for final approval to close out the project. Motion by Dale Dodge, second by James Digristina for final approval of the Westgate Heights Subdivision Project. Jean Finster – aye, David Fusillo – aye, Victor Costanza – aye.

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

*Submitted by Jeffery Dingman  
Planning Board Secretary*

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**Town Board Public Hearing - February 14, 2024**

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**Council Members Present:**

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

**Also Present Were:**

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson, Assessor George Haskell, Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green, Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, Herkimer County IDA Director John Piseck, and Herkimer County Legislator Jim Bono. Town Residents present were: Richard and Jean Finster, John Dickan, Don Haman, Mischael McKenna, Ian Yerdon, Tony and Connie Ambrose, and Dale Dodge.

**Public Hearing for Changing the Zoning Map at Schuyler Four Corners**

**Questions asked as follows:**

If an industrial park is being considered, there will be a lot of truck traffic which will destroy the air quality and create additional noise with idling trucks. Supervisor Lucenti said he has spoken to the Town Board and also the Herkimer County IDA and they want something nice. John Piseck said we will be very selective. He said when someone makes an offer, they will go before the Planning Board and will have to submit plans for which public hearings will be held.

Herkimer County IDA Director John Piseck said there will be no solar farms as they are not interested in an industrial park.

Another resident asked about housing development going on that land. Supervisor Lucenti and also John Piseck said there will be no housing projects and no green energy.

Another resident was concerned about property value in a residential area. Supervisor Lucenti said the only thing I can tell you is that we will be more selective than the rest of the IDA properties, as is will be considered Planned Development, which is the more restrictive. We want something nice on that property.

At this time the Public Hearing was closed.

**Town Board Meeting - February 14, 2024**

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Supervisor Lucenti led the assembled people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Minutes of January 10, 2024:**

Motion by Szesny, second by Kane that the minutes of January 10, 2024 be approved as printed; all in favor.

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<b>Town Board Meeting - February 14, 2024 Cont'd.</b>
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**Pay Bills:**

Motion by Juliano, second by Szesny that the bills for the past month be paid as presented: General #23 through #53, and Highway #17 through #34; all in favor.

**Assessor Report by George Haskell:**

Assessor George Haskell said all the Agricultural Exempts must be in by March 1, 2024.

**Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green:**

Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green said he is closing out reports. He said as a result of the Public Safety Meeting held on January 25, 2024 the property maintenance issue on State Route 5 is looking better.

**County Legislator Report:**

County Legislator Jim Bono said he wanted to thank the Town of Schuyler for their support throughout the years. Supervisor Lucenti presented him with a proclamation and thanked him for all his years of service.

**Supervisor Report:**

West Schuyler Water Project - Ian Yerdon

Ian Yerdon said the paperwork has been submitted to Albany, Herkimer County, and the NY State Health Department. He said paperwork has been submitted to Dave at the Mohawk Valley Water Authority and also the U.S.D.A Rural Development. He said then they will put out the project for bid. He said the tank site will be on Bell Hill Road. He said by Fall the numbers should be out and we will know if it is a go or not.

Mischael McKenna - Mohawk Valley Hometown Hero Program

Mischael McKenna said the Mohawk Valley Hometown Heroes Program is a municipality participation.

She said this is a 3-year program - the banners have a life expectancy of 5 to 8 years, depending on weather conditions. Each municipality can determine if they want to leave the banners up year-round, or put them up from Memorial Day through Veterans Day.

The cost of the banners will be \$150.00 for 2024. In addition, each municipality will need to have hardware to hang the banners - \$70.00 for single and \$120.00 for double. Tim Riecker of Emergency Preparedness Solutions, LLC has generously offered to pay for this hardware to hang the banners.

Resolution to Change Zoning Map on Schuyler Four Corners Project to Planned Development

Motion by Szesny, second by Dodge to re-zone the parcels in the Schuyler Four Corners Project to Planned Development; all in favor (Councilman Juliano abstained).



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**Town Board Public Hearing - February 14, 2024 Cont'd.**

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Report on Annual Inspection of Town Clerk and Town Court Records:

Supervisor Lucenti said Joe Juliano and Eric Kane examined both the Town Clerk's books and Court Clerk's records and found them to be correct.

Motion by Szesny, second by Dodge stating that the Town Clerk books and Court Clerk books were in order; all in favor.

Flood Meeting Hosted by Assemblyman Smullen (January 25, 2024)

Supervisor Lucenti said that Assemblyman Smullen hosted a meeting on January 25, 2024 at the Town Office building. He said a lot of debris is in Sterling Creek and a lot of gravel, which you cannot get rid of easily due to contamination. He also said Kristen Campbell will do a BRIC grant for a fee; he said he told her to proceed.

**Highway Superintendent Report by Philip Johnson:**

Speed Control Signs

Supervisor Lucenti asked Philip Johnson if he knew about the accident on Windfall Road. His reply was yes, Barb told me. Supervisor Lucenti asked about speed control signs or bumpers. Phil Johnson said you cannot put up either in this type of weather. The Town Clerk said, how about a blind driveway sign? She was advised that it is a County Road and Phil Johnson said he would call Herkimer County.

Green Waste Update

There was a discussion regarding green waste pickup. Superintendent of Highways Phil Johnson said it would be costly and he does not have the manpower. It was decided to hold off for another month.

New 2024 Truck

Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson said he will pick up the new pickup truck on Thursday and then have the plow mounted. He said on Auctions International, he will sell the 2016 Chevrolet pickup.

**ZBA Meeting - Appointment of New Chairperson:**

Supervisor Lucenti said Ron Beach has been appointed Herkimer County Legislator and he is no longer Deputy Supervisor. He said he would like to appoint Angela DeMichele as Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Resident Comment:**

Tim Riecker of Emergency Preparedness Solutions, LLC indicated he would like to pay for the brackets for the Hometown Hero Program.

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

*Barbara J. Boulia*

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### Mark Your Calendars!!!

**This year's Car and Corn Show will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2024 and will feature musical guest Gridley Paige!!**



### Upcoming Meetings and Public Hearings



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

March 13, 2024 Town Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.



**JOHN A. LAPOLLA**  
**SCHUYLER VFW POST #8728**  
**240 Wood Lane, Schuyler**  
**Michael Collver, Commander**



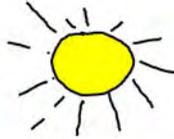
Social Hour at the VFW are held every Friday beginning at 3 P.M.!

Contact Gail Lesniak Moore for Facility Rentals: 315-794-5713



Schuyler Town Newsletter

Happy  
St. Patrick's Day



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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**

Thursday Evenings  
5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
or by 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**

Winter Special until May 2024: Second Site Purchase for half-price: \$400

Please contact Harry Robbins, President: 315-269-0861



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