



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOVEMBER 2025

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Polls are open at the Schuyler Town Hall
2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502
6 A.M. to 9 P.M.



See page 6 for sample ballot



HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE Tuesday, November 4, 2025

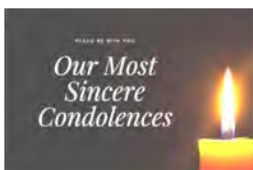


- Volunteer Bakers Greatly Appreciated
- Baked goods should arrive by 9 A.M. on November 4th
- Thank you for all your support!



Condolences to the family of Councilman Rodney Dodge

Please see page 5



Supervisor's Hours

Town Supervisor Ron Beach
holds office hours Wednesday
evenings from 4:00 to 6:00



Upcoming December Events

December 13 - Breakfast with
Santa and Historical Society
Presentation

December 13 and 14 - Santa
Around Town

Holiday Coloring Contest



October Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Liam Vivlamore, whose Birthday is October 8th!!



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.

Submitted October Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Ellice McQuay	October 2	Ron Sanderson	October 4
Madilyn Marie	October 6	Jeff Salamone	October 8
Cole Betrus	October 11	Nicole Perkins	October 11
Jacklyn Entwistle	October 22	Judy Griffio	October 22
Giuseppe Kierpiec	October 25	Scot Raymond	October 27

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

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





TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**The Schuyler Chronicles****Issue # 17 - November 2025**

If you read September's issue of The Schuyler Chronicles, then you learned about some of the daily tasks that a mother performed. This month you will read about what the fathers did 'back in the day'.

When it snowed, like in this photo in the winter of 1943, the men shoveled-and shoveled-and shoveled. (Pictured are Howard Mullholland, Martin Pentgren, and LB Budlong)



In the 1920's and 1930's, men like Ross Willis and Scott Ladd (with the help of an unnamed dog), would trap muskrat, skunk, and racoons. The pelts would be sold to help make ends meet. In 1922, skunk pelts were worth \$4.50 each; muskrat pelts were worth \$3.00 each; racoon pelts fetched \$9.00 each. By the looks of it, Mr. Willis and Mr. Ladd did pretty well for the season.

In the 1930's, the unidentified men shot this black bear in the back woods of Schuyler. They would process the meat for the family meals, then they would either make a rug for their home or sell it to a local tannery (Schuyler had two tanneries) to help support their family. In the 1920's and 30's black bear hides were worth \$20 each.



Lester Budlong and friends sawed wood with a cross-cut saw for firewood to keep the 'home fires burning' for warmth and to feed a woodstove so Mom could make some good meals for the family. Maybe some bear stew? (Picture circa 1940).

After working hard all day, these men probably met up in a cool cellar to tap a barrel of hard cider. Unlike the mom in the previous article who wanted some hard cider for 'medicinal purposes', these men drank to relax, get warm, and tell tall tales.

The Town of Schuyler Historical Society has some interesting pictures from eras gone by. Each one tells a story. You may have some of your own in your family album. Take a look at them and imagine what life was like during those time periods. Don't forget to write the names of those pictured and the date taken. It will help future generations to identify those that went before them.

Submitted for your reading pleasure.

Christine Proulx, Recording Secretary, TOS Historical Society



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

Last Rabies Vaccination for 2025

Saturday, November 15th
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.
- A \$5.00 donation per pet is suggested to defray costs.



Walk-In and Pre-Registration available

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

New Dog Control Officer

The Town of Schuyler welcomes our new Dog Control Officer, Mike Hartwell.

Mr. Hartwell can be reached by cell phone at 607-201-5196.



Planning Board Member Wanted

The Town of Schuyler has a vacancy for a Planning Board member.

Interested candidates should contact Town Supervisor Ron Beach at 315-733-7458 or supervisor@townofschuylerny.gov for further details.



In memory of Town Councilman Rodney Dodge

The town suffered a terrible loss on September 30th when Councilman Rodney Dodge was tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident.

Rodney was born on March 19, 1966, the son of Kenneth and Eleanor (Keyser) Dodge. He was raised locally, was a 1984 graduate of the Whitesboro Central School District and went on to pursue an associate's degree from Herkimer County Community College. On July 16, 1987, Rodney was united in marriage with Tina Countryman. Rodney worked many jobs throughout his life, most notably, his HVAC business, Dodge Home Heating & Cooling, LLC which he began in 2003.



Rodney took great pride in his community, just like his father before him, proudly serving as Town Councilman for Schuyler. He was a long-standing member of the East Herkimer Sno-Riders, where he spent countless hours volunteering. He was always on hand for the Herkimer County Fair, and if there was a truck or tractor pull going on, Rodney was your guy.

Of all his many accomplishments, nothing brought him more joy or love than his family. Rodney took the title of husband, father and grandpa ("Rot") very seriously. He was happiest spending time surrounded by family and friends. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. You could always count on him to lend a helping hand. Rodney made a lasting impact on everyone that knew him and his absence will be deeply felt.

Rodney is survived by his beloved wife, Tina; his children, Lacey Dodge of Newport, Kelsey (Kyle) Rowlands of Marcy and Dale Dodge of Schuyler; his cherished grandson, Ezekiel Rowlands, who coined the name, "Rot"; brother, Ronald Dodge of Schuyler; two nephews and their families, Charles and Jennifer (Zoe, Olivia, Tyler) Dodge of Frankfort and Craig & Melissa (Jackson) Dodge of Westmoreland; his mother-in-law, Judy Countryman of Prospect and a special cousin, Diane (Bob) Zygmunt of Schuyler. He also leaves behind countless other family members who he loved dearly. He was predeceased by his parents, Kenneth and Eleanor Dodge; father-in-law, Dale Countryman and special cousins whom he thought of as his brothers, Duane, Darry and Dean Dodge.

Pictured below are Rodney Dodge and his father, longtime Town Supervisor Ken Dodge, welcoming Rodney to his term as Town Councilman.

At the October 2025 Town Board Meeting, Rodney's son, Dale Dodge, was sworn in as Town Council member to fill out Rodney's remaining 2025 term.



Sample Ballot

[illegible]

Proposal One An Amendment	Proposal Two An Amendment
Vote for One Amendment to Allow Olympic Sports Complex In Essex County on State Forest Preserve Land Allows skiing and related trail facilities on state forest preserve land. The site is 1,039 acres. Requires State to add 2,500 acres of new forest land in Adirondack Park. A "Yes" vote authorizes new ski trails and related facilities in the Adirondack forest preserve. A "No" vote does not authorize this use. ☐ Yes ☐ No	Vote for One A Local Law Regarding Amendment of the County Charter to Extend the Term of Office from Two Years to Four Years "Shall Introductory Local Law A of 2025 entitled Local Law regarding amendment of the County Charter to extend the term of office for all County Legislators from two years to four years be approved?" ☐ Yes ☐ No

Honoring Judge George J. Luther, II



On Friday, October 16th family, friends, and dignitaries alike joined in celebrating the retirement of Hon. George Luther after 46 years on the Bench as Town Justice.



The event was held at S/SGT John A. LaPolla VFW Post #8728.

Guests included Judges Michael Petucci, David Gideon, Peter Hakes, and David Kozyra. Also in attendance were Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon and her husband Donald, County Legislator Anthony Lucenti, and Judge Luther's children - George Luther III, Laurie Longeretta, and Jim Luther. Additionally, Judge Dale Christie, Town Supervisor Ronald Beach, Jr., and Councilmen Dale Dodge, Eric Kane, and Joe Juliano.

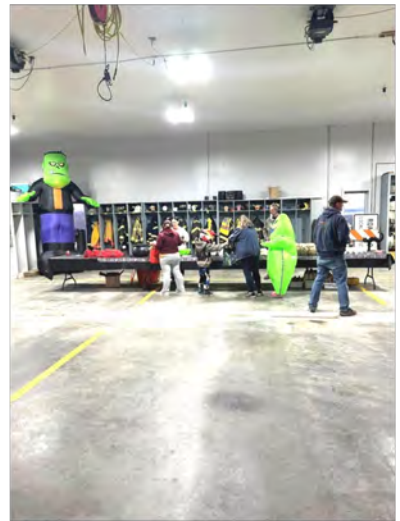
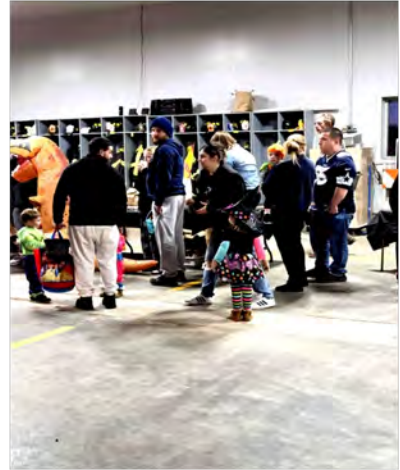
Several proclamations were presented, including one by the Town of Schuyler Town Board proclaiming October 16, 2025 as Judge George J. Luther, II Day and a Herkimer County Proclamation presented by Legislator Anthony Lucenti.





2nd Annual Trunk or Treat a Success!!

Thank you to the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company, New York State Police, Herkimer County Probation Department, Kunkel Ambulance, and the many volunteers for making this an incredible fun and safe evening for over 200 children.



Planning Board Meeting - October 1, 2025

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

Planning Board Members Present were:

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

Also Present Were:

James Owen, Vitaly Verenich, Dimitri Brutsky, Town Supervisor Ronald Beach, Sarah Collignon, and Planning Board Secretary Jeffery Dingman.

Chairman Costanza opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, along with a moment of silence for Rodney Dodge.

Motion to Approve Minutes:

Motion by Fusillo, second by Digristina to approve the September 3, 2025 Planning Board minutes; all in favor.

Open Public Hearing – Slavic Pentecostal Church:

Presentation with visuals by James Owen. Issues raised from the Board included questions pertaining to state code for fire suppressions systems, discussion about dimensions of the front addition, plans for septic system, entrance/exits in parking lot. Secretary Dingman indicated that the NYS Department of Transportation was contacted as part of the regular process in notifying affected agencies. A trustee from the church gave some more information about the plans for the second floor. Construction is planned to begin in the Spring.

Resolution of Intent to Confirm Lead Agency Status:

Motion by Digristina, second by Fusillo for resolution to confirm lead agency status; all in favor. Discussion ensued with regard to whether to move forward with the minor SEQR.

Motion to Close SEQR:

Motion by Tripoli, second by Fusillo to close SEQR; all in favor.

Motion to Adopt a Negative Declaration:

Motion by Digristina, second by Tripoli to adopt a negative declaration; all in favor.

Motion to Approve Project:

Motion by Ritter, second by Fusillo to approve the project; all in favor.



Planning Board Meeting - October 1, 2025 cont'd.

Training:

A training opportunity is available at MVCC on Monday, Nov. 10, 2025 from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. Planning Board members discussed further training opportunities that could be held after upcoming Planning Board meetings.

Motion to Close Meeting:

There being no additional business, a motion to close the Planning Board meeting was made at 6:35 P.M. by Digristina, second by Fusillo; all in favor.

Sarah Collignon, Recording Secretary
Jeffery Dingman, Planning Board Secretary

Assessor Report - October 2025



Town of Schuyler Assessor's Office
2090 State Route 5
Utica, New York 13502
Phone: 315-733-7458 x225
Email: assessor@townofschuylerny.gov

October 7, 2025

RE: October 2025 Assessor's Department Report

Dear Town Board:

We would like to express our condolences on the sudden passing of board member Rodney Dodge. We are sure his service and dedication will be greatly missed, and our condolences go out to the family and town members.

Below is the October 2025 monthly Assessor Report for the Town of Schuyler

- The Assessor's office was significantly busy within the past month again requiring many additional hours to address and resolve issues, most of which stemmed from the school tax bills going to property owners. We worked diligently to ensure all matters were handled in a timely and effective manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel & Amie Maxwell

Assessor

Town of Schuyler, NY

Town Board Meeting - October 8, 2025

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

Council Members Present:

Supervisor Beach, Councilmen Joe Juliano and Eric Kane. Absent was Bette Szesny.

Also Present Were:

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways, Philip Johnson, and Judge George Luther II.
Town Residents: Dale Dodge, John Werczynski, Jeffery Dingman, Ruby Beach, Tim Riecker, Harry Robbins, JoAnn Mammone, Anthony Lucenti, Donald Haman, Joe Scalise, Sarah Collignon, Lacey Dodge, Charles Dodge, Tyler Dodge, Kelsey Dodge Rowlands, Jennifer Dodge, and Tina Dodge.

Supervisor Beach led the assembled people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Councilman Rodney Dodge.

Appoint and Install Board Member:

Judge George Luther II, swore in Dale Dodge as a member of the Schuyler Town Council with a term ending 12/31/25.

Approve Minutes:

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano, that the minutes of September 10, 2025 be approved as printed; all in favor.

Pay Bills:

Motion by Juliano, second by Kane, that the bills be approved; all in favor.

Codes Officer's Report:

Codes Officer Phil Green said there have been a couple of complaints. He said they are 51 permits over last years' permits.

Highway Report by Superintendent of Highways Phil Johnson:

Supervisor Beach said Phil needs a motion on a Resolution to accept Developments Roads. Motion by Juliano, second by Kane to accept Development Roads; all in favor.

Supervisor Beach said he needs a Resolution to put the Ford 550 out for bid. Motion by Kane, second by Dodge; all in favor.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Beach said David Crane, from the Insurance Company will prepare a spreadsheet and review the Policies at the November 12th, 2025 Town Board Meeting at 5:30 P.M.



Town Board Meeting - October 8, 2025 cont'd.

Supervisor's Report cont'd.Appoint Assessor

Supervisor Beach said he needs to appoint Amie Maxwell as the Assessor for the Town of Schuyler. Motion by Dodge, second by Kane to appoint Amie Maxwell as Assessor for the Town of Schuyler; all in favor.

Set Budget Hearing

Supervisor Beach said we will have a Budget Hearing on November 6, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

Building Appraisals for Insurance

Supervisor Beach said every 5 years NYMIR does a appraisal on the buildings and it will be October 23, 2025 at 3:30 P.M.

Upcoming Events

- Trunk or Treat at Schuyler Firehouse October 26@ 6:00 P.M.
- Breakfast with Santa@ Schuyler Firehouse, December 13th, 2025
- Santa around Town: December 13th and December 14th, 2025

Public Comments:

Town Resident Donald Haman commented on the Brown-Graham-Newport Road Water District. Donald Haman's opinion is regarding bond counsel Douglas Goodfriend, had to issue his opinion, that all laws were followed before the water District could be let out for bids. For his information three sections of Town Law 12A were not lawfully followed by the Town of Schuyler Board. Section 209 F2; Section 209 F3 subsection 3, and 209F3 subsection 3, were not followed by the Town Board. Section 209F 2, Section 209F3 Subsection 3, and 209F3, subsection 5ca3, were not followed.

All of this could have been avoided when on April 6, 2022 taxpayers George Luther III and I, had made an appeal to Town Board to discuss issues with the formation of the East & West Water Districts. This appeal procedure was to review the formation of the Water Districts as stipulated in Town Law Article 12 A C-209-2091 Establishment of Improvement districts. Apparently, the Town Board did not want to discuss the Town's inability to follow Town Law as written and would not hear our appeal. The Town Board did not follow the Town Law as written in three instances. Section 209-F2 Section 3-Subsection 3 and Section 209 F 3 Subsection a,5c. My questions is, why didn't the entity empowered to enforced Town Law Address these taxpayers concerns? Who enforces Town Law and why was it not done?

Councilman Juliano asked Don Haman why would the Comptroller sign off the application? His reply was no one read the application and Town Law 209 F, which explains the rules & regulations.

Legislator Lucenti said at Herkimer County they have a new President. He said Remington has been sold. He also said the East Schuyler Water project is not dead.

Town Board Meeting - October 8, 2025 cont'd.

Public Comments Cont'd.:

Resident Haman asked Legislator Lucenti, What was the dollar figure, that he gave to the Comptroller on his application for the aggregate assessed valuation for Water District 5?

Legislator Lucenti said that the Engineers gave the application to the Comptrollers office, not him. Mr. Haman asked him if it was C2AE? His reply was Yes.

There being no further business, motion by Juliano and second by Dodge to close the Town Board Meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk

Santa Around Town

Presented by Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company



**Saturday, December 13th - Utica City Line to the Thruway Bridge for
West End of Town**

**Sunday, December 14th - Thruway Bridge East to the Frankfort Bridge for
East End of Town**

**** Beginning at 3:00 P.M. both days ****





SCHUYLER VOLUNTEER
FIRE COMPANY
ANNUAL
ANTHONY "PAGS" PAGLIARO
**BREAKFAST
WITH SANTA**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13, 2025
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

120 Newport Rd. Utica, NY 13502
Fire Station 1

Come on down and enjoy some delicious
breakfast (pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice,
and coffee), fun crafts for the kids, and a photo
with santa!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



The Town of Schuyler Historical Society is pleased to join the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company's annual Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, December 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Newport Road Fire Station.

We will have a brief historical presentation of what was originally on the fire house property and how it evolved into what it is today where you're having breakfast.

Gift bags with treats will be distributed to children (while supplies last), and parents will also receive a gift, compliments of the Town of Schuyler Historical Society.

Make sure you stick around for Santa's reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'.

The Breakfast with Santa event promises to be a great one this year. We're looking forward to being a part of it.

The Town of Schuyler Historical Society

**** Also, be on lookout for a coloring contest in December's Newsletter ****





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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@townofschuylerny.gov

**Town of Schuyler
Historical Society**

317-917-3334

Please leave a message
if no one is available.

Town Assessor

Amie Maxwell: 315-733-7458 ext. 225

Office Hours Tuesdays 1 P.M. - 3 P.M.
or by appointment

Codes Enforcement Officer

Call Before Starting
ANY Building Project

Philip Green: 315-868-7553

Dog Control Officer

Mike Hartwell

607-201-5196

East Schuyler Miller Cemetery
Burial Sites Available

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

West Schuyler Miller Cemetery
Burial Sites Available

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



S/Sgt. John A. LaPolla

Post #8728 VFW

240 Wood Lane

Joseph Hubbard, Commander

Post Phone: 315-733-6609

E-Mail: vfwlapola@aol.com

New Commander Joseph Hubbard Phone Number: 315-985-5773



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

Contact Facility Use Coordinator Gail Lesniak Moore at 315-794-5713 for Building or Pavilion Use