



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

JUNE 2026

**Polls Open:
6 A.M. to 9 P.M.**



Schuyler Town Hall

2090 State Route 5

**County-Wide Republican and Democrat Primary Election
Tuesday, June 23, 2026**

Early Voting June 13 - 22

760 East Monroe Little Falls NY (see page 4 for details)

-Town Dumpster -

Saturday, June 13 from 8 A.M.- 4 P.M.
Sunday, June 14 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.



*Primary Day
Bake Sale*

**Election Day
Bake Sale**

- ◇ The Town of Schuyler Historical Society will be holding its annual bake sale on Tuesday, June 23rd during Primary Election Day at the Schuyler Town Office from 7 a.m. until *sold out*.
- ◇ Baked goods and donations are greatly appreciated. Please drop off baked goods between the hours of 7 A.M. and 11 A.M.
- ◇ Raffle tickets for the Town of Schuyler Historical Society Community Picnic prizes will be available.

Thank you for all your support!



May Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Jason Clemente, whose Birthday is May 23rd!!

Jason won a gift card to Dollar General!



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 May Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Giuliano Griffo	May 1	Madisyn Sibley	May 2
Kayla Virkler	May 3	Landyn Sibley	May 4
Calliope Griffo	May 6	Janice Rathbun	May 7
Sharon Cunningham	May 13	Shawna Cunningham	May 13
Kristin Salamone	May 14	Janice Clemente	May 15
Molly Reid	May 17	Sharon Grubner	May 18
Heather Goodchild	May 23	Eleonora Occhipinti	May 24
Bernadette Loiacano	May 25	Gregory Griffo	May 25
Peyton Pavlus	May 26		

Coming Soon to the Schuyler Town Office Building!!!

Little Free Library



What are Little Free Libraries? They are book exchange boxes that are set up in neighborhoods across our country and around the world. They number more than 200,000 as of early 2026. The mission of the Little Free Libraries is to be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all. Today in the United States, more than 30 million adults cannot read or write above a third-grade level. Studies have repeatedly shown that the more books in or near the home, the more likely a child will learn and love to read. Sixty-one percent of US children living at or below the poverty level have no books at home.

The Town of Schuyler Historical Society sees a need for a program like this in our area. There are three Little Free Libraries in Utica and one in Frankfort but none in between. Having one in Schuyler would literally put us on the Little Free Library map on their website (littlefreelibrary.org).

The library pictured above will hold anywhere from 25 to 40 books. We will stock it with a variety of adult books as well as pre-teen and children's books. Some will be new and some will be gently used. The premise is "take a book—leave a book". We realize that won't always occur—but that's OK. We want people to take the books and read them—and either return them to the library or pass them along. They will be yours to enjoy.

As a member of the TOS Historical Society, I recently appeared before the Town of Schuyler Town Board to propose this program. The Board eagerly and unanimously approved the placement of the library at the Town Office building. The TOSHS also received two generous donations to help with the purchase of children's and pre-teen books. We often hear about all the negativity and divisive issues in the media, but when these two donations were offered and accepted, the donors received a rousing round of applause. Residents who attended the meeting were very enthusiastic about this program. Thank you to everyone who supported it. It was uplifting and gratifying to see the positivity in our small community.

The 'grand opening' of our Little Free Library will be announced in the near future.

Christine Proulx, Recording Secretary
Town of Schuyler Historical Society





Early Voting Dates and Times

Primary June 23, 2026

Early Voting: Primary Election 2026

Valley View Court
760 East Monroe
Little Falls NY 13365

The dates and times for Early Voting are as follows:

Saturday June 13	9:00AM-5:00PM
Sunday June 14	9:00AM-5:00PM
Monday June 15	9:00AM-5:00PM
Tuesday June 16	Noon-8:00PM
Wednesday June 17	Noon-8:00PM
Thursday June 18	9:00AM-5:00PM
Friday June 19	9:00AM-5:00PM
Saturday June 20	9:00AM-5:00PM
Sunday June 21	9:00AM-5:00PM

Mobile Medical Unit to Arrive at VFW Post #8728

On July 15 and 16, Local Source Government Services, who are contracted by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) will bring their Mobile Medical Unit to VFW Post #8728.

Onboard the Mobile Medical Unit, veterans' medical histories are reviewed, and exams are conducted to evaluate veterans' medical claims to be compensated by the VA.

Important Notes:

1. No medical procedures are completed
2. No medications are given or prescribed
3. There are no money transactions at the mobile clinic - arrangements are made through the VA afterwards
4. Veterans who are helped have appointments made for them in advance to provide timely one-on-one care



TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Schuyler Chronicles ~~~ Issue # 24 ~ July 2026

Which side would you pick?



VS.



During the American Revolutionary War would you be a Tory (British Loyalist) or a Patriot (a revolutionary)? Perhaps, you would be a 'fence-sitter' not caring which side won. Choosing a side was not easy for many colonists. Modern historians estimate that approximately 20% of the population of the Thirteen Colonies were Loyalists, 45% were Patriots, and 35% were uncommitted.

Media tells us over and over that America today is a 'divided nation'. The Thirteen Colonies 250 years ago were divided and took up arms against each other. "New York State had more than its share of Tories. Indeed, it is remarkable that New York was able to remain American Territory, for there were only 17,700 Yorkers that joined the American army and 23,000 that joined the British. Small wonder that we find so much hatred of the Tories in our own valley and so many examples of families divided against themselves. Even so great a man as General Nicholas Herkimer did not escape the taint, for his brother and nephew were both Tories serving under Sir John Johnson." The great Patriot, Benjamin Franklin, had a son, William Franklin, who chose the loyalist side.

The Iroquois were also divided. The Mohawk, Seneca, Onondaga, and Cayuga sided with the British as influenced by the outcome of the French and Indian War and by Sir William Johnson. The Oneida became allies of the Patriots. The Oneida's choice was influenced in part by their respect for Reverend Samuel Kirkland who had immersed himself in the Oneida way of life. Moreover, the Oneida felt betrayed by Sir William Johnson as he changed boundary lines much to their detriment.

Polly Cooper is an uplifting example of the Oneida support of the Patriot cause. A \$1 coin issued by the U.S. Mint in January 2026 honors this Oneida woman who accompanied 47 warriors sent by Chief Skenandoa to relieve Washington's starving and sick army at Valley Forge. Leaving in April 1778 the Oneidas traveled 250 miles through cold and snow to bring bushels of white corn. Polly taught the soldiers how to make nutritious white corn soup and how to heal with Native medicine.

We hope you enjoyed this month's history lesson! Celebrating America's 250th Birthday will certainly be a wonderful time to learn more about our nation.

Submitted by Marie Grose, President TOS Historical Society

1. Schellhammer, Michael, "John Adam's Rule of Thirds." Posted 2013.

2. Bilobrowka, Elizabeth, "The Troy Story" librarian St. Johnsville Library, NY written especially for WKTV 1956 page 1



Planning Board Meeting - May 6, 2026

Planning Board Members Present:

Chairman Victor Costanza, Vice Chairman David Fusillo, Jean Finster, James Digristina, Dan Tripoli, Michael Ritter, and Robin Lindsay.

Also Present Were:

Supervisor John Werczynski, John F. O'Brien, Councilman Dale Dodge, and Recording Secretary Sarah Collignon.

Chairman Costanza opened the meeting at 6:02 P.M. and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion to Approve Minutes:

Motion by Digristina, second by Fusillo to approve the April 1, 2026 Planning Board minutes; all in favor.

Verde Associates, LLC Application:

John O'Brien who is representing Verde Associates presented an application to modify the existing boundary lines for parcels G & H in the Schuyler Industrial Business Park. The adjustment will make one parcel larger and the other smaller, however the total acreage of both lots will remain the same.

Board members asked a few questions about the ownership of the surrounding parcels, as well as the intention for the property.

Motion to Approve Boundary Line Modifications for Parcels G & H in Business Park:

Motion by Tripoli, second by Lindsay to approve the boundary line modifications for parcels G and H as outlined in the application; all in favor.

A board member asked about the new codes officer, Bianka Rico and thought it would be helpful if she was able to come to Planning Board Meetings to answer questions that come up.

Motion to Close Meeting:

There being no additional business, a motion to close the Planning Board meeting was made at 6:23 P.M. by Digristina, second by Ritter; all in favor.

Submitted by Sarah Collignon and Jeffery Dingman

Town Board Meeting - May 13, 2026
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Town Board Members Present:

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

Also Present Were:

Town Clerk Kristin Salamone, Highway Superintendent Philip Johnson, Clerk to Town Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, and Town Residents Chris & Rick Proulx, Anthony Lucenti, JoAnn Mammone, Vincent J Bono, Angela DeMichele, Sarah Collignon, Barbara Boulia, Helen Boswell, Harry Robbins, D.J. Klimek, Dale Christie, Paul McLean, Joe Salamone, Dayton and Chanda King.

Supervisor Werczynski called the regular meeting before the Town of Schuyler Town Board to order at 6:01 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 Minutes:

Motion made by Dodge, seconded by Kane to approve the Town Clerk minutes from April 8, 2026, meeting; all in favor.

Motion to Pay Bills:

Motion made by Juliano, seconded by Luther; all in favor.

An amendment was brought forward for the Dec 21, 2025, meeting. At this meeting, a resolution was made allowing and permitting Dale Dodge to serve as both Budget Officer and Town Board Member. Ayes- Dodge, Juliano, Kane, Werczynski; abstain-Luther (wasn't a board member in December).

Chanda King:

Chanda King introduced herself. She is currently running for the position in the 118th District Assembly. She was staying after the meeting to answer questions any residents may have.

Update from Herkimer County Legislator:

Anthony Lucenti stated the Herkimer County Youth Employment applications are available at the Town Clerk's office. Anyone under 21 looking for a job this summer may apply.

Highway Report:

Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson reported that there was no bid on the Frankfort Bridge project, therefore, it will go out for rebid. The crew has been working on patching potholes, completing side work, and working on equipment. A new pump was installed at the Town park, and the new Ferris was delivered. Phil has plans to seal up some roads. He also mentioned the "we buy houses" signs are an eyesore and would like to pick those signs up.



Town Board Meeting - May 13, 2026 cont'd.
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Merchant's Field Update:

Resident Paul McLean is coaching a Youth 12 girls Traveling Softball team and shared with the Town Board members his plans for updating Merchant's Field using his own resources. He brought in new clay and plans on painting the dugouts. Paul is hoping to hold softball clinics, games and tournaments on the field bring opportunities to other kids as well. Town Board members voted to waive the \$20 daily use fee.

Assessor's Report:

Supervisor Werczynski read the report. The Assessor will be checking voicemails and emails on a regular basis. Summer hours will be the first Tuesdays of the month for June, July and August from 1-3 P.M. Grievance Day is Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 4-8 P.M.

Supervisor's Report:

Anthony Lucenti stated a resolution is needed for Supervisor Werczynski and MVEDD representative Heather Devitt to act as authorized contacts for State Financial System (SFS). This is regarding the park ramp at Wood Lane. A survey was recently conducted and the State accepted it. Bills need to start being submitted through SFS.

A motion was made by Kane, seconded by Juliano; all in favor.

Letter from Wendy Leach :

A FMLA letter was submitted by Court Clerk Wendy Leach. She started her FMLA on Monday, May 4, 2026.

Justice Angela DeMichele thanked the Board for reading Wendy's letter. She wanted to make sure the Board is fully endorsing Wendy and that she receives 12 weeks for FMLA (Federal Law). The Town Court has hired a temporary court clerk that will work per diem and is fully trained.

Letter from Barbara Boulia:

Supervisor Werczynski read a letter submitted by Barbara Boulia. Restitution was made, Barbara Boulia spoke at the meeting, and Councilman Juliano responded.

Review of Justice Court Records:

Motion for Review of Justice Court Records made by Kane; seconded by Juliano; all in favor.

Street Lights:

Councilmen Kane and Dodge brought to the board member's attention about installing 5 streetlights along Route 5 from the Utica City Limits to Dollar General. Residents are walking on this strip at night. The town is also interested in changing all the streetlights to LED lights. A representative will meet with members of the board on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 to discuss this further.

Town Board Meeting - May 13, 2026 cont'd.
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Meeting with Park Caretaker:

Town Board members will be meeting with Park Caretaker Mike Keefe, at the Town Park on Tuesday, May 18, 2026, at 5 P.M.

Planning Board Report:

Planning Board Secretary Jeffery Dingman reported an application came in from Verde Associates, LLC. The application is for adjusting the lot lines in the Business Park. The application was approved by the Planning Board. Dingman requested final approval from the Town Board.

A motion was made for final approval of the project by Kane; seconded by Dodge; all in favor.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report:

ZBA Chairperson JoAnn Mammone stated the Zoning Board of Appeals held a workshop with attorney Dwight Knauf who is working on the decommissioning clause for Acadia Solar project. ZBA is waiting to hear from the State Historic Preservation Society's findings because of a small cemetery on the property making sure there's no issue for this project.

Water Board Report:

MVWA Councilman Dale Dodge reported the annual audit went well. The board is waiting for the valley's community's decision.

Public Comment:

Resident Helen Boswell inquired about the ongoing issue from December through April's meetings with the former clerk that going forward that the Town should have different actions that will establish checks and balances in the Town Clerk's office and have input as to who gets hired for the position. Dale Dodge replied the town has made corrections to make sure this will never happen again.

Harry Robbins reminded all residents about the **Democrat** and **Republican** Primaries on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M.

Schuyler Historical Society member Christine Proulx shared with the Town Board members TSHS is purchasing a Little Free Library. Chris asked members if the little free library could be placed in the vestibule of the office building. Two residents gave donations for keeping up with the supply of children's books as TSHS have an abundance of adult reading books. Once the little library is up and running, residents are encouraged to stop by and "Take a Book, Leave a Book". The little free library will be on the List of Little Free Libraries and will be a wonderful gift to our community.

Attorney Wolber and Councilman Juliano were concerned about having the vestibule doors open 24/7. The Board will discuss this issue later.

Town Resident JoAnn Mammone asked about rules for former employees that are released for wrongdoing being able to seek employment in any capacity be banned.



Town Board Meeting - May 13, 2026 cont'd.

Resolution for Traffic Light:

Attorney Mark Wolber updated the Board with the status of the traffic light. Resolution 2026-2 was passed. Motion for Schuyler to be the permittee for the traffic control device at the intersection of Drive In Rd made by Dodge; seconded by Juliano; all in favor.

The Town Board members went into Executive Session.

Close Meeting:

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to close the meeting at 8:49 P.M. was made by Kane; seconded by Juliano; all in favor.

Submitted by Kristin Salamone, Town Clerk

SAVE THE DATE!!!

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



This annual picnic is a wonderful opportunity to visit with old friends and neighbors and meet new people in our town.

It is totally free for our residents. No one ever left hungry! Everyone gets a free door prize ticket upon checking in. Raffle prizes will be drawn at the end.

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.

Celebrate the 250th birthday of our country with us.

It promises to be a fun day!

So make sure you mark August 16 on your calendar.

See you there!

Sponsored by the Town of Schuyler Historical Society



**It's Getting Closer!!!
Mark Your Calendars!!!**

August 8, 2026



8
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
LOUDEST EXHAUST
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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, June 4th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Norway Community Center 3114 Military Road, Norway
Thursday, June 25th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	East Herkimer Fire Department 193 Main Road, East Herkimer
Thursday, July 16th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Danube Town Garage 438 Creek Road, Little Falls
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!

East Schuyler Methodist Church

Sunday Service is at 9:30 A.M.

West Schuyler Methodist Church

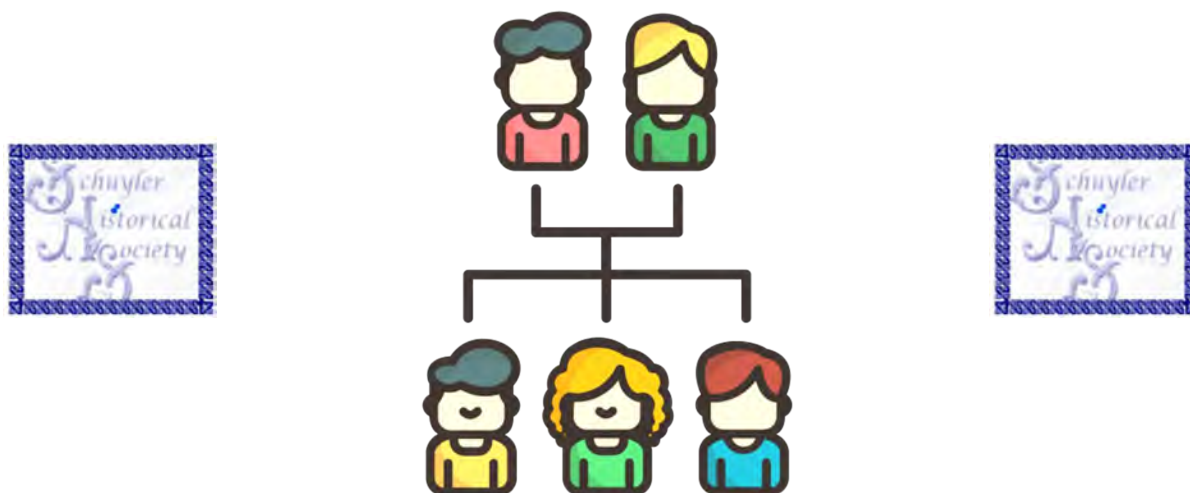
Sunday Service is at 11 A.M.

**HERKIMER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AND THE TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY (TSHS)
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP**

*Tuesday, June 16, 2026
6 pm – 8 pm
Schuyler Town Office
2090 State Route 5, Schuyler*

If you plan to attend, please call the Town of Schuyler Historical Society at 315-917-3334 and leave your name and phone number so we can contact you if the event is rescheduled or cancelled.

Bring your laptop if you have one. Herkimer County Historical Society also has a few that they can lend out for the workshop.



Town-Wide Garage Sale



**Friday, July 24, Saturday, July 25 and Sunday July 26
9:00 A.M - 4:00 P.M.**

If interested, please stop by and register with the Town Clerk.

Your address and a brief description of items you are selling will be included on a map which will be available free of charge to the public at the Town Office and on our website.

Deadline for registration is July 17, 2026



Herkimer County *Fire in the Sky* Palooza

Wednesday, July 1st, 5-10 pm
Herkimer County Community College

- Live Music
- Food Trucks
- Family Fun Activities
- Spectacular Fireworks Display at Dusk

Please Help Support this Community Event!

- \$100 – Sparkler
- \$250 – Bottle Rocket
- \$500 – Firecracker
- \$1,000 – Roman Candle
- \$2,500 – Starburst
- \$5,000 – Grand Finale

Scan the code to donate (select "other" and enter "Fireworks") or contact Jim Bono at vchenzo@aol.com



Summer Youth Employment Program Now Accepting Applications



Anthony Lucenti, Herkimer County Legislator



The Youth Summer Employment Program will begin accepting applications for the summer youth employment program. The program will run for 7 weeks, starting June 29 and running through August 14, and is for youth aged 16 to 20. The youth must turn 16 no later than July 6, due to NYS labor laws, and that is also the start date for many of the sites. The youth can work for a total of 112 hours at \$15.00/hour over the 7 weeks, which averages 16 hours a week, but depending on their site supervisor, they could work more hours in a week and be done earlier. They just can't go over 112 hours and must be done by August 14. The job sites are all non-profit, community sites such as parks, playgrounds, DPW's, libraries, etc. We maintain a list in our office and try to match the youth with a site that is close to their home, and something they are interested in.

Each Legislator receives 14 "slots" for youth within their district. Youth may e-mail Jeffery Dingman at webmaster@townofschuylerny.gov to request an application packet.

Also, please be aware that Herkimer County offers a bus program for those youth employed at Old Forge area businesses. The bus will run daily from mid-June through Labor Day and offers four pick-up points: Herkimer, Middleville, Newport, and Poland. Youth must get their own job in the Old Forge area, and then must come into the Youth Bureau for a bus pass and also to obtain a Sheriff's ID. Some businesses in that area may hire youth as young as 14, which may be a good option for those youth too young to participate in the Summer Employment program.

If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Youth Bureau at 315-867-1213 or e-mail Melanie Lopata at mlopata@herkimercountyny.gov.

We look forward to working with you on behalf of our youth!



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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
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East Schuyler Miller Cemetery
Burial Sites Available

For information and current pricing, contact:
Harry Robbins, President 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