



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

OCTOBER 2026

SCHUYLER
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC.

3RD ANNUAL
TRUNK
OR
TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

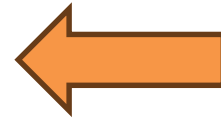
Hosted by the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company

FREE EVENT
TO THE PUBLIC!

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!
Want to help make Halloween special for the kids?
We are looking for people willing to
DECORATE THEIR VEHICLES,
SET UP, AND HAND OUT CANDY
during the event.

Whether you come dressed up,
decorate your vehicle, or simply
help pass out candy -
WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!

COME OUT AND HAVE
SOME HALLOWEEN FUN WITH US!



Join the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company in their 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat Station 1
120 Newport Road

Enjoy a Harvest Dinner at West Schuyler Methodist Church

297 Wood Lane
Saturday, October 24
5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

See page 11 for details

Don't forget the last Town Dumpster of 2026

Saturday, October 17
8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Sunday, October 18
8 A.M. - Noon
See page 14 for details



September Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Timothy Ludwig, whose Birthday is September 13th!!

Timothy selected a gift certificate to Schuyler's own McGill's Whiskey Tavery and Grill!



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 September Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Lee Bellair	September 12	Andrea Cordero	September 21
Gregorio Griffo	September 22	Maria Griffo	September 27
Frank Manno	September 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

Planning Board Meeting – September 2, 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, Michael Ritter. *Absent: Robin Lindsay and Dan Tripoli.*

Also Present Were:

Patrick Theodossiou, Steve Boisvert, Jason Kantak, Michael Fotia, Aiden Philips, Councilman Dale Dodge, Councilman Joseph Juliano Supervisor John Werczynski, 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 the August 5, 2026 Planning Board Minutes:

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

Presentation & follow-up by Applicant SunCap Property Group, LLC for Project Mohawk:

The applicant said that everything has been finalized and they are excited to get the project going. Board members asked some clarifying questions about the gradient, sloping, soil, where the hydrants would be located, fueling vans, and landscaping. They will be doing all their own maintenance and snow plowing.

Motion to Close SEQR for Project Mohawk:

A Motion was made by Ritter to close SEQR for the Project Mohawk, second by Fusillo; all in favor.

Motion to Adopt a Negative Declaration:

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

Motion to Approve Project Mohawk by SunCap Property Group, LLC:

Motion by Fusillo, second by Finster; all in favor.

Discussion regarding updating the Zoning Map:

Dale Dodge said that no one was here from the IDA to discuss this so it will have to wait until next month.

**Planning Board Meeting – September 2, 2026 cont'd.****Presentation by Applicant Aiden Philips:**

Aiden Philips would like to build a second residence on his existing property. The codes officer directed him to the Planning Board because she was unsure if it is allowed. The applicant's alternate plan would be to build a garage connecting the 2 homes.

A board member suggested that he have the property surveyed and separated into 2 lots to make it easier in the long run (for resale purposes, etc.). There would be other logistics to consider such as a septic system and well water.

The board had a brief discussion, then informed the applicant that they aren't opposed to the project but will have to do some research into our town laws to see what is allowed.

A board member also requested that the town's codes officer attend the next Planning Board Meeting if possible.

Motion to Close Meeting:

There being no additional business, a motion to close the Planning Board meeting was made at 6:38 P.M. by Finster, second by Digristina; all in favor.

Submitted by Sarah Collignon and Jeffery Dingman

Town Board Meeting – September 9, 2026**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, Highway Superintendent Phil Johnson, Town Residents Harry Robbins, Anthony Klimek, and Herkimer County Legislator Anthony Lucenti.

Supervisor Werczynski called the regular meeting before the Schuyler Town Board to order at 5:59 P.M. And led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion to Approve Minutes:

Motion made by Kane; seconded by Luther to approve the Town Clerk's minutes from August 12th, 2026, meeting; All in favor.

Town Board Meeting – September 9, 2026 cont'd.

Motion to Pay Bills:

Motion made by Dodge; seconded by Juliano to pay bills, except for three bills in question; All in favor.

Herkimer County Legislature Report:

Herkimer County Legislator Lucenti updated the Town Board Members of the goings-on with the Herkimer County Human Resource Committee, the Public Safety Committee, kratom bans, occupancy tax on Air BnB's, the Lazaro property, the Herkimer County Highway department upgrades, the Children's Center that will serve Herkimer County children, digitizing county records for easy access through the Internet. The Herkimer County budget process has started. Lucenti also reported the updates for the Gaetano/ABM Management Co., LLC Solar Project along with updates of the East Schuyler Water Development Project. All the grants have been submitted for the West Schuyler Water Project. The waiting process had begun, and we should know the results around Christmas time. The Wood Lane project is waiting for final approval. Councilman Juliano asked exactly why the water project was stopped. Lucenti stated no one really knows why. Councilman Kane inquired about the \$1M from Claudia Tenney for the water project. Lucenti answered this money was voted on in Congress as part of the Clean Water and Air Law listing Town of Schuyler to receive the funds, and yes, we are still entitled to this money.

Town Clerk's Report:

Town Clerk Salamone reported that the speed limit study on Newport Road was denied by New York State Department of Transportation.

Codes Officer Report:

Supervisor Werczynski read the Codes report. Five building permits were issued, Byrne Dairy's plan review was completed and the permit was processed. A permit was issued for Project Mohawk following the completion of the primary plan. Councilman Kane commented how Codes Officer Rico did a great job taking care of an issue on State Route 5 and is doing a great job overall.

Highway Report:

Superintendent Phil Johnson stated that chip ceiling was completed and a second round of roadside mowing was completed. The crew has been working on replacing a couple of culverts. There's an issue with diversion causing a wash-out on Johnson Rd.

Motion made by Kane; seconded by Juliano to approve permission for Superintendent Johnson to take care of the issue on Johnson Rd; All in favor.

Johnson continued his report stating he ordered a new Town Park sign to be put up on Windfall Road across from Bowie Road. Councilman Kane asked if the County Highway Department could install the sign. Legislator Lucenti stated he will wait to hear from Johnson as to what he needs and then will contact the County to install the sign. Johnson also stated they're going to mow the sewer line one more time and get the bridge taken care of. The Town has some salt already and they will start hauling sand to prepare for the upcoming winter season. All the equipment is ready for the winter season. One vehicle has a recall issue that needs to be taken care of. No update on the new plow. A lot of towns have been waiting over 2 years for their equipment.



Town Board Meeting – September 9, 2026 cont'd.

Assessor's Report:

Clerk Salamone stated the school tax bills have been sent out to residents. She has already received phone calls from residents.

Supervisors Report:

Nothing to report.

Planning Board and IT Report:

Secretary Dingman stated Project Mohawk was approved, the SEQR was closed, and the board adopted a declaration this past month.

Secretary Dingman stated there's an IT meeting in Syracuse with Digital Towpath, the company that hosts the Town's website, on September 25th. He would like permission from the board to attend this meeting.

Motion made by Dodge; Seconded by Juliano for Dingman to attend the IT meeting; All in favor.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report:

Secretary Dingman reported the conditional use permit and SEQR were approved for the Acadia Energy and Gaetano Solar Project.

Legislator Lucenti reported for ZBA Chairwoman Joanne Mammone. At last month's meeting, Mammone brought to the attention of the Town Board members the issue of the amount the Zoning Board receives (which pays for the members' fees and public notice fees) versus the application fee. She's done a lot of research on the ZBA application fees in different towns. Mammone's recommendation was to increase the \$250 application fee to \$350. She also recommends commercial businesses pay the application fee of \$350.00 and an additional \$200 for every meeting thereafter. The town board members agreed to table this discussion until next month.

Water Board Report:

Mohawk Valley Water Authority Representative Dodge stated there's a budget workshop for the Water Board on September 10, 2026, and a budget meeting on September 2, 2026, before the regular water board meeting.

Public Comment:

Supervisor Werczynski commented that the Town Board members receive the monthly DCO reports and the Dog Control Officer Andrew Topham is doing a great job.

Town Board Meeting – September 9, 2026 cont'd.

Public Comment cont'd.:

**Motion for Public Hearing on NYS Uniform Fire Prevention & Building Code and
State Energy Conservation Code:**

Motion made by Kane; seconded by Dodge to hold a Public Hearing at 5:30P.M. on October 14, 2026, prior to the regular Board meeting; All in favor.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion to close the meeting at 6:34 PM was made by Kane; seconded by Luther; All in favor.

Submitted by Kristin Salamone, Town Clerk

LOST AND FOUND



After the members and volunteers of the Town of Schuyler Historical Society cleaned up from our annual Community Picnic at the Bowie Road Town Park, we found two items that were brought to the event but weren't claimed at the end. One is a travel coffee mug, and the other is a cutting board. If either of these are yours, please call us at 315 917-3334 to make arrangements to pick it (or them) up. We will hold onto them for another month.

Thank you.



THE SCHUYLER CHRONICLES

Issue 28 October 2026

The Town of Schuyler Historical Society (TSHS) is happy to respond to three questions that were posed this year which members did not have answers for at the time. Through research the TSHS is glad to provide follow-up.

1. **How did Dutchtown Road get its name?** Inquiry from Councilman Eric Kane at the Historical Society's April 12 speaker presentation. Research by Darryl Gillette, historian and member.

Dutchtown Road's name comes from the historic Palatine settlement. This area in East Schuyler was named for its early German speaking settlers from the word "Deutsch" meaning "German." Dutchtown was a working-class area with industries of mills, dairies, bakeries, breweries, and basket making. As the area over time was influenced by technological progress, primarily in transportation such as the Erie Canal, the railroads, and the NYS Thruway, more nationalities sought residence in Schuyler: Irish, Polish, Italians, African-Americans, and others. Schuyler's population diversified into a melting pot but the name Dutchtown Road persisted from its early German roots.

2. **How did Graham Road get its name?** Inquiry from unknown person at the April 12 presentation. Source: *Schuyler's Millennium Madness 2000* John A. La Polla VFW Post # 8728-page 46 excerpt from article by Patricia Nimey. Research by Libby Tedesco, member.

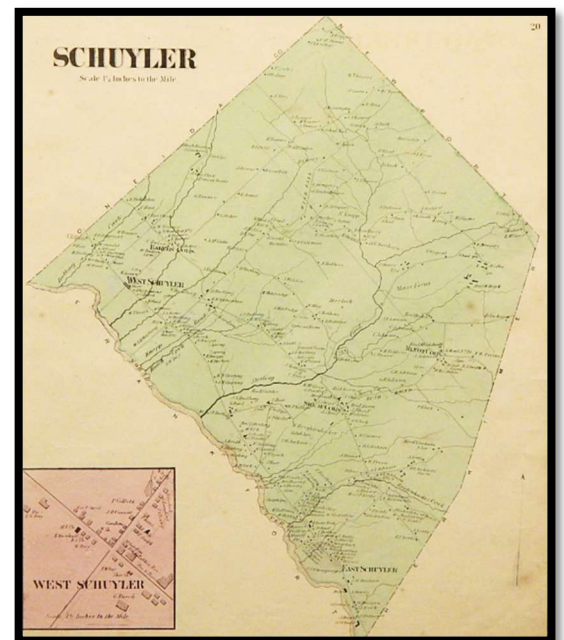
"James Graham settled 100 acres on Walton's Patient of Great Lot #4, as surveyed by William Cockburn & Son in 1793, formerly occupied by George Damuth and James Christian. An additional 50 acres lies in the Town of Deerfield. James sold his farm to his sons, John and Malcom Graham, on April 3, 1854. The property remained in the Graham family until 1903. It was then sold to William and Bertha Squires by the heirs of John Graham, (Malcom died in the Civil War, leaving no heirs). The Squires sold the farm to John and Sophia Zielinski on July 7, 1923. The Zielinsky's operated a dairy farm and grew potatoes for over 45 years. Upon the death of Sophia in 1977 (John died in 1968), their heirs sold the property to Norman and Patricia Nimey on December 5, 1978."

3. **What and where is "Fort Mike"?**

Source: NorthAmericanForts.com. Research by Ramona Kane, member. Piecing together bits of information from sparse records, it seems Fort Mike (or Fort Widrig) was named after Michael Widrig, one of the Palatine families of the Hasenclever settlement. Although it is called a fort, the structure is believed to have been a fortified homestead of the Widrig family. Fort Mike was used for only one year in 1777 by Continental soldiers stationed to protect American ammunition which was stored there ready to be sent when trouble arose east to Fort Dayton (Herkimer) or west to Fort Schuyler (previously, Fort Stanwix). There is thought that Fort Mike may have been located east of Fort Petersburg, a palisaded stockade, in East Schuyler. (Note: Fort Petersburg historical sign on Route 5.) Fort Mike was occupied for only one year as the area became largely abandoned after the bloody Battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777.

If you have any information to add, please email townofschuylerhs@gmail.com or leave a message on the TSHS's voicemail 315-917-3334.

Submitted by Marie Grose, President



Pictured above is an old map of the Town of Schuyler from 1868



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Learn more and apply at ny.gov/eap or by contacting your utility directly. Your utility can provide more information on eligibility and answer any questions about the application process.

Thank you!!

The Town of Schuyler Historical Society would like to thank the women who responded to our note in the last newsletter about the gentleman whose late wife had a large quantity of sewing supplies, fabric, and a sewing machine. Al W. wanted to give these items to anyone who could make good use out of them. I contacted Mr. W. and gave him all the phone numbers of the women who responded. He called me today to let me know that everything was gone and he appreciated the interest. The members of the TOSHS are happy that we could help the residents of our town help each other out.



Upcoming Hearings for October

- **October 8, 2026 (Thursday)** Planning Board Meeting at 6 P.M.
- **October 14, 2026** Town Board Public Hearing at 6 P.M. regarding NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and Energy Conservation Construction Code
- **October 14, 2026** Town Board Regular Meeting following 6 P.M. Public Hearing

Thank you to Al Barbato, Sr. for your service

During the October 14 Town
Board Meeting, Supervisor
Werczynski will honor Al
Barbato, Sr. for his many years
of service.

Line Dancing Classes at the VFW!!

Join us on Thursday, October 8 for
Line Dancing Class at the Schuyler
VFW located at 240 Wood Lane

6:30 – 8:00

Beginner Lessons

\$10 per person

Future classes may be available
Please contact the Town Clerk's
Office at 315-733-7458

HEAP FREE FURNACE CLEAN AND TUNE

If you are 60 years or older
Own your home
And received HEAP this year
CALL 315-867-1195
To see if you qualify
FREE Clean and Tune

Herkimer County Office for the Aging
and NY Connects

109 Mary Street, Suite 1101
Herkimer, NY 13350
Phone: 315-867-1195
Fax: 315-867-1448

E-Mail: hcofa@herkimercountyny.gov
Web: www.herkimercountyny.gov

A festive flyer for a Harvest Dinner. The top features the church name in green serif font, followed by 'HARVEST' in large, textured orange letters and 'Dinner' in a brown script font, all framed by autumn leaves. Below is a green banner with 'CHICKEN AND BISCUITS DINNER' in white. The center shows images of a bowl of cranberries, a slice of pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and a plate of chicken with vegetables. Text describes the meal: 'with mixed vegetables, cranberries sauce and pie for dessert.' The bottom section, separated by a dotted line, lists the price '\$15.00' with a dollar sign icon, the time '5-7PM' with a clock icon, and the date 'SATURDAY OCT 24, 2026' with a calendar icon. A location box with a map pin icon states 'Located at 297 Wood Lane Utica, NY'. The flyer is decorated with pumpkins, sunflowers, and autumn leaves at the bottom.

West Schuyler
Methodist Church

HARVEST Dinner

CHICKEN AND BISCUITS DINNER

with mixed vegetables,
cranberries sauce and
pie for dessert.

 **\$15.00**  **5-7PM**  **SATURDAY
OCT 24, 2026**

 *Located at*
297 Wood Lane
Utica, NY

*Come support our church
and have a great meal!*



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

2026 Rabies Vaccination Schedule

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.



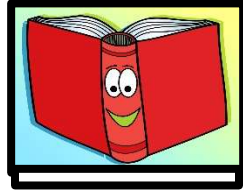
For faster service please call 315-867-1176 and pre-register!

Announcement from Town Supervisor John Werczynski

Supervisor John Werczynski announces that the pre-application for the Northern Borders grant for West Schuyler Water has been accepted. More to come on this exciting announcement!



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BOOK MONTH



Why do we celebrate National Book Month? Because it encourages people of all ages to pick up a book and develop good reading habits.

How can you celebrate this exciting event?

Start a new book. You may have some on a bookshelf that you've been meaning to read. October's National Book Month may be just the motivation that you need to open it up and dive right in. Give yourself 100 pages to decide if you like it or not.

Visit a local library. When you walk in you are surrounded by books that are brand new or hundreds of years old. You get to choose which adventure you want to discover.

Don't forget to visit bookstores. They're so much fun. They no longer just sell books, but many sell board games, bookmarks, cards, puzzles. You get to decide how you want to expand your mind.

Did you know that the Town of Schuyler has a Little Free Library? It is at the entrance of our town office. The members of the Town of Schuyler Historical Society keep it filled with books for ALL ages, not just kids. Here's a small sample of what books and/or authors are in there now: David Baldacci, Nora Roberts, Freida McFadden's *The Teacher*, *Killers of the Flower Moon*, Michael Crichton, Nicholas Sparks' *The Wedding*, James Patterson, *Star Wars Alphabet Squadron*, *Weird Las Vegas and Nevada*, *Armchair Travel Guide to Italy*, *Do Penguins have Knees?*, *Where the Grass is Green*, *The Friends to Keep*, *The Story of the Mayflower*, *Welcome to the World*, *Are we still Friends?*

We change books frequently so check it out every few weeks.

How do you choose the correct reading level for a child? Use the FIVE-FINGER rule. Pick a book your child wants to read. Open it to any page in the middle of the book. Have your child read the page. Hold up one finger every time your child sees a word that he or she does not know or cannot pronounce.

0-1 finger: The book is too easy.

2-3 fingers: The book is a good fit and is just right.

4 fingers: The book is challenging

5 fingers: The book is too hard for the child to read alone and is best read with an adult or a friend.

Enjoy your books no matter where you get them from!
Christine Proulx, Town of Schuyler Historical Society



**-Town Dumpster –
(last one for 2026!)**

Saturday, October 17 from 8 A.M.- 4 P.M.

Sunday, October 18 from 8 A.M.- Noon

Items Accepted:

(Limited to (1) Pickup Truck Load (4 cubic yd.)

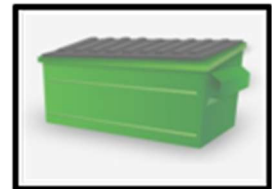
- Green Waste (Brush, Grass, Leaves)
- White Goods & Metals (Household Appliances)
- Stuffed Furniture, Mattresses, Rugs
- Batteries

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

CAREGIVERS SERIES

The Alzheimer's Association and the Herkimer County Office for the Aging will be presenting a program about the warning signs of Alzheimer's and its treatment.



This program will be held on Friday, November 13, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Town of Schuyler Town Offices, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY.

Please call the Herkimer County Office for the Aging at 867-1371 to register.

Thank You!

The Town Board would like to thank Ruby Beach for her assistance with the town's grant management program.



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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

Office Hours:

Tuesdays 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Codes Enforcement Officer

Call Before Starting
ANY Building Project

Bianka Rico: 315-940-9935

Dog Control Officer

Andrew Topham

315-404-8447

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**East Schuyler Miller Cemetery
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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



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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