



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

DECEMBER 2025

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!

**Condolences to the family of
Town Supervisor Ron Beach**

Please see page 3



**Schuyler Historical Society
joins Breakfast with Santa**

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'.



Veterans Day Ceremony 2025

A reading of all deceased members' names was read at a bell ringing on November 11th at the S/Sgt. John A. LaPolla VFW Post #8728 in Schuyler.



Mike Collver



Donald Kane, Commander Joseph Hubbard, Mike Collver, Joe Serbaniewicz

Codes Officer Wanted

The Town of Schuyler has a vacancy for a Codes Officer.

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



In Memory of Town Supervisor Ron Beach



The town suffered another terrible loss with the recent passing of Town Supervisor Ronald James Beach, Jr. on November 14, 2025.

Born in Utica on January 9, 1962, he was the son of Ronald James, Sr., and Kathleen (Sullivan) Beach. Ronald was raised in Leonardsville, graduated from Mt. Markham High School and attended auctioneer school. On September 12, 1998, he married Ruby C. Bushey at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Utica.

Ronald dedicated 35 years as a Prosthetic and Orthotic Technician at Hanger Clinic in Marcy until his retirement. A generous and compassionate man, he was grounded in his Catholic faith and tirelessly served his community. His roles included Herkimer County Legislator, Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company member, Santa's Helper for the Town of Schuyler, Boy Scout leader in Deerfield, and, most recently, served as Schuyler Town Supervisor. He was also a past member of the Leonardsville Volunteer Fire Department and actively involved in Town of Brookfield politics. For over 20 years, he supported the Kelberman Center in Utica, participating in Autism Walks and serving as auctioneer during the Boonville Autism Walk to give back to an organization that has provided vital support to his son Patrick.

Ronald's greatest source of joy was his family, especially his sons, Kyle and Patrick. They were the light of his life, and he was deeply committed to supporting them in every way possible. He was a steadfast presence at every soccer game, cross-country meet, and track meet, offering encouragement from the sidelines. He always celebrated their successes with heartfelt joy and was ever ready with thoughtful advice and a listening ear. Ronald's unwavering dedication to his family, combined with his devotion to his community, left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

We will miss Ron's selflessness, sense of humor, and dedication to the Town of Schuyler.



November Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Jeremy Leary, whose Birthday is November 15th!!



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 November Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Jolyn Dingman	November 1	Christina Dupont	November 2
Donna Green	November 3	Leslie Smith	November 3
Patty Parker	November 5	Janice Clemente	November 7
Patrick Beach	November 7	Richard Griffio	November 7
Roman Petriski	November 10	Makenly Fernalld	November 11
Mike Green	November 14	Tiffany Petriski	November 14
Molly Griffio	November 15	Amanda Wilson	November 18
Maureen Tabaka	November 22	Chris Hadlock	November 24
Ivan Petriski	November 26	Ron Madonia	November 29
Jesse Sibley	November 29	Regina Petriski	November 29
Elizabeth Elow	November 30		

East Schuyler Methodist Church

Sunday Service is at 9:30 A.M.

West Schuyler Methodist Church

Sunday Service is at 11 A.M.



TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Schuyler Chronicles ~~~ Issue # 18 ~ December 2025

“Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree, how lovely are your branches.”

For the last several years, Rick and I have had the honor of putting up and decorating the Town of Schuyler's Christmas tree in the court room of the town office. Since we are members of the town's historical society we decided to decorate the tree with vintage-style ornaments. We made some of them ourselves and purchased others. I thought it would be fun to share the pictures and instructions with you if you wanted to make some home-made ornaments for your tree. Making them is a great family and kid-friendly craft project. FYI-you'll need a glue gun and scissors.



Cinnamon Sticks: Hot glue two cinnamon sticks together to make an “X”. Snip some greenery and berries from a Christmas pick. Hot glue them in the middle of the X. Snip a length of fabric Christmas ribbon. Put a dot of hot glue on the back of the X and press both ends of the ribbon onto the glue. Wait a few minutes for glue to cool and hang on the tree. You can also use these as gift box toppers instead of bows.



Vintage Cookie Cutters: I ‘inherited’ Mom’s metal cookie cutters. Since I don’t make Christmas cutout cookies anymore, I found another use for them. Once again, cut some greenery and berries from a pick and hot glue them on the metal. Cut a length of fabric Christmas ribbon and hot glue both ends on the back of the cookie cutter. You can also put a thin line of glue on the front edge of the cookie cutter then dip it in a flat plate filled with glitter. Very festive!



No-sew Fabric Ball: Head over to a store’s craft department and look for the bins of Styrofoam balls then choose the size(s) you desire. Next you will need sewing fabric in a rustic or Christmas print. Measure and cut a circle of fabric large enough to fit over the ball. Make sure you have extra fabric enough to snugly tie a length of twine or fabric Christmas ribbon into a bow and a loop at the top of the ball. Lastly, hot glue greenery with berries on to the top of the ornament.



Bright garland: We wanted to spruce up the tree (pardon the pun! LOL), so we purchased a few strands of red wooden beads at an estate sale, but you can find these in most stores with their Christmas decorations. To add a little bling, we purchased a couple of bags of metallic beads as well. With heavy string you can make a strand long enough to cover the entire Christmas tree. The red beads really brighten up the tree.

Pictured is the town Christmas tree in all its splendor. Clear lights twinkling, ornaments hung, garland strung, and a crepe paper angel watching over us.



(If you create any handmade ornaments, including these, we would love to see them.

Please email pictures to us at: historical@townofschuylerny.gov

The Town of Schuyler Historical Society wishes each of you a very merry Christmas.

We hope you give and receive gifts of peace and happiness.

Marie Grose, President; Rick Proulx, VP; Libby Tedesco, Treasurer; Jeannie Finster, Historian;

Suzette Vivyan, Photographer; Charlie Grose, Active Member;

Christine Proulx, Recording Secretary and The Schuyler Chronicles editor and contributor.



East Schuyler Methodist Church
118 Church Road, Schuyler



Family Christmas Service

Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 1:30 P.M.

Children's Play "THE THREE WISE MEN"

* No Sunday Morning Service

* Snow Date: December 28, 2025 at 1:30 P.M.

And

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.

All are welcomed.

Let's celebrate together the Joy of Christmas

WE'RE BACK!

**WEST SCHUYLER UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



297 WOOD LANE - SCHUYLER NY
OUR COOKIE WALK IS BACK!

DECEMBER 13TH 10:00 A.M. TILL...

**STOP IN – GET A CONTAINER – WALK AROUND AND
PICK OUT YOUR FAVORITE HOMEMADE COOKIES**

\$9.00 A POUND!

Rest Room Facilities available

(All proceeds go towards upkeep and maintenance of the church)



Planning Board Meeting - November 5, 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, James Digristina, Daniel Tripoli, and Alternate Member Catherine Nimey.

Also Present Were:

Donald Ehre, John Piseck, Anthony Lucenti, Town Supervisor Ronald Beach, Town Councilmen Joe Juliano and Dale Dodge, Jim Bono, Robin Lindsay, John Kosak, 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.

Motion to Approve Minutes:

Motion by Digristina, second by Fusillo to approve the October 1, 2025 Planning Board minutes; all in favor.

Presentation by Boulder Consultants:

Donald Ehre from Boulder Consultants and Stark Development partner John Kosak gave a presentation regarding development of a parcel in Drive-In Business Park, named Stark Development Property (Utica Roofing). Board members asked clarifying questions about the printed out plans they were given. Ehre and Kosak provided answers and further input. Chairman Costanza said they need to fill out a Planning Board application and pay the appropriate \$250.00 filing fee. Secretary Dingman printed the form for Ehre and Kosak to complete and the fee was then paid to the Town Clerk.

John Piseck from the IDA commented about some of the technical/area installations and expressed a positive outlook about what is happening in the park. He assured the board that they would provide all the information needed to proceed, as they have done in the past.

Motion to Close Meeting:

There being no additional business, a motion to close the Planning Board meeting was made at 6:33 P.M. by Digristina, second by Tripoli; all in favor.

*Sarah Collignon, Recording Secretary
Jeffery Dingman, Planning Board Secretary*

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - November 18, 2025

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

Zoning Board Members Present were:

Chairman JoAnn Mammone, Angela DeMichele, Jeffery Dingman, Sarah Collignon, and Cosmo Pelligrino

Also Present Were:

Dave Hart - CPL, Wanda Livigni - CPL, John Bay with Acadia Energy Corp., and Bill Gaetano.

Chairman Mammone opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Open Public Hearing – Acadia Energy Corp.:

A brief presentation was given by Dave Hart, Wanda Livigni , and John Bay regarding the installation of a solar farm on property owned by Bill Gaetano. Some of the points discussed included the placement of the farm, how long construction would take, and how it would benefit would the Town of Schuyler (local businesses and residents).

Chairman Mammone read a letter submitted to the Zoning Board by a bordering property owner, Timothy Riecker giving his support for this project.

The Public Hearing was concluded at 6:25 pm.

Additional Project Discussion:

Chairman Mammone also read through a letter from the Herkimer County Planning Board requiring additional information. There was a request to approve moving forward with the project, contingent on the fulfillment of the requirements from the County. The Zoning Board decided it would be in everyone's best interest to wait until those requirements are fulfilled before giving their official approval. Another meeting will be scheduled.

Motion to Close Meeting:

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

*Sarah Collignon, Recording Secretary
Jeffery Dingman, Planning Board Secretary*



Assessor Report - November 2025



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

November 23, 2025

RE: November 2025 Assessor's Department Report

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

The assessor's office sent out a letter to all mobile home park owners to get an updated inventory sheet so that we can fairly assess their properties better:

RE: Request for updated information

Dear Mobile Home Park Owners,

We are in the process of updating our records to ensure accurate assessments of your property. To assist us, please provide an updated spreadsheet with the following information for each lot:

- Manufactured home lot number
- Unit address
- Indicate if a mobile home is present or if the lot is vacant
- Mobile home year and mobile home size
- Occupancy status:
- If owner-occupied, provide the owner's full name

Note if the owner is receiving any exemptions

Providing this information promptly will allow us to complete an accurate and fair assessment. If we do not receive your response by December 1, 2025, we will be required to reassess your property using the best information available to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel & Amie Maxwell

Assessor

Town of Schuyler, NY

Town Board Meeting - November 13, 2025

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

Council Members Present:

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

Also Present Were:

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways, Philip Johnson, and Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman. Town Residents include: John Werczynski, Tina Dodge, Harry Robbins, Donald Haman, Sarah Collignon, Dzhesika Chmut, Sevhana Vataman, Chris and Rick Proulx, JoAnn Mammone, Anthony Klimek, and Ruby Beach.

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

Approve Minutes:

Will be done at the December meeting due to missing information regarding comments section.

Pay Bills:

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

Codes Officer's Report:

Codes Officer Phil Green was not available.

Highway Report by Superintendent of Highways Phil Johnson:

Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson said he sold the 2019 Ford truck for \$31,000.00. He said he also sold the 2017 Spreader for \$7,300.00. He was asked how much a dump body would be. His reply was \$163,836.50 approximately. Motion by Kane, second by Juliano to also get dump body; all in favor.

Assessor Report:

Not available; however, please see Assessor's written report on page 10.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Beach said he wanted to thank Budget Officer Dale Dodge for all the work he did on the Budget.

He also thanked the Election Workers for their hard work on Election Day.

Appointment to Planning Board

Supervisor Beach said he needs a motion to appoint Robin Lindsay to the Planning Board. Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge authorizing the appointment of Robin Lindsay; all in favor.



Town Board Meeting - November 12, 2025 cont'd.

Supervisor's Report cont'd.Appointment of Alternate to Grievance Board

Supervisor Beach said Sarah Collignon will be an alternate. Motion by Kane, second by Juliano authorizing the appointment of Sarah Collignon as alternate for Grievance Board; all in favor.

Set Budget Hearing

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

Authorization for Highway Superintendent to Transfer Funds

Motion by Kane, second by Dodge authorizing Philip Johnson to make transfer to Highway; all in favor.

Pro Housing Classes at MVCC

Supervisor Beach said there are classes available at MVCC for Pro Housing re: CDBG grant. Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge authorizing the Supervisor to attend the classes; all in favor.

Resident Comment:

Harry Robbins said there has been a robbery in Schuyler and advises people to lock up their houses.

There being no further business, motion by Juliano, second by Kane to close the Town Board meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk

Special Town Board Meeting - November 14, 2025

Appointment of Acting Supervisor:

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge to appoint John Werczynski as acting Supervisor of the Town of Schuyler due to the passing of Ron Beach. Term is 11/14/2025 until 12/31/2025 and will be appointed again January 1, 2026 until his term expires; all in favor.

M&T Banking

Authorization for M&T to remove Ronald Beach as signer on the Town of Schuyler checks. Motion by Kane, second by Dodge; all in favor.

Sewer and Water Bills Delinquent - Add 10%:

The Town Clerk needs a motion to add 10% to Delinquent Water Bills. Motion by Kane, second by Werczynski to add 10% to delinquent water bills; all in favor.

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk

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

**** Don't forget the Schuyler Fire Company's coloring contest - see page 15 ****





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Schuyler Fire Company Christmas Coloring Contest

Be sure to bring your colored picture to Santa's Breakfast!





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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

**New York State Police
Dial 911**

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

Joseph Hubbard, Commander

Post Phone: 315-733-6609

E-Mail: vfwlapola@aol.com

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

