

Spring 2011

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Clerk Hours

Monday 9 am-1 pm
Wednesday 3 pm-5 pm
Saturday 9 am-1 pm

Assessor Hours

2nd Saturday of each month
9-11 am

Supervisor Hours

by appointment 364-5548

all at Town Office 3705 Rte 34

Spring Clean Up Day

Sat. May 7th

10 am to 4 pm at the Transfer Station.

- For Scipio residents only.
SIGN IN REQUIRED.
- For large items too big to bag.
- No truckloads of construction debris.
- Special Bin for scrap metal.
- Household trash - bag and tag as usual.
No mattresses, tires, refrigerators, freezers, batteries, electronics, petroleum products, or pharmaceutical products.

Next Electronics Drop Off is Sat. May 14 from 9 – 3 at BOCES. For information on how to dispose of hazardous materials contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 315-255-1183.

Rabies Clinic - Sat. May 14th

1 pm to 3 pm at the Highway Garage.

Please bring your animal's most recent rabies certificate. Please bring your cat in a carrier. Courtesy of Dr. Underwood. Suggested donation \$5.00 per animal goes 100% to Doc.

Rabies immunization required: for dogs 6 months & older and cats 3 months & older.

Do you have a couple of hours to spare on Saturday May 7th? We're looking for several volunteers to help with Town Clean Up Day. Please contact Keith Welch 364-5218, Keith Batman 364-5548, or Dodie Rowlands at the town office 364-5740 or sciptown@gmail.com. Thank you to all those who assisted with the Fall event.

The Transfer Station is open Saturdays 10 am – 4 pm for Scipio residents only. Household trash must be bagged and tagged with stickers at \$2.50 each or \$12.50 for a packet of 5. These are available from the Town Clerk or Transfer Station Attendant. No charge for recyclables. Recycling guidelines are available at the town office. Make sure you are placing items in the proper receptacle.

Supervisor's Comments:

Is it spring yet? It has been a long winter for all of us but I want to give a special thank you to two groups in our community who have borne more than their share this winter. First, I want to acknowledge and thank our highway workers, Don and Doug Beebee, Tim Calhoun and of course Highway Superintendent Ron Walter who spent much of this winter plowing our roads so that we could get where we needed and wanted to go. Many times I marveled at their ability to keep going. I couldn't do it. Hats off and thanks to those who can.

I also want to thank the Scipio Volunteer Fire Department who this winter in particular dealt with so many accidents, deaths and misfortunes. Their training, their commitment, their hard work make us all safer, and we should never forget neither the sacrifices they make on our behalf nor the personal trauma they must sometimes accept as part of their jobs.

We have moved forward in many areas since our last newsletter. One very important area is our Comprehensive Plan. The Committee completed their work and passed the Plan to the Town Board for review. We have completed the required State and County reviews and are in the final phase of consideration: public comments on the final proposed Plan. There will be a public hearing on May 11 (see details in box in next column), and I urge anyone who has input to share it. I want to thank the Committee who, under the leadership of Bruce Hatfield and with the help of Jeanie Gleisner of the CNY Regional Planning Board, spent countless hours over the past 3+ years in getting us to this point.

As Bruce hands over the Comp Plan, he is taking a break from Scipio Planning Board.

For more than a decade Bruce has offered his insights, work, and understanding of our community to the Planning Board and other Town committees. He is taking a well deserved break and I would be remiss if I didn't thank him for the many, many contributions he has made and I am sure will make in the future.

All and all it was a good winter and as we look to summer, please be respectful of our neighbors if you choose to enjoy public Owasco Lake access at either Ensenore or Firelane 26.

Keith Batman, Town Supervisor

Public Hearing

will be held to receive comments on the Town of Scipio Comprehensive Plan on Wed. May 11 from 6:30 - 7:30. If you are unable to attend the hearing but wish to comment, you may do so by email: scipiotown@gmail.com or in writing: Town of Scipio, PO Box 71, Scipio Center, NY 13147 Attn: Comp Plan Comments.

Copies of the est. 100 page Comprehensive Plan are available for review at the Town Office Mon and Sat 9 am - 1 pm and Wed 3 pm - 5 pm, or for download at

<http://www.cnyrpdb.org/scipiocompplan/>.

If you wish to purchase a hard copy, call the Auburn Document Centre at 315-255-4664 74 Genesee St Auburn.

Historian's Corner:

You may have seen the last few issues of the Genoa-King Ferry Tribune and the articles about Scipio that I submitted. One article was about our connection with Battle Creek, MI through the Hussey family; the other detailed how Scipio came to own a second Jacquard coverlet, this one dated 1832. I spent part of the winter working with Cayuga College students on a cemetery project, compiling family trees for

Story, Fordyce, Sperry, Knox, Culver, and Rood among others.

I'm also happy to report that the history blog at scipiocenterny.blogspot.com passed the 10,000-viewer mark, and that is a lot of folks interested in our town since I began the blog in 2007! As a result of these works, I was selected to receive the 2011 NYS Excellence in Promoting Local History Award at the Public Historian Association's yearly meeting in Elmira.

To commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War beginning this month, I continue to work on compiling information on as many of Scipio's Civil War participants as I can verify, including familiar names such as Andrew Y. Corning, William A. Baird, Benjamin Gould, Pardon Shorkley, and Philip Strong. I would love to hear from you if you have information or photos to share of a Civil War ancestor. Sandie Stoker Gilliland, Town Historian

From the Assessor:

The Scipio Board of Assessment Review will meet at the town office on Wed May 25th from 4 to 8 pm to hear assessment related grievances. As always please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Scott J. Snyder, Assessor 607-745-0483 ssnyde7@twcny.rr.com. New address: 5334 East Homer Crossing Cortland NY 13045

Want to know via email about Clean-up Days, electronic recycling, other Board and Town events? To sign up for Scipio listserv, email scipiotown@gmail.com. You can also check out the town website at co.cayuga.ny.us/scipio.

The Town of Scipio thanks Webmaster William Ganis

Don't want to "Hound" you!

Just updating! I am asking each resident of Scipio to let me know if your previously licensed dog has died, or is no longer in your care.

To those who have unlicensed dogs: it's not too late to comply with the law – no penalties at this time. Just stop in during clerk's office hours or contact me – see front page of this newsletter. All you need is a current rabies certificate and \$13 annual fee (\$5 if you bring spay/neuter certificate).

It has been my pleasure several times to connect a lost dog with its family, thanks to the license tag and caring people who take the time to call. Dodie Rowlands, Town Clerk

Do you know of any areas along the roadsides that accumulate litter in the spring? Please take a picture if you can and contact Keith Welch at 364-5218.

Town Court:

Scipio Town Court now has a new courtroom thanks to Court Clerk Deb Kellogg and her efforts to get grants from the NYS Unified Court System. Monies have become available for court renovation, equipment, fixtures and improved heat and air conditioning.

Please do not use your cell phones or text while driving. It is illegal and it is not safe. Fines are steep and you will get points on your license. Avoid fines by obeying the speed limits. With summer coming, farm equipment will be on the roads, as well as more people driving, bicycling, and walking. Just so much more to watch for. Let's all have a safe and successful summer.

Sincerely, Brian Dugan & Deb Kellogg

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Supervisor	Keith Batman	364-5548 home
Council members	Mark Malys	246-1815 cell
	Greg Rury	246-4025 cell
	Keith Welch	364-5218 home
	Gary Whitten	364-8596 home
Justice	Brian Dugan	364-5325 (leave message)
Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar	Dodie Rowlands	364-7682 home
Historian	Sandie Stoker Gilliland	253-0461 home
Highway Superintendent	Ron Walter	364-8516 home
Assessor	Scott Snyder	1-607-745-0483
Animal Control Officer	Carl Collier	253-4367
Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer	Mike O'Connor	283-3603 cell

Regular Town Board meetings are held at the Town Office on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. All visitors are invited to attend and share ideas and/or concerns.