



Fall 2020

Town of Scipio Newsletter

Greetings, friends and neighbors!

When I last wrote COVID was just on our radar. We are now six months into this pandemic. It's important for us to respect the safety and thoughts of all our neighbors. Together, we'll get through it. As a town board, we met via conference call for two months until new guidelines permitted us to resume in-person meetings. We all certainly look forward to the time when things return safely to a familiar normal.

As I think about the issues before the town, certainly the roads and the transfer station are high on the list. While the highway crews had a month off during the height of the pandemic, they have done a great job in catching up since their return. Our roads continue to be among the best for any town in the area.

Regarding the transfer station, we greatly appreciate DJ Grady's service over the years, but did recently make a staffing change with the hire of Tom Olenych as the new attendant. While stickers were not available for two months, we continued to operate the transfer station. The stickers primarily pay for the attendant and the emptying of the compacter container.

The town board is exploring options regarding recyclables. In years past, there was no cost to the town to dispose of recyclables. Last year it cost us about \$5000, and the cost jumped this year to nearly \$25,000. As a board, we are considering whether to recoup all or some of this cost, or just absorb it as a service to town residents. **We welcome comments from residents, as most towns in the area do not offer this service.**

Duke continues to pursue the solar array on Center Road. We are waiting for Duke to comply with the engineer's requests and to finalize the agreement with the county industrial development board, before we agree on the Community Host Agreement.

The town's Comprehensive Plan Update 2020 Public Hearing was in September. Check out the website townofscipio.com for important updates and news.

As always, be sure to contact me or the town clerk for any issues that you would like to discuss or bring before the town board.

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CAYUGA COUNTY RECYCLING

Electronics Recycling Event on 9.26.2020

from 9 am—1 pm. Register by calling 315.255.1183. ext 238
or on line at <https://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga> .
Event sponsored by Cayuga County and Nucor Steel.

You may bring the following:

Computer equipment	fluorescent light bulbs
Video game systems	televisions (limit 4)
CRT monitors (limit 4)	
Button cell batteries	
Toner/ink cartridges	
Cell phones	
Other electronics	



Hazardous Waste Event

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Pre-registration is a must.

Register online at:

<https://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecayuga>

Sponsors: Cornell Extension Cayuga
County, Cayuga County Solid Waste
Management Office, Cayuga County
Department of Planning.

Questions: Please Call 315-255-1183
ext.238

COUNTY NEWS

TALK WITH YOUR COUNTY LEGISLATOR

KEITH BATMAN,
DISTRICT 7

Keith will have open hours
to meet with constituents

Saturday October 10, 2020
10:30 AM to Noon

Ask your questions, share
your concerns, thoughts and
comments.

If you are unable to attend,
you can always email at
kbatman@cayugacounty.us
or call 315.294.8070

COVID has created difficulties for us all, and I hope this fall newsletter finds you well in our new reality. Despite COVID, work goes on in the County. Working with our Highway Department, repaving of Sherwood Road from Route 34B to Route 90 was completed this summer. This road, as anyone who has traveled it knew, was not just in bad repair, but actually dangerous, but no more. Work on the stretch between Routes 34 and 34B is on the tentative schedule for next year as well. These schedules change based on winter damage, but I will keep an eye on the plans and continue to advocate for Scipio roads.

As has become the norm, we have entered the 2020 Harmful Algae Bloom season and algae outbreaks are being recorded on all of our lakes. The weather this year - hot and dry - has been ideal for HABs. Given this, the presence of this dangerous infestation is actually less than might have been expected. However, we must continue to be vigilant. **Know it, Avoid it, Report it** is the continuing message of our County Health Department. More detailed information is on the County Web site at <https://www.cayugacounty.us/742/Harmful-Algal-Blooms>.

I encourage you to reach out to me with your needs and questions.
kbatman@cayugacounty.us. My phone: 315 294 8070

Keith Batman, District 7 County Legislator

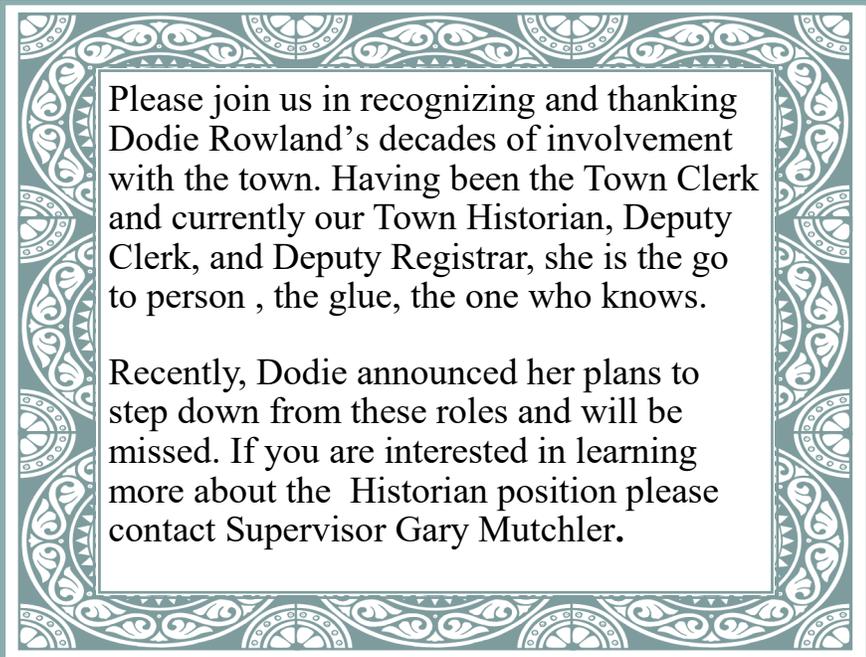
Town Historian

Cobblestone Architecture in Scipio

Building with cobblestones is a unique architectural style that flourished for about 35 years from 1825 until the Civil War. There was an abundance of rounded or oblong cobblestones caused by the glacial deposits and lake wave action on Lake Ontario. Cobblestones were used in foundation construction and gradually came into use for home construction. As noted in "Cobblestone Masonry", 1966, Carl Schmidt accounts for four homes in the Town of Scipio as examples of the innovative methods used by masons that still stand today.

Each mason developed an individual style and technique, preparing his own mortar. The real secret of a good cobblestone wall depended on the high quality of mortar used. After the Erie Canal was finished in 1825, the stone masons turned their trade to constructing homes. The skill and artistry of the masons developed exclusive cobblestone constructions.

As the story is told in Richard Palmer's article "Brief History of Cobblestone Architecture", Dr. Benjamin Fordyce, a well known and respected man of Scipio spent two years accumulating the cobblestones from Lake Ontario to build his home in 1843. Wheat was hauled to Lake Ontario and stones were brought back on the return trip. The Fordyce/King home still stands just west of the Rte. 34/Center Rd intersection.



Please join us in recognizing and thanking Dodie Rowland's decades of involvement with the town. Having been the Town Clerk and currently our Town Historian, Deputy Clerk, and Deputy Registrar, she is the go to person, the glue, the one who knows.

Recently, Dodie announced her plans to step down from these roles and will be missed. If you are interested in learning more about the Historian position please contact Supervisor Gary Mutchler.

TOWN CLERK NEWS

To help you stay informed visit the town's website for announcements, meeting agendas, minutes and events within our community.
www.townofscipio.com.

A BIG Shout Out to the Scipio Comprehensive Plan 2020 Update committee. Their findings indicate our community feels the future depends on the protection of resources, both natural and cultural, and on improving land use regulations and town government policies. These include land-use regulation for the protection of the environment and preservation of the rural/agricultural character of the town.

The next step to meet the changing needs of Scipio is to review the 2015 Scipio Subdivision and Zoning Rules and Regulation. With direction from the county Planning Department a committee will be formed to identify the areas to revise. Your participation is valued. If you are interested in being a part of this committee please contact the Town Supervisor .

The town is advertising the position of Office Cleaner. This is a two hour per month position. Call the clerk at 315.364.5740 or email clerk@townofscipio.com for the job description.

Ann Robson
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**Transfer Station
Recycling Center**

Hours of Operation
Saturday: 10 am—4pm
Trash Stickers are
\$3 per bag
Purchase them at the
Transfer Station

Fall Clean Up Day

Saturday, 10.3.2020
10am—4pm
You are responsible to
unload your own
trash.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Town Highway crew has finished their road work for the season. One mile of town road was paved and thirteen miles were oiled and stoned. Now on to fall mowing.

Our snow plows are ready and the salt shed is full. Just waiting for winter weather conditions to arrive.

Job opening: Part time snowplow wing person Please call 315.364.7754 if interested.

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