# Town of Scipio P.O. Box 71 Scipio Center NY 13147

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Town Offices	Highway Garage	364-7754
	Clerk's Office	364-5740
	Justice Court	364-5325 (leave message)
	Fax number	364-6802
	Website	co.cayuga.ny.us/scipio
	Email	scipiotown@gmail.com
Supervisor	Keith Batman	364-5548 home
Council members	Leslie Baxter	
	Milene Morfei	364-7384 home
	Greg Rury	246-4025 cell
	Gary Whitten	364-8596 home
Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar	Dodie Rowlands	364-7682 home
Historian	Sandie Stoker Gilliland	253-0461 home
Highway Superintendent	Mark Chamberlain	364-8719 home
Assessor	Scott Snyder 1-607	7-745-0483
Animal Control Officer	Carl Collier	253-4367
Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer	Michael Piechuta	283-0627 cell
Transfer Station Attendant	D J Grady	224-1817 cell

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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.

Spring 2013

P.O. Box 71

3705 State Route 34

Highway 364-7754

Justice 364-5325 Fax 364-6802

Scipio Center, NY 13147 Clerk 364-5740



#### Clerk Hours

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

#### **Assessor Hours**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month 9 –11 am

# **Zoning Officer Hours**

Monday 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

# **Supervisor Hours**

by appointment 364-5548

all at Town Office 3705 Rte 34

# **Spring Clean Up Day** Sat. May 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

Do you have a couple of hours to spare on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>? We're looking for several volunteers to help with Town Clean Up Day (usually 2-hour shifts). Please contact Keith Batman 364-5548. or Dodie Rowlands at the town office 364-5740 or scipiotown@gmail.com. Thank you to all those who assisted with the Fall event.

For info on how to dispose of hazardous materials contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 315-255-1183.

# Rabies Clinic - Sat. May 18<sup>th</sup>

1 pm to 3 pm at the Highway Garage.

LICENSE YOUR DOG. IT'S THE LAW.

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.

**Transfer Station:** 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 (\$12.50 for a sheet of 5). These are available from the Town Clerk or Transfer Station Attendant. No charge for recyclables. Make sure you are placing items in the proper bin, and please BREAK DOWN YOUR CARDBOARD BOXES.

## **Supervisor's Comments:**

- Keith Batman, Supervisor

Don Beebee is retiring after 40 years of service to the Town. He will be missed. While we will have a hard time finding someone with the dedication and skills Don brought to the job, we are trying. If you are interested in a job with the Scipio Highway Department as an equipment operator and have a CDL license and mechanical skills, especially heavy equipment repair, send a resume on or before May 3 to Mark Chamberlain at the Town Highway Garage.

## **History Corner:**

I have been working on learning more some early settlers, such as Manasseh French, a Baptist minister in Scipio beginning about 1800. I'd also like to learn more about the Revolutionary War veterans buried in Scipio, including Ebeneezer Cheever, Joel Coe, Robert Knox, Abijah Rude, Timothy Smith and William Story. Spring cleaning time is here - if you have any early photos, or stories to share, I would love to hear from you! - Sandie Stoker Gilliland, Town Historian

# **From the Highway Superintendent:**

We made it through another mild winter. We have started brush trimming and road work. We have a large pile of wood chips if anyone would like some. We are started ditching. If anyone is in need of ditch dirt call the Highway Garage at 364-7754 and leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can. - Mark Chamberlain

#### From the Assessor:

The Scipio Board of Assessment Review will meet at the town office on Wed May 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:ssnyder@twcny.rr.com">ssnyder@twcny.rr.com</a>. 5334 East Homer Crossing Cortland NY 13045

# BASIC STAR EXEMPTION REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED in 2014 (NOT 2013):

- As of 2014 all recipients of BASIC STAR, including taxpayers already receiving the exemption, will need to register with the NYS Tax Department.
- This applies only to **BASIC** STAR recipients Enhanced STAR recipients will not be impacted.
  Existing **BASIC** STAR recipients will be notified directly by the NYS Department of Taxation when it is time to re-register. **ALL INQUIRIES** call the STAR Registration telephone help line **518-457-2036**.

#### **REMINDER:**

# NO BURNING WITHOUT EXCEPTION

from March 16 through May 14. For more information contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 315-255-1183 or DEC website <a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html">http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html</a>. Existing NYS law already prohibits burning household trash in wood stoves, fireplaces, and outdoor wood boilers. DEC recommends that you recycle all appropriate materials such as newspaper, paper, glass, metal, and plastic, and compost your organic waste. All open burning is prohibited in New York with some exceptions such as small campfires and small tree limbs.

## **Fire Company:**

Visit us on the Web: scipiofirerescue.com

Greetings from the Scipio Fire Department. We would like to introduce our chief officers. Chief Wayne Pettit, Deputy Chief Mark Chamberlin, Assistant Chief Darren Batzer, Fire Captain Alvin Penird and EMS Captain Leslie Baxter. We are always looking for new members. We have something for everyone from firefighting to EMS to just helping out at fundraisers. Stop by and see us at our monthly meetings, the first Monday of the month at 7. Just a reminder there is a DEC no burn ban in effect until May. Also in May is EMS week as well as our annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. Bring mom down and let us serve breakfast and do the dishes. Prices are \$5.50 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3.50 for kids and 5 and under are free. Remember to stay safe and in the event of an Emergency call 911. Hope you all have a safe and warm spring.

## **SAVE YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS!**

Cub Scout Pack 95 will be collecting them the first week of June at the Scipio Fire Hall. We appreciate your support.

# **Town Court:**

Spring means road crews and road repair. Keep our workers safe – obey speed limit signs. Fines are doubled in work zones.

Please be aware of slow-moving farm machinery entering and exiting farm driveways. Let's avoid unnecessary accidents and tickets.

Please check your vehicle registration and inspection stickers. These easily overlooked items cannot be reduced to a lesser fine.

Be aware DWI offenses are on the increase. If you drink any alcohol don't

drive. The penalties are high and totally avoidable. Have a safe and prosperous summer and remember to click it and avoid a ticket.

Justice Brian Dugan & Court Clerk Deb Kellogg

# **Opendore Update:**

The Opendore Project, a project of the Howland Stone Store Museum, focuses on revitalization of the Isabel Howland House in Sherwood known as Opendore. This project will occur in two main steps. Phase One (2013) includes removal of seriously deteriorated portions of the structure as well as abatement of hazardous materials: this will be followed by stabilization of the North Wing of the house—the portion being saved. Phase Two (2014-15) involves adaptive reuse of the interior to support the programs of the museum. Once all drawings and scopes are prepared and have state approval. Phase One can go out to bid with actual work to start in late July, and completion of Phase One by early November. You have been hearing about this project for some time, with little visible change onsite—watch for action! For further information visit theopendoreproject.com.

# Family Fun with Math & Science

(geared for pre-schoolers, but all welcome)- Free book & snacks Monday April 22 10 am at Aurora Library 6:30 pm at Emily Howland Cafeteria Questions? Call 364-8074 or 364-7975.