

### Water/Sewer

\*\*\*The Village is in the process of changing your water meters. The DPW Superintendent will leave a door hanger asking for an appointment to change out your water meter. PLEASE contact him ASAP as it is imperative that your meter be changed.\*\*\*

### Community Sign

If you have information to share on the community sign (across from NBT Bank) submit your notice to the Village Office — villscho@midtel.net — before the first of each month so that the board is changed once for the month.

### Summer Band Concerts

Don't miss the last summer band concert in the courtyard (rain location is Schoharie United Presbyterian pavilion): September 13th, 7 to 9 pm: Becca Frame and the Tall Boys.

### Schoharie Fire Department

The Schoharie Fire Department is expanding its team of dedicated volunteer firefighters and emergency first responders.

When you volunteer, you:

- Get free gear, a uniform and equipment
- Have the opportunity to train with others within our County and from across the State and the US
- Start a new career in firefighting or emergency first response
- Support the Schoharie community
- Help your friends and neighbors
- Make lifelong friends

There are many ways for you to assist your fire department:

- Firefighters / Fire Police
- Pump Operators / Engine Drivers
- Emergency Medical Technicians
- Auxiliary and Social Activities
- Fire Prevention Educators
- Admin & IT Support
- Grant Writing Experience

Be the neighbor that your neighbor can't live without. Your membership application is waiting for you at the fire station! Stop on by during a drill night to pick it up, 114 Fort Road, Schoharie, or email-Chief6@midtel.net for more info, and look us up on Facebook.



### Schoharie Chapter NSDAR.

Schoharie Chapter NSDAR will be starting our much-anticipated brick walkway in September through late October. We respectfully ask that if you cross our front lawn, that you avoid the construction area. If you still wish to purchase a brick with a Patriot's name sponsored by you or your business, contact Chris at: 518-231-8104, or 250patriotprojectinfo@gmail.com

### Chamber of Commerce

The Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce Annual dinner at the Olde Tater barn, 138 Tater Barn Rd., Central Bridge will be held on Tuesday, October 8th 6pm- 9pm- Dinner Program. Tickets \$65 per person, Recognition of Business Awardees, Local Business Gift Basket Raffle.

### Citizen Advisory Board

The Citizen Advisory Board will next meet on September 25th at 9:30, at Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church. We will hear from our village police as to community engagement, new initiatives, training and any other issues. All are welcome to attend! Any questions, call Colleen Quirion at 518 231-8641.

### Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association

Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association will be hosting two fundraisers in September at 143 Depot Lane: the first is the Model Train Show, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Schoharie Valley Railroad Museum Complex (admission is \$6 for adults and free for children); and the second is the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Antiques in Schoharie, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28-29 (admission is \$6 with free parking). Both events help SCHA operate the Railroad Museum and the 1743 Palatine House Museum.

For information, call 518-295-7505, or go to <https://www.schoharieheritage.org>.

### Niagara Engine No. 6

Through a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security's Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Niagara Engine Company No. 6 will receive \$39,672.09 according to the release. These funds will be used to recruit, hire, train, and equip firefighters across a number of departments. Kudos for the efforts in obtaining this grant!

## Vedder Excavating

Vedder Excavating LLC is celebrating 50 years in business. Bob Vedder started out with a dump truck and a backhoe on April 1, 1974. He, and his late wife Linda, have two children, Marcie and Allan. Allan followed his father in the family business, and their reputation for honest and professional work grew steadily over the years. Today, their work continues with 7 machines and 3 dump trucks. Asked about retiring, Bob said he wouldn't know what to do and plans to keep busy doing the work he knows and loves.

Spanning 50 years, Bob pursued his passion for car racing. Well known in the racing circle, he retired his #53 Modified in 2017, and was proud to



be inducted in the Hall of Fame at both Fonda and Glen Ridge Speedways.

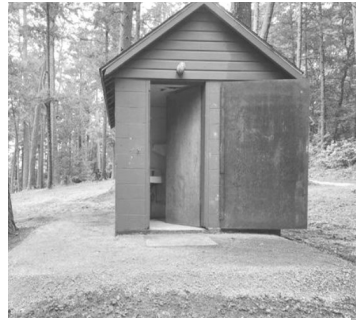
Involved in local organizations, Bob continues to give back by donating to many community projects.



## Lasalle Park

The Village of Schoharie extends its deepest gratitude to Mr. Bob Vedder of Vedder Excavating for his generous philanthropy. Mr. Vedder saw the need for an upgrade at the Lasalle Parks restroom area and performed the improvements free of charge. The Village of Schoharie is so thankful for such a magnanimous and thoughtful donation. Lasalle Park is a unique gem and this improvement enhances the enjoyment of the park for all visitors.

Pavilions at Lasalle, Fox Creek, and Lily Park are reserved through the Village Office, 518-295-8500. There is no charge for village/town residents.



## Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church

We will be participating in the village-wide garage sale on September 21st. All donations received will go to Projects for Asia, an orphanage and child development charity in Thailand. This ministry was started and is run by Tom and Lenora Bush, originally from Middleburgh, NY.

Our midweek Bible study groups will resume on September 18th at 6:00pm. All are welcome!

## Food Pantry

The Community Food Pantry continues to be busy, with 141 visits in August. We are located at the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church and are open every Tuesday and Thursday from noon until 2:00pm. Please don't hesitate to visit if you have need. Donations of food and money are always gratefully accepted as well.

## A Look Back



As we enter apple season, here's some information about Schoharie's apples from the History of Schoharie County by Jephtha R. Simms, 1845.

There were, as I have been informed, several apple trees standing on the flats near the present dwelling of John Ingold, at the time the Germans arrived, supposed to have been planted by the Indians. One of these antiquated trees, at least 140 years old, was still standing in 1842, and very fruitful. Other trees of the same planting were yet bearing fruit in 1837. The trees from which the first apple orchards in Schoharie were derived, were procured, as Judge Brown assured me, in the following manner. One Campbell and several other individuals went from the Schoharie valley to New York, to be naturalized, a few years after the settlement was commenced. Their business accomplished, they started for home

on board of a sloop; but not having money enough to pay their passage to Albany, they were landed at or near Rhinebeck, and traveled from thence on foot. Crossing the Rhinebeck flats, each pulled up a bundle of small apple trees in the nurseries they passed, from which the first orchards in Schoharie were planted.

Lawrence Schoolcraft, one of the first settlers in Schoharie, at the residence of Peter Vrooman, made the first cider in the county. The manner of making it being unique, was as follows. The apples were first pounded in a stamper similar to the Indian corn stamper before mentioned. After being thus bruised, the pumice was placed in a large Indian basket previously suspended to a tree, beneath which was inserted a trough, made by fastening together the edges of two planks, which served to catch and carry the juice compressed by weights in the basket, into some vessel placed for its reception.