

Community Newsletter

In an effort to keep our community advised of upcoming events and information, the Schoharie Promotional Association is partnering with the Village of Schoharie to include a newsletter with quarterly water bills. Information for the August newsletter (covering August, September, and October) should be submitted by July 15th to: schohariepromo@yahoo.com

Copies of the newsletter are available around town as well as on the village and Schoharie Promotional websites.

Events in Schoharie

Spring: SALT presentation of T-shirt contest winner and shirt sales

May 7th: Scary Leg Runners 5k starting at the Fox Creek covered bridge

May 21st, 1 to 4 pm: Beverages on the Bridge sponsored by the Schoharie Promotional Association

May 26th, 6 pm: Memorial Day parade from Bridge Street to the firehouse., with food at the firehouse

May 30th, 1 pm: Decoration Day at Old Stone Fort

Summer: SALT tabling at various events around the county

June 7th, 1 to 6 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive, 289 Main St.

July 9th, 10 am to 3 pm: 5th Annual Lily Festival in the Lily Park

July 16th: Bounty of the County Dinner returns to Carrot

Great Local Effort: Congratulations and thanks to so many benevolent folks, a total of \$26,016 was raised and donated to the [World Central Kitchen](#) to help with the devastation the people of Ukraine are facing. Kudos to Joe Bozicevich and Linda Goday for organizing two chicken BBQ's, private donations, Kiwanis, and Schoharie Valley Farms for their generosity!

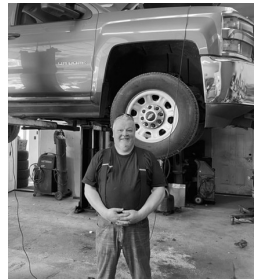
Help Needed: The Schoharie American Legion Auxiliary will be putting American flags on Veteran graves in the Lutheran Cemetery on Tuesday, May 17th beginning at 10 am. It usually takes an hour or so but depends on the number of volunteers (unfortunately the 6th grade students cannot help this year). If you can help, just show up. Note: Do not wear sandals — some type of boots are better. The ground can still be wet. Thank you in advance for any help you can give.



A blast from the past: Food Market on Main Street 1950's



News from Schoharie Businesses



Zeke's Auto Repair:

Scott Mansheffer is the new owner of the auto repair shop at 407 N. Main St. (formerly Joe's Auto). So who's Zeke? He's the cat who has lived there for 13 years.



Contact Scott at 518-295-7229 for your auto needs.

Mimi's Little Posy Place: Diane McDermott will be missed in Schoharie but her legacy lives on. Her daughters, Amber Dickson and Dawn Failing, have reopened the shop at 281 Main St. as Mimi's Little Posy Place honoring their mom. Offering cut flowers, arrangements, birthday bouquets, the shop will continue along with the Tweek'd Boutique next door which offers a variety of items including clothing, accessories, and gifts.



Greek Gyros: Angi and Gregory Verroias have opened Greek Gyros at 295 Main St. (part of the Taylor Block). They arrived from Greece 5 years ago and bring Greek signature foods to their family restaurant. They are very happy to be in Schoharie and appreciate the warm welcome they have received from the community. Their hours are Monday to Saturday, 11 am to 7 pm.



Schoharie Promotional Association Events

Beverages on the Bridge: On Saturday, May 21st, 1 to 4 pm, the covered bridge on Fort Road will be full with a number of local breweries, wineries, and other beverage providers. There will be entertainment and food available for purchase.

Schoharie Lily Festival: The 5th Annual Lily Festival will take place on Saturday, July 9th, 10 am to 3 pm. This year's theme is "All Creatures Great and Small." The lily park will be alive with animals, vendors, craftspeople, food, children's activities, and much more, as well as beautiful lilies. At 1:30 pm, Doug Cater will auction many great items, including several handcrafted pieces. Proceeds will go to the fund to construct a pavilion in the lily park.

Community Board

To have events posted on the community board, email your request to schodpw@midtel.net.

Lots of Firsts in Schoharie



1903 Rambler Touring Car, Model E, donated by the Taylors to the Old Stone Fort in 1936.

Perry E. Taylor brought home to the Village of Schoharie a 1903 Rambler Touring Car, Model E. **It was to be the first automobile owned in the village.** Mr. Taylor’s journey from New York City had much to show about the state of gas-powered transportation at the turn of the 20th Century. It took the single cylinder, 15 horsepower Rambler a res-

spectable twelve hours to reach Albany. The drive to Schoharie, however, took two weeks! Break-downs, muddy roads, and stopping to shut off the noisy engine around horses so as not to frighten them slowed Mr. Taylor’s progress to a crawl.

The progressive Mr. Taylor was elected village mayor and served in that office for 30 years. During his administration, the village modernized the fire department and water system, installed street lighting, and **organized the first “street movies” in 1916.**

Heads turned when Perry’s wife, Eleanor, started driving the Rambler around town. She was a free spirit, exercising her individuality as a poet, artist, musical composer, writer, and photographer, and is remembered in local lore for her prize-winning dogs and pet spider monkey named Lindy Lou. Eleanor was **one of the first women in New York State to be issued a driving license as well as claim to first “woman driver.”** Upon her husband becoming village postmaster, she was appointed Mayor to finish out his term and became the **first female municipal chief executive in New York State.**

[Excerpted from the Old Stone Fort website.](#)

Tours at the fort are available by appointment and by donation-Monday through Friday. Check our Facebook page and website for scheduling changes. Please call 518-295-7192 for more information.

Open Arms Recovery Resource Center

Do you or someone you love have a habit involving alcohol or some other substance? Are you looking for information about how to get help? The Open Arms Resource Recovery Center may be able to help. Run by the Schoharie County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Open Arms is a free walk-in, non-clinical community information center for those in recovery, those in need of recovery and their families. Open Arms Recovery Resource Center operates out of the Living Room at 289 Main St., Schoharie each Tuesday and Thursday from 8 am to 4 pm. Stop in and check it out!

Schoharie Community Food Pantry

The Schoharie Community Food Pantry is open to all families who have a need for food assistance. Located at the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church Christian Education building, the food pantry has been in operation for over 25 years. Families are allowed to visit the pantry twice per month and the pantry is open every Tuesday and Thursday from noon until 2 pm. If you need food, please stop by and allow us to help.

Historic Homeowner’s Rehabilitation Credit Program.

Did you know that in 2019 almost the entire village was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Schoharie Village Historic District? The many historically and architecturally significant homes in our community contributed to the designation, including the 1743 Palatine House and the Old Stone Fort.

There are no restrictions on what homeowners can do with their property in the Historic District, but an incentive I’d like to highlight is the Historic Homeowner’s Rehabilitation Credit Program. Under this program you may qualify for a state tax credit equal to 20% of repair costs to your home. The program’s list of qualifying expenses for repairs and/or replacements is very broad; everything from foundation and roof repair/replacement to kitchen and bath cabinets to electrical and plumbing to solar panels, but limited to the footprint of the home itself. Outbuilding such as garages don’t qualify. Some of the qualifications for the program include that you own and live in the home, that the home is over 50 years old, the repairs cost over \$5,000 and of that at least 5% is on exterior work and the application must be approved before you begin.

If you are thinking about repairs to your home, you might consider this program. It’s a great way to receive a tax credit for work you would already be doing. For more information, go to parks.ny.gov/shpo/tax-credit-programs; or call the Schoharie County representative of NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation: Erin Czernecki at 518-268-2192.

Tatiana Boba, Village of Schoharie Historian

Schoharie Chapter NSDAR



The Schoharie Chapter NSDAR invites you to honor your veteran, active military member, or first responder with his or her name embroidered on a ribbon that is then attached to an American flag. For a donation of \$10, your flag will then join over 125 flags that are placed on the front lawn of Lasell Hall during Memorial Day, July 4th, and Veterans Day, among other US holidays.

Along with your check to Schoharie Chapter NSDAR, please be sure to correctly spell the person’s name, and rank or service. Examples are John Doe, EMT, or John Doe, Pvt, Army, WWI. Mail to PO Box 25, Schoharie NY.

Blood Drive in Schoharie

“Give a pint, get a pint” with Stewart’s Shops. June 7th, 1 to 6 pm at Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church on Main Street. To schedule an appointment, call 800-733-2767 or go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code ChristtheShepherd.