

Water/Sewer

The Village is updating its water reading and billing software. This has caused a delay in the water/sewer invoicing. Please note your next couple of water/sewer invoicing may also be delayed. DPW is in the process of changing water meters and will contact you if your meter needs upgrading.

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.

Schoharie Promotional Association

Fox Creek Park is decked out for the holiday season. Lights on the trees have been replaced with bright rope lights. New and some recently donated large decorations have been added to the walk-through area. Main Street in the village is festively decorated including new snowflake on the light posts.

A holiday decorating contest is being sponsored with prizes for one business and three homes. Judging will be just before Christmas. If you live outside the village, you can send a picture of your decorated home, or send Promotional (email address below) your home address and the judges will check your home out.

The annual community meeting will take place on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7 pm, at which time we hope organizations and businesses will join us to share event dates and other significant information for the upcoming year.

Local Government

Schoharie’s Village Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Schoharie’s Town Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30. Both meetings are in the meeting room at 300 Main Street. Time is offered “open to the floor” at both meetings.

Village Clerk office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am to Noon; 1 to 3 pm

Town Clerk/Tax Collector office hours: Monday 9:30 am to 7 pm; Wednesday & Friday, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Closed Tuesday & Thursday



Open Arms Recovery Resource Center

Every Tuesday and Thursday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, the Open Arms Recovery Resource Center is open at the Living Room, 289 Main St., Schoharie. If you know someone who is struggling with a habit involving alcohol or drugs, encourage them to stop in to get non-judgmental support. Recovery is possible!

Schoharie Community Food Pantry

Do you need help in providing food for your family? If so, we are here to help. The food pantry is run by local volunteers and is located at the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church. We are open every Tuesday and Thursday from noon until 2:00pm. Donations of food and finances are always appreciated too.

Schoharie Chapter NSDAR.

The Schoharie Chapter NSDAR is launching a 'brick project' to refurbish the front walk at Lasell Hall with a tribute to Revolutionary Patriots. Buy a brick for \$50 or \$100 and have it placed on our walkway by the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary war. Contact 250patriotprojectinfo@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you.
Kathy Slater,
Secretary, Schoharie Chapter NSDAR

November election results

Village of Schoharie

Mayor: Colleen Henry

Trustees: Peter Johnson, Sal Medak, Jeffrey Palmer, Cody Robinson-Bullock

Clerk/Treasurer: Leslie J. Price, Debra Byrne, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Town of Schoharie

Supervisor: Alan Tavenner

Council: Floyd Guernsey III, James Schultz, Ben Oevering, Marion Jaqueway

Town Clerk: Pamela Foland

Highway Superintendent: Les Foland

This newsletter is a joint effort of the Schoharie Promotional Association and the Village of Schoharie. Information for the next newsletter can be submitted to schohariepromo@yahoo.com. Deadline dates are the 15th of January, April, July, October.

Schoharie and a Bale of Cotton

Around 1925 Manly Bellinger of Schoharie had one of very few vehicles in our area and would act as a delivery man from the Schoharie railroad station to local residents. One day he received a 500 pound bale of southern grown cotton to be delivered to a local resident with a \$25 delivery fee. With the state of economics during the Great Depression era, the resident could not pay the fee. Mr. Bellinger took the bale home and kept it in his carriage barn for over 50 years.

When cleaning out the barn around 1980, his son Duncan found the cotton bale which arose his curiosity. His research led him to the Agrirama in Tifton, Georgia. The museum was very interested in the cotton bale and the Bellingers decided to donate the bale. The bale was delivered for display, returning it back down south nearly 60 years later in 1982.

Fast forward to 2023, Diana Bell Jackson, now owner of the historic Bellinger home heard of the story from Duncan and decided to track the bale down. Contacting the Georgia Agrirama, now the Georgia Museum of Agriculture (GMA), the curator was interested in finding the mysterious bale of cotton. Although her research took her to 11 cities, 4 states, 2 countries and 2 continents as well as inspection of all the cotton bales on display at the GMA, Schoharie's bale of cotton could not be found. If it wasn't lost in a cotton gin fire, it had probably deteriorated beyond saving in an old storage building many years before the Agrirama became the GMA.

Although the bale wasn't found, the complete story, along with the picture, and all its documentation are now preserved forever, even if the physical object is long gone.

Thank you to the following contributors to this story: Duncan Bellinger, Diana Bell Jackson, and Polly Huff of the GMA.



Love Shine Tea

Schoharie's newest business, located at 315 Main Street (the old firehouse), is a dream come true for owner, Michele Rivera. Michele and her husband Isaiah have created a nice little shop where you can find a variety of teas and tea accessories, as well as coffee, baked goods, specialty foods—plant based and gluten free—and light lunch options. Wanting to share a welcoming space for community gathering, Michelle plans to offer mid-winter workshops and other events, including paint and sip and other art options.

Michelle and her family live in West Fulton and is happy she chose Schoharie where she has been warmly welcomed and wants to focus on village revitalization opportunities. She has worked as a personal chef and has helped with many events in Downtown Schenectady.

Winter hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 9 am to 2 pm and Friday and Saturday 11 am to 7 pm. Contact info: michelle@loveshinetea.com, 518-469-2062 and look for the shop on Facebook, Instagram, Google, www.loveshinetea.com

If you haven't yet, stop by and see Michelle (on the corner of Main and Johnson, across from Stewarts).



From: <http://schoharie.nygenweb.net/miscellany.html>
June 6, 1797 (The Mohawk Mercury - Schenectady) - Elopement

Whereas my wife Jane has eloped my bed and board, this, therefore, is to forbid all persons from harboring, or trusting her on my account, under pain of prosecution; as I am determined to exact the law upon any who may be found guilty in the premises.

James Herrington.
Schoharie, June 5, 1797