

Happy Thanksgiving from The Town of Skaneateles

Stay Safe and Healthy during this Holiday Season



Old Seneca Turnpike and Jewett Road, Skaneateles, Onondaga County

History of Barns By Town Historian Beth Batlle

When the early pioneers settled on their land the first structure they built was a barn. This barn would provide shelter for their animals from wild predators such as bears or wildcats that roamed the countryside. These animals might have been a horse to pull the plow, a cow to provide milk for their children, maybe a pig, for meat, some sheep for wool, and some chickens for eggs. Often the family lived in the barn, too, until a house

Town Supervisor Janet Aaron

It is hard to believe that back in March we were coming to the end of winter, thinking about spring, looking forward to vacations, family gatherings and outdoor activities. Instead COVID19 took us back inside, isolating us and closing businesses. We know this has been extremely hard on our constituents. As your local representatives it has been important for us to continue our public services in a safe manner for both our constituents and our employees. We are all concerned about the current increased number of COVID-19 cases recently. Please realize that Town officials do not have inside knowledge on who tests positive. That information is entirely under the authority of the Onondaga County Health Department. It is the Department of Health that will notify the public if there has been any exposure at one of our businesses. They will contact you if you have been exposed. If you have questions on what to do if you are exposed, please call the Department of Health.

This link

<https://covid19.ongov.net/local-resources/> from the County is a great resource for additional information.

could be built for them.

Massive posts and beams formed the framework of the building. Beams with straight saw marks were created in sawmills prior to the Civil War. Beams with circular marks were created by a circular buzz saw used after the war.

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Town Clerk's Office

Julie Stenger

Hunting Season is here:

Crossbow Nov. 7 - Nov. 20

Bow Hunting Oct. 1 - Nov. 20

Regular Season Nov. 21-Dec. 13

Bow Hunting Dec. 14-Dec. 22

[For more information click here to go the NYS DEC Webpage](#)

The Town Clerk's office is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for all your local services including:

Hunting and Fishing Licenses
Passport Applications
Notary Services
2021 Transfer Station Permits
(starting December 1, 2020)

Please call (315) 685-3473 or email to:
jstenger@townofskaneateles.com

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Soldiers and Sailors Monument Submitted by Jorge Batlle

Visitors to our community are drawn to the lakeside parks across from the Sherwood Inn. The western end of the park is Shotwell Memorial Park, with its plaques listing Skaneateles soldiers and sailors in the various wars and conflicts. However, visitors' question, where is the memorial to soldiers of the Civil War? That memorial is up in Lake View Cemetery. The story behind its construction and dedication is one of political sniping, and fund raising taking about ten years to complete.

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Town of Skaneateles Engineering Department

Staff Engineer Miranda Robinson has been very busy coordinating a number of projects, including the repairs to the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. For Before & After photos [Read On...](#)

Town of Skaneateles Transfer Station Fee Increases and Changes in 2021

Many of you have probably noticed that we added a guard building at the entrance to the Transfer Station. This is the start of changes that we will be making to the Transfer Station beginning in 2021.

While commonly known as "the dump" it is actually a Transfer Station. That means we are only able to operate

A small, light-colored wooden shed with a red roof and a covered porch, situated on a gravel base. The shed has a white door with a small window and a white-framed window to the left. The porch has a wooden railing. The shed is set on a gravel base, and there is a grassy area and trees in the background.

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Thank you for the services you have provided to me and my family. I am grateful for the care and support I have received from the Team, especially from the nurses and doctors who have been so kind and helpful.

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The Town Board's goal is to keep the Transfer Station open for the services you have come to expect and that is why these changes were made. Along with the Town, everyone in our community will have to do their part to keep the transfer station open. In the upcoming weeks we will be adding new signage and brochures to clearly describe the new rules & regulations.

2021 permits can be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office after December 1, 2020. For further information on obtaining your permit please call 315-685-3473 or email Julie Stenger, Town Clerk at jstenger@townofskaneateles.com

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Janet Aaron, Town Supervisor at 315-685-6726 or jaaron@townofskaneateles.com

Allan Wellington, Highway Superintendent/Transfer Station Supervisor at 315-952-2656 awellington@townofskaneateles.com

Chris Legg, Town Councilor/Transfer Station Liaison 315-283-8124 clegg@townofskaneateles.com

Town of Skaneateles Parks Department

The parks department is getting ready to make some new changes next year. We are working on a website reservation system so that residents will be able to go on the site and rent areas of the park (ie: tennis courts, picnic shelter, pavilion, fields, etc.) Please stay tuned for more information on this new system in 2021.



When walking out at the Conservation Areas, please wear bright color clothing. It is hunting season, and the more we make ourselves visible the safer we are.

The Sims building will be closing in the next few weeks for the winter and will open again in the spring. Thank you for your comments regarding the building, it is a great asset to the park, and was greatly needed.

Fall maintenance has begun and we will be on the walking path so please watch out for us when walking around the park. We don't want to be in your way just as much as we know you don't want to be in ours.

Snow reflector poles will be put out shortly. **Please leave them where they are.** Even though the staff knows this path by heart, in the wintertime it's a bit challenging, and having them in place helps with spring maintenance.

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SAVES

The last few months have been challenging for all of us. Fortunately, due to compliance with COVID-19 precautions in our community, infections in our area remain low. Keep up the good work.

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Mottville Fire Company

Check out the 2021 Mottville Fire Company Calendar, featuring photography from Skaneateles resident Evan Whitney!



Calendars are \$10/each, all proceeds support the volunteer fire department.

You can find the calendars at:
Mottville Consignment & Emporium
The Willow Glen Diner
Skaneateles Brewery
Byrne Dairy (Jordan St., Skaneateles)
Rhubarb Kitchen
J&T Car Care & Repair (Jordan, NY)

*Or order directly from MVFC at
mv38fc@gmail.com.

Thank you for all of your support!

Skaneateles Outreach Office

Jacque McConnaghy and Jean Babbles

Spread The Holiday Cheer

The holidays are right around the corner, this is your chance to help make the holidays merry and bright for families in need! We are currently accepting donations and always appreciate the support from the generous members of our community. Contact the office for details on how you can contribute to the Outreach program.



Medical Equipment Loan Closet

Skaneateles Outreach office has a medical equipment loan closet available for members of the community to use while recovering from an accident or illness. Equipment is available by appointment Monday - Friday.

All Outreach programs are funded solely with the financial support of the community. If you would like to help, please mail your tax deductible contributions to:

Skaneateles Outreach
24 Jordan Street
Skaneateles, NY 13152

The Outreach office is available for members of our community who are experiencing difficulties and need help navigating the road ahead. If you are a resident and need assistance, please contact our office for confidential help:
315-283-4281 - 315-685-0427 or outreach@townofskaneateles.com

Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry

This has been a critical time for our food pantry and we have been very fortunate that it has continued to thrive. For more information on donating and services provided please [Read On...](#)





Town of Skaneateles Assessor's Office

Why switch to the STAR credit from the STAR exemption?

If you currently receive your STAR benefit as a reduction on your school tax bill (the STAR exemption), you may receive a greater benefit if you switch to the STAR credit to receive a check instead.

Beginning in 2019, the value of the STAR credit savings may increase by as much as 2% each year, but the value of the STAR exemption savings cannot increase. The STAR exemption savings can never be higher than the STAR credit savings.

The STAR credit benefit can continue to grow

By switching to the STAR credit, your benefit could grow by as much as 2% each year, and it can never be lower than the STAR exemption benefit.

For example, if your STAR exemption benefit was \$800 on your 2018-2019 school tax bill, that's the most you can receive in any future years, **unless** you switch to the STAR credit.

If you switch to the STAR credit, your benefit can grow by as much as 2% each year.

- In the first year, that could mean up to \$816-an extra \$16 in savings.
- Five years later, the STAR credit benefit could reach as high as \$900 due to the power of compounding.

Contact your Assessor at 315-685-0745 to be removed from the exemption program.

Then go to www.tax.ny.gov to sign up for the STAR Credit program.

Town of Skaneateles Codes Enforcement Office

Update from Codes Officer Robert Herrmann

We are heading into the cooler winter season. As we turn on our heat it is important to remember to check the batteries in your smoke and CO alarms.



Building permits have been, and continue to be issued by my office as fast as possible. Residents are asked to call 315-685-0833 or Email, rherrmann@townofskaneateles.com. Calls are normally answered within 24 hours during the week.

Town Department Holiday Closures and Meeting Schedule:



Town Hall Closings through January 2021

November 26th-27th	Thanksgiving
December 25th	Christmas Day

Transfer Station Holiday Closing:

Thursday Nov. 26th	Thanksgiving Day
Friday Dec. 25th	Christmas Day

Monthly Town Hall Meetings:

Town Board	6 :30 p.m.	1st and 3rd Thursdays
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Village of Skaneateles

***Visit the Village of
Skaneateles website***

*for updated Village
information*
www.villageofskaneateles.com



2021 Transfer Station Permits

Permits will be available
to purchase at the Town
Clerk's Office beginning
December 1, 2020.



The Swap Shop

The Swap Shop Volunteers
and the Town of
Skaneateles would like to
thank everyone who
participated in a very
successful Reopening of the
Swap Shop this year! The
Swap Shop will be closed for
the season. We look forward
to seeing everyone again in
Spring 2021!

**Watch the Town website
for all the updated
reopening information!**

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