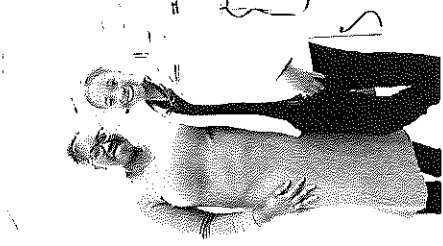


## Focus on Schoharie



Paul Howard, a long-time dentist serving our community for more than 50 years, has retired. Dr. Howard, and his wife, Judy, came to Schoharie in 1969, direct from Tufts University in Massachusetts, to join the practice of Dr. Douglas Henry on Johnson Avenue. Dr. Howard joined Dr. Howland at the practice and has also retired. The Howards were happy to settle in Schoharie, raising a son and daughter. We thank him for his many years of being our dentist and for his community service. Best wishes to Paul and Judy (who joined her husband as his dental assistant) for a long and happy retirement.

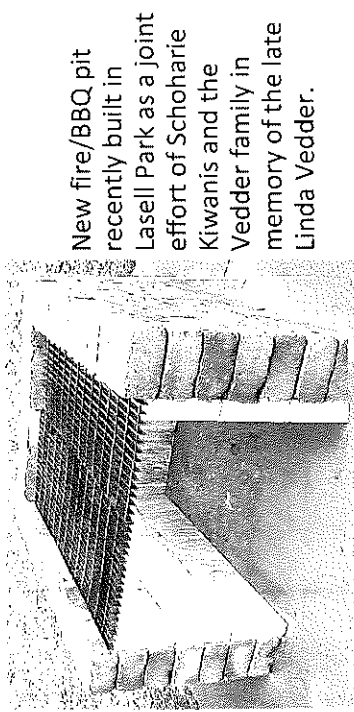
We welcome Smilecross Dental and Dr. Rosanne Morgan, DDS who has taken over the Howard/Bush practice. Dr. Morgan comes to us from Middletown, NY and studied at SUNY Albany and the University at North Carolina Dental School. Alecia Morgan, Practice Administrator, joins her twin sister on the office side of the practice. It's been a year this January of settling in and they feel the experience has been a blessing. Along with office staff, two hygienists, and another doctor joining soon, they are accepting new patients, online at smilecrossdental.com or call 518-284-4100.



## Holiday Decorating Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the Schoharie Promotional Association Holiday Decorating Contest! Kirby home, 255 Main St., Repicky home, 122 Fair St., Clapper home, 396 Main St., and Wolfe's Laundry Den, 299 Main St. Thanks to all who made our village look so nice!

## Two New Firepits in Schoharie



New fire/BBQ pit recently built in Lasell Park as a joint effort of Schoharie Kiwanis and the Vedder family in memory of the late Linda Vedder.



Fox Creek Park has a new fire/BBQ pit, designed and built by Oakhill Landscaping, with donations from the Promotional Association, the Village and Town of Schoharie, SALT Development, Stewarts Shops, Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wright/ Schoharie Valley Lions Club, Bank of Richmondville, NBT Bank, and Midtel.

## The Mystery of Colonel Mix

Right next to the fort in the Old Stone Fort Cemetery is the gravestone of Colonel Simon Hosack Mix. But the stone is a cenotaph – Mix is not buried there. As candidate for Congress on the same ticket as Abraham Lincoln, and colonel of one of the first volunteer cavalry regiments in the Union, Mix is justly regarded as the greatest national character who ever came out of Schoharie County.

Born February 25, 1825 in Johnstown, Mix was probably named for the Scottish minister of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Simon Hosack. His father, Peter Mix, was editor of the Montgomery Republican, which offices were twice burned out. In 1836, the Mix family moved to Schoharie, where father and then son edited the Schoharie Patriot.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Mix organized and led the Third New York Cavalry. On June 15, 1864, before Petersburg, Virginia, Colonel Mix led his men in a cavalry charge.

A Confederate officer, Robert O. Epes, told what happened next, in a letter to William P. Mix, the Colonel's brother, which was printed in the Schoharie Union on December 21, 1865:

"At half past twelve, the enemy commenced a charge, which was led in gallant style by your late brother, across a piece of woods which had been cut down in front of our Battery. When about three hundred yards from our Battery, your brother was shot down, with several of his men, when the line gave way.

"We then charged in turn, and I passed by where your brother was lying. Supposing by his uniform he was a Captain, I thought nothing more about the matter until we returned, when I went to him. He asked for water, which I gave him.

"There were some three or four persons (Confederates) with him when I got back, none of whom I knew. One man (a captain I think) had his pocket book and papers which he said he intended to return to his relatives on the first opportunity.

"He was shot in the breast...He died in about fifteen minutes after he was wounded, with his head on my knee, seemingly very easy. He only spoke once while I was with him, and that was to ask for water.

"We had to leave immediately after his death to go lower down the lines, and had no chance to bury him that night, but the next morning I went out with a detail to bury the dead, and can assure you he was buried as well as any of our own men.

"He was placed in a grave to himself, near a grove, which has since been cut down, and your troops camped all over the place.

"I went with Capt. Kromer to the place, but everything was so changed that I do not think there is the least probability of ever recovering his body.

"You have the consolation to know that your brother died as a brave man should die, with his face to the enemy, and fully ten feet in advance of his command."

Peter Lindemann

## Lasell Hall Rental

Did you know that Lasell Hall is available for rent for small gatherings, parties, meetings, and events? Rental prices will vary, depending on need for building, grounds, or patio. Please contact Chris Osinski at 518-827-5429, or Judy Warner at 518-231-2753. Be sure to leave a message.

Schoharie Chapter NSDAR

# SCHOHARIE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023

## 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 Food Pantry

Our community food pantry continues to be a valuable resource for residents of our local area. In 2022, 179 families were served, and those families consisted of 492 individuals. These numbers are slightly higher than in 2021. Most families continue to visit the pantry infrequently, with fully two thirds visiting six or less times per year. Clients are allowed to visit twice per month, or 24 times per year, but only 20 percent of our guests visit more than 12 times per year. Through the Regional Food Bank we are classified as an emergency feeding program, and our statistics show that we are fulfilling that mission.

The food that we give out comes from a variety of sources. We participate in the Retail Store Donation Program, overseen by the Regional Food Bank. Our partner store is Hannaford in Esperance, and in 2022 we received 54,500 pounds of food from them! We also receive an annual grant from the Regional Food Bank which allows us to purchase food from them at a very reasonable cost. Once that grant is exhausted, which it presently is, we purchase that food using our own funds. Many individuals, churches and groups contribute monetary support for the food pantry each year, which allows us to purchase food to be given out. We also receive donations of food and non-food items from many groups and individuals. It takes a community to support the community food pantry, and ours is very supportive!

Our pantry could not continue to operate if it were not for the tremendous volunteers that we have. Some folks work on pantry days, serving our clients directly. Many others work behind the scenes, picking up food, putting food away, keeping track of our statistics and money, and performing many other tasks. We are blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers. A big thank you to them, and to God for sending them our way!  
*Pastor Colleen Quirion*

Open every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the white building behind the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church. Everyone who has a need for food is welcome!

## Community Board

To have events posted on the community board, email your request to [schodpw@midtel.net](mailto:schodpw@midtel.net) and/or [vill-scho@midtel.net](mailto:vill-scho@midtel.net)

## Village/Town of Schoharie

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

Village Court hours: Mondays 2 to 6 pm (not open on Holidays)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector office hours: Monday 9:30 am to 7 pm; Wednesday & Friday 9:30 am to 1:30 pm; closed Tues & Thurs

*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](mailto:schohariepromo@yahoo.com). Deadline dates are the 15th of January, April, July, October.*

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## Quarterly Community Newsletter

### Upcoming Events in Schoharie

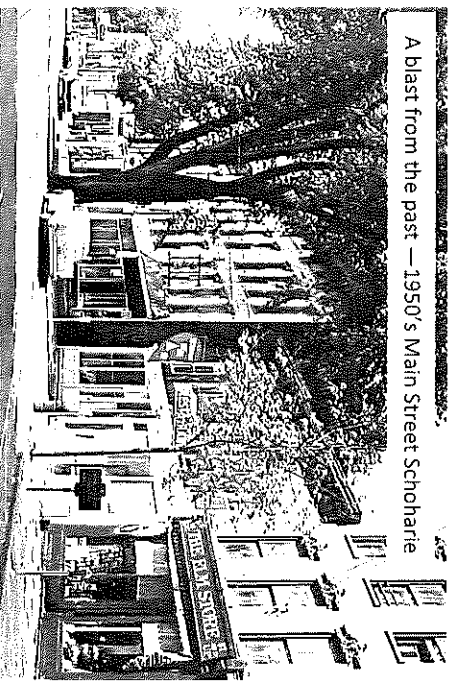
- February 11th, 6 pm: Couples dinner at Schoharie Fire Department (check Facebook for additional information)
- February 11th, 7 pm: Las Vegas night at Fire Department (check Facebook for additional information)
- March 7th, 4 to 7 pm: Cabbage and corned beef dinner at Fire Department
- March 25-26: Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association 47th Annual Spring Antiques Show at Schoharie Central School
- April 2nd, 11 am to 3 pm: Easter Egg Hunt and games at Fire Department
- April 7th, 4 to 7 pm: Fish Fry dinner at Fire Department
- April 22nd, 10 am: Promotional Association Adopt-a-highway cleanup at Rt.30 and 443
- April 29th, 10 am: Lily Park cleanup



The drug overdose epidemic is a clear and present public health and public safety threat. The community can do its part to turn in unneeded medications, removing them from potential misuse. The Schoharie Village Police Department announces the addition of a MED-Project Kiosk to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of unwanted or expired prescription drugs. The MED-Project Kiosk establishes a collection system that is reasonably convenient and free to the residents. The Kiosk is located at the Town/Village Hall, 300 Main Street in the Village of Schoharie, available 9am-3:00pm.

## Welcome Baskets

The Schoharie Promotional Association provides welcome baskets to all new residents in the village and town of Schoharie. We would like to invite all organizations, businesses, churches, municipalities and museums to introduce yourselves by including your business card, brochure, coupons, gift certificates, samples etc. in the baskets. For more information on adding your information please contact Diana Bell Jackson at: [schohariepromo@yahoo.com](mailto:schohariepromo@yahoo.com) or 607-376-1617.



A blast from the past — 1950's Main Street Schoharie

**Volunteerism** is one of the most selfless acts that we can become involved in. Nonprofits need more volunteers to carry out their missions and to continue good works around our area. Volunteering doesn't always mean attending meetings and endless requests. Even if you can only volunteer a couple of hours once in a while, that would help a lot and would be appreciated. Get involved in one of Schoharie's nonprofits.