

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

I hope everyone enjoyed a fantastic summer! Throughout this season, your Town government has been actively engaged in various initiatives. We are excited to share that a new Town website is scheduled to launch by the end of this year. Furthermore, we are concentrating on renovations for both Town Hall and the Donnelly House, with a focus on essential repairs and updates for these facilities. We've also begun recording Town Board meetings, providing you with an additional resource to better understand how your government functions. You can view all Town Board meetings at: [<https://www.youtube.com/@TownofWheatlandNY>].

In our commitment to improve our fiscal and budgeting processes, we are introducing new financial software aimed at fostering greater fiscal responsibility and efficiency. This new system will equip us with resources that our current service lacks. As the Town Supervisor, I also hold the position of Chief Financial Officer, a responsibility I take very seriously. I am confident that this new software will be advantageous for both our current administration and future ones.

As you can see, we are implementing significant and positive changes in the way the Town government operates and, more importantly, how it interacts with the public.

At present, we are in the process of developing the 2027 Budget. As a preview, the review of the 2026 Financial Year to date can be found on Page #2. You will observe that we have made noteworthy progress in alleviating the financial burden on Town residents by continually reducing the Town property tax rate since 2023.



Other News of Note

- Summer camp was a tremendous success once again this year, attracting over 100 children. We were delighted to provide these families with a discount on the registration fees, thanks to the use of ARPA grant funds.
- We submitted an application for NYS grant funding to acquire new playground equipment for Freeman Park. Unfortunately, our application was denied. Many thanks to the Freeman Park committee members for their diligence and help on this project.
- We have completed enhancements at Indian-Allan Park, which include improved walkways and paths, tree planting, and the installation of a kiosk. This project was primarily funded through state grant money. Thanks to the Oatka Watershed and Wheatland Trail Town committees for all their work.
- Our recent free rabies clinic saw a great turnout. A heartfelt thank you to the Wheatland-Scottsville Joint Fire District for hosting us again this year.
- Our Senior center has enjoyed many programs throughout the summer and participation has been very strong.
- We are busy planning the upcoming Parade of Lights, scheduled for December 4th. Additional information can be found on page #6.

All of these projects and programs rely on volunteers and community involvement. Thanks to all who helped out and participated in these efforts!

Townwide Water Survey and Formation of Water District

The water survey conducted throughout the town earlier this year revealed that around ****85%**** of participants showed interest in establishing public water at various levels. In light of this feedback from the survey, and after receiving petitions, the Town Board proceeded to form **Water District #3** as per Town Law-Article 12A. This formation enables the town to seek essential grant funding to advance the project.

It is crucial to understand that if the anticipated grant funding does not materialize, the project will necessitate further assessment and community input. The project will NOT simply proceed without the planned grant funding, as outlined in the public notice. So far, our efforts have included feasibility studies and the preparation of the Map, Plan, and Engineering Report (MPER). We have received numerous inquiries regarding district membership, well testing results and district costs. For answers to these questions and additional information, please visit the Town website at the following address: [<https://www.townofwheatland.org/water-district-news>].

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WHEATLAND TOWN BOARD

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2026 YTD Financial Year in Review

Current Fiscal Status for 2026

As we approach the end of the 2026 fiscal year, it is essential to provide an overview of the town's financial condition as we look ahead to 2027. We are currently in the budgeting process and expect to have a tentative budget prepared by the time this newsletter goes out.

The Town is fiscally managed through 4 budget categories. GFA/GFB are general funds. DA/DB are Highway funds. An ‘A’ fund designates a Town wide fund, while a ‘B’ fund is Town outside the Village. Based on the provided chart, we anticipate an end-of-year (EOY) surplus of approximately \$5.1 million dollars. This projected surplus places the town in a strong financial position as we transition into 2027.

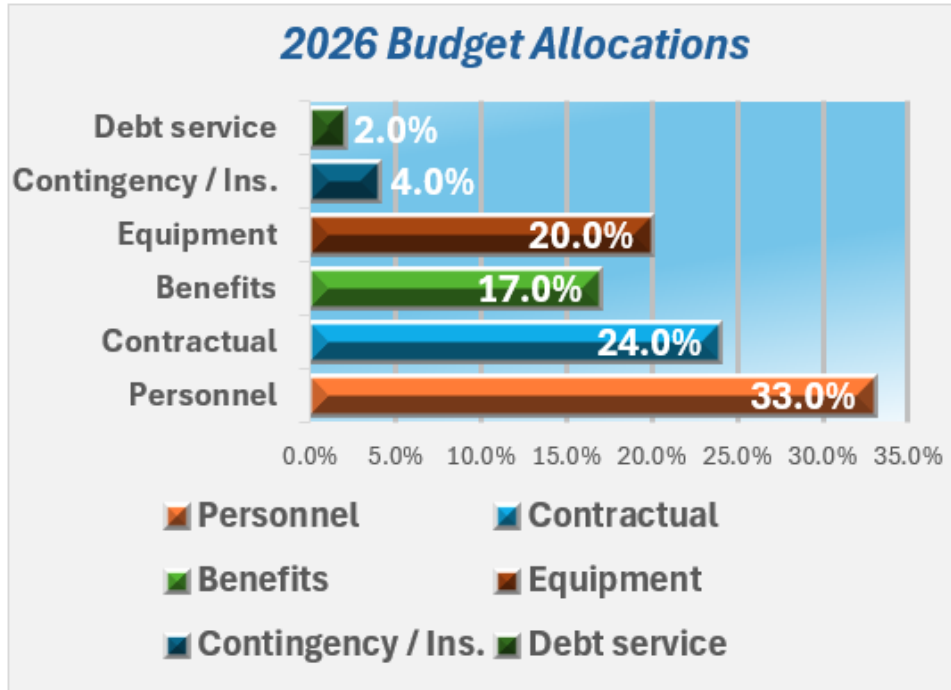
Fund Balance	Sept. 2026	Proj. EOY 2026
GFA	\$2,732,000	\$2,230,000
GFB	\$827,000	\$700,000
DA	\$1,580,000	\$1,295,000
DB	\$1,280,000	\$983,000

The budget surplus has resulted from enhanced financial discipline and bringing a financial approach to bear which was not previously utilized within the Town. Most notably, this surplus has been achieved while **reducing Town taxes by about 30% since 2023**. This surplus also means that we will not exceed the NYS property tax cap for the third year in a row. Exceeding the tax cap requires a local law to be passed and can bring enhanced scrutiny from the NYS office of the comptroller.

How Does the Town Government Allocate My Tax Dollars?

As shown in the chart below, personnel and benefit expenses make up approximately 50% of the budget. The allocation for equipment and contractual services is also noteworthy. The costs associated with replacing Highway equipment have surged significantly since the onset of Covid and have continued to rise. The Highway Superintendent, along with myself and our Budget Officer, work diligently each year to manage these expenses wisely within the Budget process. Another substantial expense arises from contractual obligations. Since our workforce mainly consists of part-time employees, we often rely on contractual services to efficiently handle and balance our workload. This approach proves to be more effective for our town compared to hiring full-time staff.

While the budget for 2027 has not yet been finalized, it will reflect a similar allocation to what is illustrated in the chart below.



2027 Budgeting and Taxes

When creating the Budget, significant effort is dedicated to reducing the Town tax burden on taxpayers. As can be seen in the chart below, we have taken the task of reducing your Town taxes very seriously.

Year	Townwide Tax Rate
2023	\$6.06
2024	\$4.97
2025	\$4.93
2026	\$4.45



Impact on Homeowner/Town Tax

For instance, a resident with a home valued at \$200,000 paid \$1,212 in Town taxes in 2023. This year, that same resident paid \$890 in Town taxes. Reducing town taxes helps ease the financial burden on residents and businesses, making the community more affordable and attractive. Lower taxes can support economic growth, encourage investment, and allow families to keep more of their income while still maintaining essential municipal services through efficient government operations. Once again in 2027, we are in a position to further reduce the Town tax rate. Continuing our goal to make Wheatland a more affordable place to live.



2023 - \$1212 town tax

2024 - \$994 town tax

2025 - \$986 town tax

2026 - \$890 town tax

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Junk and Abandoned Vehicles

The intent of this article is to encourage the removal of junk and abandoned vehicles from properties in the Town of Wheatland. Such abandoned and junk vehicles no longer serve the purpose for which they were intended. They are unsightly and de-value and degrade the property on which they are stored as well as neighboring properties. They are an attractive nuisance to children and may be a hazard due to broken glass, sharp metal points and edges, battery acid and gasoline remaining in tanks. There are many charities that take donations of vehicles and scrap yards that will recycle the metal and parts.

Town Code for junk/abandoned vehicles:

123-5 Prohibited acts. No person, firm or corporation shall abandon a vehicle upon any property in the Town of Wheatland. No person, firm or corporation shall permit the abandonment of a vehicle upon private property owned, leased, rented or controlled by them within the Town of Wheatland. No person, firm or corporation shall store outside or permit the outside storage of a junk vehicle upon any property within the Town of Wheatland.

Definition listed below:

·ABANDONED VEHICLE: Any unregistered vehicle which is stored outside on any property in the Town of Wheatland. Unregistered vehicles which are the stock in trade of licensed motor vehicle dealers who are operating in conformance with Chapter 130, Zoning, shall not be deemed abandoned vehicles.

·JUNK VEHICLE: Any vehicle stored outside which is not in condition for legal use upon public highways due to accident, deterioration, removal of essential parts or any other reason.

·OUTSIDE STORAGE: Storage of a vehicle anywhere on a property other than within a totally enclosed building.

·UNREGISTERED VEHICLE: Any vehicle which is not currently registered in New York State, any other state or any province of Canada. Any vehicle which does not have a valid number plate affixed shall be deemed an unregistered vehicle.

Building Number Requirements

Per the Town of Wheatland code, the numbers for the street address shall be Arabic in format, with a minimum height of 4", and mounted in a secure fashion to a building's front wall, a building's front porch or a post in the front yard of the lot. The street address shall be displayed near the main entrance or near the travel way leading to the main entrance of the building or lot.

All street addresses shall be mounted at a height between 4' and 10' above the adjacent grade, street or exterior porch landing. They shall be legible as to contrasting background, arrangement, spacing, size and uniformity of the whole so that the numbers may be read with ease during daylight hours, as viewed from the center line of the facing street and at an elevation of 5' above the finished surface thereof. Trees, shrubs and other obstructions shall not block said street numbers.



HIGHWAY

It was another busy and productive summer for the Town Highway Department. Our crew completed a wide range of road maintenance, drainage, bridge, and infrastructure projects to improve safety and help protect the Town's roads for years to come.

This summer, we finished resurfacing Armstrong Road. Crews also milled and filled deteriorated sections of Twin Bridge Road, State Street, McGinnis Road, and Harmon Road.

More extensive improvements were completed on Winslow Road and Hosmer Road, including ditching, milling and filling, and resurfacing. These projects improved roadway conditions while also addressing drainage concerns.

Drainage and infrastructure work remained an important part of our summer schedule. Our crew rebuilt catch basins in Mumford and completed ditch work on South Road, Quaker Road, and Union Street.

Following high water conditions, we removed trees and debris that had washed against the Twin Bridge Road and Bowerman Road bridges over Oatka Creek. Clearing these obstructions helped protect the bridges and maintain the flow of the creek.

Cooperation with neighboring municipalities continues to help communities complete important projects efficiently. This summer, our Highway Department assisted the Village of Scottsville with work on Johnson Park, Grove Street, Wheldon Street, and Sanhurst Drive. We also provided assistance to Chili, Riga, Rush, Mendon, Caledonia, and Genesee County.

I would like to thank our Highway Department employees for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. I also want to thank residents and motorists for their patience and cooperation while these projects were underway. We are proud of what our team accomplished this summer and remain committed to maintaining safe, reliable roads and infrastructure throughout the Town.



REFUSE DISTRICTS

We are approaching the conclusion of our three-year contract with Waste Management (WM). As we enter the renewal phase, we conducted a competitive bidding process for the service. At this point, WM has once again submitted the lowest bid.

We are fully aware of the service and collection challenges faced this summer. In response, we have worked diligently with WM to address these issues. They have implemented several changes to improve communication. We are confident that they will demonstrate heightened awareness in servicing our districts, with a stronger emphasis on resolving problems. We encourage anyone in the refuse districts to reach out to WM directly if service issues arise. Please call 1-800-963-4776 for customer service for our districts.

TOWN HISTORIAN

Patriot Remembrance at Garbutt Cemetery

On a beautiful fall day, September 26, 2026, folks gathered at the Garbutt Cemetery to honor men who served in the Revolutionary War and are buried in the Town of Wheatland. Music was provided for the event by the Excelsior Brigade Fife and Drum Corps and military salutes were provided by the Sons of the American Revolution. Congressman Stephen Hawley read a proclamation from New York State, and Craig Lacy, descendant of Patriot William Lacy, an early Wheatland settler, told the story of his family.

None of the men who were honored that day had lived in Wheatland at the time of the war. They had served in their local New England and eastern New York militias and in the Continental Army. They later came west, lived and died in the Wheatland area.

Let's remember who they were:

Garbuttsville Cemetery:
Rufus Cady, William Lacy

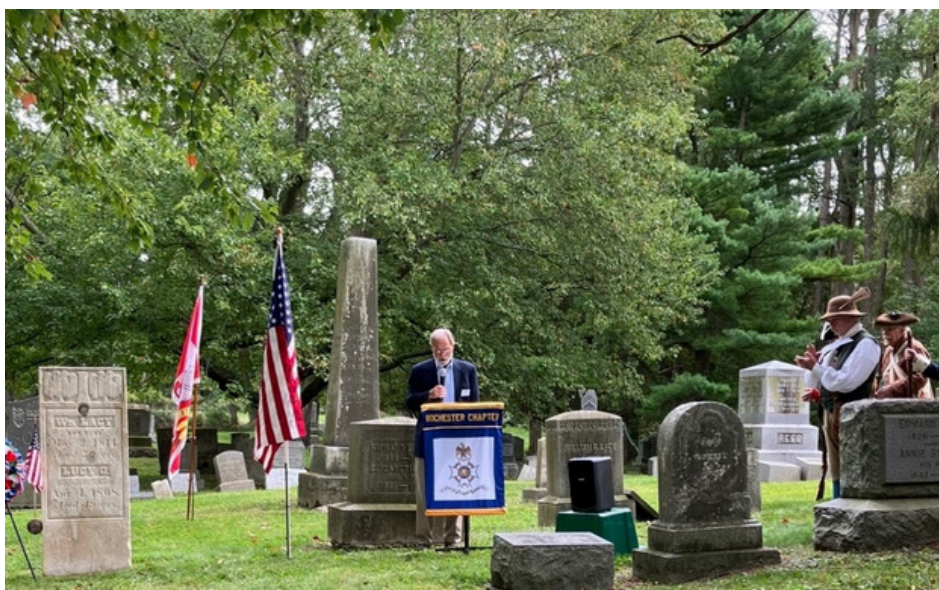
Warren Cemetery, River Road,
Wheatland: Newman Warren

Oatka Cemetery in Scottsville:
Reuben Heath, Solomon Savage

Mumford Rural Cemetery:
Caleb Johnson, Dr. Benjamin Stockton

Wheatland Rural Cemetery in Belcoda:
Asa Tenney, Samuel Stanhope, Rawson Harmon, Comfort Smith, Solomon Brown, Elisha Bingham, Benjamin Sage, William King, John Joslin, Rufus Hibbard, William Palmer, Israel Merriman, John Toms

We owe these men a debt of gratitude for their bravery in fighting for our freedom and for their perseverance in settling the undeveloped area that became the Town of Wheatland.



Community Hall of Fame

Do you know someone who has made a lasting impact in our community? GWA Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the Community Hall of Fame and Volunteers of Distinction! Help us honor individuals who have consistently gone above and beyond to make our community a better place to live, work, and play. Submit your nomination through our online form at <https://www.gwachamber.org/nominations>



Mumford Fire District



The Mumford Fire District will host a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, October 18th at 11:30am. Meal includes half-chicken or rib dinners traditionally served with local favorite sides like scalloped potatoes, harvard beets, coleslaw, roll and brownie.

Scottsville Fire Department

Gobble gobble!

Our annual turkey bash is the perfect chance to support the fire department! It's all about family fun with freebie snacks galore. Don't forget to bring some cash to snag your tickets for the turkey raffles and the intriguing silent auction!



Patrick Place

Patrick Place is a Comfort Care Home located in Scottsville that is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas: resident care, community outreach, fundraising, gardening, building maintenance, and housekeeping. Our volunteers provide love and support for the terminally ill in a home-like setting. This allows residents to live out their lives with the freedom to spend time with their loved ones. Please prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer. If you are considering resident care, no experience or medical background is needed, as all training is provided. If you are interested, or would just like to learn more, you can contact us.

- Phone (585) 889-0040 or
- Email patrickplacevolunteers@gmail.com
- Visit patrickplace.org/volunteer

Scottsville Free Library Association
28 Main Street, Scottsville, New York 14546
585-889-2023 scottsvillelibrary.org



Library Board of Trustees
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Ben Griffin, Vice-President
Gwendelyn Grab, Treasurer
Pamela Allen, Secretary
Nancy Rhoades, Trustee

PROGRAMS & EVENTS at Scottsville

TUESDAY NIGHT KNITTERS:

Tuesday Evenings 6:30-8:00pm

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB:

Saturdays September - June

Campaigns are full; Spectators are Welcome!

BOOK CLUB:

4th Wednesdays of the month

10:00-11:00am

FREE COMPUTER HELP:

Digital Literacy of Literacy Rochester

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month.

1:00-3:00pm

Appointments Preferred, Walk ins Welcome

ANNUAL BOOK SALE: October 15-17

Thursday, October 15, 5-8pm: Friends Night

Friday, October 16, 10:00am-6:00pm

Saturday, October 17 10:00am-3:00pm &

3:00pm-6:00pm: \$5 Bag Hours

GRAPHIC DESIGN LECTURE:

“Name That Tune” Thursday, October 22 6-7:30pm

ASSEMBLYMAN HAWLEY

Mobile Office hours:

Wednesday, October 28,

10:00am-12:00pm

PHANTASMAGALIA: SPOOKY SONGS & STORIES

All Ages Welcome!

Thursday, October 29,

6:30-7:30pm

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION:

Saturday, October, 24 at 10:30am

HOLIDAY HARP & VOICE

Join us for a program of treasured seasonal songs

Friday, December 4 6:30pm All Ages Welcome!

Genesee Country Village & Museum

“A VICTORIAN YULETIDE”

Saturday, December 19 11:00am-12:00pm

All ages welcome!

Please check the library website for event and programming updates@scottsvillelibrary.org

PROGRAMS & EVENTS at Mumford

ADOPT-A-BOOK PROGRAM

Support the Mumford Branch by adopting a new title and be the first to check it out! Monthly!

COMMUNITY PUZZLES

Stop by the Branch to work on a puzzle and catch up with friends and neighbors! Year-Round!

Friends of the Library

Debbie Davis, President

Jane Miller, Vice-President

Laurence Tallman, Treasurer

Elaine Rubal, Secretary

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42 Members & Supporter

Mumford Branch

883 George Street, Mumford, NY 14511

(585)-538-6124

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

12:00-6:00pm

Scottsville Free Library

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00am-5:00pm

Tuesday, Thursday 1:00-8:00pm

Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm

Fall/Winter 2026

WHEATLAND RECREATION



Schedule and Registration at <https://wheatlandny.myrec.com>

Upcoming Events

Our program schedule and registration are online at <https://wheatlandny.myrec.com>

Create an account so you receive updates when new classes are added to the schedule.



Babysitter Training

Learn the skills needed to become a responsible babysitter.

Home Alone

Teaches ages 7-12 important safety skills, responsible decision-making, basic first aid.

Scrapbooking Crop

Enjoy time to work on scrapbooking projects.

Charcuterie Board Class

Make a beautiful charcuterie board

Oil Painting Class

Join us to learn the art of painting, designed for students of all skill levels.

Paint Nights

Painting home decor with The Bustling Brush

Indoor Soccer

Engage children in grades K through 5 with fun soccer games. Adult pick-up games at 8pm

New programs are added frequently so check the website, Facebook and Instagram for updates.



Install the new MyRec App



Parade of Lights

Friday, December 4 from 5 to 8pm



Tree Lighting

The tree at Wheatland Municipal Building will light up with magic—join us for the tree lighting!



Cookie Decorating

Come along and sprinkle some magic on a scrumptious holiday cookie! 🍪



Picture with Santa

Experience a magical moment with Santa. Capture a photo that serves as a cherished keepsake.



Holiday Market

Get into the holiday spirit by shopping and showing some love to our local businesses!

Community Mural

Senior citizens and youth are invited to leave their mark on our community by painting a tile for our Community Mosaic Mural. No artistic experience is needed, just a willingness to be part of something special! Each painted tile will become part of a larger mural, creating a lasting symbol of community pride, connection, and creativity. Join us in bringing generations together through art and help create a masterpiece. We are hosting several more workshops so please sign up for a date that works for you!



Senior Center

Wheatland Senior Center is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for participants 60 and over looking for socialization, activities and/or lunch.

Check out our menu and schedule at www.townofwheatlandny.gov



Need a lift to the Senior Center?
Town of Wheatland residents, we've got you covered with transportation!

Call 889-1284 to request a ride to the center. Pick ups start at 9:15am

Questions? Contact the Senior Center



seniors@townofwheatlandny.gov



(585) 889-1284

Join us on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11 a.m. for a Chair Yoga class!

Halloween Party



Date: Wednesday, October 28



Time: 12 PM – 2 PM



RSVP: 889-1284 by October 14



Join us at the Senior Center for a spooktacular Halloween celebration! Enjoy a variety of treats and fun games. Costumes are encouraged but not mandatory. A small contribution of \$3.50 would be greatly appreciated!

Medicare 101

Monday, November 9, 5-7:30pm

Medicare 101 provides an overview of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D, Medigap plans, and benefits. We will also review:

- Medicare at 65 if working.
- Deductibles, premiums, co-pays, and coinsurance costs.
- How to pick the lowest cost prescription plan.
- Changing health and drug plans outside of open enrollment.
- Qualifying for reduced premiums & prescription drug costs.
- How and when to enroll in Medicare to avoid penalties.

Shopping Online

Thursday, November 12th at 1pm

Whether you're new to online shopping or have been shopping online for years, this seminar is for you. Join technology instructor Daniel Jones for this fun and informative seminar where you'll learn the dos and don'ts of shopping online. You'll learn about:

- 5 Steps To Online Shopping • Mobile Shopping & Apps
- Secure Websites, Encryption and 2-Factor Authentication
- Payment Methods • And more!

How to Choose a Medicare Plan

Monday, November 30, 1-2:30pm

Presentation by David Benedict, Certified Medicare Counselor, of Lifespan. For folks already on Medicare that need to make a plan change.

To register call 889-1284 or go online to

<https://wheatlandny.myrec.com>





Town of Wheatland
22 Main Street
Scottsville, NY 14546

Current Resident

Community Calendar

October

- 12 Columbus Day - Municipal Building Closed
- 13 Brush Pick Up Starts (TOV)
- 15 WHA Presents: Titanic - The People and Story of the "Unsinkable" Ship @ Grace Episcopal Church
- 15-17 Scottsville Free Library Annual Book Sale
- 18 Mumford Fire District Chicken BBQ
- 25 WHA Open House at Sage-Marlowe House

November

- 3 Election Day - Check your polling location
- 3 Lions Club Election Day Chicken BBQ at Smith Warren Post 367
- 6 Scottsville Fire Dept Annual Turkey Party
- 11 Veteran's Day - Municipal Building Closed
- 13 Smith Warren Post 367 American Legion Turkey/Meat Party
- 21 WHA - Wheatland Historial Associations Annual Holiday Sale at Sage-Marlowe House
- 26 Thanksgiving Day - Municipal Building Closed

December

- 4 Wheatland Parade of Lights Festival - 22 Main St., Scottsville
- 25 Christmas Day - Municipal Building Closed
- 28 Municipal Building Closed

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Municipal Building Closed
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Municipal Building Closed

February

- 1 Lions Club Lottery Ticket Sales Begin
- 12 Wheatland Recreation Sweetheart Dance at TJC
- 15 President's Day - Municipal Building Closed

March

- 5 Meat Madness - Smith Warren Post 367 American Legion
- 20 Wheatland Recreation Annual Egg Hunt @ Johnson Park
- 26 Good Friday - Municipal Building Closed

April

- 1-30 Lions Club Lottery Daily Drawings

MUNICIPAL MEETING SCHEDULE

- TOWN BOARD – 2nd Thursday at 6 PM, Workshops scheduled as needed
- TOWN PLANNING & ZONING BOARD – Scheduled as needed, 1st Tuesdays at 7 PM
- VILLAGE BOARD – 2nd Tuesdays at 6 PM, Workshops scheduled as needed
- VILLAGE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD – Scheduled as needed, 1st Thursdays at 7 PM