

Cairo Groups & Organizations

Acra Senior Center	622-9898	645 Old Rte 23B Acra, NY	Cairo Hose Company	622-9722	Ray Feml PO Box 566 Cairo, NY
Alzheimer's Support Group	943-5151	Karla Flegel	C/D Retired Teachers Assoc.	622-9805	Caroline Profera
American Legion Ladies Aux.	719-1645	Lucille Mozzillo	Cairo Library	622-9864	Deborah Kamecke PO Box 720 Cairo, NY
American Legion Mohican	965-2548	Mike Adrian	Cairo-Monday Council Club	622-9805	Caroline Profera PO Box 16 Round Top, NY
Animalkind (Cat Rescue Group)	822-8643	721 Warren St. Hudson, NY	Cairo Rotary Club	622-8737	Robert Schieren
Cairo Chamber of Commerce	622-3939 610-3332	MA Tarpinian PO Box 515 Cairo, NY	Cruise Nite	622-3430	Bill Veverka Cairo, NY
Cairo Conservative Club	622-2783	Nick Passero PO Box 436 Round Top, NY	Food Pantry	622-3286	Lutheran Church
Cairo Democratic Committee	291-6110	Terry McSorley 25 Bowery Creek Rd. Acra, NY	Friends of the Earth	622-9335	Flora & Fauna
Cairo Republican Committee		Mike Flynn Cairo, NY	Kedemah Lodge #693	966-4220	Rick Stanfield 523 Main St. Cairo, NY
Cairo Golden Agers Club	634-2044	Carol Nelson 2818 Rte 145 East Durham, NY	Literacy Volunteers	697-8227	Hudson, NY
Cairo Historical Society	821-3852	Sylvia Hasenkopf sylvia@northriverresearch.com	Market Days (July & Aug)	610-3332	M.A. Tarpinian
Cairo Hose Auxiliary	239-6047	Jyl Cosgrove 1367 Cornwallville Rd. Cornwallville, NY	Piecemakers Quilt Club	622-2270	Debra Steup
			Tracing your roots in Greene County		www.rootsweb.com/~nygreen2 Sylvia Hasenkopf
			Vietnam Veterans Reunion www.nevietvets.us	966-5295	Jim Sill

Cairo Youth Organizations

Cairo Cub Scouts	719-1645	Lucille Mozzillo cairopack43@outlook.com
Boy Scouts of America	622-9523	Chris Algozzine
Cairo/Durham Little League	651-5040	Mike Murphy
Greene Co. Pop Warner Ftbll	929-8187 965-4180 965-4143	Pres. Lewis Jobson VP Delville Bink Coord. Stephanie Bink
Girl Scouts Hudson Valley	622-8478	Janet Collica PO Box 5 So. Cairo, NY
Cairo Ski Program	622-9228	David Infantino PO Box 132 So. Cairo, NY
4H Cooperative Extension	622-9820	GC Office Building Cairo, NY
Soccer	622-2508	Patricia Gibson
Summer Recreation Program	423-9934	Janet McKeon

Cairo-Durham School District

Early Childhood Learning Center/Headstart	622-8382	2395 Old Rte 23 So. Cairo, NY
C-D Intermediate School www.caiodurham.org	622-3231	PO Box 1090 Cairo, NY
C-D Middle School www.caiodurham.org	622-0490	PO Box 1139 Cairo, NY
C-D High School www.caiodurham.org	622-8543	PO Box 598 Cairo, NY
Cairo-Durham District Office	622-8534	Main St. Cairo, NY
C-D Alumni Assoc.	622-3263	Laurie Jennings
C-D Elementary PTA	239-8412	Main St. Cairo, NY
Columbia-Greene Community College www.sunycgcc.edu	828-4181	4400 Rt. 23B Hudson, NY
C-D School Tax Collector www.infotaxonline.com	622-8534 Ext. 25140	PO Box 10 Cairo, NY

Visit Tara at the Town Clerk’s Office for dog licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, marriage licenses, FOIL Requests, Notary Services, voter registration, and general information.

Cairo-Durham School Board

Stephen Brandow	6/17	David Infantino	6/17
Dennis Burke	6/16	John Amoroso	6/18
Peter Byrne	6/16	Robert MacGiffert	6/17
Brian Coletti	6/18	Gary Warner	6/16
Elizabeth Daley	6/18		

Greene County Offices

Aging, Dept. for the	719-3555	411 Main Street Catskill, NY
ARC, Ulster-Greene	943-9592	311 West Bridge St. Catskill, NY
Arts, Council of the	943-3400	398 Main Street Catskill, NY
Catskill Mountain Housing Development	943-6700	PO Box 473 Catskill, NY
Civil Service Commission	719-3253	411 Main Street Catskill, NY
Commissioner of Jurors	625-3190	320 Main Street Catskill, NY
Community Action	943-9205	Route 9W Catskill, NY
Community Development	943-6585	Rt 23B Catskill, NY
Cornell Cooperative Extension	622-9820	Agro Forestry Rte 23 Acra, NY
Coroners	622-9635 731-8000 263-4719 734-6747	Richard Vigilio Michael Lobb Hassan J. Basagic John Gulino
County Clerk's Office Motor Vehicles	719-3255 719-3280	411 Main Street Catskill, NY
Disabled, Council for	719-0067	411 Main Street Catskill, NY
District Attorney	719-3590	411 Main Street Catskill, NY

Town of Cairo Offices

518-622-3120

Supervisor	Ext. 113	Daniel Benoit
Supervisor Clerk	Ext. 114	Sherry True
Bookkeeper	Ext. 115	Louann Arp
Town Clerk	Ext. 101	Tara A. Rumph
Deputy Town Clerk	Ext. 102	Kathy Rockefeller
Deputy Town Clerk	Ext. 102	Maeve Bolger
Justices	Ext. 251	Tanja Sirago
	Ext. 251	Leland Miller
Sr. Court Clerk	Ext. 103	Joan VanDenBurgh
Cairo Police Department	622-2324	Rick Busch
Animal Control	947-1198	Brian Feml
Ambulance Billing	Ext. 116	Patty Asaro
Assessor	Ext. 105	Janice Hull
Assessor Clerk	Ext. 106	Evelyn Gabrielsen
Building & Code Dept.	Ext. 107	Stacy Sprague
Building & Code Clerk	Ext. 108	Donna Chewins
Building Inspector	Ext. 109	Rich Hilgendorff
Highway Department	622-9515	Robert Hempstead Debbie Sommer, Deputy
Historian	622-2945	Robert Uzzilia
Tax Collector	Ext. 110	Sue Hilgendorff
Deputy Tax Collector	Ext. 110	Linda Kuever
Water/Sewer Department	Ext. 111	Michael Lamanec
Water/Sewer Clerk	Ext. 112	Valerie Payton
Zoning Enforcement Officer	Ext. 121	Robert Fritze

Cairo Town Board

Town Board Meeting - First Monday of the month at 7:00 pm

Supervisor Dan Benoit 622-3120 Ext. 113
Town Clerk Tara A. Rumph 701-3161

Town Council

Doug Ostrander 622-8428 Dan Joyce 622-0412
Mary-Jo Cords 755-5645 Gary Warner 622-9753

Planning Board

Monthly Meeting - First Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm
at Cairo Town Hall - Workshop as needed

Ray Pacifico, Chairman - 701-4823
Angela Bedani, Secretary

Pete Kavacas Jessica Dillon
Elizabeth Hansen Allen Veverka
Ed Forrester Rich Lorenz

Board of Ethics Review

Donald Gibson Sr., Chairman

Denise Daly Barbara Annis
Kathleen Passaro Joseph Kames

Board of Appeals

Thomas Baldwin, Chairman
Louann Arp, Secretary

Eric Rasmussen George Weiss
Ed Forrester George Kleinmeier

Domestic Violence	943-0343	2 Franklin Street Catskill, NY
Elections, Board of	719-3550	411 Main Street Catskill, NY
Electrical Examiner	719-0065	Earl Snell
Emergency Services	622-3643	John Farrell 25 Volunteer Dr. Cairo, NY
Emergency Control Center	622-3548	25 Volunteer Dr. Cairo, NY
911 Address Manager	622-2739	25 Volunteer Dr. Cairo, NY
Family Court	625-3180	320 Main Street Catskill, NY
Family Planning	719-3580	411 Main Street Catskill, NY
Farm Bureau, Inc.	634-7852	Mountain Ave. Cairo, NY
Greene County Highway Department	943-4600	PO Box 485 Catskill, NY
Greene County Legislature	719-3270	411 Main Street Catskill, NY
GC Mental Health Center	622-9163	905 GC Office Bldg. Cairo, NY
Greene County Planning and Economic Development	719-3290	411 Main Street Catskill, NY

Hospitals and Medical Centers

Emergency – Call 911

Greene Cty Tourism	943-3223	700 Rte. 23B Leeds, NY			
Probation Dept.	719-3200	411 Main St. Catskill, NY	Albany Medical Ctr. www.amc.edu	262-3125	43 New Scotland Ave. Albany, NY
Public Defender	719-3220	411 Main St. Catskill, NY			
Public Health	719-3600	411 Main St. Catskill, NY	Albany Memorial Hsp. www.nehealth.com	471-3221	600 Northern Blvd. Albany, NY
Purchasing	719-3270	411 Main St. Catskill, NY	Albany Stratton VA Medical Center	626-5000	113 Holland Avenue Albany, NY
Real Property Tax Service	719-3525	PO Box 467 411 Main St. Catskill, NY	Benedictine Hospital www.benedictine.org	845/338-2500	105 Mary's Avenue Kingston, NY
Rental Assistance (HUD)	622-2593	GC Office Bldg. 908 GC Office Bldg. Cairo, NY	Columbia Memorial Hsp. www.columbiamemorial.com	828-7601	71 Prospect Avenue Hudson, NY
Sheriff	943-3300	80 Bridge St. Catskill, NY	Ellis Hospital www.ellishospital.org	888/355-4746	1101 Nott St. Schenectady, NY
Social Services	719-3700	Suite 238 411 Main Street Catskill, NY	Emurgent Care	731-9000	11835 Route 9W West Coxsackie, NY
Soil & Water Conservation	622-3620	907 GC Office Bldg. Cairo, NY	St. Peter's Hospital www.sphcs.org	525-1550	315 South Manning Ave. Albany, NY
Solid Waste Management	943-4600	PO Box 485 Catskill, NY	Samaritan Hospital www.nehealth.com	271-3382	2212 Burdett Avenue Troy, NY
Solid Waste Facility	943-0341	Route 385 Catskill, NY	Urgent Medical Care Open 9am – 9pm www.catskillurgentmedicalcare.com	943-9100 365 days a year	10 Grandview Avenue Catskill, NY

as the influx of large franchise retailers, were working to diminish the effectiveness of the traditional “mom and pop” business, even then.

The face of tourism was also changing. Contemporary visitors wanted value-added features. Vacation options were expanding with competitive travel rates and the establishment of large amusement parks, casinos, and other attractions.

The 1990’s marked a new period of infrastructure improvements and new growth. Constant during the town’s 200-plus years, have been its natural beauty and the friendly nature of its inhabitants.

Town of Cairo

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Cairo, NY 12413

518-622-3120
518-622-0553 (fax)

Stop DWI Program	943-3300 Ext. 8009	80 Bridge St. Catskill, NY
Surrogates Court	625-3150	320 Main Street Catskill, NY
Treasurer	719-3530	411 Main Street Catskill, NY
Veterans Service	943-3703	159 Jefferson Hgts Catskill, NY
Veterinarians / Animal Shelters	943-4340	Catskill Animal Hospital 601 Kings Rd (Rte 9W) Catskill, NY
	731-5400	Maple Ridge Veterinary Office 1584 Route 81 Earlton, NY
	731-2551	New Baltimore Animal Hospital State Route 9W West Coxsackie, NY
	734-3112	Mountain Top Veterinary 428 Route 296 Hensonville, NY
	828-6044	Columbia Greene Humane Society
Weights/Measures	731-2257	796 Route 51 Coxsackie, NY
Youth Bureau	719-3245	411 Main Street Catskill, NY

Contact Your Lawmakers

US Senators

Charles E. Schumer 202-224-6542 Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Kirsten Gillibrand 202-224-4451 Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Congressman – 19th District

Chris Gibson 202-225-5614 136 Glen St.
Glens Falls, NY 12801

State Senator – 46th District

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Albany, NY 12247
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Kingston, NY 12401
amedore@nysenate.gov

State Assembly – 102nd District

Peter Lopez 518-455-5363 402 Legislative Office Bldg.
Albany, NY 12248
FAX 518-455-5856 45 Five Mile Woods Rd.
518-943-1371 Suite 3, Catskill, NY 12414
FAX 518-943-0223

108th District

Steven McLaughlin 518-479-0542 533 Legislative Office Bldg.
Albany, NY 12248

Greene County Legislators

District No. 8 – Cairo
William Lawrence PO Box 112, Cairo, NY 622-3707
Harry Lennon PO Box 95, Round Top, NY 622-3876

Eventually the Catskill Mountain Railroad would establish a branch running from Catskill Landing west to Cairo. The railroad directors saw the extension as a way to tap business from local fruit growers, bluestone mines, not to mention a growing tourist trade. The line opened in June of 1885 and led to the establishment of much travel-related businesses along Main Street.

Improved transportation modes were reducing travel time between the New York City area and the Catskills. Tourism increased as a result. The area, already made famous by artists, authors, and poets would begin to see a seasonal boom to supplement its agricultural base. Many hotels and boarding or “rooming houses” were either established or expanded.

This pattern continued until the early 20th century, which marked the gradual decline of horse-drawn transportation and its replacement, by the automobile. The “horseless carriage” would forever change the way Americans lived and tourist destinations like Cairo would benefit from this newfound mobility. But this proved fatal to the local railroad industry, and the Cairo Railroad would close after the 1918 summer season. Iron from the railway was used for the efforts of America’s First World War. Visitors now arrived in individual autos, spawning the growth of filling stations and roadside souvenir stands.

The summer months continued to draw the crowds to the long-established Cairo Fair. Farmers, still active in their agricultural pursuits, were finding the additional income from providing boarding space very beneficial, and eventually some gave up farming altogether and expanded into full-fledged resorts, such as Glenbrook Farm in the hamlet of Round Top.

When the Second World War finally concluded, returning soldiers found a robust and growing home front. Larger families led to creation of expanded services and improved tax base. Even the scattered rural hamlets of Cairo remained active, enjoying the economic benefits of a population that would often double in the summer months.

Many new boarding houses were built during this expansion by now well-established Italian and German families. A strong Chamber of Commerce developed. The town supported two all-night diners, a movie theater, department store, and other specialized outlet. Even proprietors of duplicate services shared and prospered in this market.

The early 1950’s saw the establishment of a small strip mall on the outskirts of the village. A few years later a divided state highway project was completed, paralleling the original State Route 23 (now renamed 23B). Some cheered the removal of sometimes heavy truck traffic through the village. Others declared it the death knell of the community’s business. Hindsight now tells us that outside forces, such

History of Cairo

Robert Uzzilia – Historian

For centuries nomadic native Americans occupied the central wilderness of Greene County. The Iroquois, Esopus and other tribes fished the streams and hunted for game to sustain themselves. By the mid 1700's, however, land titles were obtained by European settlers and Colonial Districts established.

Although most early settlement was scattered, consisting of single log homes, one settler of distinction came here in 1765 and settled a large tract of land along the Catskill Creek. James Barker and his wife, Elizabeth Wooer, brought 23 tenant farm families here from London, England. He would name the 6,000 acre settlement "Woodstock" after the English Manor house in which he was born. Despite the physical hardships and the death of his infant son to illness, the Barkers and the settlement prospered. Families were raised and their influence spread throughout the surrounding area.

After the American Revolution, many New England families moved West to purchase affordable farmland. Now safe from both British forces and occasional attacks by aggressive Indians, the new settlers started critical businesses for a growing settlement and their numbers increased many folds. An Iron Forge was established along the Shingle Kill in Purling in 1788, utilizing charcoal iron shipped from Ancram in Columbia County to form useful implements for local farmers. It is said that the Shingle Kill was named for its abundant supply of adjacent woodland, providing the raw materials for the manufacture of the essential roofing material.

The construction of the Susquehannah Turnpike in 1801 created a conduit of travel for people and goods through the area. This influenced the formation of what is now Cairo Village into a destination point, with early inns, blacksmiths and other needed services.

Early industries, which found success in the growing town, included tanning of hides, utilizing the tannic acid from the then abundant Hemlock. Ira Day and Daniel Sayre each established early tanneries, but both succumbed to the over-harvesting of their main resource. Other small but essential businesses included many sawmills, Montgomery Stevens distillery and Judge Moses Austin's wool factory.

1838 to 1840, Cairo's fate had been sealed by its mechanical limitations as well as competition from Albany interests and the subsequent lack of financial support.

Churches

Sacred Heart Father Flannery	622-3319	PO Box 778 Cairo, NY
New Day Fellowship Assemblies of God Church	622-8079	Rte 23B Cairo, NY
Calvary Episcopal Church Father John Miller	622-9172	Jerome Ave Cairo, NY
Resurrection Lutheran Rev Victor H Nelson Rev Steven Williamson	622-3286	PO Box 563 Cairo, NY
Cairo United Methodist Pastor Retta Lykens	622-3124 622-8916	Main Street Cairo, NY
So Cairo Methodist Pastor Retta Lykens	622-8916	455 Rte 67 Leeds, NY
Grace Baptist Church Pastor Dale Quick	622-3867	Warren Stein Rd Cairo, NY
Mahayana Buddhist Temple	622-3619	So Cairo, NY
St Mary's/Our Lady of Knock Shrine Father Flannery	634-7448	PO Box 223 E. Durham, NY
Durham United Methodist Church	239-6505	Susquehana Tpk Durham, NY
Cornerstone Baptist Church Pastor Murray Mayfield	634-7095	127 Stone Bridge Ext E. Durham, NY

Zip Codes

Acra	12405
Ashland	12407
Athens	12015
Cairo	12413
Catskill	12414
Cementon	12415
Climax	12042
Cornwallville	12418
Coxsackie	12051
Durham	12422
Earlton	12058
East Durham	12423
East Jewett	12424
East Windham	12425
Elka Park	12427
Freehold	12431
Greenville	12083
Haines Falls	12436
Halcott Center	12437
Hannacroix	12087
Hensonville	12439
Hudson	12534
Hunter	12442
Jewett	12444
Kingston	12401
Lanesville	12450
Leeds	12451
Lexington	12452
Maplecrest	12454
Medusa	12120
New Baltimore	12124
Norton Hill	12135
Oak Hill	12460
Palenville	12463
Prattsville	12468
Purling	12470
Ravena	12143
Round Top	12473
South Cairo	12482
Surprise	12176
Tannersville	12485
West Coxsackie	12192
Westkill	12492
Windham	12496

Welcome to the ...

Town of Cairo



Compliments of
Tara A. Rumph
Cairo Town Clerk

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