



# Village of Leicester

## Spring 2021 Newsletter



### Village Office News

#### Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

#### Credit Card Acceptance

We can now accept *in-office only* credit card payments with a 2.65% transaction fee or minimum \$3 fee



#### Village Board Meetings

6:30 pm the 3rd Monday of each month.  
Meeting minutes are available at [www.villageofleicester.org](http://www.villageofleicester.org)

#### New Code Enforcement Officer

The Village welcomes Charles Cagle as our new Code Enforcement Officer. Chuck comes with 30 years experience in building trades and 11 years experience in Code Enforcement. Chuck can be contacted at (607) 542-2175 or email [codeoffice.1957@gmail.com](mailto:codeoffice.1957@gmail.com)

#### Zoning Board of Appeals Members

Dan Christiano - Chair  
Pete Fanaro Charles Metz  
Tim Muscarella Joe Nahalka

### Proposed Projects

- Approve Budget for 2021-2022
- Replace water main line on Pleasant Street
- Pave Pleasant Street
- Plant new trees in Village
- Apply for Grant Money for Main Street
- Long-term lease agreement in Community Building
- Village Office Siding

### Accomplishments

- Awarded \$1500 Grant for Concerts in the Park
- New Three-Year Intermunicipal and Fire Protection Agreements with Town of Leicester
- Main Street Improvements - three new tree planters, five new flower planters and bike rack
- Lease Agreement with ARC for Community Building

Office: 52 South Parkway, Leicester NY 14481  
Phone (585) 382-3699  
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### Upcoming Events



#### Hydrant Flushing

Week of May 3rd  
Some discoloration and a decrease in water pressure may occur.

#### Village Leaf & Brush Pick-Up

Curb-side pick-up every Monday  
**ALL WEEDS AND LEAVES MUST BE IN BROWN BAGS.**

No large branches or full trees will be picked up.

Please follow Guidelines on Village



#### Summer Concerts in the Park

Wednesdays  
beginning late June  
\*Social Distancing Information & Details to be announced



**\*\* REMINDER! \*\***

No signs allowed on Village property (includes Park) per Section 507.B.2 of Zoning Law as Amended October 29, 2018  
**THIS INCLUDES YARD SALES SIGNS**



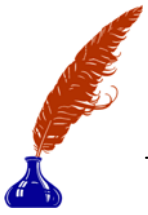
#### Follow Us On Facebook

The Village has an official Facebook page. Follow us [@VillageOfLeicesterNY](https://www.facebook.com/VillageOfLeicesterNY) to get community information quickly.



**Questions or Concerns?**  
Please call Village Office 382-3699 or Mayor Barry Briffa directly at 748-4509

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## Samuel Mile Hopkins: Founder of the Village of Moscow

By Karen A. Roffe

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Town & Village Historian

Samuel Miles Hopkins was a lawyer and gentleman farmer. When legal work in New York City failed to support his lifestyle, he came to the Genesee Valley to make his fortune with land. He had previously speculated on land in the Southern Tier and Ontario. He moved to Geneseo, then Mt. Morris and finally Leicester. Old Leicester was a thriving hamlet located on Jones Bridge Road (Allegheny Road). In August of 1814 Samuel Miles Hopkins was building a large public house in Old Leicester and due to a disagreement, he created the rival Village of Moscow. He established the Moscow Academy in 1817. He was a one-time member of Congress (1813-1814) and State Senator (1821-1822).

He built a grand federal house and attempted to make his fortune raising sheep, hemp, and wheat. The price of land and produce fell after 1814 and his fortunes also fell. He was a highly principled man who frequently made poor business decisions. "I undertook charity causes and fought hem...with perseverance for years."

In the spring of 1822 he sold his land, settled his debts, sold his home to Col. Cuyler, and went to Albany to practice law. He was given several important appointments; he was one of three State Prison Commissioners. He wrote an essay on State prison punishment, built the new Sing Sing prison, and established Auburn prison discipline reforms. In 1831 Samuel Hopkins and his family moved to Geneva. He extensively corresponded with scholars and reformers and was fond of debating temperance reform. Samuel Miles Hopkins died October 8, 1837 and was buried in the Washington Street Cemetery.

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