

R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Town Board Work Meeting, Draft Minutes, April 12, 2016

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 12th day of April 2016 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir (arrived at 7:20), Councilman Gerald Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates and three interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ernest Kuehl announced that the Middleburgh Central School's budget vote is May 17, 2016. They are looking at a 0.62% increase. The Middleburgh Library's budget vote is May 3, 2016 with a proposed 6.5% increase.

MINUTES: Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on April 14, 2016: March 8, 2016 – Work Meeting; March 10, 2016 – Regular Meeting; March 8, 2016 – Public Hearing - Zoning

TRANSFERS, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS: To be addressed at the Regular Meeting on April 14, 2016

CORRESPONDENCE: None

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Superintendent Bates wished to announce that the two trucks that were placed on Auctions International had sold. Truck #9 (1-ton dump truck) sold for \$10,076 and truck #15 (International) sold for \$6,100.

Superintendent Bates will need authorization to sell the trucks at these prices. Supervisor Lounsbury has contacted Attorney Fallati who will draft a Resolution for Thursday's Regular meeting.

2. Superintendent Bates will need authorization to attend the Cornell Local Roads Program in June.

REPORTS: The regular reports from the Supervisor, Attorney, Highway Department, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector, Assessors, and the Water/Sewer Committee will be given at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Lounsbury expressed how it has been becoming more and more difficult to obtain original signatures on vouchers. With the electronic age upon us, and vendors wishing to process everything electronically, she feels that it would behoove the Town to adopt changes in that regard. She has contacted Attorney Fallati inquiring if a Resolution can be drawn up for Thursday.
2. Last year the hay fields between the Ambulance building and Town Hall were brush hogged by the Highway Department. Since then, a resident contacted Supervisor Lounsbury showing interest in haying those fields. She believes that a Legal Notice should be placed in the paper soliciting bids.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorization will be needed for the Town Clerk to place a Legal Notice in the newspaper regarding the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.
2. Authorization will be needed to accept the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials.
3. Authorization will be needed to appoint a new Planning Board member. The Planning Board interviewed potential candidates for the position and has made a recommendation. Supervisor Lounsbury feels that the Board may want to discuss that recommendation in Executive Session.
4. The Highway Superintendent's authority to participate in on-line bidding is in need of renewal.

OPENING OF BIDS

The opening of the Highway, Mowing, and Port-o-Let bids commenced at 7:30PM. Supervisor Lounsbury opened and read all bids. Bids will be awarded at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Wood at 8:24 PM to enter into Executive Session to discuss the new Planning Board member. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bolte.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte at 8:42 PM to return from Executive Session; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Town Board Regular Meeting, Draft Minutes, April 14, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 14th day of April 2016 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Attorney Tom Fallati, Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Assessor Donna Kropp, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Investigator Amy Kowalski, and three interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Marie Dermody wished to address the March 10th Regular Meeting minutes. She stated that former Councilman Kevin McGrath was listed as a voting member despite having resigned.

She also inquired whether all new appointees were given their Oath of Office and if the ones that were incorrect, were corrected. Town Clerk Kraker responded by confirming that all new appointees were administered their oath and that the others had been corrected.

Barry Cooke inquired into the status of the tower. Attorney Fallati responded by stating that currently there is legal action pending in Supreme Court. A group of petitioners filed a petition to overturn the decision approving the application of the tower. The last set of papers is due on Monday and thereafter the matter will be decided by the Court.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the following meetings: March 8, 2016 – Work Meeting; March 10, 2016 – Regular Meeting * noting Kevin McGrath was not a voting member after his resignation was read; March 8, 2016 – Public Hearing - Zoning

The motion was seconded by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0); Abstains (1) Bolte

TRANSFERS: None

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$ 84,023.98; Highway Fund - \$37,244.13; Lighting District - \$686.22; Sewer Fund - \$431.69; Water Fund - \$560.25; T&A Fund - \$919.21; Total Abstracts - \$123,865.48

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to pay all signed vouchers; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR: No Report

ATTORNEY: Attorney Fallati will cover two topics later in the meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates will need authorization to attend the Cornell Local Roads Program in June.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to allow Superintendent Bates to attend the Cornell Local Roads Program; the Town will pay the registration fee and the cost of the room. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bolte.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

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2. The Highway Department will resume their summer work schedule of ten-hour days, Monday through Thursday beginning on May 2, 2016 and ending on October 7, 2016.
3. Highway Superintendent Bates reported that the two trucks that were placed on Auctions International had sold. Truck #9 (1-ton dump truck) sold for \$10,076 and truck #15 (International) sold for \$6,100.

Attorney Fallati prepared a Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent of the town of Rensselaerville solicited bids on the online auction site; auctionsinternational.com with respect to two trucks owned by the Town, namely (1) a 2008 Ford F550 Super Duty Dump Truck; and (2) 2000 International 2574 Dump Truck; and

WHEREAS, the Town received bids of \$10,076 for the 2008 Ford F550 Super Duty Dump Truck and \$6,100 for the 2000 International 2574 Dump Truck (collectively, the "Bids"), which Bids were the highest bids received for each vehicle;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, (1) accepts and approves the sale of the respective vehicles pursuant to the Bids; and (2) authorizes the Highway Superintendent to take all necessary steps to effectuate such sales.

By motion made by Gerald Wood, and seconded by Margaret Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 14th day of April 2016 as follows:

Valerie Lounsbury, Supervisor	Yes
Robert Bolte, Councilman	Yes
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	Yes
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	Yes
Gerald Wood, Councilman	Yes

END RESOLUTION

4. Superintendent Bates expressed that he is astounded at the decrease in prices due to the plummeting price of oil. Decreases for some of the road materials were in the range of 20%. He also expects an increase of approximately \$36,000 (again about 20%) in C.H.I.P.s funding for this year. Last year 5-plus miles were resurfaced; this year he expects 7-plus miles to be resurfaced.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept - the Highway Superintendent's report, 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of March as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$979.75. Paid to the Supervisor - \$863.39 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$159.39; Recycling - \$54.00; Dog Licenses - \$125.00; Building Permits - \$70.00; Kennel Boarding - \$55.00; Zoning - \$400.00. Total - \$863.39

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program'

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aka 'dog surcharge': \$23.00; Fees paid to NYS Department of Health for Marriages License: \$22.50; Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$70.86

Fees paid to the NYS Health Department for one marriage license: \$22.50; Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$11,162.04 which includes \$29.64 in penalties. Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$4,643.29 which includes \$45.92 in penalties.

Town Clerk Kraker announced that the 2016 Property Tax Collection season has officially closed. Clerk Kraker stated that a check in the amount of \$3,684.80 will be paid to the Supervisor for penalties/interest taxpayers incurred during the month of March.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the Town Clerk's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Cook.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Supervisor Lounsbury read Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh's report due to his absence as he needed to officiate as President of the Medusa Volunteer Fire Company at a funeral service:

For the month of March: one deck permit; one building repair permit; and one greenhouse permit.

Officer Overbaugh also reported that 14 R.V. permits have been issued so far.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the Code Enforcement/Building Inspector's written report as read by Supervisor Lounsbury; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Assessor's office is still at work preparing the Tentative Roll.
2. Assessor Kropp briefed everyone about new legislation that will affect the STAR Program. She and Assessor Wank attended a video conference which explained that any new homeowner, who normally would have gotten the Basic STAR or Enhanced STAR exemption, will not be eligible for the exemption, but rather will be required to register with New York State for a personal income tax credit. Residents will be required to pay their school taxes in full and will then be reimbursed via check. Anyone who is currently enrolled in the STAR Program will continue to receive the exemption on their school taxes. Assessor Kropp will be attending more training on this subject.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the Assessor's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

1. Town Clerk Kraker read the Water/Sewer Committee's written report submitted by Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Story as follows:

386,100 gallons of water was filtered during the month of March: an average of 11,874 gal/day; and

170,640 gallons of effluent was pumped: an average of 5,505 gal/day.

Officer Story also reported that preparations are underway to rebuild the filter bed before the weath-

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er gets too hot.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the Water/Sewer Treatment Officer's written report; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

REFUSE/RECYCLING

Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of March: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 6.91 tons; Tires: 26; City of Albany Landfill: 71.99 tons; Sierra Fibers: 4.15 tons – comingled; 5.81 tons – old cardboard container; Oil: 23 gallons

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the Recycling Coordinator's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

CURRENT EVENTS

1. Councilwoman Sedlmeir wished to remind all that the Town Wide Picnic will be Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 2 -4:30 PM. Volunteers are needed and appreciated.
2. Councilwoman Sedlmeir also wished to remind everyone that a service for former Deputy Town Clerk, Dee Andrus, will be held this Saturday at 2:00 PM at the Rensselaerville Fire House.
3. Councilman Wood announced that the Rensselaerville Ambulance is sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday morning.
4. Councilwoman Cooke announced that the Medusa Fire House will hold the last breakfast for the season this Saturday. Also, the Medusa Fest will be held on April 30th.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Attorney Fallati has drawn up a Resolution regarding the processing of vouchers.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town previously established a policy that vendors submitting vouchers for payment of goods or services rendered to the Town were required to submit vouchers with original signatures; and

WHEREAS, the Town has found that the process of obtaining such original signatures has been time-consuming and has delayed the efficient processing of vouchers; and

WHEREAS, reliance upon electronic copies of signatures has become a standard business practice that provides for more efficient processing of paperwork and reduces reliance upon paper;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, (1) rescinds the prior requirement that vendors submit vouchers bearing original signatures; and (2) authorizes the Town to accept, and make payment upon, vouchers bearing signatures in electronic format, such as electronic mail or facsimile.

By motion made by Robert Bolte, and seconded by Margaret Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 14th day of April 2016 as follows:

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Valerie Lounsbury, Supervisor	Yes
Robert Bolte, Councilman	Yes
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	Yes
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	Yes
Gerald Wood, Councilman	Yes

END RESOLUTION

2. Last year the hay fields between the Ambulance building and Town Hall were brush hogged by the Highway Department. Since then, a resident contacted Supervisor Lounsbury showing interest in haying those fields. Supervisor Lounsbury would like to advertise for the service so that everyone interested would have the opportunity to make an offer. Councilman Bolte suggested that bidders should submit their bids as a flat rate; as opposed to making offers, for example, per bale, which would run into problems such as big bales, small bales, round, or square bales.

*Marie Dermody inquired whether or not bidders would be required to have insurance coverage. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Lounsbury will call Marshall & Sterling to find out what the insurance requirements are, if any.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to authorize the Town Clerk to solicit bids in both the Altamont Enterprise and the Greenville Pioneer, for the cutting, baling, and removal of hay from the two fields next to Town Hall, for a flat fee and subject to insurance coverage; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, and Sedlmeir; Nays (1) Wood

NEW BUSINESS

1. At the Work Meeting Supervisor Lounsbury opened and read all bids for the Highway Department, and for the port-o-lets and mowing of the parks. The following is a breakdown of the winning bidders and the materials and/or services which they will be providing. All bids were accompanied by a Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate.

Carver Sand & Gravel: per ton

1A Washed – FOB: \$11.25; 1A Washed – Delivered to yard: \$15.25; 1A Washed – Delivered to job: \$15.65

1B Washed – Delivered to yard: \$12.25; 1B Washed – Delivered to job: \$12.65

1ST Washed – FOB: \$8.25; 1ST Washed – Delivered to yard: \$12.25; 1ST Washed – Delivered to job: \$12.65

#1 Washed – FOB: \$8.25; #1 Washed – Delivered to yard: \$12.25; #1 Washed – Delivered to job: \$12.65

#2 – FOB: \$8.25 * Tied; #2 – Delivered to yard: \$12.25; #2 – Delivered to job: \$12.65

#3 – FOB: \$8.25 * Tied; #3 – Delivered to yard: \$12.25; #3 – Delivered to job: \$12.65

Screenings – Delivered to job: \$11.90

Crusher Run – FOB: \$6.50 * Tied; Crusher Run – Delivered to yard: \$10.50; Crusher Run – Delivered to job - \$10.90

Light Stone – FOB: \$10.00 * Tied; Light Stone – Delivered to yard: \$14.00; Light Stone – Delivered to job - \$14.40

Medium Stone – FOB: \$11.35; Medium Stone – Delivered to yard: \$15.85; Medium Stone – Delivered to job \$16.25

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ROB Gravel – FOB: \$4.90/cy
 #1 & #2 Mixed – FOB: \$8.25; #1 & #2 Mixed – Delivered to yard: - \$12.25; #1 & #2 Mixed – Delivered to job 412.65

Cobleskill Stone: per ton

Type 1 Base – In Place: 453.25
 Type 3 Binder – In Place: \$454.25
 19 MM Binder – In Place: 454.25
 Type 6 Top – In Place: \$57.75
 Type 7 Top – In Place: \$63.75
 Winter Mix – FOB: \$85.00
 C'Run In Place w/Paver (600-) \$20.10
 C'Run In Place w/Paver (600+) \$20.10

Callanan: per ton

1B Washed – FOB: 46.50
 #2 – FOB: \$8.25 * Tied
 #3 – FOB: 48.25 * Tied
 Screenings – FOB: \$5.00
 Screening – Delivered to yard: \$11.00
 Crusher Run – FOB: \$6.50 * Tied
 Light Stone – FOB: \$10.00 * Tied
 Type 1 Base – FOB: \$40.50
 Type 3 Binder – FOB: \$41.50
 19 MM Binder – FOB: 442.50
 Type 6 Top – FOB: \$45.00
 Type 7 Top – FOB: \$51.00

Gorman Bros.:

Winter Mix – Delivered to yard: \$110.00/ton
 Grade CMS-2r: \$1.94/gal * Tied
 Tack Coat – Delivered to job: \$4.00/gal
 Dust Oil: 43.40/gal
 Chip Spreader w/Operator – Full Day: 41,500.00 * Tied

Peckham:

Grade CMS-2r: \$1.94/gal * Tied
 Grade CRS-2 – Delivered to job: \$1.83/gal
 Grade CRS-2p – Delivered to job: \$1.90/gal
 Grade CMS-2 – Delivered to job: \$1.94/gal
 Liquid Calcium – Delivered to job: \$.90/gal
 Chip Spreader w/Operator – ½ Day: \$1,200.00; Chip Spreader w/Operator – Full Day: 1,500.00 * Tied
 10T Pneumatic Roller w/Operator – ½ Day: \$850.00; 10T Pneumatic Roller w/Operator – Full Day: \$1,000.00
 Pavement Reclaimer w/Operator ½ Day: \$3,625.00; Pavement Reclaimer w/Operator – Full Day: \$3,875.00

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Midland Paver or Equal - \$1,800.00

Heldeberg Bluestone & Marble:

Shale, ripped FOB/ton: \$3.50

Chemung:

4" HDPE Pipe Corrugated – Delivered: \$.40/lf * Tied

Pipes Plus:

4" HDPE Pipe Corrugated – Delivered .40/lf * Tied

12 Gauge Arch 154.80/lf

Geotextile Fabric Non-Woven – FOB: \$.56/sy; Geotextile Fabric Non-Woven – Delivered: \$.56/sy

Geotextile Fabric Woven – FOB: \$.48/sy; Geotextile Fabric Woven – Delivered: \$.48/sy

Lane: per linear foot

6" HDPE Pipe Corrugated – Delivered: \$1.05

8" HDPE Pipe Corrugated – Delivered: \$2.01

10" HDPE Pipe Corrugated – Delivered: \$4.07

12" HDPE Pipe Smooth - Delivered: \$4.64

15" HDPE Pipe Smooth – Delivered: \$6.25

18" HDPE Pipe Smooth – Delivered: \$9.03

24" HDPE Pipe Smooth – Delivered: \$14.00

30" HDPE Pipe Smooth – Delivered: \$22.55

36" HDPE Pipe Smooth – Delivered: \$29.00

42" HDPE Pipe Smooth – Delivered: \$40.50

48" HDPE Pipe Smooth – Delivered: \$49.00

71" X 103" Arch Pipe (Galv) - Delivered: \$102.36

Main Care:

Unleaded Gas (Reg) – Fixed: \$1.71/gal

Unleaded Gas (Mid) – Fixed: \$1.78/gal

No. 2 Heating Oil – Fixed: \$1.67/gal

Heating Service Contract Per Unit: \$250.00

Additional Labor Rate – Regular Time: \$119.00

Mirabito:

Diesel (Low Sulfur) – Fixed: \$1.61/gal

Diesel/Kerosene (Winter) – Fixed: \$1.72/gal

Big Top Portable Toilets:

Rensselaerville and Medusa Parks from April 15, 2016 to October 15, 2016:

one standard toilet and one cleaning per week: \$454.50 each and;

Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park from April 15, 2016 to October 15, 2016:

one standard toilet from April 15, 2016 to July 15, 2016; and

one handicap toilet from May 15, 2016 to October 15, 2016; one cleaning per week: \$823.50

Triple L Landscaping:

Medusa Park: \$676.00

Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park: \$3,150

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A1 Clean Cut Lawn:

Rensselaerville Park: \$1,095

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to award all bids as read; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

2. Authorization is needed for the Town Clerk to place a Legal Notice in the newspaper noting that the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report has been mailed to all District users, has been posted on the Town's website, and that copies are available at Town Hall.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to authorize Clerk Kraker to place a Legal Notice in the paper; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

3. A motion is needed to accept the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

4. Supervisor Lounsbury made a recommendation that the Town Board should meet with the Planning Board to discuss the appointment of the new Planning Board member. Supervisor Lounsbury will request to be placed on the Planning Board's agenda for May 5, 2016

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke that the Town Board meet with the Planning Board concerning the appointment of the new Planning Board member at the May 5th meeting; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

5. Attorney Fallati renewed authority pursuant to the prior resolutions, of the Highway Superintendent to participate in the Auctions International on-line bidding; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

1. Councilman Wood wished to announce that the Albany County inmates would be coming out to work at the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park, May 23rd, 24th, and 25th and will be working at the Preston Hollow Cemetery on the 26th and 27th.

Highway Superintendent Bates inquired whether or not mulch was needed for the cemetery and announced that the Town of Bethlehem will give the Town 30 c.y. of mulch each year at no charge.

Councilman Wood expressed how much that would help around the trees and also at the Park. Superintendent Bates will deliver the mulch.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk

Please Help Our Recycling Efforts

With a little additional effort on our part, we can further reduce the waste stream for the Town of Rensselaerville and increase our revenue. How?

Simply rinse out and remove the labels from all your metal/ aluminum cans & place them in the metal bin **outside** the recycling building. **DO NOT** include bags of any kind!

The Town receives a monthly payment for the metal/aluminum materials in this bin. And, as we all know, every little bit helps!

Did you know...

...that the supervisor did not present a monthly report to the Town Board at the April 14, 2016 meeting? She simply said she had nothing to report. We find that to be very disturbing in light of the fact that the residents of this Town deserve open and transparent government. This tells us that there was nothing to report regarding current matters before the Board, that no new issues cropped up during the month, and that no previous issues have been resolved. And what makes this situation even more disturbing is that not one Town Board member questioned the supervisor about her lack of a monthly report.

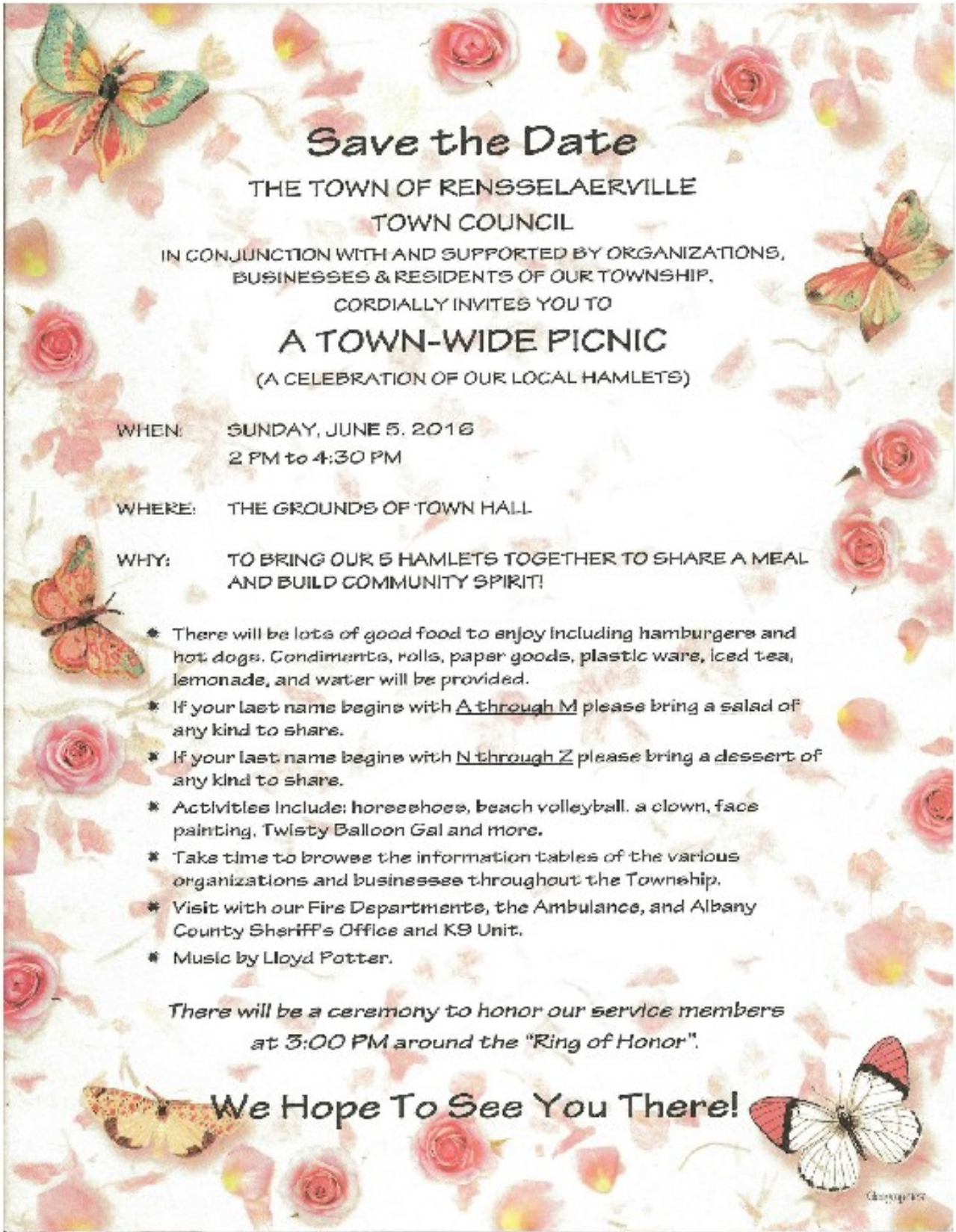
Move Breathe Relax

YOGA: Tue. & Thu. 9-10:15 am
PILATES: Wed. 5:45-6:15 pm & Sat. 9-10 am

Classes Open to All at Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville

Sarah Nelson Weiss, CYT
savitrisarah@gmail.com, 518.817.8720

Fees: Wed Pilates—\$7.00
All Others—\$12.00
10 Classes—\$100.00



Save the Date

THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL

IN CONJUNCTION WITH AND SUPPORTED BY ORGANIZATIONS,
BUSINESSES & RESIDENTS OF OUR TOWNSHIP,
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

A TOWN-WIDE PICNIC

(A CELEBRATION OF OUR LOCAL HAMLETS)

WHEN: SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016
2 PM to 4:30 PM

WHERE: THE GROUNDS OF TOWN HALL

WHY: TO BRING OUR 5 HAMLETS TOGETHER TO SHARE A MEAL
AND BUILD COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

- * There will be lots of good food to enjoy including hamburgers and hot dogs. Condiments, rolls, paper goods, plastic ware, iced tea, lemonade, and water will be provided.
- * If your last name begins with A through M please bring a salad of any kind to share.
- * If your last name begins with N through Z please bring a dessert of any kind to share.
- * Activities include: horseshoes, beach volleyball, a clown, face painting, Twisty Balloon Gal and more.
- * Take time to browse the information tables of the various organizations and businesses throughout the Township.
- * Visit with our Fire Departments, the Ambulance, and Albany County Sheriff's Office and K9 Unit.
- * Music by Lloyd Potter.

*There will be a ceremony to honor our service members
at 3:00 PM around the "Ring of Honor".*

We Hope To See You There!

Annual Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day Saturday, May 21, 2016

Rain, Snow or Sunshine

Save this notice because it is almost time to sign-up for the Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day. Rensselaerville Fire Company Ladies Battalion sponsors this major fundraiser. The battalion will advertise on cable TV, Craigslist, Capital District newspapers and distribute fliers. Your sale will be listed on a map, which will be available the morning of the sale for \$1.00 at the Firehouse on Route 85. Your sales should be open from 9:00 to 4:00.

Please send you registration form and \$15 registration fee to

Make checks payable to RFVD Battalion

RVFD Battalion

1364 CR 351

Rensselaerville, New York 12147

If you have any questions, please call Rose Kuhar at 797-3360 Registration must be received by May 14

Refreshments and maps will refreshment will be available at the firehouse between 9 and 3.

Week before the sale your number will be emailed or a letter will be sent

Garage Sale Registration Form

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email address _____

Mailing Address _____

Site of Sale: Road name or route #, 911 number, miles from village, color of house and anything other descriptive information: _____

Description of items for sale: _____

Detailed description will attract potential customers to your sale. Clean, clearly priced items that are spread out for display are more likely to sell.

Changes Coming to STAR Program

A major change may be coming to the state's popular but expensive STAR rebate program for school taxes.

For first-time homeowners or people that move, the program may switch from an upfront rebate to an income-tax credit when people file their taxes, Gov. Andrew Cuomo proposed in his state budget Wednesday.

For people in existing homes, the program would stay the same.

"The STAR program is simplified by transforming the exemption into a refundable personal income tax credit, allowing school districts to collect revenue without having to wait for reimbursement from the state," Cuomo's budget plan states.

So for first-time home buyers and homeowners who switch houses, they would pay their full school taxes and then get reimbursed when they file their income taxes. Currently, homeowners see the savings upfront: Schools send out tax bills each fall with the savings already included, and then schools are reimbursed the expense from the state.

The aim is to eliminate schools having to front the tax break and then wait for a check from the state.

The change would save the state about \$100 million by 2018. Another \$112 million would be saved by 2018 by capping the growth in the STAR rebate.

"The requirements and the eligibility for STAR are the same," state budget director Mary Beth Labate said.

The state spends \$3 billion a year on the STAR rebate, which provides a break on school taxes and is the largest program of its kind in the country.

For households with income less than \$500,000, property taxpayers get an exemption from the first \$30,000 of the full value of their home from school taxes.

Seniors (homeowners 65 and older) receive an even larger break through Enhanced STAR: The first \$65,300 of their home value is exempt from school taxes.

Editor's Note: This information comes from the following link: <http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/politics/blogs/vote-up/2016/01/14/big-changes-may-coming-star-rebates/78790106/>. This article was published prior to the passage of the NYS budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017. Since its publication, the budget has passed and these changes to the STAR program are a "done deal."

As these STAR program changes continue to develop, we will do our best to keep you posted. Contact the Assessors at 239-4225 with any questions you may have.

For those who have not received their STAR tax rebate check, you may want to call the HOTLINE phone number listed below to inquire about the status of your rebate:

(518) 474-2819

Rensselaerville Library



Adult Coloring Book Club

2016 Schedule

Third Thursday of each Month

May 19

7:00 pm

Coloring is a great way to relax and give our creativity a boost. Coloring books designed especially for adults have more intricate designs and patterns.



WE provide:

- *Coloring pages*
- *Colored pencils*
- *Markers*
- *Crayons*
- *Or bring your own!*

Rensselaerville Library
1439 County Route 351
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

518-797-3949

www.RensselaervilleLibrary.org

RVFD News

REMINDER: NYS DEC Outdoor Burn Ban is in effect until May 15th.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Saturday, May 7th – **Firemen's Dinner** at the Carriage House, Carey Institute for Global Good. Tickets \$35 per person. For tickets email EWilson.rvfd@gmail.com or call 466-5542 or 797-3171

MENU: warm breads with crock butter; mixed greens with julienne vegetables and balsamic vinaigrette; NY sirloin with roasted shallots and cabernet demi-glace; Roasted free range chicken with sage pan jus; Penne pasta with oregano, cauliflower, capers, lemon, spinach and pine nuts; Roaster fingerling and red potatoes with thyme and garlic; seasonal vegetables, Flourless chocolate cake, Warm peach and cranberry crisp with fresh cream, Fresh fruits and berries.

ENTERTAINMENT: Aircraft DJ Services 50/50, door prizes and \$400 gift card for GNH raffle

- Saturday, May 21st (9 am – 3 pm) - **Garage Sale Day** sponsored by RVFD Battalion. To participate, please complete the enclosed registration form. Make sure you stop by the Fire House for maps, food, beverages, bake sale and restrooms!
- Sunday, June 19th (8 am – 11 am) **Father's Day Breakfast** sponsored by the RVFD Battalion. Come join us for Glenn's famous pancakes, eggs and sausage!

RVFD Battalion



Meetings held 1st Wednesday of every month @ 7PM at firehouse

Join our community of fun loving, dedicated volunteers.

Call 281 6880 for more information

"Volunteers are not paid—not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless"unknown...

Senior Citizens Info

The Town offers car service Mon-Fri by appointment only. Contact Town Hall at 239-4225 or 797-3798 for doctor appointments. The Senior bus also goes shopping on Thursday either to Cobleskill or Catskill. Call Ruth & Tom Snyder (239-4376) the day before about riding the bus if you are interested.

The Town of Rensselaerville Senior Citizens meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Medusa Fire House at noon. Anyone 55 years of age and older can join. Dues are \$8.00 a year due in June. We collect \$1.00 a month at the meeting for coffee, milk, etc. Please bring a covered dish to share. We eat promptly at noon and the meeting commences afterward. We have a picnic in August; in November, we have a Thanksgiving dinner at a local restaurant; and in December we have a Christmas dinner also. We have bus trips in the summer and fall. For further information, call Tom Snyder, President, at 239-4376.

Please note that we are in desperate need of drivers for the bus and the car. Please call Town Hall at 239-4225 if you're interested in volunteering as a driver for our senior citizens..

Additional Important Phone Numbers:

- Department of Aging 447-7179
- HEAP: 447-2551

Did you know...

...that at the April Town Board meeting, a Town Board member asked the Highway Superintendent if his department could brush hog the hayfield between Town Hall and the ambulance building rather than solicit bids for someone to do it due to insurance concerns. The response was that, with his present equipment, it would take considerable time to do. Considering that this Town Board seems to never say "no" to any request submitted by the Highway Superintendent and that the highway department is fully staffed with full-time employees as well as temporary employees that are hired for the summer, agreeing to take on this chore would have been the right thing to do.

Wildflower Walk

Join us for the first Wildflower Walk of the year! This 3-hike series (thought you don't have to come to all of them of course!) on some of our popular core trails is for those who are interested in woody and herbaceous flowering plant identification. Great for all ages and skill levels! This will be a slow paced hike of moderate difficult, on the East lake trail, and dogs are welcome to join in (though they must be cleaned up after!). Please visit our website for complete details and guided hike information: www.huyckpreserve.org

Where: Research Station, 284 Pond Hill Rd. Rensselaerville NY 12147

When: Sunday May 1st, from 10AM – Noon

Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run and Walk

Saturday June 18, 2016 9:00am Start



Co-hosted by the E.N. Huyck Preserve and Rensselaerville Library
Proceeds will be shared between these organizations



Location

Eldridge Research Center, E.N. Huyck Preserve
284 Pond Hill Road
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Course Description Join us for a 2, 5, or 8 mile run/walk on the beautiful trails of the E.N. Huyck Preserve in the historic village of Rensselaerville, NY. The 2 mile 'Turtle Trot' is run on trails with easy footing. The 5 mile 'Salamander Scamper' and 8 mile 'Rabbit Run' have some sections with roots, rocks and other obstacles. See course maps at <https://www.raceentry.com/race-maps/rensselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk>

Find us on Facebook 'Rensselaerville Ramble'



Register by Mail or on Race Day
Fill out & mail form with check
\$20.00 if postmarked by May 31
\$25.00 if postmarked after May 31 or on race day

Free T-Shirts for first 150 registrants

Packet Pick-Up
Early Pick-up – Fri 6/17/16, 4-9pm
Rensselaerville Library 1459 CR 351
Race Day Pick-Up –Eldridge Research Station – Sat 6/18/16, 7:30-8:45a

Register Online at RaceEntry.com
<https://www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/rensselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk>

Stay In Rensselaerville After the Run...
The Huyck Preserve Forest Festival
Sat 6/18, 11-3p

Awards (for each distance)
Top Male and Female Finisher
Top 3 Males and Females in each of 7 age groups



Questions? Contact Linda at cloud9acres@gmail.com (518)-598-9389

Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run and Walk Registration Form (Submit One Form Per Person)

E-Mail _____ Choose Event: _____ 2 mile Turtle Trot
Name _____ \$20 before 5/31/16 _____ 5 mile Salamander Scamper
Address _____ \$25 after 5/31/16 _____ 8 mile Rabbit Run
City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ Shirt Size (Circle One Adult Size)
Age _____ Sex _____ Phone# _____ SM MED LG XL XXL
Please note: t-shirt size only guaranteed for registrations received by 5/31/16. We'll do our best to fulfill desired sizes for registrations received after that date, but we may need to substitute another size, depending on availability.

Additional donation to Rensselaerville Library \$ _____ or the E.N. Huyck Preserve \$ _____ Total \$ _____

I am physically fit to participate in this event. I am participating in this event with the knowledge of the potential hazards involved and hereby agree to accept all risks of injury. I agree that my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians and other legal representatives will not make a claim against or sue for injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, howsoever caused, by an agent or volunteer of the organization as a result of my participation in this event. I hereby release The Rensselaerville Library and the Huyck Preserve and its officers, and all event volunteers and officials from all actions, claims or demands and I, my assignees, heirs, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury resulting from my participation in this event.

Signature _____ (if under 18 parent/guardian must sign)

Please make checks payable to: Rensselaerville Library (Rensselaerville Ramble in memo line)
Send signed form and payment to: Rensselaerville Library, PO Box 188, 1459 County Route 351, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

<http://www.usps.com>

MEDUSA POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-4826
(19 COUNTY ROUTE 351 MEDUSA, NY 12120)
Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm; Sat 7:30am - 11:15am
Last Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 4:15pm; Sat 11:15am
Lobby Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am - 5:00pm; Sat 7:30am - 11:30am

PRESTON HOLLOW POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-6111
(2930 ROUTE 145 PRESTON HOLLOW, NY 12469)
Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am - 10:30am; 3:00pm - 5:00pm; Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm
Last Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 5:00pm; Sat 12:00pm
Lobby Hours: Mon-Sat 12:01am - 11:59pm

RENSSELAERVILLE POST OFFICE: Phone 518-797-3231
(26 COUNTY ROUTE 353 RENSSELAERVILLE, NY 12147)
Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 11:00am
Last Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 4:15pm; Sat 11:30am
Lobby Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 11:30am

Did you know...

...that the Town Board has scheduled a meeting with the Planning Board (May 5, 2016) to discuss their recommendation for filling the vacancy on the PB created as a result of a resignation? At the April Town Board meeting, the supervisor reported that she had questions/concerns about the person who was unanimously agreed upon by the PB. Several sources have identified the person under Town Board scrutiny. This move on the part of the Town Board raises some questions:

- * Is the concern based on this person already holding a position on another Town board? If so, that didn't seem to be an issue when a former Building Inspector clerk also held the position of the clerk to the assessors; or presently when the clerk to the highway superintendent also holds the position of justice clerk; or that an elected official also currently holds an appointed position in Town government.
- * Is the concern based on the fact that this person is related to another individual holding a position in Town government? If so, this didn't seem to be an issue when a relative to an elected official was appointed to the position of justice clerk; or when a relative to an elected official concurrently held two positions in Town government, that of former Building Inspector clerk to the assessors.
- * Is the concern based on the fact that this person is currently a member of a board whose actions brought displeasure to the Town Board for collectively doing their job as a board? If so, what does that say about our Town Board's ability to be objective?
- * Is the concern based on the fact that this person is not enrolled in the political party of their choosing? If so, what a sorry state of affairs exists in the Town of Rensselaerville!

The only other time in recent history that the Town Board rejected a recommendation to appoint someone to a position in Town government was with regard to residency. Residency issues do not come into play in this instance.

It certainly will be interesting to see how this plays out! Stay tuned!

MIDDLEBURGH

AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

1st FRIDAY STREET FEST

1st Fridays - 2016

June 3 July 1 August 5
September 2 October 7

Festival Activities

Live open-air music	Longer shop hours
Farmer's market	Antique car show
Free kids' activities	Beverage tasting
Dinner specials	Historical tours
Tap room activities	Live animals

More Activities - 2016

Slughter 5K - June 3
Middleburgh Craft Fair - July 23
Fall Festival & Parade - October 8
Miracle on Main Street - December 9



USED BOOK SALE

RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

Each year Rensselaerville Library holds a Used Book Sale in May to coordinate with the Rensselaerville Annual Garage Sale Day. Hundreds of gently used books, both hard covers and paperbacks, fiction and non-fiction, will be for sale.

All proceeds go to benefit the Rensselaerville Library.

Featuring a wide variety of books, movies, and music, the Used Book Sale is a great place to pick up that novel that you've always wanted to read or to browse for that book that you never knew that you wanted. Volunteers sort thousands of books by category for easy browsing. Volunteering offers advanced preview of items for sale. Interested in volunteering? Just show up Tuesday through Friday between 4pm and 9pm. Please speak with Kim if you are interested in volunteering the day of the sale.

Tuesday - Friday, May 17-20, from 4pm - 9pm: Volunteers will sort and price items. Donations accepted during these hours. Please NO text books or encyclopedias.

Saturday, May 21st from 9am - 3pm Book Sale

Saturday, May 21st from 2pm - 3pm Bring a bag and fill it to the brim with books for \$1.

Book Sale Price List

Adult Hard Covers: \$1.00

Adult Paperbacks: 50 cents

Juvenile Hard Covers: \$1.00

Juvenile Paperbacks: 25 cents

Audiobooks: \$1.00

Music CDs: \$1.00

DVDs: \$1.00

Special sales area items priced individually.

Don't forget to check out the Gift Shop area for local Rensselaerville merchandise.

Rensselaerville Library, 1459 County Route 351, Rensselaerville, NY 12147
(518)797-3949



SPRING ART SHOW

at the
Greenville Public Library

Greenville Public Library Gallery

11177 NY Rte. 32 near intersection of Rte. 81, Greenville, NY

This show will be at the Library through the end of June and can be seen during regular hours. The exhibit includes the works of ten local artists who are members of the Tuesday Night Sketchers Club.

On display are paintings and drawings done by talented area artists in oils, watercolors, pastels, pencil and charcoal. Some of the works on display show local scenes that may be familiar to our visitors. The works are for sale and make great gifts or wonderful additions to home and office decor. Ten percent of the sale proceeds will go to the Greenville Library.

"Art is the gift that keeps on giving!"

Did you know...

...that apparently Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment training for the Town of Rensselaerville is now simply done by distributing a document and asking for a form verifying that it was read? A FOIL request was submitted seeking the date of in-person, face-to-face group training and it was revealed that there was no actual training except the expectation that the document would be read. Let's hope that is enough to be considered "due diligence" on the part of Town government!

Contact Information for Elected Officials & Department Heads

Position	Name	Email Address
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Dog Control Officer	Cheryl Baitsholts	Phone: 797-5201
Refuse/Recycling Coordinator	Jon Whitbeck	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798 Fax: 239-6339
Town Hall		Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798 Fax: 239-6339

GRIST MILL OPENS FOR SUMMER SEASON

By Janet Haseley

The summer season at the Rensselaerville Grist Mill will open Saturday, May 28, with a bake sale and mill tours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free. At the Grist Mill, Historic poems of Rensselaerville will be read at 1 p.m. in cooperation with the Rensselaerville Library.

Future Saturdays until Labor Day weekend the Mill will be open from noon until 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed who can help host the Mill on Saturdays. Training is available. Call Janet Haseley at (cell phone) 252-714-6626 or email her at janethaseley@gmail.com if you can help even one Saturday.

During the summer the Mill will also be open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Research Group meets there on Wednesdays so if people want to have help with family genealogy or town research, there will be several volunteers at the Mill on Wednesdays to help.



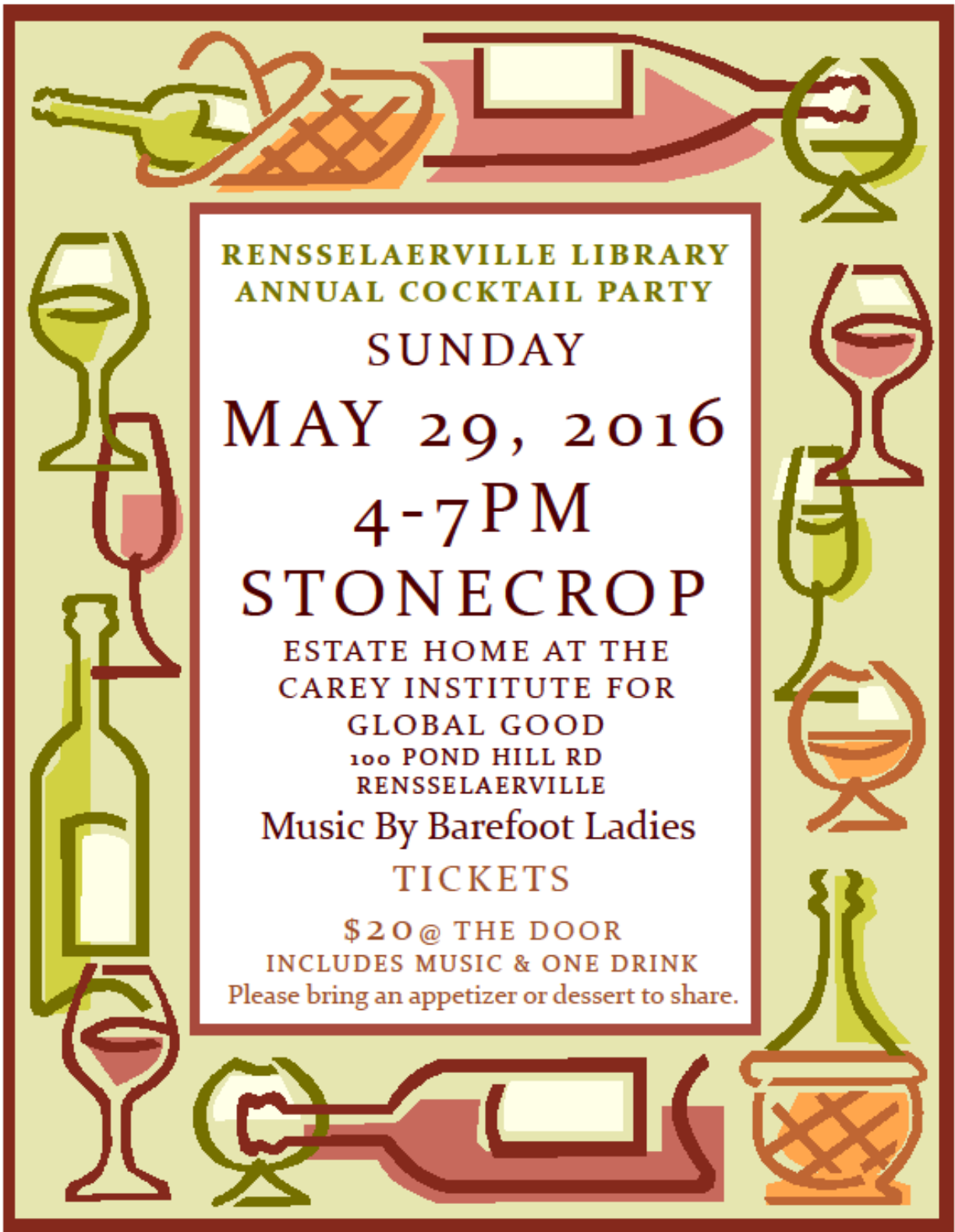
BAKERS NEEDED and HISTORIC POEMS OF RENSSELAERVILLE!

By Rose Kuhar

The only fundraiser the Rensselaerville Historical Society has is an annual Bake Sale at the opening of the Grist Mill each Memorial Day weekend. This year the sale is Saturday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Along with the Bake Sale, the Mill will be open for free tours and at 1 p.m. the Historical Society will join the Rensselaerville Library in hosting a program at the Mill on Historic Poems of Rensselaerville.

We need baked goods as well as shoppers to make this day successful. The money made at the sale goes toward the yearly expenses of the Mill which includes electric and insurance bills. Baked goods can be left at the Mill at 9:30 a.m. on sale day or dropped off ahead of time by contacting one of the following: Joyce Chase (239-4507), Janet Nelson (797-3963), or Rose Kuhar (797-3360).

The Historic Poems of Rensselaerville will include poems printed in "The Rensselaerville Press" in the 1870s and reproduced in the book Rensselaerville Reminiscences and Rhymes in 1890. The Rensselaerville Historical Society has recently reprinted this book for the first time ever and it will be on sale at the Grist Mill and at the Rensselaerville Library.



RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY
ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY

SUNDAY
MAY 29, 2016
4-7PM
STONECROP

ESTATE HOME AT THE
CAREY INSTITUTE FOR
GLOBAL GOOD
100 POND HILL RD
RENSSELAERVILLE

Music By Barefoot Ladies

TICKETS

\$20 @ THE DOOR
INCLUDES MUSIC & ONE DRINK
Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Library News



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The Rensselaerville Library works to preserve a comfortable historical gathering place that is open, free and inviting to all of the residents of the 5 hamlets and environs. We strive to awaken and promote a life-long love of reading and learning by fostering personal connections and providing access to a stimulating variety of texts, technology and programming.

The Rensselaerville Library is a 501c3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Upcoming Library Events

The Library is excited to announce that Lee Ackerman-Sawyer has joined our staff as the Youth Services Coordinator. Lee has been providing youth related programs at Westerlo Library since 2011. Come meet Lee on Wednesday, May 4 between 4:30 and 6pm. Watch our calendar for upcoming youth related programs.

Friday, May 6 at 6pm meet Helderberg Outdoor volunteers at the Helderberg Brewery (located on the Carey campus next to Stonecrop Estate) to preview the trails for the **Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run & Walk**. Preserve and Library staff will be available to take registrations and answer questions.

Poetry Group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, May 10 and 24. Come share your work, receive feedback and spend time working on your own project. The Poetry group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month downstairs in the Library.

Thursday, May 12th join the Writing Group at 7pm to share your work and receive feedback or just spend a few hours working on your own project. The group meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month downstairs in the Library.

The Library Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17 at 7pm. Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except when noted. All Board meetings are held at the Library in the downstairs meeting room and are open to the public.

The Library Coloring Book Club for adults will meet on Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 pm (every third Thursday). Coloring is a great way to relax and give our creativity a boost. Coloring books designed especially for adults have more intricate designs and patterns. Coloring pages, colored pencils, markers and crayons will be available or bring your own.

Used Book Sale, Saturday, May 21, 9-3pm. The Library will have lots of books, music and DVDs for sale as part of the Rensselaerville Fire Department's garage sale day. Fill a bag for a \$1 during the last hour of the sale. Be sure to get your map at the Fire Department to find all the sales.

Movie Night at the Library on Thursday, May 26th at 6:30pm. Visit the Library's web site for more details. www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/movie-night.html

Poetry continues in Rensselaerville on Saturday, May 28 at 1pm in the Grist Mill. The Rensselaerville Historical Society has recently reproduced the 1890 *Rensselaerville Reminiscences and Rhymes* and readings from this book will take place during the opening of the Mill. Copies of the book can also be purchased for \$20.00.

Annual Library Cocktail Party fundraiser, Sunday, May 29th, 4-7pm at the Stonecrop estate home located at the Carey Institute, 100 Pond Hill Rd. Tickets available at the door are \$20 per person and include a beverage. Music will be provided by the Barefoot Ladies (Emileigh, Laurie

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and Sarah). Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run & Walk Saturday, June 18th, at 9am Calling all runners and walkers! The Huyck Preserve and Rensselaerville Library are announcing a collaborative new event – a trail run on the beautiful trails of the E.N. Huyck Preserve. To get the details as they are released, follow the Rensselaerville Ramble on Facebook or <https://www.raceentry.com/race-maps/rensselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk>. All proceeds will be shared between the Library and the Preserve. Come for the Run and stay for the Huyck Preserve's Forest Festival from 11-3pm with vendors and a variety of programs.

Did you know the Library has a mini gift shop? We have Rensselaerville historical books, tote bags, post cards, note cards, honey, RVFD beer mugs etc.

Did you know that the Rensselaerville Historical Society's Research Team works in the Library during the winter months? You can find them downstairs in the meeting room on Wednesdays from 10:30 – 2pm. Come have a cup of coffee and learn about Rensselaerville history. They return to the Grist Mill on Memorial Day weekend.

Did you know that the Library has an email newsletter? The email provides information on Library services, resources, events and programs. We also include a brief calendar of community events. Not on the Library email list? Sign up here <http://rensselaervillelibrary.us1.list-manage1.com/subscribe?u=ff334a8359a3abb5b1f3342f2&id=14a36c9661>

*Library Hours: Closed Sunday and Monday
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am – Noon & 4– 9pm
Thursday & Friday: 4– 9pm
Saturday: 9– 1pm*



Library News

Greenville Library

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Toddler Time w/Devon Balta (For infants, toddlers, preschoolers)	10-10:45am & 11-11:45am
May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 27, 31	Chess Club (Small community room)	11 am-1 pm
May 4, 11, 18	Greenville Quilters Meet in small community room. All welcome. No experience necessary, will teach	1:00-3:00pm
May 6, 13, 20, 27	Toddler Time Two w/Devon Balta (For infants, toddlers, preschoolers)	10-10:45am & 11-11:45am
May 6	An Evening of Stories (Community Room) The program is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Friends of The Library	7:00pm
May 3, 17	Lego Fun! (Ages 4 & Up)	3-4:00 pm
May 23, 24, 25, 27	Drawing Class For ages 13 - adult under the direction of renowned artist Stanley Maltzman. Registration is required. The class will be held in the Community Room. There is no fee and classes are open to everyone. A supply list is available at the library. This class is made possible with funds from the Friends of the Library.	7-9:30pm

Contact Information: Greenville Public Library
11177 Route 32
PO Box 8 Greenville, NY 12083
Phone: 518-966-8205
Email: greenvillelibrary@outlook.com

Hours: Monday & Wednesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am - 6:00pm
Friday: 12:00pm - 5:00pm Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday: Closed



Did you know that May 16 - June 16, 2016, is...



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Middleburgh Library

May 3	Library Budget Vote	12-8 pm
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Drop-In Story Time	10:45 am
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Mahjong Mania	1:00 pm
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Insight Meditation	5:15 pm
May 4, 11, 18, 25	Chair Yoga (CR)	9:00 am
May 4, 11, 18, 25	Discovery Wednesday	11:00 am
May 4, 18	Wednesday Matinee	11:00 am
May 4, 18	Kundalini Yoga	5:00 pm
May 11, 25	Wednesday Matinee	1:00 pm
May 5, 12, 19, 26	Beginning Tai Chi	10:00-11:00
May 5, 12, 19, 26	Advanced Tai Chi	11:00-12:00
May 5, 12, 19, 26	Knitting Circle	7:00 pm
May 6, 20	Homeschool Group	10:00 am
May 7	Monthly Recipe Swap	11:00 am
May 7, 14, 21, 28	Knitting Needle Ninjas	12:30 pm
May 7	Adult Board Games	2:00 pm
May 9, 23	Young Homeschoolers Support	10:00 am
May 9	Board of Trustees Meeting	6:30 pm
May 14	Gardening 101	10:30-12:00
May 14	Cooking by the Vegan Book	1:00 pm
May 16	Adult Coloring Club	2:00 pm
May 22	Not So Quiet Concert Series: John Flynn	2:00 pm
May 17	Book Discussion: The Brass Verdict	7:00 pm
May 21	Meet the Author: "In Praise of Poison Ivy"	10:30 am
May 23	QPR- Suicide Prevention Workshop	6:30 pm
May 25	Tick and Lyme Disease Q & A	11:00 am

For information about any of the events listed above, please click on the link below. It will take you to the Middleburgh Library events calendar where you will find descriptions of these events.

<http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=8616&thisMonth=1&thisYear=2016>

Contact information: 323 Main Street, PO Box 670, Middleburgh, NY 12122
 (518) 827-5142
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*Hours: Monday 1:30 - 8:30
 Tuesday 10:00 - 5:00 & 6:30 - 8:30
 Wednesday 10:00 - 4:00
 Thursday 10:00 - 4:00 & 6:30 - 8:30
 Friday & Sunday - closed*



Middleburgh Library Association
Proposed 2016 Budget

Ordinary Income	2016 Budget	% Change from 2015
Income		
Genealogy Room Revenue	\$ 100.00	0%
Interest Income	\$ 100.00	0%
Aid / Grants		
Grants	\$ 3,000.00	0%
LLSA	\$ 1,500.00	0%
Total Aid / Grants	\$ 4,500.00	0%
Fundraisers	\$ 11,000.00	0.0%
Gifts and Endowments		
Donations	\$ 1,500.00	-25%
Gifts and Endowments - Other	\$ 1,500.00	-20%
Total Gifts and Endowments	\$ 3,000.00	-53%
Beet House Insurance Payment	\$ 2,000.00	**
Library Charges	\$ 4,000.00	0%
Library Tax Funds	\$ 130,500.00	6.5%
Unexpended Balance	\$ 1,480.00	80%
Total Income	\$ 157,280.00	4%

Expense	2016 Budget	% Change from 2015
Fundraiser Expenses	\$ 500.00	-75%
Programs	\$ 4,500.00	-30%
Advertising	\$ 100.00	-80%
Genealogy Room Expenses	\$ 200.00	-80%
Equipment	\$ 1,500.00	0%
Building Operation / Maintenance	\$ 8,000.00	-20%
Bookkeeping /Accounting	\$ 2,500.00	0%
Books, Periodicals & Audio Visual	\$ 14,000.00	-12.5%
Employee Benefits	\$ 500.00	0%
Insurance		
Building/Liability Insurance		
Library Building/Liability Insurance	\$ 4,050.00	**
Beet House Building / Liability	\$ 2,600.00	**
Directors and Officers Insurance	\$ 900.00	20%
Insurance - Flood	\$ 2,630.00	0%
Total Insurance	\$ 7,580.00	4.8%
Library Supplies		
Miscellaneous		
Memberships	\$ 250.00	0%
Election Expenses	\$ 400.00	0%
Licenses	\$ 650.00	**
Miscellaneous - Other	\$ 1,300.00	0%
Office/Library Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	40%
Postage and freight	\$ 200.00	-33%
Total Library Supplies	\$ 6,300.00	5%
Salaries and Wages		
Payroll Expenses		
Workers Comp & Disability	\$ 1,100.00	**
Illness Payroll Fees	\$ 250.00	0%
Payroll Expenses	\$ 6,500.00	8%
Total Payroll Expenses	\$ 7,850.00	26%
Salaries and Wages - Fundraiser	\$ -	-100%
Salaries and Wages - Employees	\$ 80,500.00	12%
Total Salaries and Wages	\$ 88,350.00	13%
Total Technology/Telecommunications	6,500.00	0%
Utilities		
Electricity	\$ 8,000.00	8.8%
Heating Fuel	\$ 8,000.00	-26%
Water & Sewer	\$ 750.00	0%
Total Utilities	\$ 16,750.00	-14%
Total Expense	\$ 157,280.00	8.2%

** = NEW OR EDITED LINE ITEM FOR 2016

For your consideration:

- Why are some Town of Rensselaerville residents taxed for two libraries (Rensselaerville and Middleburgh)? Why shouldn't we be responsible for only our own Town library?
- Why are the 2015 & 2016 budgets not presented side-by-side so we can see the actual changes for ourselves?
- Why is the library budget vote scheduled for May 3 instead of May 17 when many people are already out and about for the school budget vote? Why couldn't these votes be scheduled for the same day? Even better yet, why couldn't they be scheduled at the same location?
- Is it reasonable budgeting to expect taxpayers to pay 6.5% more in library taxes over the 2015 budget?

MIDDLEBURGH LIBRARY

2016 Budget & Trustee Vote

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

12 noon - 8:00 pm

in the Community Room of the Library



DATE: May 26

TIME: 6:30pm

LOCATION:
Rensselaerville Library

Memorial Day Word Search

Celebrate Veterans and lost loved ones with Memorial Day.

Size:Medium (15x15)

Difficulty:Medium (Add Backwards)

F K K S N A R E T E V T U B D
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Words List

- flag
- celebrate
- parade
- military
- marching
- bands
- freedom
- picnic
- proud
- honor
- uniforms
- Memorial
- veterans
- respect
- cheering

To correctly solve the MAY FLOWER wordoku, make sure that every row, column, and 3x3 box contains the letters M A Y F L O W E R exactly once.

Good luck ... and have fun!

M A Y | F L O W E R

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On The Calendar

Apr 30	9am-4pm	Annual Medusa Fest Flea market, live music, chicken BBQ, food Rummage sale, Medusa Museum, small business talks	Medusa Firehouse Medusa Church
May 1	11:00am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services All are Welcome!	
May 7		Fireman's Dinner - RVFD (See page ___ for additional information)	Carey Institute for Global Good
May 8		Happy Mother's Day!	
May 8	11:00am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services All are Welcome!	
May 10	12 noon	Rensselaerville Seniors Club meeting & lunch	Medusa Firehouse
May 10	7:00pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
May 12	7:00pm	Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting	Town Hall
May 15	11:00am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services All are Welcome!	
May 21	9am-3pm	Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day (See related information on page 13) Stop by the Rensselaerville Firehouse for maps, food, bake sale, and beverages!	
May 22	11:00am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services All are Welcome!	
May 29	11:00am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services All are Welcome!	
May 30		Memorial Day Observed	
June 19	8am-11am	Father's Day Breakfast Sponsored by the RVFD Battalion Come join us for Glenn's famous pancakes, eggs, & sausage!	Rensselaerville Firehouse

Please note that copies of the Town Newsletter are in box in front of Medusa Fire House.

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