

R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 12th day of July 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, Councilman Gerald Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Deputy Highway Superintendent David Potter and two interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on July 14, 2016:

June 7, 2016 – Work Meeting

June 9, 2016 – Regular Meeting

TRANSFERS, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS: Vouchers and bills will be addressed at the Regular meeting on Thursday.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

HIGHWAY

1. Superintendent Bates announced that the Highway Department is in need of the roller, which is currently being rented from Abele, for approximately one more week. Abele will extend the rental for an additional week for \$450.00.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize Superintendent Bates to rent the roller from Abele for an additional week at a cost of \$450.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

The status on the Town's roller is that it has a broken crank shaft and will be warrantied and replaced with another engine.

2. Superintendent Bates also reported that the Town won the bid for the road-widener and are planning on using it the week after next.

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3. Supervisor Lounsbury wished to thank Superintendent Bates and the Highway crew for the wonderful job they did restoring the parking area in front of Town Hall.

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

ERIN NEVINS

Erin Nevins of Nevins Insurance Agency presented the Town with the renewal rates for the health insurance which will become effective September 1, 2016. She reported that, as always, the replacement plan is not exactly the same, but very similar. The renewal plan would incorporate a 2.8% increase over last year.

Mrs. Nevins also provided information on CDPHP and Blue Shield for the purpose of comparison. However, taking all variables into account, she recommended the Town stay with MVP. David Potter, on behalf of the Highway Department, noted that overall the highway crew seemed to be very pleased with MVP.

Mrs. Nevins reported that the Town has allotted \$115,000 for the Health Reimbursement Account, but has only dispensed \$36,000. She explained that with a high-deductible plan and a Health Reimbursement Account, the goal is to use no more the 40-60% of what was allotted. With only a few weeks to go until the renewal, the Town should be well under 50% for the year.

There was no increase in the dental premiums from Delta Dental and no increase in the vision premiums through Empire Blue Cross.

Mrs. Nevins expects a 9% increase (approximately) on the Medicare Advantage plan for the retirees.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Interviews for the Board of Ethics will be conducted later in the meeting.
2. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that, thus far, one letter of interest was submitted for filling the vacancy on the Planning Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Water/Sewer Committee has made a recommendation to appoint John Rice as Water/Sewer Treatment Officer. The Board will vote on this at the Regular Meeting.
2. The Water/Sewer Committee has made a recommendation to appoint Gerritt Platel as Deputy Water/Sewer Treatment Officer. The Board will vote on this on Thursday night as well.

Supervisor Lounsbury announced that the Water/Sewer Committee is in the process of replacing the sand in the filter in hopes of improving the quality of the water. They are currently looking into suppliers. Chairman Delp had been given some suggestions on how to keep the water aerated which would help avoid the discoloration commonly experienced this time of year.

Superintendent Bates noted that the two extra bags of sand which were stored at Town Hall would not be able to be moved to the filtering plant, as the nylon sheathing was too far deteriorated.

3. The Town Board would like to postpone Thursday's Regular Meeting to 8:00 PM so that members of the Board may attend the viewing hours of a local young man who lost his life in an automobile accident.

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to postpone the meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2016 to 8:00 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to enter into Executive Session at 7:38 PM for the purpose of conducting interviews for filling the vacancy on the Board of Ethics. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wood.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to return from Executive Session at 7:59 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

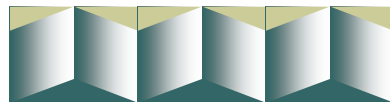
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



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

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All Others—\$12.00
10 Classes—\$100.00

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The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 14th day of July 2016 at 8 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 Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Timothy Tulloch from the Altamont Enterprise, and two interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Marie Dermody stated that she believes everyone can agree that what the minutes reflect should be an accurate report of what transpired at the meeting. At the June 9th meeting under CURRENT EVENTS, the last two sentences state "Almost everyone will still be able to attend with the exception of the face-painter and Lloyd Potter. Richard Tollner has offered to cover the music". She stated that the only thing mentioned at the meeting was the face painter and requested that portion that refers to Lloyd Potter and Richard Tollner be removed from the official record.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2016 Work Meeting; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to delay the approval of the June 9, 2016 Regular Meeting until the audio tape can be reviewed; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

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

TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to approve the following transfer:

From 'Contingency' A1990E 44999 to 'Legal Fees' A1420E 44043 in the amount of \$2,194.00 to cover legal fees related to the Communications Tower and Kropp lawsuits. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$35,842.89; Highway Fund - 83,823.89; Lighting District - \$632.32; Sewer Fund - \$152.77; Water Fund - \$1,084.35; T&A Fund - \$6,619.06; Total Abstracts - \$128,155.28

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to pay all signed vouchers and bills; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Lounsbury read a letter from the Trinity Episcopal Church of Rensselaerville requesting the use of the Senior/Youth bus and a volunteer driver for the Bible Day Camp on August 26, 2016 from 10:15 am – 11:45 am. The bus would be used to transport the children to the Town's Recycling Center to meet with Jon Whitbeck and learn about his job and then transport the children back to the Trinity Church. The children are learning about caring for the environment and their neighbors.

Councilman Bolte volunteered to drive provided he is feeling well enough. Councilwoman Cooke stated that her husband Kenny would be able drive in the alternative.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to approve the use of the Senior/Youth bus on August 26,

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2016 to transport children from Trinity Church to and from the Recycling Center at Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

REPORTS**SUPERVISOR**

1. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that Assessor Jeffrey Pine had completed his Ethics re-certification for his current term in office.
2. Departmental Budget Requests for 2017 will be sent out shortly.
3. Supervisor Lounsbury reported that she has not had extra time this past month to work on the fee schedule.

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

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

ATTORNEY

Attorney Fallati announced that a ruling was received from the Court in regards to the Communications Tower litigation. The County had moved to dismiss the petition on a number of grounds, one (not particular to the Town) was that one of the applicants was not served with the petition properly. The Court denied that part of the motion to dismiss and held that the petitioners would have additional time to serve the applicant. The Court has held off ruling on the merits of the various arguments of the immunity issue and has scheduled a conference for July 25, 2016.

Councilman Wood questioned Attorney Fallati whether the Town could recoup their money contingent upon the outcome of the litigation. Attorney Fallati explained that the County had drafted much of the argument - the motion to dismiss on the grounds of their immunity - and therefore Tabner, Ryan, and Keniry have been able to be pretty efficient thus far. Depending on the Court's ruling, there may or may not be any more proceedings and Attorney Fallati will take it from there.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the Attorney's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates wished to express his feelings on the proposed cell tower stating that he was hopeful that the issue will be resolved as he does not want to go through another winter with a lack of communication. The Highway Department had been working in Potter Hollow recently where radio effectiveness is non-existent; the men cannot talk to each other even when they can see each other. The ability to communicate is desperately needed.
2. With funds received from the CHIP's Program, 1 mile of moto-paving has been done on Fish Road; and 4 miles of chip-sealing on Barger Road, Niles Road, and Fish Road as well as the parking area in front of Town Hall.
3. The Highway Department awaits Cobleskill Stone Products for their in-place paving, which is expected in approximately 2-3 weeks.
4. By piggy-backing onto the Albany County contract for in-place paving vs. the Town's bid price,

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Superintendent Bates was able to save approximately \$20,000 which will allow a portion of Miller Road (a contingency road) to have work done.

5. The Highway rented a reclaimer which has been used on Carr Road, Chase Lane, Kenyon Road, Burkhart Road, and Jonesville Road; a total of 1.5 miles.
6. The Highway placed ½ mile of Top Course paving on Bryan Road.
7. Currently, the Highway Department is truing and leveling; a preparation for next year's resurfacing – either chip-sealing, moto-paving, or hot asphalt. For any of those processes, the road must be prepared by truing and leveling, and putting slope and grade back in. Thus far, truing and leveling have been performed on 2 miles of Cheese Hill Road, ½ mile on Tanglewood Road, and approximately one-half of the 1.5 miles of Smith Road.
8. Projecting into early August, Superintendent Bates estimates the Highway Department will have completed 14 ¾ miles of road.

Supervisor Lounsbury wished to thank Superintendent Bates and the Highway crew for the awesome job they have been doing. She thanked Superintendent Bates for his efforts and hard work planning so that everything comes together and commended him for the amount of road mileage completed in a short amount of time and with the least amount of expense possible.

9. The Highway Department will be using their newly acquired road-widener which was purchased at auction. There are approximately 10 miles of road which need shoulders put on due to the raising of the pavement.
10. In addition, the Highway Department will continue their mowing, ditching, and usual activities.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of June as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$872.90. Paid to the Supervisor - \$664.96 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$ 68.56; Recycling - \$176.00; Dog Licenses - \$183.00; Building Permits - \$137.40; Kennel Boarding - \$100.00. Total - \$664.96

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$39.00

Fees paid to NYS Department of Health for one Marriage License: \$22.50

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$146.44

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$1,077.66 which includes \$18.52 in penalties.

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$1,331.03 which includes \$26.03 in penalties.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Town Clerk's report; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. For the month of June, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported two Home Addition permits and a Commercial Repair permit for the Medusa Fire House, which is exempt from fees.

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2. Following through on Councilwoman Sedlmeir's concern over several dilapidated and fallen-down buildings throughout the Town, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported that he had sent a letter to the owners of the property of the former Albany County Highway Department on Fox Creek Road. They have reported that they would demolish the building and would like to put something back in its place, perhaps a pre-fabricated shed.

As for the pile of old wood on Smith's Corners and also along County Route 360, with the permission of the owner, the Medusa Volunteer Fire Company would execute a controlled burn on both.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the Code Enforcement/Building Inspector's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Final Roll was completed by the deadline of July 1st.
2. Although this is a slower time of year for the Assessor's Office, they continue to received [sic] calls and answer questions as they come in.

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

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

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE: No report

REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of June: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 5.91 tons; Tires: 55; City of Albany Landfill: 69.88 tons; Sierra Fibers: 5.13 tons comingled and 5.61tons old cardboard container; Oil: 16 gallons

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

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

CURRENT EVENTS

Councilwoman Sedlmeir announced that the biennial Cakewalk to help support Conkling Hall will be held on Sunday, July 17, 2016. At 12:30 there will be a potluck luncheon, followed by an auction on homemade specialty cakes. A 12" Black Forest cake is being donated by Hartmann's Kaffeehaus in Round Top for the raffle.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that the Town Board conducted interviews of the two applicants who had shown interest in filling the vacancy on the Board of Ethics.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to appoint Douglas Lansing to the Board of Ethics. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wood.

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

2. The deadline for anyone to submit their letter of interest for the vacancy on the Planning Board is today, July 14, 2016. Two such letters have been received. Interviews will be conducted by the Planning Board on August 4, 2016. Councilwoman Cooke and Councilman Wood will attend the interviews.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. The Water/Sewer Committee has made a recommendation to appoint John Rice, who has received his certification as Water System Operator from the NYS Department of Health, as the Water/Sewer Treatment Officer. Because Mr. Rice has been performing the duties of the Treatment Officer since Doug Story's resignation June 24, 2016, the Committee has requested that Mr. Rice's appointment be made retroactive to June 25th. Attorney Fallati will investigate this, but in the meantime, the Town Board would like to go forward with the appointment and make any adjustments, if necessary, at a later point.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to appoint John Rice as the Water/Sewer Treatment Officer, retroactive to June 25, 2016; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

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

2. The Water/Sewer Committee has made a recommendation to appoint Gerritt Platel as Deputy Water/Sewer Treatment Officer. He has performed these duties in the past.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to appoint Gerritt Platel as Deputy Water/Sewer Treatment Officer; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

Councilwoman Cooke inquired into whether Gerritt Platel would be interested in becoming certified and suggested that it may not be a bad idea to have another certified individual on board. Supervisor Lounsbury also suggested it may be beneficial to have a third person to assist with such things like raking the filter, if needed, on a per-diem basis.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



In My Opinion.....

I wish to preface this editorial with the comment that it is in no way meant to be an indictment against our Town Clerk. Hers is a job with tremendous responsibility and one which I would not take lightly. Also, let it be known that I do not scrutinize the minutes searching for a "gotcha" moment. These items jump out at me upon an initial reading of the draft documents.

With that being said, minutes of government bodies such as local town boards must be an accurate record of what transpired at such meetings. Although the Town Clerk writes the minutes based on audio recordings and her notes, it is the responsibility of the individual Town Board members to carefully preview the minutes to ensure their accuracy prior to approving them at a public meeting.

Since January 14, 2016, the following issues regarding official meeting minutes have been brought to the Town Board's attention:

- Jan. 14, 2016 Marie Dermody wished to make an addition to the December 10, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes by including her inquiry regarding the 911 addresses. She felt that the information presented was valuable and would like to see it included in the minutes so that others may be informed as well. (Editor's opinion: Substance of audience comments should be included in the minutes, not selectively chosen.) Correction accepted
- Apr. 14, 2016 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. Correction accepted.
- May 12, 2016 Marie Dermody wished to express her concern over the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 14, 2016, regarding the omission of verbatim question/answer exchange between Councilman Wood and Superintendent Bates in regards to the mowing of the hay fields between the Ambulance building and Town Hall. (Editor's opinion: Any discussion that results in dissension from a unanimous vote should be included as an explanation to the public as to why a councilperson voted as s/he did.) Correction not accepted.
- June 9, 2016 Marie Dermody had corrections to the Regular Meeting minutes for May 12, 2016, requesting that under Audience Comments the word 'verbatim' be removed. Also, at the Special Meeting on May 26, 2016, Attorney Fallati's name was not included although he was present; and the meeting adjourned at 7:08, not 8:08. (Editor's opinion: Words not spoken should not be reported as part of someone's comments. All persons present & seated at the dais should be noted. And accurate information such as time of adjournment should be expected.) Corrections accepted.
- July 14, 2016 (Minutes to be approved at the August 11 Town Board meeting) Marie Dermody cited the minutes of the June 9 meeting which reported information that was never brought up or discussed at the meeting. (Editor's opinion: Official minutes of any meeting should report only what was actually said/discussed at a meeting, not what should have been said or what was said outside of the official meeting, etc.) Status of corrections not yet determined.

In the last few instances, the Town Board was given an opportunity to identify misinformation in the minutes before I presented them. Not one Town Board member had a clue as to the errors that were present in the draft minutes. Therefore, this begs the questions:

*Why aren't Town Board members taking their responsibilities seriously by previewing the minutes so as to ensure their accuracy?

*And why aren't they providing the necessary back-up support to their Town Clerk?

*And what is the purpose of the supervisor proofreading the minutes if errors such as noted above are not recognized and/or corrected?

Yes, mistakes will be made -- that's the bane of human existence. But the people who are elected to conduct the business of this town should be doing so with greater diligence.

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

**GRIST MILL'S SUMMER SEASON**

By Janet Haseley

The summer season at the Rensselaerville Grist Mill is in full swing.

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.

Rensselaerville Library

Youth Program - Summer Activities

Summer Reading Program

On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!

Registration begins June 18, set your Summer Reading Goals. Summer Read comes to an end on Saturday, August 13 when will select the raffle winners at 12:30pm. Register online by visiting the Library Website and following the Link to Summer Reading



Monthly Craft

AUGUST – End of Summer and Back to School.

StoryTime

Snack and juice provided.

Tuesdays, 4-5pm @ the Library unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, August 9 – Mo Willems

Tuesday, August 23 – Eric Carle

Maker Space

Tuesdays, 5-6pm in the Downstairs Activity Room

August 9 – Mobiles and Orbs

August 16 – Yarn Crafts

August 23 – STEM Program: Building with Popsicle Sticks & Toothpicks

August 30 – Silly Putty and Slime



Teen Hangout

Starting Wednesday, June 22, 6-7pm and will continue throughout the summer on Wednesday evenings. Teens come check out the menu of activities or create your own.

Teens be on the lookout for the 2016 Read It Forward book *The Raft*.

Special Events

Games

Tuesday, August 2, 5-6pm Relay Races & Games.



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Rensselaerville Library Cosmology & Astronomy: A Primer For All Ages Tuesdays, August 2-23 Presented by Mike Lawrence, Ed.D 7pm

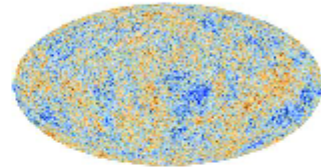
Four part presentation of the major ideas in modern cosmology and astronomy. Participants will come away with an understanding of the causes and effects of some of the more interesting physical phenomena in our universe. No math background is required. References will be provided for further study.

Mike Lawrence received his doctorate in Physics Education from Rutgers University. He spent 15 years as the co-director of the Rutgers Astrophysics Institute, an NSF and NASA funded program. Mike's research has been published in journals such as *The Journal of Research in Science Teaching* and *Physics Education*. He is the 2013 winner of the *Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching* (PAEMST), the nation's highest honor for K-12 math and science teachers; and the winner of the 2013 *M.I.T. Inspirational Teacher* award. Mike taught physics for 40 years at West Orange High School in NJ. He retired in 2014.

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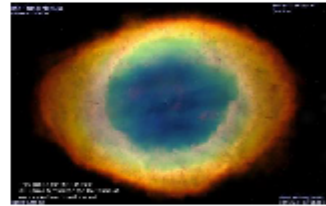
August 2, 2016

Part I: The Big Bang,
The Solar System, and
the Exoplanets



August 9, 2016

Part II: Where Do Stars
Come From? Stellar
Evolution from Nebula
to Red Giant



August 16, 2016

Part III: The Death of
Stars: White Dwarfs,
Neutron Stars, Black
Holes, Nova &
Supernovae The
mysterious Quasar



August 23, 2016

Part IV: The Fate of the
Universe, The Women of
Astronomy, and The
Poetry of the Cosmos



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

Annual Lawn Party
Saturday, September 3, 2016
 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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www.RensselaervilleLibrary.org

ART EXHIBIT at RENSSELAERVILLE GRIST MILL

By Janet Haseley, janethaseley@gmail.com

An Art Show of over four dozen paintings and drawings created by Warren and Henrietta Riter will be at the Rensselaerville Grist Mill in August.

Henrietta Riter was the executive director of the Rensselaerville Historical Society in the 1960s and 1970s. She was the editor of People Made It Happen Here which the Society published in 1977 and she did much of the research herself.

Warren Riter was an artist and he did most of the art work and layout for the book. He also produced a lot of paintings and drawings of scenes around Rensselaerville. Both Henrietta and Warren were graduates of Pratt Institute of Art. Art and creative projects were part of their whole lives.

Henrietta was an interior decorator, art teacher, artist and avid gardener. Warren was a commercial artist, musician, composer and artisan. Games and musical pieces he created were published and his art work for the State Department was in textbooks throughout the state.

The Grist Mill Riter Art Exhibit is being collated by Henrietta and Warren's grandson Doug Riter and his wife Donna. Save the dates: August 5, 6, 7, 10 and 13.

Hours for the Riter Art Show are:

Wine & Cheese Reception: Friday, August 5, 2016, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Exhibit Hours:

Saturday, August 6, 2016 12:00 PM- 2:00 PM

Sunday, August 7, 2016 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday, August 10, 2016 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Saturday, August 13, 2016 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

New York Move-Over Law Expanded to Include Volunteer Vehicles

Drivers in New York now have to slow down and move over for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers as well as police and maintenance vehicles along roadsides.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed legislation expanding the state's "Move-Over" law on Thursday, July 21, 2016.

Previously, the law only applied to drivers approaching stopped police, emergency, maintenance or towing vehicles with flashing red and white or amber lights. The new law applies also to vehicles with flashing blue or green lights that are operated by volunteer fire or ambulance workers involved in a roadside emergency.

The law requires highway drivers to slow down and move from the lane immediately adjacent to an emergency vehicle on the shoulder, unless traffic or other hazards prevent doing so safely.

Violators are subject to a \$275 fine and three points on their license.

(Source: http://www.newyorkupstate.com/news/2016/07/new_york_move-over_law_expanded_volunteer_vehicles.html)

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

Fall Festival & Parade - October 8
Miracle on Main Street - December 9



RVFD News

- **Please support our Calendar Drive!** We encourage you to support our sponsors and help us **THANK THEM** for their continued support!
- **IMPORTANT:** Our social number is: 966-0338. Please update your records. In case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.
- **Is there a fire in you? Please come to a drill or meeting to find out more.**

Drills are the first two Mondays at 7:00,
Battalion meeting first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm (no meeting in August), and
Fire Meeting last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm.

Squigly's Word Search



Water Fun

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BEACH
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GARDEN HOSE
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POOL
RIVER
SAILBOAT
SPLASH

SPRINKLER
SWIMMING
TUBE
WADING POOL
WATER GUN
WATER SKIING
WATER WINGS

2016 SUMMER SERVICES AT RENSSELAERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church announces its schedule of summer services every Sunday from June 26 through September 4. Services are held at 11:00 a.m. in the church located on Main Street (County Route 351) in Rensselaerville. Everyone is welcome.

Each year, guest preachers from different faith traditions are invited to deliver sermons on a common theme. The 2016 theme is "An Eye For An Eye Leaves Everyone Blind".

August 7 "Evil for Evil: A Nineteenth Century Presbyterian Worship Service"

Barbara Wheeler, formerly President, Auburn Theological Seminary, NY, NY

August 14 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Rev. Eric Jackson, Smith Memorial Congregational Church, Hillsborough, New Hampshire

August 21 "How Often Must I Forgive?"

Rev. Richard Spalding, Chaplain, Williams College, Williamstown, MA

August 28 "Vision Quest"

Rev. Alexandra Lusak, Moderator, Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

September 4 "Collectors: Collecting Beauty Instead of Injuries"

Rev. Donna Schaper, Senior Minister, Judson Memorial Church, NY, NY

September 11 A Celebration of the 220th Anniversary of the Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

The tradition of summer-only services at the Presbyterian Church in Rensselaerville goes back more than 100 years. For a short period in the second half of the 19th century, the village was a lively industrial town as the first site of the Huyck Woolen Mills. When founder and Presbyterian Church member F. C. Huyck Sr. moved his mill to Albany, he did not sever ties with the village or the church. But as jobs left with the mill so did many of the village residents, leaving the church without enough members to maintain a year-round pastor. However, the Huyck family returned each year to vacation and provided for a pastor during their stay. It was F.C. Huyck Sr.'s granddaughter, Katharine Huyck Elmore, who in the middle of the 20th century expanded the vision of the summer services to other faith traditions and invited ministers, rabbis, priests and nuns to fill the pulpit.

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church is a nationally recognized example of Greek Revival architecture dating from the 1840s and is listed on both the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

More information about the church may be found on its website: www.rvillepres.org



Rensselaerville Library
Fine Amnesty Week
August 30
Through
September 3

Do you have fines or overdue Rensselaerville Library items?

In order to qualify, you **must** bring in school supplies or other nonperishable items for the Hilltown Resource Center.*

So dig through the closets, drawers, bookcases, and tree forts for those library items and bring them back to the Library.

*Cannot be applied to missing or damaged items.

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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

Starting August 2nd we will have a four week primer on cosmology and astronomy with Mike Lawrence, a physics teacher for 40 years. Topics include the *Big Bang*, *Exoplanets*, *Stellar Evolution*, *The Death of Stars*, *Novae & Supernovae*, *Black Holes*, *Quasars*, *the Fate of the Universe*, *the Women of Astronomy*, and (for good interdisciplinary measure) the *Poetry of the Cosmos*. No math required! The program will run on Tuesday evenings at 7pm from August 2 through August 23rd.

The 2016 Summer Reading Program theme "On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!" comes to an End August 13th! Register online now and add your summer reading to reach your goal and win prizes. Make sure to check out all the programs we will have available to keep kid's minds and bodies active all summer. Details and registration can be found at <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/summer-reading.html> The program is supported by Stewarts Holiday Match, Price Chopper, Zoom Flume, FunPlex FunPark, and Upper Hudson Library System.

August Youth Programs

StoryTime – Tuesdays, August 9 – the theme is Mo Willems & August 23 – the theme is Eric Carle, 4-5pm stories, music and fun. Snack and juice provided.

Monthly Craft Project – kids work on your own to create an end of summer and back to school project.

Maker Space – August 9 – Mobiles and Orbs, August 16 – Yarn Crafts, August 23 – STEM Program: Building with Popsicle Sticks & Toothpicks, August 30 – Silly Putty and Slime

Teen Hang Out – Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm teens come check out the menu of activities or create your own. Teens, the 2016 Read it Forward (read it and share it) book is available for pick up. The title this year is *The Raft* by S.A. Bodeen. Complete the survey and be entered to win a prize.

Special Events:

Tuesday, August 2, 5-6pm Relay Races & Games and Wednesday, August 10, 5-6pm Ball Pythons & color morphs with local resident Jim Chapman.

Author Reading by local author Darryl McGrath – Friday, August 5 at 7pm. Darryl will be reading from her new book *Flight Path: A Field Journal of Hope, Heartbreak, and Miracles with New York's Bird People*. Copies will be available for purchase and signing.

Author Reading by local Clifton Park author Keith Willis – Friday, August 12 at 6:30pm. Keith will be reading from his new Fantasy book *Traitor Knight*. Copies will be available for purchase and signing.

The Library Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16 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

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downstairs meeting room and are open to the public.

The Writing Group is taking the summer off. The group will return to meeting in September on Thursday, September 8 at 7pm.

Poetry Group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, August 9 and 23. 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.

The Library Coloring Book Club will take a break until the fall. In the meantime if you want to stop in anytime and color on your own materials will be setup in the living room and the meeting room. 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.

Movie Night at the Library on Thursday, August 11 and 25 at 6:30pm. Visit the Library's web site for more details. www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/movie-night.html

The Annual Library Lawn Party Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2016 under the tent at the home of Victor and Mame Schragger located at 1440 County Route 351 from 4-7pm. Please use the Town Park or Bennett Lane for parking and enter the grounds through the garden gate near the Town Park. Tickets are \$20 at the gate and include a beverage and food. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Fine Amnesty from August 30 through September 3. Please return any overdue Library items and in exchange for a donation of school or nonperishable items to the Hilltown Resource Center your fines will be reduced. Amnesty will not apply to lost or missing items. Look for the bin in the Library.

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



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Middleburgh Library

Aug 1	The Ultimate Harry Potter Book Release Party!	7:00 pm
Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Mahjong Mania 1:00 pm	
Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! Drop-in Storytime	10:45 am
Aug 2	Get in the Game! Introduction to Meditation for Teens	1:00 pm
Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Insight Meditation	5:15 pm
Aug 3	On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! Sammy & the Bully Author Visit	1:00 pm
Aug 3	Get in the Game! Teen Game Night	6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Aug 4	On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! The Six - Legged Olympics	1:00 pm
Aug 4, 11, 18, 25	Knitting Circle	7:00 pm
Aug 6	Board Gaming for Adults	2:00 pm-10:00 pm
Aug 8	On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! What's Inside You?	2:00 pm
Aug 9	Get In the Game: Adventures with Dry Ice!	1:00 pm
Aug 9	Get in the Game! Escape the Room	3:00 pm
Aug 10	On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! Mother/Daughter American Girl Tea Party	1:00 pm
Aug 10, 24	Kundalini Yoga	5:15 pm
Aug 10	Not So Quiet Concert Series: Kim and Reggie Harris	7:00 pm
Aug 11	On Your Mark, Get Set, BUILD with Legos!	1:00 pm
Aug 12	Get in the Game! Dinner and a Movie: Mockingjay Part 2 (PG-13)	5:30 pm
Aug 15	Get in the Game! Lego Block Party	2:00 pm
Aug 15	Board of Trustees Meeting	6:30 pm
Aug 16	On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! Winnie the Pooh Party!	11:00 am
Aug 16	On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! The Puppet People Present the Tortoise and the Hare (And Other Stories)	1:00 pm
Aug 16	Book Discussion: Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs	7:00 pm
Aug 17	On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!	

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	Gizmos, Gadgets & Games	1:00 pm
Aug 18	Get in the Game! Sushi Bar and Anime Film	1:00 pm

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
www.middleburghlibrary.info

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 *Saturday 9:00 - 2:00*



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Greenville Library

Mondays & Fridays **Chess Club** **12 noon-2:00 pm**
 (Small community room)

August 8 **Greenville Local History** **7:30 pm**
Mid-Century South Street Greenville at the Stevens
Presenter – Town Historian, Don Teator

Anita Stevens Sanctuary will pay tribute to her parents, Ruth (Thompson) and Pierce Wooster Stevens, and to her sisters as she gives a fond retrospective of growing up on South Street and at the Greenville Arms. The talk and slide show will not only present her perspective of her formative years, but also will remind us of the people, places and values of mid-century Greenville.

Wednesdays **Greenville Quilters** **1:00-3:00pm**
 Meet in small community room.
 All welcome. No experience necessary; will teach

Fridays **Knitters** **1:00-3:00pm**
 (Call to confirm that they will be meeting.)

Contact Information: Greenville Public Library
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 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



Greenville Library 2016 Summer Reading Program

On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!
(July 5 - August 31)
966-8205

This summer the Greenville Library will be offering a variety of programs for children. Activities will range from workshops and programs for elementary, middle schoolers and teens. Visit the library this summer and let your child discover the adventure and fun of choosing books from the library's collections and at the same time have fun participating in all of the activities we have planned for them. Reading Folders for the Summer Reading Program will be available in the Children's Room at the Library. We'll also have the Guessing Jar, candy to pick for books added to your Reading Folder and prizes for points collected. Teens & Tweens(9 and up) - Each time they bring back a book to the library that they've read, they can fill out a coupon for several end of Summer Prize Drawings.

August 1-4 The Wonderful World of Insects First – Fifth Graders 1:30 – 3:00
Cornell Cooperative Extension 4H

Have you ever wondered what those fascinating crawling, creeping, flying creatures known as insects actually are? From insects in the soil to insects in your home we will be learning about the importance

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of these tiny creatures. Youth will learn how to identify insects, how they survive and what we can do to help protect these important creatures in our ecosystem. **Registration required.**

August 1 - 5 Watercolor Classes for Students Grades 6- Adults 10:30 - 1:00

Instructor: Susan Story

Classes will include; a working knowledge of material, different techniques to manipulate the medium, brush strokes, mixing colors, special effects, learning to look at what they are painting and using their imagination to create their own work. A list of supplies is available at the library. **Registration required.**

Aug. 5, 19 Introduction to Gymnastics Ages 4 – 6 2:00–2:45 Instructor: Alexa

Gymnastics is a great sport for teaching kids that exercise & staying fit can be fun. Children try a new set of exciting activities that will improve their strength, flexibility, focus, and body awareness. Each class will include different fitness circuits with jumping, running, climbing, and tumbling. Kids will also be introduced to Yoga and mindful breathing. Development through fun activities, creative movement and motor skills are components of the program. Wear comfortable attire. **Registration required.**

Aug. 5, 19 Introduction to Gymnastics Ages 7 - 9 3:00–3:45 Instructor: Alexa

Gymnastics is a great sport for teaching kids that exercise & staying fit can be fun. Children try a new set of exciting activities that will improve their strength, flexibility, focus, and body awareness. Each class will include different fitness circuits with jumping, running, climbing, and tumbling. Kids will also be introduced to Yoga and mindful breathing. Development through fun activities, creative movement and motor skills are components of the program. Wear comfortable attire. **Registration required.**

August 8 Decorated Poetic Rabbits Ages 8 & Up 12:30 – 2:30

Instructor: Theresa Corrigan

Welcome to the world of “Runny Babbit: a billy sook” by Shel Silverstein and his friends Toe Jurtle, Skertie Gunk, Rirty Dat, Dungry Hog, Snerry Jake, and many others who speak a topsy-turvy language all their own in which the letters of the first word and the second are exchanged. After being read a poem from the book children will create and embellish their own rabbit and write a silly poem to go along with their creation. **Registration required.**

Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30 Summer Toddler Time Infants~Toddlers~Pre-Schoolers 9:00–9:45

Instructor: Devon Balta

Calling all infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers, Devon Balta will be hosting a summer Toddler Time! This is a fun time for parents and their child/ren to engage with each other through stories, songs, games and the amazing parachute! Come to one class or all six! Parents of children with preschool experience are welcomed to drop off their child/ren for this class. **Just Drop In!**

Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30 Summer Toddler Time Two Infants~Toddlers~Pre-Schoolers 10:00–10:45

Instructor: Devon Balta

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August 9 Puppet Party Fun Ages 8 & up 1:00–2:30 Instructor: Carolyn Travers

Get your show on! Create puppet characters and a small puppet theatre for your show. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**

August 10 Superhero: Batman vs Superman vs Wonder Woman Ages 5 - 7 1:30–3:00

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Instructor: Carolyn Travers

Facts & fun: Batman, Superman & Wonder Woman. Who do you like better? Create capes and masks, learn trivia about your favorite superhero, play superhero bingo and enjoy some snacks. Sounds like a Super Good Time! **Registration required.**

Aug. 10, 30 Teen Book Club Write-Up Ages 11-18 10:00–11:30 Instructor: Melissa Gergen

During these four scheduled days, participants will be able to share and discuss books they have been able to read with other members of the group. In addition, students will be given the chance to respond to short writing prompts and complete activities to further engage them in their love of reading, writing and creating. Participants do not need to be present at each meeting. **Registration required.**

Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31 Summer Ballet Ages 3-6 11:00–11:30 Instructor: Samantha Henderson

Samantha Henderson is a teen ballerina who wants to become a professional dance teacher. She has been dancing for 7 years. And now you can join her by coming to Summer Ballet! No experience needed. Bring/wear: Any ballet leotard or bodysuit, water bottle. Optional: ballet slippers (available @ Pay-less Shoe Store), tights and skirt. **Just Drop In!**

Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31 Summer Ballet Ages 7-11 11:30–12:30 Instructor: Samantha Henderson

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August 11, 29 Lego Fun! Ages 4 & Up 3:00–4:00 Library Staff

Do you love to imagine and build? Do you enjoy the rush of satisfaction when you find the perfect piece in a pile of colorful plastic bricks? Do you love the satisfying snap of a well placed Lego? Do you feel little pain when you step on a scattered Lego brick? If you answered yes to these questions then this program is meant for you! Bring your imagination, we'll provide the Legos! **Just Drop In!**

August 11 Count Down to Kindergarten 1:00–2:00 Instructor: Kelly Fagan

Make a paper countdown chain to count the days until the first day of Kindergarten! Ease fears and gain excitement by listening to stories and participating in activities to gear up for THE BIG DAY! **Registration required.**

August 11 A Taste of Summer Ages 8 & Up 10:00-11:30 Instructor: Lisa Ahrberg

Join us for a musical book tasting! Part musical chairs, part book sampling. Come and join us to find a book that you might love, but would never have picked, and have some literary related snacks. There will be reading involved, so children should be independent readers. **Registration required.**

August 15–18 Farm Animal Adventures First–Fifth Graders 1:00–2:30

Cornell Cooperative Extension 4

CHICKENS AND HORSES AND COWS OH MY! These species are just a few of the animals you will learn all about from head to tail. We will explore the vast world of Animal Science through the paring of books and hands-on activities. Be sure to get your registration in early because this learning train is MOOOoving along. **Registration required.**

August 15 Beads, Beads, Beads, Galore! Ages 5-10 3:30–5:00

Instructors: Kristen Prayto & Barbara Flach

Don't worry bead happy! Join us for an afternoon of creative fun using various types of beads. There is no such thing as "enough beads"! Make something with extra sparkle for yourself or for a special

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friend. **Registration required.**

**August 16 Pencils Come Alive as We Learn to Draw Animals Ages 7–Adults 6:00–8:00
Instructor: Alice Tunison**

This summer we will venture out on another amazing creative art journey at the Greenville Public Library! Instruction will be given in various techniques for drawing animals of all kinds. These renderings will be made on paper with pencil. Class participants will also have the option to add color! We will work on conventional paper sizes so masterpieces are suitable for easy framing in standard size frames. Please come join the fun. But beware - it could get noisy with all the meows, barking and mooing etc! **Registration required.**

August 17 Introduction to Remote Control Plane All Ages 6:00–7:00 Presenter: Ken Cyr
Presenter, Ken Cyr, will bring an assortment of electric planes to look at. Some of the things Ken will discuss during his presentation are: how a plane is fine tuned; a look inside to see how they work; learn safety and proper handling of the remote control planes. He will also talk about the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) and the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration). AMA forms and magazines will be available to look at. Weather permitting; a demonstration will be conducted outside to see one of the planes fly. **Just Drop In!**

August 18 Fun With Tie Dying Ages 12 & up 4:00-6:00 Instructor: Becky Therrien
Come have some crazy color fun in our tie dye class! Bring your favorite item to tie-dye. You'll learn to do the spiral or vertical scale. We will have a variety of colors to choose from. Tie-Dye your own t-shirt, canvas shoes, tote, socks, shorts or whatever small item you want to dye! **Registration required.**

August 22 Fairy Houses & Gnomes! Ages 5-7 10:00 –11:30 Instructor: Carolyn Travers
Listen to Fairy stories & make your own fairy house with a gnome family! Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**

August 24 Disney Movie Night: Zootopia All Ages 6:00 Library Staff
Come join us at the library for movie night. Zootopia is a city like no other--a melting pot where animals from every environment live together. When Judy Hopps becomes the first rabbit to join the police force, she quickly learns how tough it is to enforce the law. Judy jumps at the opportunity to solve a case, which leads to working with Nick Wilde, a wily fox who makes her job even harder. We'll provide the popcorn ... you don't even have to buy tickets! What could be better? Bring a warm blanket or sleeping bag and curl up to watch the film. See you at the movies! Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. **Just Drop In!**

August 30 Mini Manicures Ages 4 & Up Begins 1:00 - Pick a time slot!
After a busy summer of fun it's time to have your nails painted. Pick from a variety of colors to make your nails pretty. **Registration required.**



Rensselaerville Library
Youth Programs
Special Event
Wednesday, AUGUST 10th 5-6pm

Ball Pythons

with
Local Resident
Jim Chapman

How Do Ball Pythons
get their Color?

Jim will Discuss the genetics and color morphs
of the snakes he brings.

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Rensselaerville Library
Author Reading
Friday, AUGUST 12

TRAITOR KNIGHT

6:30pm



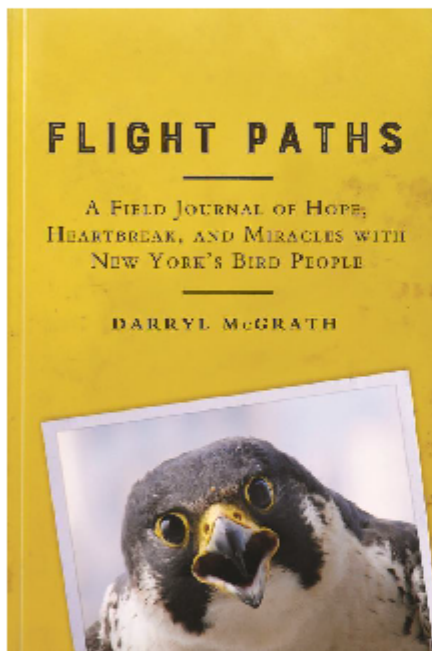
Join Clifton Park author Keith W. Willis for an evening of dragons, damsels and deception as he reads from and discusses his award-winning debut fantasy novel *TRAITOR KNIGHT* (Champagne Books, 2016).

Books will be available for sale and signing.

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Author Reading
Friday, August 5, 2016
Darryl McGrath
7pm



In the late 1970s, the bald eagle and the peregrine falcon were heading toward extinction, victims of the combined threats of DDT, habitat loss, and lax regulation. *Flight Paths* tells the story of how a small group of New York biologists raced against nature's clock to bring these two beloved birds back from the brink in record-setting numbers.



Darryl McGrath is an Albany author and journalist who has written about upstate New York's natural history for nearly 20 years. She has been fascinated by birds since childhood. A graduate of the Columbia Journalism School in New York City, she has been a reporter for the Boston Globe, the Buffalo News, the Chicago Tribune and the Albany Times Union. She lives in downtown Albany's historic district, where she often sees peregrine falcons and bald eagles along the Hudson River.

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On The Calendar

Aug 6

Medusa Annual Garage Sales Day

- To have a sale contact Bill Moore at 239-4843, or e-mail at whmoore44@yahoo.com or at 11 CR 351 in Medusa. He will send a form to you. It is very important for your sale to be on the map of sales.
- The Church will have a very large Rummage Sale, hand out maps, and have lunch and snacks for a sale.
- Also the Museum of Medusa History will be open.

Aug 7 9:30 am

Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services

All are Welcome!

Aug 9 12 noon

Seniors Club Annual Picnic

Westerlo Town Park

Aug 9 7:00pm

Town Board Work Meeting

Town Hall

Aug 11 7:00pm

Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting

Town Hall

Aug 14 9:30 am

Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services

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Aug 21 9:30 am

Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services

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Aug 28 9:30 am

Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services

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Please get events to Bill Moore by phone – 239-4843; e-mail – whmoore44@yahoo.com or mail to – 11 CR 351, Medusa, NY 12120



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