

# R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Draft Minutes, Town Board Special Meeting, June 20, 2017

### DRAFT MINUTES THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 20, 2017 7:00 PM

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017 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, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Dolce, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Brian Wood (Captain of the Albany County EMS Services); the following members of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance: Dennis Wood, Brenda Wood, Kenneth (Chip) Decker, and Maryanne Overbaugh; Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Deputy Highway Superintendent Dave Potter, Mike Jardine, Mike Case, and Warren Bashwinger of the Highway Department; and fourteen interested citizens.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss the Ambulance services and the County-Wide Shared Services Initiative.

#### **AMBULANCE SERVICES**

Supervisor Lounsbury opened by stating that, unfortunately, we are at the point where volunteers no longer have enough EMTs to continue the service. She thanked all of the volunteers for their years of dedicated service to the Town of Rensselaerville.

The Town will continue to have the Advanced Life Support (ALS), which consists of a Paramedic and a fly-car 24/7. Albany County is offering Basic Life Support (BLS) services which consist of an EMT and a driver 24/7. This service would be responding from the Helderberg station in Berne. The Paramedic would be floating between Rensselaerville and Westerlo. The cost for the ALS services in 2017 was \$54,500. The BLS service will be \$60,000/year and the response time is expected to be approximately the same if not better.

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Two or three of the Town's EMTs are willing to serve as First Responders. They would be responding to the scene, but would not be transporting any patients. The First Responders would be insured through a mutual-aid agreement with the Fire Departments.

The Ambulance members would like to see the building remain as a Public Safety Building and Sheriff Apple is on board with the idea as well. Brenda Wood, Secretary of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance, provided figures for the expenses: heat/electric in 2016 = \$5,152 and in 2015 = \$5,542. Supervisor Lounsbury will contact Marshall & Sterling regarding the insurance on the building.

The primary response of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance will be relinquished on June 30, 2017. The legal dissolution date will be closer to September.

The Ambulance will be returning \$10,000 of the \$20,000 they received for the annual contract.

Brian Wood noted that the Ambulance has a lot of assets that they would like kept within the community. In addition to the \$10,000, the ambulance is looking at leaving a substantial amount of money in a trust for the Town to use as a restricted gift for the maintenance of the building. The Volunteer Ambulance would like to see the Town draw up a resolution that the building maintains its public safety use for 20 years. The building has served the volunteer fire departments for storing their supplied breathing apparatus and for re-filling the bottles; it has been used as a staging area for the center of Town when there is a big fire; and it will be the station of the paramedic under the new service. The Volunteer Ambulance hopes to set up a restricted gift to the fire companies to maintain the extrication tools that the ambulance purchased and also a scholarship gift to the Medusa Fire Department – the Ernest Bell Memorial Scholarship which is given out to a high school senior. When all is said and done, the money will come back to the Town to help off-set the cost of the EMS program and the maintenance on the building.

Chip Decker added that the building, if kept as a public safety building, can be used by the Sheriff's Department, the State Police, and during major disasters for a command center. It is located in the center of Town, has a generator, and has just about everything the police department, the fire department, and the paramedics would need.

The Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance would like to remain part of it to ensure that it is taken care of and is being used as a public safety building.

Brenda Wood has offered to chair a committee and has asked a Rensselaerville Fireman (Chip Decker), a Medusa Fireman (Norman Berkner), and a Tri-Village Fireman (Gerald Wood) – to oversee that things are picked up, that there is no garbage lying around, and to ensure the building is ready for any kind of emergency that may arise.

**COUNTY-WIDE SHARED SERVICES INITIATIVE**

The Governor has instituted a County-wide shared services plan. Albany County has begun a study which is being conducted by the State University of New York's Rockefeller Institute of Government. Representatives from the group will be contacting the Town to set up a meeting in which they will come out to review the plan and answer questions. Supervisor Lounsbury wished to get members of the Board together with the Highway Department to discuss ideas and questions that she can present at the meeting.

The Supervisor has the vote on the final plan, but may choose to opt-out of any section that the Town wishes not to participate in. However, there may be consequences of opting-out and there are still many grey-areas that need to be addressed. For example, Councilwoman Cooke mentioned that a

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co-op for health insurance was suggested at the meeting she and Supervisor Lounsbury attended several weeks ago. However, due to different union contracts throughout the towns, this may not even be an option. Supervisor Lounsbury has a call into Michael McLaughlin asking what the consequences would be of opting-out. He stated that at this point they really don't know.

Superintendent Bates stated that the Highway Department has been sharing services since the very beginning. It is constant and necessary and the only way the Town can function. He went on to explain that just today a portion of Kenyon Road was moto-paved. In order to do that, a paver must be rented. Peckham Industries, in this case, provided the paver, the oil, and the operator at a cost of \$2,250/day, but stone must still be trucked in. The Town asked for help from Berne, Westerlo, and Knox, each of whom provided us with 2 trucks. Adding our 3 trucks – for a total of 9 trucks - 7/10 of a mile was able to be completed. Since the paver is rented on a daily basis, it does not matter if 1/10 of a mile is paved or 1 mile is paved. The Highway is scheduled to pave a total of 2.5 miles. If the Town were to have done this alone, without the assistance from the other towns, it would have taken 9 days, instead of 3. Sharing services, in this case alone, saved the Town \$13,500 over the course of 3 days. Highway Superintendent Bates noted that the Town does this in other instances, with other equipment, saving 10's of thousands of dollars annually for all the highways combined. Also, the County has specialized equipment that they have been very willing to share. Highway Superintendent Bates stated that sharing services has gone on for a very long time and he hopes it will continue.

Supervisor Lounsbury does not see the benefit of consolidating the highway department with the County Highway department. Superintendent Bates noted that the Town has a wide variety of roads due to the geographic location –steep hills, dirt roads, and low-capacity bridges. Our equipment is specialized for its application. In addition, many of the Town's trucks are not suitable for high-speed plowing due to their gear-ratio and plow/wing configuration.

One of several other concerns that both Supervisor Lounsbury and Superintendent Bates have is that they have been told that any sharing that has been done in the past does not count – only new ideas will be honored, which have to be documented and a dollar figure attached. Also, the timeline is abbreviated; there does not seem to be much time between when the plan is scheduled to be presented and when the Town must act on it. The Town must have a plan in place by August 1<sup>st</sup>, three Public Hearings must be held (most likely in Albany), and all must be in place by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Superintendent Bates attended the 'kick-off' meeting in Albany. His understanding is that the Committee members are going to be the ones that make the proposals for sharing - not the Town; it is going to be presented to the Town to either accept or not accept and it really isn't clear if there will be time to modify any of the proposals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk



## Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, July 11, 2017

**DRAFT MINUTES  
THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD  
WORK MEETING  
JULY 11, 2017  
7:00 PM**

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017 at 7:00 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, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Dolce Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

**ABSENT WAS:** Councilman Gerald Wood

Also present were Highway Superintendent Bates, Deputy Highway Superintendent Potter, Charles (Dusty) Welsch and Michael Case of the Highway Department; and two interested citizens.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Superintendent Bates commented that the Preston Hollow Park is a showpiece; the Geldner boys are doing an awesome job mowing and the inmates have done a fantastic job with the playground and the pavilion. Supervisor Lounsbury added that the plantings along the streambank are blossoming and everything looks beautiful. Councilwoman Sedlmeir noted that the cemetery also looks great.

### **ERIN NEVINS**

Erin Nevins of Nevins Insurance Agency presented the Town with the renewal rates for the MVP Health Insurance which will become effective September 1, 2017. She reported that the medical coverage premiums would be increasing by 2.7%, but, once again, there will be no increase in the Delta Dental premiums or the Empire Blue Cross vision premiums. For comparison purposes, Mrs. Nevins also provided information on the CDPHP and Empire Blue Cross plans.

The Health Reimbursement Account contribution will increase by \$0.50; from \$4.50 to \$5.00 per member, per month and there will be a slight increase in the deductibles from \$4,800 - individual/\$9,600 - family to \$5,000/\$10,000. There will also be an increase in the maximum out-of-pocket expense.

The union representative has been afforded all the information on the renewals. Dusty Welsch, on behalf of the Highway Department, noted that overall the highway crew seemed to be very pleased with MVP. However, he would still like Mrs. Nevins to stop in to present the information to the highway employees that were not able to attend this evening's meeting.

The Town has only used \$48,345 of the \$110,000 set aside in the Health Reimbursement Account. Mrs. Nevins explained that with a high-deductible plan and a Health Reimbursement Account, the goal is to use no more than 50% of what was allotted. Once again, the Town should be well under 50% for the year.

**MINUTES:** Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on July 13, 2017: June 6, 2017 – Work Meeting; June 8, 2017 – Regular Meeting; June 20, 2017 – Special Meeting

**TRANSFERS, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS:** Transfers, if any, will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

**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.

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**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Superintendent Bates reported that Deputy Superintendent Dave Potter will be retiring at the end of this month. Mr. Potter has worked for the Highway Department for 31+ years and Superintendent Bates wished him all the best.

Superintendent Bates noted that the Deputy Superintendent is compensated at a rate of \$0.80/hour over the base rate. The Deputy is responsible for assuming the role of Acting Superintendent; he is a working foreman on a daily basis; a time-keeper (keeping track of benefit time – daily, weekly, and annually); for collecting the reports daily activities; and is responsible for the monthly fuel reports, reporting the amount of fuel and mileage/hours on each piece of equipment. In light of all these additional responsibilities, Superintendent Bates hopes an increase in the next union contract can be negotiated.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Superintendent Bates reported that the installation of the stand-by generator is slated to begin in August. Installation was delayed briefly due to Joe Hedges, of Hedges Electric, recovering from an injury. Superintendent Bates noted that Mr. Hedges would like to be present when the excavation work is being done, but that would be fine as it is estimated to take only a few hours.
2. Representatives from the Bank of Greene County will be coming out on July 20<sup>th</sup> to work with Linda McCormick, Clerk 1/Bookkeeper, to set up the Direct Deposit.
3. Regarding the proposed fee schedule, the previous fees that were put into place by Local Law will have to be repealed and a new Local Law passed.
4. Representatives from the State University of New York's Rockefeller Institute of Government did not make an appearance at Town Hall as originally anticipated. Instead, a conference call was placed in which Supervisor Lounsbury, Deputy Supervisor Cooke, and Superintendent Bates, were in attendance. It is the consensus that the Town is in good shape – our Town, as well as many neighboring towns, is already practicing many of the suggestions that were presented.

Supervisor Lounsbury has submitted a draft to the County based on the summary that she received from the conference call, but has not heard anything back yet.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Lounsbury asked that the Board members look over the materials that Erin Nevins provided so that a decision can be made.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Superintendent Bates reported that he had received a 'Dig-Safe' request for Mid-Hudson Cable (who purchased NYAir) to hook up to the new communications tower on Edward's Hill.

Supervisor Lounsbury reported that emergency personnel have been able to communicate with their hand-held devices thanks to the new tower.

Supervisor Lounsbury noted that the Paramedic and the medic car are housed here in the Town of Rensselaerville 24/7, but may be dispatched to Westerlo or Berne. The County ambulance is being housed in the Town of Berne.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

*Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Wood*

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker, Town Clerk

## Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, July 13, 2017

### DRAFT MINUTES THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING JULY 13, 2017 7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017 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 Thomas Fallati, Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilman John Dolce, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WERE: Councilman Gerald Wood, Councilwoman Marion Cooke

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, and six interested citizens.

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

1. Referencing the Regular meeting held in June, Marie Dermody wished to note that she had researched the salaries of the Highway Superintendents back to 2000 and there had been no decrease in salary. **[Editor's Note: This was in response to an audience comment made by former supervisor Jost Nickelsburg at the June meeting in which he asked the Town Board to consider reinstating the superintendent's salary during budget workshops that had been decreased about 10 years ago. An historical analysis of all salaries and wages as reported in the Organizational Minutes of 2000-2017 proved no decrease ever took place and, in fact, the position had seen an overall increase of 32.24%. I felt it was important that erroneous information be corrected.]**

Mrs. Dermody also stated that although the Town does a good job placing notices relating to Town Hall on the Community Calendar, she suggested that, all notices be posted on the website as well as on the announcement/sign board. **[Editor's Note: This was with regard to legal notices in that taxpayers should not have to purchase a newspaper just to be informed of the Town's legal notices...for meetings of all boards and committees, for RFPs, for public hearings, in addition to specific office closings, changes in hours, etc. I purposely did not recommend posting particular events simply because the Supervisor/Town Board would then be in the position of having to choose which events and/or organizations to promote.]**

3. Carol Ash, representing the Rensselaerville Library gave a run-down of all the upcoming events and activities at the Library. Informational posters will be posted on the Community Board at Town Hall and are also available at [www.rensselaervillelibrary.org](http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org).

Ms. Ash also mentioned that on August 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> the Carey Institute for Global Good will host the High Peaks Festival. All performances, every day are absolutely free. For more information, visit the [careyinstitute.org](http://careyinstitute.org).

#### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2017 Work Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Wood*

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2017 Regular Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Wood*

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2017 Special Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Wood*

**TRANSFERS:** None

**ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS:** General Fund - \$ 23,958.06; Highway Fund—\$191,645.42; Lighting District - \$656.30; Sewer Fund - \$148.04; Water Fund - \$3,004.10; T&A Fund - \$5,964.37; Total Abstracts - \$225,376.29

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to pay all signed vouchers and bills; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Wood*

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### **REPORTS**

#### **SUPERVISOR**

1. Supervisor Lounsbury reported that the Supervisor's office continues to tackle routine matters and the County-Wide Shared Services Initiative.

2. The Paramedic is now stationed here in the Town of Rensselaerville and will be servicing the Towns of Rensselaerville and Westerlo.

The formal dissolution of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance will not be finalized until September, possibly October.

3. Bennett's Cleaning Service will be stripping and waxing the floors on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Supervisor's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Wood*

#### **ATTORNEY**

Attorney Fallati announced that the two tax matters that were previously settled have been finalized by the Judge.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Attorney's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Wood*

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

1. Superintendent Bates reported that the in-place paving projects are complete – Arnold Road (1.3 miles at a cost of \$79,000) and Burkhart Road; and a portion of Kenyon, Roney, Jonesville, and Smith Roads - a total of 3.3 miles.

A single-chip seal will be placed on a portion of Cheese Hill Road and Smith Road. Shale has been placed on 2.1 miles of road.

Superintendent Bates was very pleased to report that this year a total of 10 miles of substantial highway improvements – resurfacing and repaving - has been done.

2. The Highway will now be concentrating on truing and leveling to prepare the roads for next year's resurfacing. Culverts will be replaced and ditching will be done as well. Having this done allows for the road material to season throughout the summer and allows the Town to be first out of the gate

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next year to get the paving projects done.

3. The Highway Department will continue to perform routine maintenance such as mowing, patching, and drainage work.

4. Dave Potter will be retiring at the end of this month. He has been a long time employee of 31.2 years. Superintendent Bates stated that he has provided the Town with remarkably good service, has been a fine Deputy, and a very good friend.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Highway Superintendent's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Wood*

### **TOWN CLERK**

1. Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of June as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$1,019.50. Paid to the Supervisor - \$803.65- the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$238.65; Recycling - \$217.00; Dog Licenses - \$142.00; Building Permits- \$176.00; Zoning - \$30.00. Total - \$803.65

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$28.00

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: \$165.35

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$2,824.14 which includes \$14.87 in penalties.

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$1,177.68; \$0 in penalties.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Town Clerk's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Wood*

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR**

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported three Accessory Building Permits; and one Septic Repair Permit for the month of June.

2. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh was called regarding a 'big noise' on Triangle Lake over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Although there isn't anything he can do about it, he looked into it and noted that there is something on the market called Tannerite; it is a target that if shot by a high-velocity rifle, sounds like an atom bomb has been dropped. This may or may not have been the source of the noise. He recommended that law enforcement should be the ones to call in the future.

3. The Town has been notified that through grant money, Mid-Hudson will be putting broadband on the tower on Edward's Hill. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh noted that he was told this will only serve 24 homes.

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to accept the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Wood*



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**ASSESSORS**

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Final Roll was completed by its due date of July 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. An update was performed on the software program used by the Assessor's Office and the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector.

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to accept the Assessor's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Wood*

**WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE:** No Report

**REFUSE/RECYCLING**

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of June: E-Waste: 1.25 tons; Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 7.51tons; City of Albany Landfill: 69.86 tons; Sierra Fibers: 6.53 tons comingled; 4.95 tons old cardboard container; Oil: 20 gallons; Tires: 100

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Recycling Coordinator's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Wood*

**CURRENT EVENTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. The Highway Department will be performing the excavation work needed for the new stand-by generator. The generator has been purchased and installation is slated to begin in August.
2. Representatives from the Bank of Greene County will be coming out on July 20<sup>th</sup> to work with Linda McCormick, Clerk 1/Bookkeeper, to set up the Direct Deposit for those who wish to participate.
3. Regarding the proposed fee schedule, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh has provided the Board with changes/increases that he feels would be appropriate. Supervisor Lounsbury suggested waiting until the August meeting, when there should be a full Board, to review the changes. The previous fees that were put into place by Local Law will have to be rescinded and a new Local Law will need to be passed.
4. Representatives from the State University of New York's Rockefeller Institute of Government did not make an appearance at Town Hall as originally anticipated. Instead, a conference call was placed in which Supervisor Lounsbury, Deputy Supervisor Cooke, and Superintendent Bates, were in attendance. It is the consensus that the Town is in good shape – our Town, as well as many neighboring towns, is already practicing many of the suggestions that were presented.

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Erin Nevins is scheduled to come out to give her presentation to the Highway Department next Tuesday. There will still be time to address the insurance renewal at the August meeting.

2. The Town Board has met several times to discuss a clerk for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh was given half of the Clerk's salary to perform the duties of being his own clerk. However, the Board feels that a little assistance is necessary. The job description calls for someone who has knowledge of tax and zoning maps and the tax data base, and the Board feels that Debra Baxter, who currently serves as the Assessor's Clerk, would be a good fit as the two jobs complement each other. The Board also feels that 3 hours per week would be sufficient. Ms. Baxter is interested in the position.

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to hire Debra Baxter as the Clerk for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector for 3 hours per week on Thursdays at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Wood*

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

1. Robert Tanner wished to announce that on August 5<sup>th</sup> the Library, in conjunction with the Rensselaerville Fire Department, will be hosting a block party. Main Street will be closed from Methodist Hill to Bell's Hotel. All proceeds will be split between the Library and the Fire Department. The parade starts at 6:00 and festivities start at 6:30 and go through 10:00 or later. All permits have been applied for and approved by Albany County.

2. Robert Tanner reported that tentatively, the bridge at the bottom of Garvey Hill and County Route 10 is slated to be closed on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

3. He also reported that there will be road construction on County Route 403 between Medusa and South Westerlo beginning July 24<sup>th</sup>.

4. Supervisor Lounsbury invited everyone to stay for refreshments after the meeting as the Town recognizes Shawn Styer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Wood*

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk

Addendum: Supervisor Lounsbury presented Shawn Styer with a Certificate of Recognition for his volunteer efforts in the development and maintenance of the Rensselaerville.com website and informed him that his name had been added to the Town of Rensselaerville's Volunteer Hall of Fame plaque which hangs in the hallway.

## Struggling to Make Sense of School Tax Credits

Thank you to Assessor Jeffry Pine for sharing this link regarding a great article regarding all the confusion surrounding the State's desire to send taxpayers checks! Although it is not specific to Albany County or the Town of Rensselaerville, it certainly expresses the confusion that exists throughout the state!

<http://www.lansingstar.com/news-archive/13969-struggling-to-make-sense-of-school-tax-credits>

## Town of Rensselaerville Democratic Caucus

Voters duly enrolled in the Democratic Party for the Town of Rensselaerville are invited to...

### **2017 Democratic Caucus**

**7 PM ~ Tuesday, August 1, 2017**

### **Medusa Firehouse**

To select candidates for the 2017 Elections.

Positions to be filled: Town Supervisor (1), Assessors (2), Town Clerk (1),

Highway Superintendent (1), Town Council (2)

## ***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

## Contact Information for Elected Officials & Department Heads

Position	Name	Email Address
Town Supervisor Hours: M-F :9a.-12pm	Valerie Lounsbury	vlounsbury@rensselaerville.com townsupervisor@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Town Councilwoman	Marion Cooke	mcooke@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	John Dolce	jdolce@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilwoman	Margaret Sedlmeir	msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	Gerald Wood	gwood@rensselaerville.com
Town Justices Court: Mondays, 7pm	Ronald Bates Dwight T. Cooke	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Supervisor's Clerk	Linda McCormick	clerk1@rensselaerville.com
Town Clerk Hours: M-W: 9am-3:30pm Th: 1:30pm-6:30pm or by appointment F: 9am-12pm	Victoria Kraker	townclerk@rensselaerville.com vkraker@rensselaerville.com
Highway Superintendent	Randy Bates	rbates@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Highway Superintendent Clerk	Kim Welsch	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Assessors Clerk Hours: M-Th: 9am-12pm Assessor Hours: M: 1pm-3pm Th: 6:30pm-8:30pm	Donna Kropp Jeffry Pine Kathryn Wank	assessors@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer Office Hours: Th: 8am-10am Th: 7pm-9pm	Mark Overbaugh	codeenforcement@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Planning Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Th @ 7:30pm	Richard Amedure	spfleging@rensselaerville.com
Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings: 1st Th @ 6:30pm	Anthony Guadagno	spfleging@rensselaerville.com
Board of Ethics	Mary Anne Overbaugh	ethicsboard@rensselaerville.com
Dog Control Officer	Cheryl Baitsholts	Phone: 728-8082
Refuse/Recycling Coordinator Refuse Station Hours: W, Sa: 7am-3:45pm	Jon Whitbeck	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Town Hall		Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798 Fax: 239-6339
<b>Albany Co. Hwy Dept.</b> 239-6715; 239-6710  Town Meetings: Work: Tues. preceding monthly mtg Regular: 2nd Thurs @7pm	<b>Sen. George Amedure</b> 46th District LOB, Room 802 Albany, NY 12247 455-2350; Fax: 426-6751 Amedure@nysenate.gov	<b>Assemblyman Peter Lopez</b> 102nd District LOB, Room 402 Albany, NY 12248 455-5363 LopezP@nyassembly.gov
		<b>County Legislator Chris Smith</b> 39th District Alb Co Office Building 112 State Street Albany, NY 12207 447-7168; (H) 447-7117

**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;

**RVFD News**

- **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.

**Rensselaerville Historical Society**

**Save the date!**

The annual meeting of the Rensselaerville Historical Society will be Saturday, August 19 at the Preston Hollow Firehouse. The business meeting will be at 5 p.m. followed by a potluck supper at 6 p.m. The program will be at 7 p.m. on the topic "200 Years of Industry in the Town of Rensselaerville." All are welcome to attend all or any part of the meeting.

## 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.

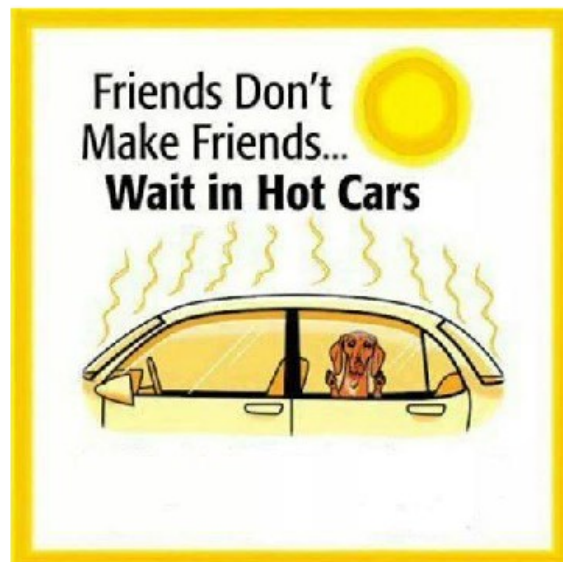
The Town of Rensselaerville Senior Citizens meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Medusa Fire House at noon. Anyone 55 years of age and older can join. Dues are \$8.00 a year due in June. We collect \$1.00 a month at the meeting for coffee, milk, etc. Please bring a covered dish to share. We eat promptly 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.

Our senior picnic will be AUG.8TH at Westerlo Town Park, Sign up by Aug 1 and dues must be paid.

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



## Grist Mill News

Grist Mill Summer Hours

[Janethaseley@gmail.com](mailto:Janethaseley@gmail.com)

Summer hours for the Rensselaerville Grist Mill Museum are Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until mid-October and Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m. in June and July. The Grist Mill is located on Delaware Turnpike (Rt. 85) at the bridge in the hamlet of Rensselaerville between Pond Hill Rd. and the E. N. Huyck Preserve.



**Pastel Society of America Presents: Four Seasons of Trees**  
with Susan Story, PSA  
October 14-15

When trying to capture the beauty of the four seasons, appropriate depiction of trees can greatly enhance our work. The class will explore the graceful gestures of tree trunks and their branches, foliage, colors, textures, shapes, and values. These elements will help to create the mood and seasonal story you are trying to convey. Each participant will paint at least one tree for each of the four seasons. The two-day workshop will include demonstrations and encourage individual attention.

[www.susanmstory.com](http://www.susanmstory.com)

Contact: [psaoffice@pastelsocietyofamerica.org](mailto:psaoffice@pastelsocietyofamerica.org)

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## Rensselaerville Ride: From Hill to Hollow

Sunday, August 20, 2017 — First ride begins at 9:30 AM

Four fully supported rides through the hills and hollows of the Helderbergs:

- 10 mile ride around the hamlet of Rensselaerville
- 24 miles through Rensselaerville and East Berne
- 44 miles through Rensselaerville and Westerlo. Rolling hills and beautiful views of the Catskills
- 64 miles-the ultimate hill to hollow cycle through the Helderbergs

And, a family friendly post-ride festival on the beautiful grounds of the Carey Institute, with live music, BBQ lunch, craft beer and cider, swimming in Lake Myosotis and more!

Hosted by [Helderberg Brewery](#), [Helderberg Outdoor Club](#) and the [Carey Institute for Global Good](#)

Register for a ride at [www.bikereg.com/rensselaervillerride](http://www.bikereg.com/rensselaervillerride)



## 2017 NYS Constitutional Convention

**Gutting Guarantees A “Politicians’ Convention”** that opens up the entire state constitution for change could have disastrous consequences for every single citizen of New York, no matter their background, their occupation, their politics, who they are, or where they live.

### At Risk: Free Public Education



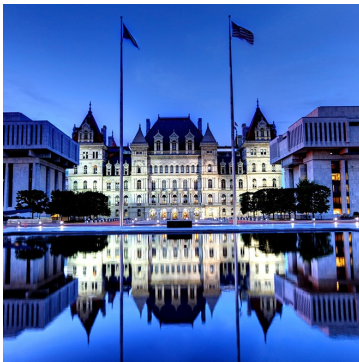
Did you know, for instance, that our right to a free public education is guaranteed in our state constitution? It is. That means that every parent, every educator, and every student who has gone through or will go through New York’s public schools has a stake in this issue. But even if you or your family or your friends don’t have a direct connection to our public schools, those schools still have an impact on you. Quality public schools have been proven to improve the economy, to raise property values in a neighborhood, and to impact crime and public safety. The deterioration of our public schools would negatively affect every single community and person in New York, one way or another...and eliminating our constitutional guarantee to a free public education would seriously endanger the quality of our public schools. That is reason enough to be wary of this “Politicians’ Convention”

### At Risk: “Forever Wild”



Or did you know that some of New York’s most environmentally sensitive areas—places like the Adirondacks and the Catskills—are safeguarded under the constitution’s “forever wild” protections? During a “Politicians’ Convention”, greedy and wealthy developers could use their influence and money to push to undo these safeguards in order to open up and exploit these valuable natural resources for their own profit. Why would we give them that opportunity?

### At Risk: Balance of Power



The New York constitution establishes the basic organizational structure for state government as we know it. It governs the relationship between state and local authorities. It sets the most important policy goals for the people of New York State. And any changes to that constitution would affect every other law in place in New York, as well as future statutes. Some would argue that all those things need a serious overhaul, but whether you believe that or not, do you really believe that the politicians, Albany insiders, and corporate special interests who would be in charge of a “Politicians’ Convention” would really implement the changes that we believe we need... or would they simply consolidate their own power and influence and sell of our constitutional guarantees to the highest bidder?

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**Vote NO**

If we really need to change the constitution, we can utilize the process that we have used 200 times since the last major rewrite of the constitution: a process that provides us with more checks and balances, that gives regular people a bigger voice, and that costs absolutely nothing. Let's not gut our constitutional guarantees! **Turn over your ballot in November and vote NO on the "Politicians' Convention"!**

Source: <http://nonewyorkconvention.org/gutting-guarantees/>

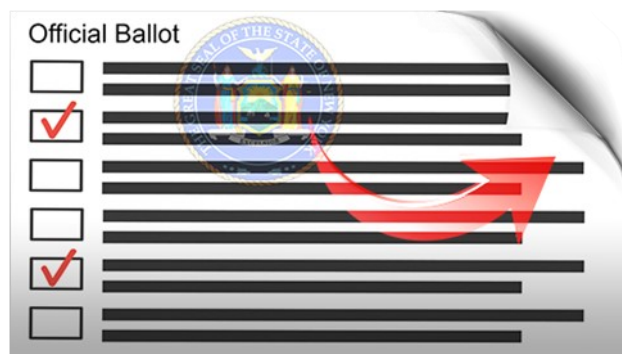


**Fred LeBrun: Constitutional convention is too risky**

The July 8, 2017 issue of *The Albany Times Union* had an opinion piece by columnist Fred LeBrun regarding New York States 2017 vote on a Constitutional Convention. Mike Spain, Associate Editor of *The Albany Times Union* has granted permission to provide this free link to Fred's article for our readers. It is a worthy read....

<http://www.timesunion.com/tuplus-local/article/Fred-LeBrun-Constitutional-convention-is-too-11274984.php>

**Turn over your ballot in November and vote NO on the "Politicians' Convention"!**



**Editor's Note:** If anyone wishes to submit for publication an article that provides a counter-point to the above, we would be happy to receive and publish it. Please send your submission to [rvillenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rvillenewsletter@gmail.com) .

## Church News



### 2017 SUMMER SERVICES AT RENSSELAERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church announces its schedule of summer services every Sunday from July 3 through September 3. 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 2017 theme is "Find A Way Forward: Is There A Path To Healing?".

August 6 "Healing of Body, Healing of Spirit"

Rabbi Rena Kieval, Congregation Ohav Shalom, Albany, NY

August 13 "Change the Story: Narratives That Define Us"

Rev. Sam Trumbore, Minister, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany

August 20 "Resistance as a Spiritual Discipline"

Rev. Glenn Leupold, Co-Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Albany

August 27 "Communities of Character"

Rev. James Calvin Davis, Professor Religion, Middlebury College, VT

September 3 "The Way, The Truth, and The Life"

Elder Barbara Wheeler, former president, Auburn Theological Seminary

Elder Cara Molyneaux, Moderator, Albany Presbytery

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 and each week's guest preacher may be found on its website: [www.rvillepres.org](http://www.rvillepres.org).

## Church News

### 2017 SUMMER SERVICES AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



For the months of July and August the start time for morning service at Trinity Episcopal Church will be 9:30AM.

#### **AUGUST**

6th: Morning Prayer  
 13th: Fr. Jerry Adinolfi  
 20th: Morning Prayer  
 27th: Mtr. Nancy Betz

# Trinity Day Camp

God is Love; how do we Love?

August 21-25, 2017, 10 am - 12 Noon

Group One - Ages 4-5

Group Two - Ages 7-9

Group Three - Ages 11-12

Space is limited

**REGISTER TODAY: Donna Kropp - 518-797-5119**

- Learn to appreciate loved ones
- Practice yoga to care for yourself
- Sing songs
- Make crafts to give to loved ones
- Snacks and beverage provided

Our Counselors and Steering Committee:

Donna Kropp - retired Software Developer

Rosie Kuhar - retired Teacher, primary level students

Nancy Dyer - retired VP/GM American Express, 15 years internal yoga teacher (NYC)

Kim Graff - Rensselaerville Library Director

Lee Ackerman-Sawyer - Library Youth Services Coordinator

Dennis Winslow - retired Episcopal Church priest

Trinity Episcopal Church/trinityville12147@gmail.com

Rensselaerville, New York (across from Village Park)

## Important Reminder!

Beginning **August 19, 2017**, you must dial the area code + phone numbers for all calls. After this date, if you do not use the new dialing procedures, your calls will not be completed and a recording will instruct you to hang up and dial again.

Beginning **September 19, 2017**, new telephone lines or services may be assigned numbers using the new 838 area code. All calls made within and between area codes 518 and 838 must be placed using the 10-digit telephone number (518 or 838 plus the 7-digit telephone number).

### *What will you need to do?*

In addition to changing your dialing procedures, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed to dial a 7-digit number will need to be reprogrammed to use the new dialing procedure. Some examples are: stored telephone numbers in contact lists in wireless phones, PBXs, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, speed dialers, call forwarding settings, voicemail services, medical alert devices, safety alarm security systems and gates, ankle monitors and or other similar equipment. Be sure to check your website, business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business printed checks, contact information, and your personal or pet ID tags to ensure the area code is included.

### *What will remain the same?*

- Your telephone number, including current area code, will not change.
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the overlay.
- What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.
- You will continue to dial 1+ area code + telephone number for all calls to other area codes (outside of 518 and 838).
- You can still dial just three digits to reach 911.
- If 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711 or 811 are currently available in your community you will still dial these codes with just three digits.

### *Who may you contact with questions?*

If you have any questions regarding information provided in this notice, please call Champlain Telephone Company at 518-298-2411 or access [www.champlaintelephone.com](http://www.champlaintelephone.com) for more information. You can also visit the New York Public Service Commission's website at <http://www.dps.ny.gov/> for further information.

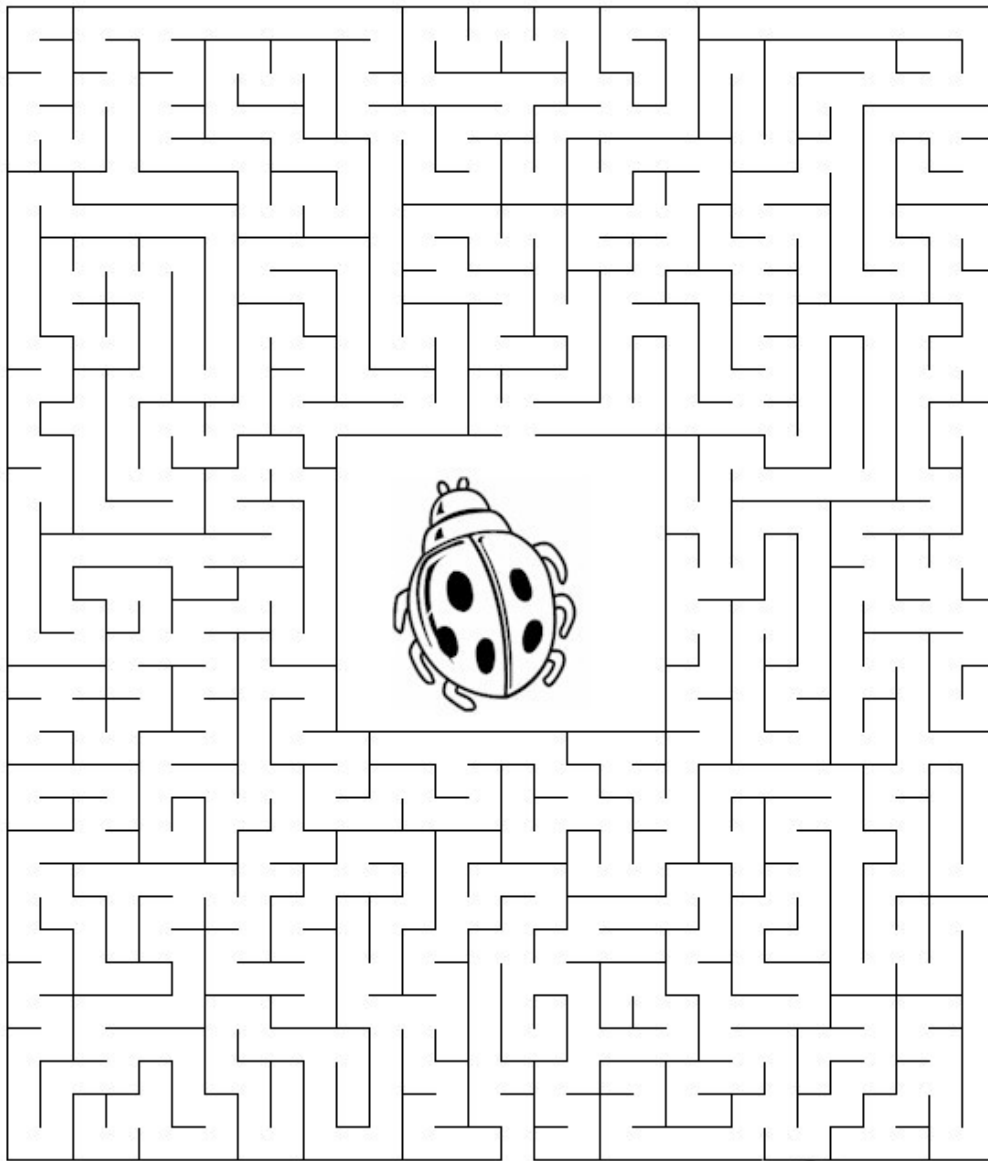


Kids' Activity Page

# lady bug maze



Help the lady bug find her way out!



## Carey Institute for Global Good



What's new at the Carey Institute? Sign up at [careyinstitute.org](http://careyinstitute.org) to receive our email updates. The form can be found at the bottom of our home page.

### Guggenheim Gallery Featured Artist of the Month: Stanley Maltzman

Stanley Maltzman will be the Guggenheim Gallery's August Artist of the Month. His artwork will be hanging for the entire month of August and into September. The gallery is open to the public Monday to Friday from 9AM – 5PM. Please join us for his artist reception on **Sunday, August 6 from 2 - 4 PM.**

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Catskill High Peaks Festival: August 6-17

The Carey Institute for Global Good and Yehuda Hanani have teamed up to produce the 8th Annual Catskill High Peaks Music Festival, "Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman." The Festival combines a Residency program for 50 hand-picked emerging artists from around the world with evenings of classical music concerts, lectures and master classes for the public.

All onsite performances are on a Pay What You Wish basis – we appreciate your support. For a full list of events and to reserve your seats, visit <http://careyinstitute.org/event/2017-catskill-high-peaks/>

### Rensselaerville Ride: From Hill to Hollow ~ Sunday, August 20

Choose from one of four fully supported rides through the hills and hollows of the Helderbergs. Plus, a family friendly post-ride festival on our grounds, with live music, craft beer & cider, swimming and more. All ride registrations include a t-shirt, BBQ lunch and beverages. Learn more & sign up for a ride here: <https://www.bikereg.com/rensselaerville>



## 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

**Einstein's Relativity: A Primer with Mike Lawrence.** Mike Lawrence returns to the Library after giving a series of very popular talks on Astrophysics last year. This year's four-part presentation is a beginner's guide to the background, development, and consequences of the major ideas in Special and General Relativity. Topics include Simultaneity, Time Dilation, The Twin Paradox, Length Contraction, Mass-Energy Equivalence, The Equivalence Principle, Gravitational Time Dilation, and the Curvature of Space. No math background is required (but a little can be helpful). References will be provided for further study. Part I: Special Relativity on Thursdays, August 3 & 17 and Part II: General Relativity on Thursdays, August 24 & 31.

**Nancy Dyer Cool Yoga Laugh for Life, Laugh for Peace** on Saturday, August 12 from 10:30am – 11:30am. A Come and laugh with me, won't you? What would it take to heal yourself? What would it take to heal the world? See if we can keep laughter in the background of our AWARENESS. How would we all change if we could? Nancy Dyer, is a retired VP/GM from American Express who taught yoga at Integral Yoga in New York City for over 12 years. After 9/11 she coached her former colleagues in finding new jobs and making new choice.

**Poetry Group** meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, August 8 and 22. 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 monthly Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15 at 7pm. Board meetings are normally 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 Annual meeting will be held on September 19 at 7pm with a regular Board meeting to follow.

The Writing Group will not be meeting during July and August. See all writers in September.

The Library and Fire Department are offering raffle tickets for three New Orleans gift baskets all valued over \$100. Tickets can be purchased at the Library or from any Rensselaerville Vol. Fire Dept. member. The raffle tickets will be drawn during the Midway to Mardi Gras Party to be held in the evening on Saturday, August 5 at 6pm. The party will be kicked off with a parade through the hamlet starting at the Mill House. Please see the poster for more details on the event and ticket pricing.

**Fine Amnesty** is scheduled for August 26 through September 2. Please return any overdue Library items. If possible please also consider making a donation of school supplies or nonperishable items to the Hilltown Resource Center. Amnesty will not apply to lost or missing items. Look for the Hilltown Resource Center donation bin in the Library.

The Library has museum passes and fishing poles that you can take out with your Library Card.

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Save the Date for the annual Lawn Party fundraiser on Saturday, September 2, 4-7pm.

### Youth Programs

Summer Reading Program comes to a close on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/summer-reading.html](http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/summer-reading.html) for more details and to register for Summer Reading. In addition to the programs listed below we have squishy circuits, renewable energies, board games, paper craft and jewelry activities scheduled. Visit the online calendar for all of the weekly events at <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/calendar.html>

Every Wednesday at 4:30 is StoryTime with Ms. Lee. StoryTime includes stories, music and movement, designed as early literacy instruction aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

On Wednesday, August 2 at 3pm Wildlife Alive with Kelly Martin, a wildlife rehabilitator, will provide an education program featuring live native animals that are unable to return to the wild and now serve as education ambassadors.

August 5 at 11:30 there will be an Author Reading with James Lowery. Mr. Lowery will read from *Rafe Rebellius & the Clash of the Genres* a fantasy tale about a heroic bookworm.

Thursday, August 30 at 5:30 Writing & Nature program. Using nature and the Library gardens Bard College student Anne Burnett, will instruct a writing program for children.

## Rensselaerville Library Youth Programs Read It Forward



**Teens!**  
Read this  
**FREE** book  
then pass  
it along to  
a friend!

No due dates!  
No late fees!  
Share your thoughts and  
take a survey for a chance  
to win a prize.

The free books for this program are provided by the Library. We hope you enjoy this book.



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## Library News

# Rensselaerville Library Wildlife Alive

With Wildlife Rehabilitator

## Kelly Martin

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Kelly Martin will provide an education program featuring live native animals that are unable to return to the wild and now serve as education ambassadors.



Kelly has been a state licensed and federally permitted wildlife rehabilitator and educator since 1981. She provides care for sick, injured, orphaned, and displaced native wild animals. The goal is to return healthy animals to the wild.



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## Einstein's Relativity: A Primer with

# Mike Lawrence

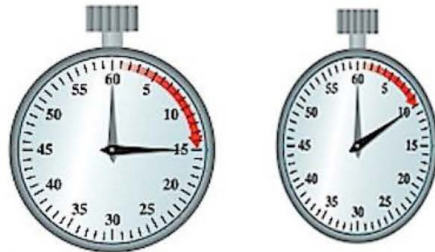
See Schedules below  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

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This year's four-part presentation is a beginner's guide to the background, development, and consequences of the major ideas in Special and General Relativity. Topics include *Simultaneity, Time Dilation, The Twin Paradox, Length Contraction, Mass-Energy Equivalence, The Equivalence Principle, Gravitational Time Dilation, and the Curvature of Space*. No math background is required (but a little can be helpful). References will be provided for further study.

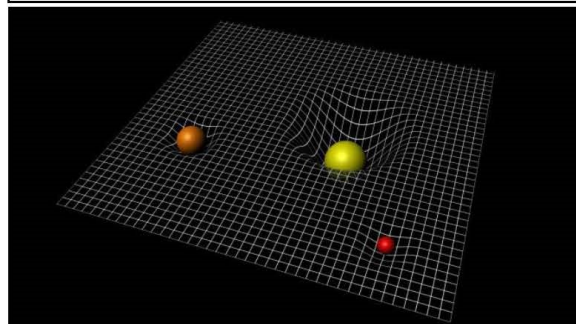
Mike received his doctorate in Physics Education from Rutgers University. He spent 15 years as the co-director of the Rutgers Astrophysics Institute, an NSF and NASA funded program. Mike's research has been published in journals such as *The Journal of Research in Science Teaching* and *Physics Education*. 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 West Orange, NJ. He retired in 2014.

Part I: Special Relativity  
Thursdays August 3 & 17



Earth Speed - 85% Light Speed

Part II: General Relativity  
Thursdays August 24 & 31



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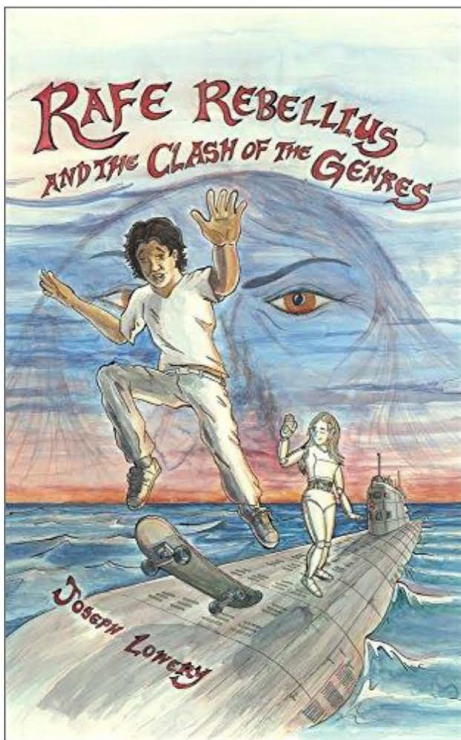
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# Rensselaerville Library

## Author Reading

### Joseph Lowery

Saturday August 5, 2017  
11:30am - 12:30pm



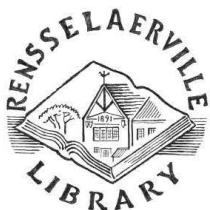
Fourteen-year-old Rafe Rabellius really gets into books. Like, literally. And sometimes he can't get out.

After being dragged cross-country by his research scientists parents all his life—Greenfort High will be his seventh school when Rafe starts in the fall—there's hope. If Rafe will agree to share his new home with a so-called extended family he's never even heard of (what kind of name is *Genrés* anyway?), they'll stay put for four whole years. Cool, right?

Struggling to define himself, Rafe is drawn into an urgent battle to save his newfound home and its collection of different genre characters: fantasy, hard-boiled noir, romance, western and more. Unless Rafe can conquer his lifelong timidity and use his just-discovered abilities to find his own story, it's *The End* for them all.



JOSEPH LOWERY is a Brooklyn-based writer with over 30 technical books on web design, as well as number of plays, to his credit. *Rafe Rebellius and the Clash of the Genres* is his first novel. Like Rafe, he skateboards. Unlike Rafe, it's only in his mind and even then he falls all the time.



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# Three New Orleans Raffle Baskets



To benefit  
Rensselaerville Library  
&

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

**Tickets are \$1.00 for one and \$5.00 for 6.**

Drawing to be held August 5, 2017 at the

Big Easy Playboys Mid-Way to Mardi Gras Party at the Palmer House Café

A special thanks to Kathie & Greg Speck for making this raffle possible.

Tickets are available at the Library or from any RVFD member.

<p><b>Louisiana Cheer</b> Estimated Value \$175</p>	<p><b>Goodies for Foodies</b> Estimated Value \$150</p>	<p><b>Children's GRIS-GRIS</b> Gris-Gris is a voodoo amulet originating in Africa believed to bring the owner protection from evil. <b>Estimated Value \$125</b></p>
<p>Sweet Crude Rum (Lafayette, LA) Crescent Vodka (New Orleans, LA) EUPHROSINE #9 Gin (New Orleans, LA) Old New Orleans Spiced Rum (New Orleans, LA) Louisiana Sisters Bloody Mary Mix (River Ridge, LA) COCKTAILS &amp; SONS Oleo Saccharum - a citrus syrup with lemongrass and ginger (New Orleans, LA) Old New Orleans GINGEROO A Variety BEER 6-Pack- 2 Pontchartrain Pilsners (Covington Brewhouse, Covington, LA) - 2 Big Easy IPA and 2 The Boot (Abita Brewing Company, Anita Springs, LA) Zapps Potato Chips SOUTHERN COCKTAILS Dixie Drinks, Party Potions &amp; Classic Libations by Denise Gee 1 IRON GATOR BOTTLE OPENER 6 BIG EASY PLAYBOYS COOZIES 1 BIG EASY PLAYBOYS CD</p>	<p>Small batch Louisiana Barbecue Sauce Cajun Power Garlic Sauce Three Brothers Farm Cane Syrup Zatarain's Shrimp &amp; Crab Boil Carmellia Brand (dried) Black Beans Field Peas and Blackeyes SLAP YA MAMA Cajun Seasoning Konrico CHIPOLTLE Seasoning Carmichael's Honey Crystal Hot Sauce 5# Long Grain Rice Café Du Monde Coffee and Chickory Kary's Roux Gumbo Mix and Jambalaya Mix (1 each) Blue Runner Creole Style Red Beans Tony Chachere's Crispy Creole HUSH PUPPY Mix Jim Dandy Quick Grits Beignet Mix Zapps Potato Chips REAL CAJUN Rustic Home Cooking by Donald Link LOUISIANA REAL AND RUSTIC by Emeril Lagasse 1 BIG EASY PLAYBOYS CD.</p>	<p>Books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A Dog Steals Home</i> by Kathleen Schrenk</li> <li>• <i>Madame Grand Doight</i> by Yvette Landry, Illustrations by Cullen Bernard</li> <li>• <i>The Littlest Streetcar</i> by Vernon Smith (signed copy), <i>Chickory and Roux</i>, <i>The Creole Mouse and the Cajun Mouse</i> by Todd-Michael St Pierre, Illustrations by Lee Brandt Randall (Signed copy)</li> <li>• <i>Gaston Goes to Mardi Gras - Coloring Book</i> written and illustrated by James Rice</li> </ul> <p>Zapps Potato Chips 1 BIG EASY PLAYBOYS CD masks, costumes, and other cool things.</p> 

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Rensselaerville Library  
 Saturday, August 12  
**Cool YOGA:**  
**LAUGH for Life.**  
**LAUGH for Peace.**  
**10:30am - 11:30am**



*In 1969, roads clogged with traffic, my friends and I walked through the woods at sunrise to be here, at WOODSTOCK -- hills ablaze with campfires. This unassuming man, Swami Satchidanda, sat amongst hundreds of thousands of people maintaining an inexplicable, captivating sense of peace.*

Come and laugh. That's right: LAUGH OURSELVES to PEACE. My friend, Lino Stanchich, was taken off a freighter in World War II, and interned in a Russian prisoner of war work camp for two years. For two years he laughed to himself all day long. Laughed no matter what. He could not allow a smile to pass his lips. His father had taught him five different laughs, one for each organ system. Come and laugh with me, won't you? WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO HEAL YOURSELF? WHAT

WOULD IT TAKE TO HEAL THE WORLD? See if we can keep laughter in the background of our AWARENESS like he did. How would we all change if we could?

Come and laugh, won't you? Find the love already present in your hearts....



Nancy Dyer, is a retired VP/GM from American Express who taught yoga at Integral Yoga in New York CITY for over 12 years. After 9/11 she coached her former colleagues in finding new jobs and making new choice.

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# Rensselaerville Library Writing & Nature

With Bard College Student

## Anne Burnett

Wednesdays

June 21, 2017 - 3:30pm - 4:30pm

July 5, 2017 - 5:30pm - 7pm

August 30, 2017 - 5:30pm - 7pm

Anne Burnett will instruct three creative writing program sessions for third through fourth graders.

The program will focus on prose, poetry, nature and art.

Kids will:

- Read short stories and poems about nature and art.
- Take walks through the Library Gardens with time to write and draw.
- Share work and consider the relationship between writing, nature and communicating.



Kids will have time to explore and enjoy the Library Gardens and incorporate experiences into writing and art.



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### Middleburgh Library

**8/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 5:15 PM - Insight Meditation** - Join us for a simple group Azaen meditation practice. All are welcome. No registration required.

**8/3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle** - These friendly ladies (men are welcome, but we haven't seen any yet!) knit and crochet, embroider and quilt, and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others - or just craft in the company of friends. Drop in anytime! *No registration required.*

**8/9, 23 - 5:00 PM - Kundalini Yoga** - Kundalini Yoga involves repetitive movements with the breath, building strength, toning the nerves and clearing the adrenal glands. Wear comfortable clothing and bring 2 blankets or a mat and blanket. A \$5.00 donation is requested. *Please use the back entrance when entering the building. No registration required*

**8/14 - 6:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - the public is welcome.**

**8/21 - 1:00-3:00 PM - Eclipse Viewing Party** - Join us as we watch the partial eclipse out on the lawn behind our parking lot. Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets. We'll have snacks and drinks and games for all. We'll pass out eclipse viewing glasses and watch the eclipse as it progresses to its maximum state at 2:42. *Registration is required.*

**8/23 - 7:00 PM - Concert - "Magpie"** - With a career that has spanned more than forty years, Magpie has traveled the globe, bringing its unique sound and breathtaking versatility to audiences everywhere. From traditional songs to vintage blues, swing and country to folk classics to contemporary and stirring original compositions, they cover a lot of musical ground. With their powerful voices and harmonies and their excellent instrumental arrangements on guitars, mandolin, harmonica, dulcimer, and concertina, their sound is much bigger than just two people. Award-winning recording artists, songwriters, musical historians, and social activists, Terry and Greg always promise a presentation that is highly entertaining as well as provocative and deeply moving.

**8/26 - 1:00 PM - Cooking by the Vegan Book - "Caribbean Vegan"** - The Middleburgh Library presents its monthly book club, "Cooking by the Vegan Book." We pick the cookbook, you pick and make the recipe! The book club is free and open to the public. How the cookbook club works; Every month, a cookbook will be selected and will be at the circulation desk, for you to pick at and we will print up the recipe of your choice. **Sign up online or at the circulation desk, let us know what you're cooking so we don't have duplicates. Registration Required.**

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM - BUILD A BETTER WORLD - FAMILIES

**8/6 - 1:00-3:00 PM - Doing Good Together Family Service Fair** - Don't miss our first Doing Good Together Family Service Fair! Come to an event designed to help remind kids that it's fun to give to others. We have a series of fun, simple projects planned to benefit organizations in our community. Come join us! The event is free and open to the **entire family**. Come for a half hour or stay for the whole time. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World** summer reading program and is **appropriate all ages**. Registration is required.*

**8/16- 1:00 PM - Family Film - "Beauty & the Beast" (PG)** - This live-action version of the classic animated tale features a beautiful young woman who encounters a great beast and becomes his prisoner. She soon realizes that his appearance belies the sweet nature of the man he actually is, a victim of a horrible curse that threatens to keep him trapped in his beastly exterior forever. Despite their differences, the woman finds herself falling in love with the beast and fighting to save him from a life of anger and loneliness. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading program and is for all ages**. Registration is required.*

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### SUMMER READING PROGRAMS - BUILD A BETTER WORLD - FOR KIDS

**8/1, 8 - 10:45 AM - Drop-in Storytime** - Get ready to move in this interactive storytime designed especially for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. *No registration required*

**8/1 - 1:00 PM - Techno Jungle - littleBits** is a platform of easy-to-use electronic building blocks that empower you to invent anything, Join educators from the **MiSci Museum** and create a creature using everyday materials and littleBits moduals. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading program and is for kids going into grades 3-5. Registration is required.***

**8/2 - 11:00 AM - Discovery Wednesday** - You never know what Miss Andrea has in store for Discovery Wednesday! This program will combine cooking, science and art...and fun! *This program is part of our **Build a Better World summer reading program and is appropriate for children going into preschool - 1st grade and their families. Registration is required.***

**8/3 - 1:00 PM - My Robotic Friend** - In this exciting program explore the world of Cubelets and other robotics! Cubelets are magnetic blocks that when stuck together form the basis for mini robots. Each robot cube has its own function and can be add to other cubes to create multi-purpose simple machines. *This program is presented by educators from **The Children's Museum at Saratoga** and is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program. For kids going into grades 3-5. Registration is required.***

**8/7 - 2:00 PM - Lego's & more Building Day** - Let's build! We'll be bringing out the Lego's and the K'nex, Keva Planks and Marble Mazes for you to build with. This is a free play day with lots of engineering fun! *This program is part of our **Build a Better World summer reading program and is for kids going into grades 2 and up. Registration is required.***

**8/8 - 1:00 PM - Minecraft Mayhem Party** - We love Minecraft! We'll celebrate with games, challenges and crafts all centered around a Minecraft theme. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World summer reading program and is for kids going into grade 1 & up. Registration is required.***

**8/9 - 11:00 AM - Not a Box Family Storytime** - What can you make with an empty box? When you use your imagination, you can make anything! In this family storytime, we'll read **Not a Box by Antoinette Portis** and build whatever you can imagine with the help of your family. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World summer reading program and is appropriate for children going into preschool - 1st grade and their families. Registration is required.***

**8/15 - 10:45 AM - Winnie the Pooh Party** - What a fun way for preschoolers to end their Summer Reading program. We'll have craft stations, games and lots of fun. Registration is required. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program and is for kids from Preschool - 1st grade. Registration is required.***

**8/17 - 1:00 PM - Kindness Rocks** - Let's spread kindness! We'll be painting rocks with messages of hope and encouragement and leaving them for people to find in and around the library. Please try to bring a couple of smooth rocks with you to paint. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World summer reading program and is for kids going into grade 2 & up. Registration is required.***

### SUMMER READING PROGRAMS - BUILD A BETTER WORLD - TEENS

**8/1 - 1:00-2:00 PM - Consultation Jar** - Come hang out in the tech room this Tuesday and make a consultation jar use glitter, cotton balls and wishes to personalize your jar. Make it for yourself or give it to someone who may need to make a wish. *This program is part of our **Build a Better***

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**World Summer Reading Program for teens and is for kids going into grades 6 & up. Registration is required.**

**8/2 & 8/9 - 1:00 PM - Firefly Writing Workshop with author Coleen Paratore** - In this 2-session workshop, Coleen Paratore, local author of 17 books for children, will lead you on a search for your innermost feelings to spark your imagination, just like catching fireflies on a summer night. After writing "one powerful page", you will share your work with the group. *This workshop is part of our **Build a Better World** teen Summer Reading Program and is for kids going into 6th grade and up. Registration is required.*

**8/4 - 1:00 PM - Super Smash Bros.** - Beat the heat and join us for a friendly tournament of Super Smash Bros.

Refreshments will be provided. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World** Summer Reading Program for teens and is for kids going into grades 6 & up. Registration is required.*

**8/7 - 6:00 PM - Learn how to DJ** - Teens! You love music, right? Learn how to mix vinyl's and CDs get hands-on tips and tricks on 2 turntables and a microphone. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World** Summer Reading Program for teens and is for kids going into grade 6 and up. Registration is required.*

**8/8 - 1:00-2:00 PM - Tuesday Blackout Poetry** - Come hang out in the tech room this Tuesday and create some Blackout Poetry. We provide the words you provide the creativity and emotion. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World** Summer Reading Program for teens and is for kids going into grades 6 & up. Registration is required.*

**8/10 - 1:00 PM - Multimedia Art Hangings** - Use the techniques taught by teachers from *The Studio for Art and Craft* and build a one of a kind wall hanging that is all about you! *This program is part of our **Build a Better World** Summer Reading Program for teens and is for kids going into grade 6 and up.*

**8/11 - 5:30 PM - Teen Dinner and a Movie - "Rogue" (PR-13)** - It's Dinner & a Movie just for teens. The library will provide pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert or snack to share. All looks lost for the Rebellion against the Empire as they learn of the existence of a new super weapon, the Death Star. Once a possible weakness in its construction is uncovered, the Rebel Alliance must set out on a desperate mission to steal the plans for the Death Star. The future of the entire galaxy now rests upon its success. **Registration Required.**

**Please check our Calendar on our website at [www.middleburghlibrary.info](http://www.middleburghlibrary.info) for future programs.**

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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      Saturday 9:00 - 2:00

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### Greenville Library

#### Greenville Public Library 2017 Summer Reading Program "Build a Better World" (July 5 - August 31)

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.

**Enter the Library's Bookmark Design Contest**  
**Children in Grades K thru 8 & One for Grade 9 thru Adult**  
**Winning bookmarks will be used as a bookmark for the Greenville Library**  
**Ask the Librarian for an Entry Form**

**August 1                      Bugs & Critters    Ages 5 - 7 1:00 – 2:30**  
**Instructor: Carolyn Travers**  
Go buggy with books and have fun making a lightning bug that lights. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**

**August 2                      Meet Mondrian    Ages 7 – Adults 6:00 – 8:00**  
**Instructor: Alice Tunison**  
This art class will focus on the work of world famous cubist painter Piet Mondrian (1872 - 1944). His birthplace was the Netherlands. After introduction to his life and work participants will create a painting in the style of this world famous artist. Colors will be bold and beautiful. Le The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Guggenheim in NYC each have an especially fantastic collection of his work. No previous experience is necessary. **Registration required.**

**August 2                      Food Building Fun!    Ages 8 & up 10:00 – 11:30**  
**Instructor: Carolyn Travers**  
Make edible houses and cars & create a mini cookbook of your building recipes. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**

**August 3                      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 3                      Summer Themed Cupcake Decorating    Ages 8 & up 2:30 – 4:00**  
**Instructor: Alexis Aloisi**  
Learn different techniques to decorate 4 cupcakes: a Sunflower, a Beach Scene, a Watermelon and a Mini Pie. Enjoy a cupcake you made with your own design during the class. Take home the remainder of your creations plus 5 decorator tips. **Registration required.**

**August 4                      Fun With Tie Dying    Ages 12 & up 2:00-4:00**  
**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

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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, pillow case or whatever small item you want to dye! **Registration required.**

**August 7 - 10 Reboot into Robotics!  
Cornell Cooperative Extension 4H**

**Grades 3 – 5 (No Younger)  
10:00-11:30**

Lego Robotics is a fun and interactive way to introduce elements of engineering by combining a familiar children's toy and technology. Explore robotics by recreating animals, sports, boats, monsters and more. In teams of two to four, kids will build and program models to play games, tell stories, and even interact with each other. They will also have the opportunity to be creative and modify their creations as well as compete with each other to make the best model. **Must attend every session as skills build on each other as the program progresses.**

**August 7 - 11 Watercolor Classes for Students  
Instructor: Susan Story**

**Grades 6- Adults 1:00 - 3:30**

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.**

**August 8 Stuffed Animal Sleepover  
Library Staff**

**Ages 3 & Up 4:00**

Have you ever wondered what happens in the library at night? Well, great news! It's stuffed animal sleepover night at the library. Come to the library and bring your stuffed animal for some fun. You can play a game, listen to stories, have a small snack, and then tuck your friend in for the night. After you leave, the fun really begins! Come back the next day (after 12:00) to pick-up your friend and see what they were up to! We will take special pictures of their exciting adventures and have them ready for you the next day to pickup. **Just Drop In!**

**August 9 Climbing Wall & Bounce House**

**All Ages 5:00 – 6:30**

Come to the library and have some fun! Come climb the massive 24' rock wall. It has 4 sides and offers 16 different climbing routes, of varying difficulty. It's great for all abilities and all ages. You can also enjoy the bounce house. Kids love to jump around and have fun. The Library is now open until 8:00 Wednesday evenings for your convenience.

**August 14 Trolling Around  
Instructor: Carolyn Travers**

**Ages 5 - 9 1:00 – 2:30**

Listen to stories about trolls, make troll hair and dress up a troll that you create. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**

**August 15 Thomas Cole: Let's Paint Mountains  
Instructor: Alice Tunison**

**Ages 7 – Adults 6:00 – 8:00**

Participants will enjoy a presentation on the life and history of Thomas Cole. Using tempera paints on artist paper you will create a simple and beautiful mountain landscape. The instructor will guide aspiring artists patiently and with a sense of humor. No previous experience is necessary. You can do this! **Registration required.**

**August 15 Comic Book Creations  
Instructor: Carolyn Travers**

**Ages 8 & up 10:00 – 11:30**

Use mixed media to design your own comic book. Bring selfies if you want to star in your own comic. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**

**August 16 Mini Manicures**

**Ages 4 & Up Begins 1:00**

**Pick a time slot!**

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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.**

**August 17 Barbie Party** **Ages 3 & up 1:00 – 2:30**  
**Instructors: Kristen Prayto and Barbara Flach**

It's time for you and your Barbie doll to put on your favorite party dresses. Come and enjoy games, snacks and other fun activities. Play with other girls and their dolls. Fun for all! **Just Drop In!**

**August 19 Introduction to Girl Scouts** **9:00 – 11:00**  
**Presenter: Girl Scout Leader Kristie Hense & Troop 1557** Come and see what a Girl Scout meeting is like. Learn about Girl Scouts. Enjoy a fun activity. **Registration required.**

**August 21 Beads, Beads, Beads, Galore!** **Ages 5 & up 2:00 – 3:30**  
**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 friend. We'll provide the beads you supply the imagination. **Registration required.**

**August 22 Disney Movie Matinee: Finding Dory** **4:00 All Ages**  
**Library Staff**

Beat the summer heat and enjoy a cool movie matinee. Dory (Ellen DeGeneres) is a wide-eyed, blue tang fish who suffers from memory loss every 10 seconds or so. The one thing she can remember is that she somehow became separated from her parents as a child. With help from her friends Nemo and Marlin, Dory embarks on an epic adventure to find them. 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 23 Spooky T-Shirts** **Ages 8 & up 1:00 – 2:30**  
**Instructor: Carolyn Travers**

Never too early to think Halloween, bring a t-shirt to paint in a scary way. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**

**August 24 Chomp! Shark Sensations** **Ages 5 - 7 10:00 – 11:30**  
**Instructor: Carolyn Travers**

Stories, facts and crafts on this fascinating animal! Enjoy games & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**

**Sept. 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, Creative Writing Class** **Individuals of all Ages 10:00 – 12:00**  
**Instructor: Ronni Miller**

A motivational and expressive writing program for individuals of all ages. Writing activities will stimulate thoughts, feelings, memories and experiences to produce prose and poetry. **Registration required.**

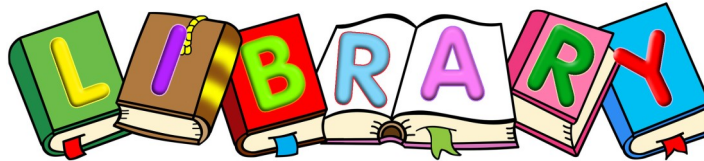
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 Wednesday: 9:00am - 8:00pm  
 Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am - 6:00pm  
 Friday: 12:00pm - 5:00pm  
 Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm  
 Sunday: Closed



### RABIES CLINIC SCHEDULE – 2017

The following series of Rabies Vaccination Clinics for dogs, cats, and ferrets has been arranged

by the Albany County Department of Health in cooperation with the Capital District Veterinary

Medical Society.

**All dogs, cats, and ferrets must be on leashes or in carriers.**

**A record of prior vaccination will be required for a three-year immunization-certification.**

**If no record is presented, a one year vaccination certification will be issued.**

**All clinics are open to any Albany County resident.**

Any inquiry can be directed to Division of Environmental Health Services  
 (518) 447-4620 or 447-4625.

Saturday **September 9, 2017** 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Village of Colonie Municipal Garage  
 2 Thunder Road - Colonie

*Times: 1:00 - 2:30 pm for cats and ferret  
 2:30 - 4:00 pm for dogs*

Saturday **November 4, 2017** 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Village of Green Island  
 Public Works Garage

Cohoes Avenue - Green Island

*Times: 1:00 - 2:30 pm for cats and ferret  
 2:30 - 4:00 pm for dogs*

**DONATION: \$8.00 PER ANIMAL**

# 4th Friday Street Festival

**Festival Activities Held Throughout the Village**

Live open-air music • Farmers' market • Free kids' activities  
Dinner specials • Tap room specials • Longer shop hours • Live animals

**May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22**

**5:30pm until Dark**

## **Dr. Best Museum CRUISE-IN**

**Cars, Trucks, Bikes, Vintage, Rat-Rods, Custom, Muscle ...**

**If it has wheels, it's got  
a place at this cruise-in!**



**FREE admission**  
**No registration**  
**Prize drawings each event—**  
**All participants bringing a cruise-in**  
**vehicle entered for FREE!**

**DR. BEST  
HOUSE & MEDICAL MUSEUM**

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**On the Calendar**

<b>Aug 5</b>	<b>9am - 3pm</b>	<b>Medusa Annual Garage Sales Day</b> To have a sale, contact Bill Moore at Phone: 239-4843, Email: <a href="mailto:whmoore44@yahoo.com">whmoore44@yahoo.com</a> , Mail: 11 CR 351, Medusa, NY 12120	
<b>Aug 6</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Medusa United Church of Christ Services</b>	<b>Medusa</b>
<b>Aug 6</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services</b>	<b>Rensselaerville</b>
<b>Aug 8</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Seniors Annual Picnic</b> Don't forget to sign up and pay for picnic.	<b>Westerlo Park</b>
<b>Aug 8</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Town Board Work Meeting</b>	<b>Town Hall</b>
<b>Aug 10</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Town Board Regular Meeting</b>	<b>Town Hall</b>
<b>Aug 13</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Medusa United Church of Christ Services</b>	<b>Medusa</b>
<b>Aug 13</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services</b>	<b>Rensselaerville</b>
<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Medusa United Church of Christ Services</b>	<b>Medusa</b>
<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services</b>	<b>Rensselaerville</b>
<b>Aug 27</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Medusa United Church of Christ Services</b>	<b>Medusa</b>
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