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Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, September 12, 2017

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

Also present was one interested citizen.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on September 14, 2017: August 10, 2017 – Regular Meeting

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Councilman Dolce announced that the stand-by generator is up and running. Both Councilman Dolce and Councilman Wood would like to see a 110-volt outlet installed next to the generator so that the Highway Department has the ability to plug their trucks in during a power outage.

It is the consensus that there should be a sketch plan drawn up for future use, depicting where everything is located.

Highway Superintendent Bates and the entire Board are in agreement that some form of fencing and bollards should be installed to protect the generator and fill-pipe from weather and potential vandalism.

Supervisor Lounsbury made a motion to allow Councilman Dolce and Councilman Wood to put specifications together and obtain pricing for the fencing and bollards; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

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2. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh and the Board members reviewed the proposed fee schedule together. Fees for the Dog Control Officer and Town Clerk's Office were also reviewed. Supervisor Lounsbury will amend the draft version of the fee schedule to illustrate the updates.

3. The County-Wide Shared Services will be addressed later in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Highway Superintendent's online bidding authority will have to be renewed for the last quarter of 2017.

2. Special Meeting dates must be scheduled for the purpose of presenting the Tentative Budget and also for Budget Workshops.

3. The contract for the copier is due to expire in November. Town Clerk Kraker has gathered information and presented options in this regard. Several Board members had questions that Clerk Kraker will research and report back on at the Regular meeting.

4. The Town of Westerlo has requested the use of the Senior Bus on Sunday, September 25th to take a trip to the FASNY Firemen's Home in Hudson. They will need the Town of Rensselaerville's approval.

COUNTY-WIDE SHARED SERVICES

Supervisor Lounsbury received a document from Albany County marked 'Draft – Confidential – Not for Release – For Deliberation'.

Supervisor Lounsbury requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the document. She had approached the Attorney for guidance in this regard and was advised that going into Executive Session was the best way to handle review of a document marked 'Draft – Confidential – Not for Release – For Deliberation'. Supervisor Lounsbury is scheduled to vote on this proposal tomorrow.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None *

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to enter into Executive Session at 8:37 PM for the purpose of reviewing/discussing the document from Albany County marked 'Draft – Confidential – Not for Release – For Deliberation'. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

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

* *Note: Marie Dermody objected to the reason for entering into Executive Session, noting that it was not one of the items specific to the list of acceptable matters to be discussed in Executive Session.*

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to return from Executive Session at 8:55 PM; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk

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

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Investigator Amy Kowalski from the Albany County Sheriff's Department, and ten interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Robert Tanner, on behalf of Albany County, wished to thank Superintendent Bates and the Town of Rensselaerville for their assistance with the repair on the County Route 357 bridge over Ten Mile Creek.
2. Mark Gronich from the Public Access Channel in the City of Albany wished to inform the Board that he is on a County-wide listening tour in an effort to gather information on what the public's needs are in regard to non-wired video distribution.
3. Marie Dermody read a letter she had written as follows:

"The following comment is not intended to be adversarial, but I feel it must be said....

It seems to me that this Town Board continues to have difficulty with the Open Meetings Law as it relates to Executive Sessions. At Tuesday's meeting, you voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss the proposed county shared services plan even after being challenged on the legality of doing so. The following observations can be made:

1. The county was wrong to label their document "confidential" and advise not to make its content public. They should know better!
2. The Town's attorney was wrong to advise you that it was okay to enter into Executive Session for this matter. They have been the Town's counsel for 6 years and they should know the law by now. For the attorney to advise you to take an action that violates the Open Meeting Law is truly astonishing.
3. The supervisor was wrong to "obey" the county's directive to keep this document secret. She has been in office for 6 years and should know what constitutes a legal reason for entering into Executive Session by now.
4. This Town Board was wrong to not give consideration to the challenge that was raised when the decision was made to enter into Executive Session. This is not the first time a challenge was presented for motions to enter into Executive Session, and this is not

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the first time the Town Board has unanimously agreed to enter into this activity in violation of the law.

I contacted the office of Bob Freeman, Executive Director for the Committee on Open Government. This is the response I received Wednesday morning from his representative, Kristin O'Neill:

'The Open Meetings Law requires that a procedure be accomplished, during an open meeting, before a public body may enter into an executive session. Specifically, §105(1) states in relevant part that:

'Upon a majority vote of its total membership, taken in an open meeting pursuant to a motion identifying the general area or areas of the subject or subjects to be considered, a public body may conduct an executive session for the below enumerated purposes only...

- a. matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;
- b. any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;
- c. information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;
- d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;
- e. collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law;
- f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;
- g. the preparation, grading or administration of examinations; and
- h. the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.'

In my view, it does not appear that discussion of a draft county shared services proposal fits within any of the categories above and, thus, should not have been discussed in executive session."

This email is available upon request for anyone who would like to see it.

What makes this matter even more curious is that after months of wrangling and arguing in oppose tion to this entire project, I discover that on Wednesday the proposal was approved unanimously by the 20 people in attendance. Do the townspeople not have a right to hear the discussion amongst the Town Board members that made them arrive at this decision to support the proposal, especially one that may very well impact our taxes and how services are received and by whom? Where was the public vote by the Town Board to approve this position? Hint: There was none!

Tuesday's Town Board actions reflect poorly on your commitment to open and transparent govern ment in the Town of Rensselaerville."

End Letter

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Supervisor Lounsbury wished to reiterate the fact that the County-Wide Shared Services proposal had been discussed at length at, at least two, Board meetings. The vote was yesterday and the only individual allowed to vote was the Supervisor. When she received the document, she felt strongly that she had to discuss any changes to what was being voted on. The document was specifically stamped confidential and was not to be released. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that she is very aware of what the items specific to the list of acceptable matters to be discussed in Executive Session are, but was not going to release a document that was clearly marked confidential. **[See Editor's Notes on page 11]**

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2017 Regular Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

TRANSFERS: None

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$ 59,406.16; Highway Fund - \$115,448.39; Lighting District - \$710.02; Sewer Fund - \$220.60; Water Fund - \$201.33; T&A Fund - \$6,226.97; Total Abstracts - \$182,213.47.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Lounsbury read a letter sent by Mary Pacey as follows:

Dear Supervisor Lounsbury and Members of the Rensselaerville Town Council,

I am glad that my neighbors and I had the opportunity to air some concerns and requests for improvements in Preston Hollow at the last Town Council meeting. I did not get a sense of where the council would stand on issues supporting a move to reduce the speed limit in Preston Hollow. I have followed up with Steve Clinton at the DOT on some of the other ideas put forward at the meeting such as increasing signage on approach to Preston Hollow from north and south alerting traffic to the reduction in speed limit "40 mile zone ahead" and moving the 40 mile zone out a little further. Other signage could be installed e.g. "Children at Play" at both ends of town as well as in the middle of town. I also asked about a crosswalk by the entrance to the Elsbree Park and Steve's Clinton's first question was "well, are there sidewalks?" I think he knows the answer to that question and it sounds like sidewalks might be a prerequisite to having a crosswalk. I told him that sidewalks were another subject of discussion at the last town council meeting and there seemed to be a move to do something about this. I will be very interested to see what Randy Bates has to say at this next meeting. Steve Clinton did acknowledge the challenges inherent in a small hamlet like Preston Hollow and offered up the name of the ADA compliant specialist for the region, Tanya Thorn, and said she would be aware of the issues in a historic district and suggested she could be of assistance. I am passing this on but imagine that Mr. Bates already has this information. Her contact # is 518-485-5356.

Mr. Clinton suggested that I write a letter addressed to him that he would forward to the applicable department regarding looking into increasing signage. In thinking about this, however, it seems that a letter of request coming from the town council would carry a lot more weight than a letter from a citizen. While, ideally, I would like to see a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph or even 35mph, it seems that an increase in signage to help people slow down, is something we could all agree on for now. That along with sidewalks and working on strict enforcement of the existing speed limit would be a first step anyway. Anything that can help to slow

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traffic down and keep children and adults safe would be a great improvement.

I hope that there will be discussion and action on these issues.

Sincerely,
Mary Pacey

End Letter

Supervisor Lounsbury has noted an increase in police presence as promised by Investigator Kowalski.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Lounsbury reported that she is working on preparing the Tentative Budget.
2. Clerk 1 to the Supervisor, Linda McCormick, attended a training course on the New York State Retirement. She reported that there are many changes to how reporting is to be done in the future.
3. Supervisor Lounsbury and Deputy Supervisor Cooke attended the forum sponsored by the Albany County Sheriff's Department on the heroin epidemic.

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

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

ATTORNEY: No report, but Attorney Fallati has matters to discuss later in the meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates reported that the Highway Department has finished truing and leveling, and patching. They will resume routine maintenance such as ditching, drainage work, and then will be preparing for winter.
2. Superintendent Bates has done some research regarding the sidewalks and the rules and regulations of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). The minimum width for a sidewalk is 4' – which the sidewalks in Preston Hollow currently are. He proposed that the existing sidewalk, from the Fire House to the Baptist Church – approximately 2,000 feet, be milled, a new base of crushed stone be placed and then re-paved. This would be similar to the construction of the walking path at the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park. The cost of the project between materials, labor, and renting equipment that the Town does not have, would be approximately \$9,000 to \$10,000. Tactile markings are also a requirement of the ADA.

The sidewalk in front of the cemetery, according to ADA specifications, needs to be a minimum of 6 feet in width and the curb height needs to be 4-8 inches. Currently, the curb is non-existent – it is level with the surface of the road. Superintendent Bates proposes it be cleaned and patched.

The sidewalk near the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park which goes over the bridge, meets the ADA requirements.

3. Superintendent Bates interviewed several candidates to fill the vacancy created by Michael Case's retirement and has chosen Cole Hulbert.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to hire Cole Hulbert to fill the vacancy created by Michael Case's retirement; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

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A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the Highway Superintendent's report; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

TOWN CLERK

1. Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of August as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$3,603.11. Paid to the Supervisor - \$1,222.50- the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$189.64; Recycling - \$42.50; Dog Licenses - \$110.00; Building Permits - \$700.36; Zoning - \$180.00. Total: \$1,222.50

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$17.00

Fees paid to NYS Department of Health for two Marriage Licenses: \$45.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$2,318.61

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$845.72 which includes \$16.58 in penalties.

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$926.84 which includes \$15.45 in penalties.

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported one Residential Repair permit; two Accessory Building permits; one Home Replacement permit; and one New Home Construction permit for the month of August.

2. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh wished to thank the Board for their efforts in reviewing and updating the fee schedule.

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

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

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Pine reported that the school taxes had gone down about 3%.

2. Assessor Pine also wished to thank Gerald Wood for cleaning up the trailer.

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

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

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE: No report

REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of August: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 11.79 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 77.95 tons; Sierra Fibers: 6.71 tons comingled; 7.72 tons old cardboard container; Oil: 25 gallons; Tires: 26

2. Recycling Coordinator would like to raise the price of recycling car tires to \$3.00 and truck tires to \$6.00.

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

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Councilman Dolce.

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

CURRENT EVENTS

1. Kim Graff, Director of the Rensselaerville Library announced that the library had received a grant valued at over \$9,000 to do a structure report on the building. Consultants will perform an evaluation and provide ideas on how to further preserve the historical building, as well as recommend any changes that may better accommodate the needs of the library.
2. Story Time and kids programs are Wednesdays 3:30 pm through 7:00 pm.
3. On October 4th at 7:00 pm there is a seminar on LinkedIn; registration is required.
4. The Library's Annual Meeting is at 7:00 pm on September 19th.
5. On Saturday, October 7th, the Friends on Conkling Hall board are sponsoring their annual fundraiser. This year it will be a pulled-pork and pie contest. The event runs from noon to 4:00 and costs \$15.00 to participate. There will be a \$75.00 award for each of the two categories.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Dolce announced that the stand-by generator is up and running. Councilman Dolce and Councilman Wood will be meeting with Catskill Mountain Generators for a tutorial on its usage. They will also be marking and measuring the footage needed for the fencing. Signage will be placed near the generator as well.

Supervisor Lounsbury made a motion to allow Councilman Dolce and Councilman Wood to put specifications together and obtain pricing for the fencing and bollards; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

2. With respect to the proposed fee schedule, Supervisor Lounsbury feels that the Recycling fees and the Town Clerk's fees should not be part of new Local Law, as they were not included in the original Local Law. Attorney Fallati will look into this matter. Supervisor Lounsbury wishes to table this until the next meeting.
3. Supervisor Lounsbury voted to opt-in (to participate in) the County-Wide Shared Services proposal. The vote passed unanimously. In the future, the Town may opt-out of individual sub-divisions of the Plan. As far as consolidation is concerned, any potential consolidation must be achieved through Public Hearings and Local Law.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The renewal of the Highway Superintendent's authority to participate in on-line bidding must be renewed for the fourth quarter of 2017. The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, from time-to-time, the Highway Superintendent has requested from the Town Board approval to bid on equipment available in an on-line auction; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has found the auction process to be financially beneficial, allowing the

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Highway Superintendent to acquire useful equipment at a fraction of the cost of the acquisition of comparable new equipment; and

WHEREAS, Section 142(1) of the Highway Law permits the Town Board to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase equipment, tools and other implements to be used for highway maintenance, construction or reconstruction, snow plows or other devices for the removal of snow from the highways from monies appropriated for that purpose without prior approval of the Town Board, and in an amount or amounts to be fixed, from time to time, by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town board has determined that it is in the public interest to grant the Highway Superintendent such authority;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, that (1) the Highway Superintendent is authorized to bid on, and to purchase, equipment, tools and other implements to be used for highway maintenance, construction or reconstruction, snow plows or other devices for the removal of snow from the highways from monies appropriated for that purpose without prior approval of the Town Board, through December 31, 2017, up to an amount of \$10,000; (2) this resolution may be reviewed and re-approved quarterly; (3) the Highway Superintendent shall provide the Town Supervisor prompt notice of any bids and purchases made pursuant to this resolution; and (4) nothing in this resolution is intended to limit the Town Board's authority, by subsequent resolution, to modify or rescind this authority generally or with respect to a particular prospective purchase.

By motion made by Margaret Sedlmeir and seconded by Gerald Wood, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 14th day of September 2017 as follows:

<u>Town Board Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/Abstain</u>
Valerie Lounsbury, Supervisor	X		
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	X		
John Dolce, Councilman	X		
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	X		
Gerald Wood, Councilman	X		

End Resolution

2. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to schedule the Presentation of the Tentative Budget for September 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM and to schedule the first Budget Workshop for October 2, 2017 at 7:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

3. The contract for the copier is due to expire in November. Town Clerk gathered information on available options and answered some of the questions that Board members had at the Work Meeting. There are still some concerns due to the drastic reduction in monthly costs. Town Clerk Kraker will confirm the figures and specifications and have them for the October meeting.

4. A motion was made by Councilman Wood to allow the Town of Westerlo Fire Department the use of the Senior/Youth bus for their trip to the FASNY Firemen's Home in Hudson on September 24, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. A question was asked regarding if there were any updates on the new Communications tower, specifically if it was activated and if any communications companies plan on using it. Supervisor Lounsbury

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stated that there had been no official notification from anyone interested in providing cell service. However, Mid-Hudson has submitted an application to place broad-band on the tower.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to enter into Executive Session at 8:35 PM for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wood.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to return from Executive Session at 8:53 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



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

Editor's Notes

I stand by my statements regarding the Town of Rensselaerville Town Board's disregard for the Open Meetings Law as it pertains to Executive Sessions.

At the work meeting, Supervisor Lounsbury acknowledged that she knew I would challenge the decision to enter into Executive Session and therefore contacted the Town's legal counsel, who gave his approval to proceed as planned. It is truly a sorry state of affairs when the attorney has no knowledge of or has complete disregard for the law. The Supervisor could have called the County Executive's office; she could have called the Committee on Open Government. But she didn't.

In an attempt to possibly defend the Town Board to some extent, I sent the following email to County Executive Dan McCoy and courtesy copied all Town Board members:

"Recent actions on your behalf have put the Town Board (TB) of the Town of Rensselaerville in a no-win situation.

You sent or authorized to be sent the revised draft of the county's shared services proposal. It was marked "Confidential" and not for public dissemination. At Tuesday's TB work meeting, the TB heeded your directive and entered into Executive Session (with the attorney's approval) to discuss this document, despite a challenge by me as to the legality of discussing this in executive session.

The Town Board had 2 options:

- 1. Obey the directive and violate the Open Meetings Law as it relates to Executive Sessions, or*
- 2. Violate the directive and comply with the Open Meetings Law as it relates to Executive Sessions*

The TB opted for #1 which put them in violation of the Open Meetings Law/Executive Sessions. Their actions prompted me to read the attached statement at Thursday's regular monthly meeting of the TB. I ask that you read it in its entirety since it contains a message from Kristin O'Neill from the Committee on Open Government.

I am dismayed that an official in your position would put local government bodies in such a no-win situation. I would appreciate a response as to why this matter was handles in this manner. If you prove me to be wrong, I will gladly and humbly apologize to the TB for my comments.

I look forward to your response.

That very same day (Sept. 15, 2017) I received the following response from Mike McLaughlin, Office of Policy and Research, from the Office of the County Executive:

"Thank you for your email. Throughout the Shared Services process, we distributed and posted draft copies of our report to the municipal leaders for their review and input. The document in which you referred to in your email was not a draft plan but rather a summary of the shared services provided to municipal leaders. It was up to each municipal leader to decide how to proceed with obtaining approval, if they felt any was necessary, from their respective legislative bodies. We never provided instructions on how to proceed. We are proud of the work done by our panel, in an abbreviated timeline from the State, which may result in savings for the taxpayers in Albany County."

I then submitted a FOIL request for the document in question. Mike McLaughlin complied that very same day. The Town of Rensselaerville refused my request.

In the course of discussion at the September regular meeting, Supervisor Lounsbury was quick to deflect the conversation from the topic at hand to the several instances during my 4-year service several years ago on the TB in which the TB went into Executive Session to discuss "personnel." The correct terminology should have been "employee" and should have included a specific employee reason. This was an incorrect action on the TB at that time. I acknowledge this error and regret that it happened. However, the fact remains that although the terminology was incorrect, the reasons for entering into executive session were valid and legitimate. This was not the case in the present situation.

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My expectations are simple. We are all human; we all make mistakes. But there's no excuse for making the same mistake over and over again. Follow the law. And, when challenged on impending TB actions, weigh your options carefully to be sure they comply with existing laws and policies.

We're all in this together. There's no reason for the degree of animosity and lack of cooperation and absence of civility that is expressed by this TB toward only certain individuals.

Color Me!



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, **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

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Weatherization Assistance Program helps low-income households heat and cool their dwellings in a more energy efficient manner. Each year families pay thousands of dollars for unneeded heating and energy costs because their homes are not properly weatherized. The wasted money could be put to better use for household needs.

Eligibility

A building is eligible for weatherization services when at least 50% of the building's households meet the income eligibility of the program. Single-family homes must be occupied by an eligible family and multi-units must meet the 50% rule (i.e. if there are 3 units in the building, at least 2 out of the 3 must be eligible). Go to the **income eligibility chart** on our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page for more information.

Attention OVER-INCOME building owners: As long as the building meets the 50% eligibility requirements stated above, your building may still be eligible for weatherization services. Click [HERE](#) to send an e-mail for more information.

Weatherization Services

Once an application is completed, submitted and verified for eligibility, the building is placed on the energy auditor's list. The auditor will set an appointment to perform a comprehensive energy audit on the dwelling. The energy audit is used to identify the building's current energy uses. This information is then studied to determine what measures will be required to provide save, cost-effective energy related repairs to the building.

After the energy audit is performed, the weatherization work crew, a team of highly-skilled workers and subcontractors, visits the building to perform the necessary work. Energy-related repairs that the program may provide include:

- Insulating walls, attics, knee walls, and/or crawl space areas
- Air sealing measures such as weather-stripping and caulking around doors and windows
- Energy saving light bulbs
- Water-efficient shower heads and aerators
- Cleaning, testing and repairs or replacement of heating appliances (including hot water tanks), ventilation systems, and distribution systems
- Replacing existing high energy usage refrigerators with energy star models
- Repair of broken doors and windows (where cost effective)

All energy audits and repair work are done within the guidelines of the [New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal](#)'s (DHCR) regulated program. Weatherization services are available in every county across the state and the program has maintained a reputation for bringing great energy savings to the buildings it serves.

Apply Now

Start your weatherization application by downloading, printing, and filling out the form below. For income qualifications please refer to the information in the application or contact our office directly.

For more information: **ACAP Weatherization Assistance Program**

333 Sheridan Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
Tel.: 518.463.3175 ext. 123
Fax: 518.463.3185
jberthel@albanycap.org

[Weatherization Form](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

SUSAN M.STORY PSA-MP

CHANGES

an exhibition of original pastel paintings
at
The Guggenheim Pavilion
The Carey Conference Center
63 Huyck Road, Rensselaerville, NY

October 1 - 31, 2017

opening reception:
Sunday, October 8th, 3 - 5 PM

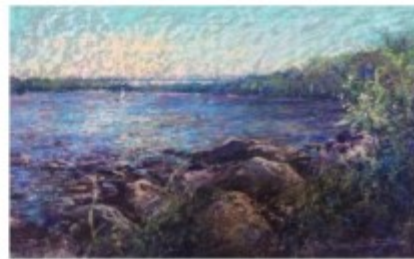
Hours: weekdays 9 - 4 PM
call for weekend hours
518-797-5100

front: WINTER BLAZE
www.susanmstory.com

**SEASONS OF GREENE - 2017**

An outstanding group of artists was invited to paint the special places protected by the Greene Land Trust. These artists, several with a national reputation, have painted through three Seasons of Greene. Their work has culminated in an exhibition at the Athens Cultural Center, 24 Second Street, Athens, running **through October 14th**. We urge you to come view these beautiful landscapes and support the work of the Greene Land Trust.

The artists exhibiting include James Coe (jamescoe.com), James Cramer (jimcramerart.com), Leigh Ann Smith, Susan Story (www.susanmstory.com), George Van Hook (<http://www.artnet.com/artists/george-van-hook>), Ann Larsen (annlarsen.com), Marlene Wiedenbaum (www.wiedenbaum.com), and Scott Balfe (www.scottthomasbalfe.com). Their styles reflect a wide variety, from retro Hudson Valley luminism, to wild semi-abstract plein air, and a variety of mediums.



Leigh Ann Smith's "New Year's Day at the Willows" and Susan Story's "Hudson Shore"

A portion of the sales from this exhibition will be contributed to supporting the work of the Greene Land Trust. The mission of the Greene Land Trust is to preserve and protect significant natural and cultural resources in and around Greene County, New York. The Trust's goal is to provide substantial public benefit in identifying and protecting important resources while demonstrating a flexible and exemplary partnership with all stakeholders.

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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

To register for the workshop, please contact the PSA office manager at: 212-533-6931 or psaoffice@pastelsocietyofamerica.org



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

RENSELAERVILLE POST OFFICE: Phone 518-797-3231
(26 COUNTY ROUTE 353 RENSELAERVILLE, 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



Renewable Energy *and* Sustainable Living **FAIR**

*Learn How to Save
Energy, Money and the Planet*

**Saturday,
October 28**
10am - 4pm
Doane Stuart School
199 Washington Ave,
Rensselaer

Energy efficient products and services

Electric Vehicles

Solar, wind and geothermal energy

Conservation and sustainability (CSAs, light bulbs, composting, recycling...)

Hands-on exhibits and activities for children

A "recycling relay"

Environment-friendly Halloween Costume Contest

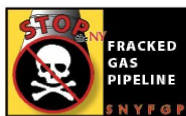
"Break Free From Fossil Fuels" Projects and Scavenger Hunt

Storytelling, Solar race cars, chickens, reptiles and more!

Admission and parking are free

To register to exhibit, go to: stopnypipeline.org

For more information about having a booth, sponsorship or the Fair, contact Bob or Becky: 518-781-4686 becky@stopnypipeline.org, or Tina: tlieberm1@gmail.com



Sponsored by: Stop NY Fracked Gas Pipeline, PAUSE and Mohawk Hudson Sierra Club

**BREAKFAST
AT THE MEDUSA FIRE HOUSE**

7:00AM TO 11:00AM



~~September 16, 2017~~

October 21, 2017

November 18, 2017

December 16, 2017

January 20, 2018

February 17, 2018

March 17, 2018

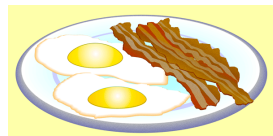
April 21, 2018



PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

*Fresh, hot, all-you-can-eat breakfast made
to order*

Free will offering



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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 trip to PA Amish Country on April 30-May 1 to see the show "Jesus" at Sight and Sound Theatre; also 2 dinners included, bus transportation, motel and breakfast. Please contact Ruth Snyder at 239-4376 for further details or questions answered.

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..

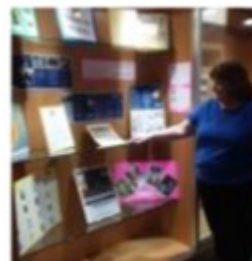
Additional Important Phone Numbers:

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



Congratulations are extended to Sue Britton of Rensselaerville for her recent photo display at the Guilderland Library of soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War. According to the *Altamont*

Enterprise, Sue has been a long-time member of the American Legion Axillary/Rensselaerville unit. This display was the culmination of several months of searching for members of the armed forces whose names are engraved at the Vietnam War



Grist Mill News

The Grist Mill Museum will be open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until the middle of October. Then the Research Group will move to the basement of the Library for winter months. You can get help on research questions by emailing rensseleervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com.

Rensselaerville Historical Society

The Research group of the Rensselaerville Historical Society will be meeting in the basement of the Library on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until mid-May because there is no heat at the Grist Mill Museum. Persons wanting help with research questions may email rensseleervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com.



Thursday, October 5, 2017

Middleburgh Central School

291 Main St
Middleburgh, NY 12122

9.9 mi | 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

At this drive, you can give:

Blood Power Red

Saturday, October 28, 2017

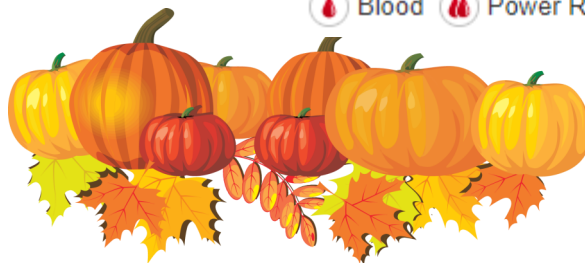
Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance

380 Fox Creek Rd
Medusa, NY 12120

4.6 mi | 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM

At this drive, you can give:

Blood Power Red



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.

MCS Superintendent Search

As the Middleburgh Central School District begins its search for a new school superintendent, the Board of Education wants to hear from all community members, including parents, guardians, local residents, faculty and staff about what they are looking for in a new superintendent and what they feel are the district's strengths and areas needing improvement. Community members are also asked to share their thoughts about the characteristics and personal attributes they want their new superintendent to have, as well as what the new superintendent should work on first.

The Board of Education is working with Capital Region BOCES to conduct the superintendent search. Meetings with district faculty and staff and the community are an important part of that search process.

The board hopes to have a new superintendent in place for a March 1, 2018 start date.

Superintendent Search Process and Timeline

- Oct. 11: Superintendent Search Brochure prepared and distributed.
- Oct. 18: Stakeholders identified and confirmed.
- Oct. 25: Stakeholder orientation and preparation of interview questions.
- Nov. 8: Board prepares sets of interview questions.
- Nov. 22: Application deadline.
- Nov. 29: BOE meets to review candidates and select those to be interviewed.
- Dec. 6: 1st Round interviews with BOE at BOCES facility.
- Dec. 11: Meet with stakeholder team leaders for final guidance.
- Dec. 13: 2nd Round interviews with stakeholders at Middleburgh facility.
- Dec. 18: Stakeholder teams report to BOE, board selects finalists.
- Dec. 28 or Jan. 3: 3rd Round interviews by BOE.
- Jan. 4: BOE meets to select candidate.
- Jan. 10 or 24th: Announcement of new Superintendent (time for contract negotiations).
- March 1: New Superintendent starts.

Source: <http://middleburghcsd.org/suptsearch.cfm>



A great big **Thank You** is extended to all who helped to make the Democratic Social Club Annual Picnic on September 10 such a resounding success! This includes those in attendance who contributed delectable foods to share, to Lloyd Potter who provided musical entertainment, to Jeff Pine for his expertise at the grill, to the several dignitaries who joined us, and to those who contributed goodies for the door prizes: John Dolce for a gift certificate to Townline Motor Sports, Ed Reinhart for gift certificates to the Shell Inn, and to the candidates for the bottles of liquid spirits for the Basket of Cheer!

A good time was had by all. Hope to see even more of you next year!

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	spflaging@rensselaerville.com
Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings: 1st Th @ 6:30pm	Anthony Guadagno	spflaging@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

Albany Co. Hwy Dept. 239-6715; 239-6710 Town Meetings: Work: Tues. preceding monthly mtg Regular: 2nd Thurs @7pm	Sen. George Amedure 46th District LOB, Room 802 Albany, NY 12247 455-2350; Fax: 426-6751 Amedure@nysenate.gov	Assemblyman Peter Lopez 102nd District LOB, Room 402 Albany, NY 12248 455-5363 LopezP@nyassembly.gov	County Legislator Chris Smith 39th District Alb Co Office Building 112 State Street Albany, NY 12207 447-7168; (H) 447-7117
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2017 NYS Constitutional Convention

THE REASONS TO VOTE "NO" ON A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

1. Is estimated to cost taxpayers a staggering \$300 million. These are critical funds that should be used for education, fire and police protection, and tax cuts.
2. Will be run by the same politicians, lobbyists and special interest groups who have gamed the system for their own benefits, and led to rampant corruption in Albany.
3. Delegates to the convention are paid almost \$80,000. They also get to hire their own staff, including their friends and relatives.
4. There is no timeframe for the completion of the convention process, and therefore the cost could become astronomical.
5. It would be very easy for extremist groups to hijack the convention, and force their radical agenda on all of us.
6. A convention sets its own rules, hires its own staff and meets as long as it wants. It compares to giving delegates a blank check. There are no limits on what issues they could try to address or protections they could propose removing from the constitution. They even have the power to decide whether or not voters can ratify each amendment individually or if they have to vote on the whole package all at once.
7. A convention is not the only way to change the constitution. The State Legislature can propose amendments, which the voters can then ratify. The constitution has been amended 200 times through that process.
8. Voters already have representatives they have chosen who are accountable to us. Delegates do not have to run for re-election, so they don't have to worry about serving the needs and priorities of the voters.

Sources: <http://www.nyagainstcorruption.com/why-vote-no/>
<http://buffalonews.com/2017/09/07/letter-many-reasons-to-turn-down-a-constitutional-convention/>

The following groups & organizations are committed to voting NO on the Constitutional Convention:

Adirondack Council ~ NYS Conservative Party ~ Council of Churches ~ CSEA ~ Citizen Action NY ~ Environmental Advocates of NY ~ Equality NY ~ NYS AFL-CIO ~ NYS Alliance for Retired Americans ~ NYS Professional Fire Fighters ~ NYS Rifle and Pistol Association ~ Planned Parenthood ~ Empire States Acts ~ Right to Life ~ NY Republican State Committee ~ Strong Economy for All Coalition ~ Working Families Party ~ NYSUT ~ AFSCME NY ~ UFT ~ RWDSU ~ AFSCME DC37 ~ NYS Public Employees Federation (PEF) ~ 1199SEIU ~ NY Farm Bureau ~ AFM Local 802 ~ Albany County Central Federation of Labor ~ Alliance of South Asian American Labor ~ Alliance of South Asian American Labor/Staten Island Chapter ~ Bronx GOP ~ Buffalo Central Labor Council ~ Buffalo Branch NAACP ~ Capital District Area Labor Federation ~ Cattaraugus Allegany Central Labor Council ~ CBTU NY Chapter ~ CBTU Region 1 ~ CBTU Rochester Chapter ~ Central NY Area Labor Federation ~ Central NY Central Labor Council of Oneida & Herkimer Counties ~ Chemung County Democratic Party ~ Chemung Schuyler Central Labor Council ~ Citizens for a Better Southern Tier ~ City of Corning Democratic Party ~ Coalition for Economic Justice ~ Community Voices Heard ~ CWA District One ~ CWA Local 1122 ~ CWA Local 1108 ~ CWW Rochester ~ Dunkirk Central Labor Council ~ Dutchess County Central Labor Council ~ Eastern NY Pride @ Work ~ Elmira City Democratic Party ~ Equality Long Island ~ Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island ~ Food & Water Watch ~ Greater Southern Tier BOCES Support Staff Association ~ Greater Syracuse Council on Occupational

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Safety & Health ~ Horseheads Teachers' Association ~ Hudson Catskill Central Labor Council ~ Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation ~ Humanists of Long Island ~ IBEW - Local Union 10 ~ IBEW Local 139 ~ Indivisible Patriots of Long Island ~ Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing ~ Jamestown Central Labor Council ~ Jefferson Lewis & St. Lawrence Counties Central Trades & Labor Council ~ Kate Mullany CLUW ~ Labor Religion Coalition ~ Labor Religion Coalition of the Finger Lakes ~ NYS Association of Electrical Workers ~ IBEW Local 10 ~ IBEW Local 43 ~ LGBT Network ~ LITAC Long ~ Island Transgender ~ Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW ~ Long Island Federation of Labor ~ Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth (LIGALY) ~ Long Island Jobs with Justice ~ Long Island LGBT Community Center ~ Long Island Progressive Coalition ~ Long Island Transgender Advocacy Coalition ~ Make the Road New York ~ Metro NY A. Philip Randolph Institute ~ Micah Institute at New York Theological Seminary ~ Move Forward Long Island ~ New York City Central Labor Council ~ New York Committee on Occupational Health and Safety ~ New York Communities for Change ~ New York Professional Nurses Union (NYPNU) ~ New York Progressive Action Network of the Southern Finger Lakes ~ Niagara Orleans Central Labor Council ~ North Country Peace Group ~ Northeast Central Labor Council ~ NYC & Vicinity District Council of Carpenters ~ NYC Labor Council for Latin American Advancement ~ NYS PEF Retirees ~ NYSUT Local #11-226 ~ Port Authority PBA ~ Pride at Work/NYC/LI ~ Pride at Work/ Rochester/Finger Lakes ~ Professional Staff Congress ~ Progressive East End Reformers ~ Queens LGBT Community Center (QCenter) ~ Rochester & Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation ~ Rochester & Vicinity Labor Council ~ Rochester Metro Justice ~ Rochester Next Up ~ Rockland County Central ~ Labor Council ~ SEIU 32 BJ ~ Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders-Long Island (SAGE-LI) ~ Staten Island Republican Party ~ Steuben Livingston Central Labor Council ~ Suffolk Child Care Council ~ Teamsters Joint Council 16 ~ Teamsters Local 814 ~ Tioga County Republican Party ~ Tri-County Central Labor Council ~ TWU Local 100 ~ TWU NY/NJ State Conference ~ UAW Local 2110 ~ UAW Region 9A New York Area CAP Council ~ UFCW Local 1500 ~ United Steelworkers District 4 ~ Upper Hudson Central Labor Council ~ WESPAC ~ Westchester Putnam Central Labor Body ~ Western New York Area Labor Federation ~ Writers Guild of America, East ~ Yonkers PBA ~ Citizens Campaign for the Environment ~ United University Professions ~ Police Conference of New York Inc ~ NY Progressive Action Network ~ Uniformed Firefighters Association ~ ALIGN: The Alliance for Greater New York ~ New York Immigration Coalition ~ Greater New York Labor Religion Coalition ~ Rural and Migrant Ministry ~ Worker Justice Center of NY, Inc. ~ SEIU Local 200 ~ Labor Council for Latin American Advancement ~ IBEW Local 86 ~ IBEW Local 3 ~ IBEW Local 41 ~ IBE

[Editor's Note: For the sake of space considerations and wherever possible, the abbreviations NY and NYS replaced "New York" and "New York State" in the names of organizations.]

Source: <http://www.nyaagainstcorruption.com/who-is-voting-no/>

This partial listing of those voting "No" on the 2017 ballot calling for a Constitutional Convention represents individuals and organizations from every walk of life and every region of the state.

MYTH
A Constitutional Convention would allow New Yorkers to reform campaign finance, term limits, and more.

FACT
We have no idea what delegates will decide to change, but a #NYConCon would open up a number of rights and protections for revision

WHAT'S AT RISK?

- WORKER'S RIGHTS
- HEALTHCARE RIGHTS
- VOTER RIGHTS
- LGBTQ RIGHTS
- ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS
- RETIREMENT PROTECTIONS
- PUBLIC EDUCATION

#VOTENO

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.

New Make-a-Wish Scam

A new scam feigning the Make-A-Wish Foundation goes beyond just being despicable for exploiting the respected name of a national charity helping children with life-threatening medical conditions.

It combines a trio of the most successful types of schemes – **sweepstakes scams**, **charity scams**, and **government imposter scams** – increasingly used by telephoning fraudsters, and mimics a near-identical ruse seven years ago that bilked older Americans out of \$20 million.

Scammers posing as employees of the Federal Trade Commission or non-existent “Consumer Protection Agency” are currently calling Americans to say they have won a six-figure cash sweepstakes run by Make-A-Wish.

The as-expected gotcha: An upfront fee upwards of \$4,500 first must be paid to cover taxes, insurance and/or courier services, according to warnings from **federal** and **state officials** across the U.S. The as-you-can-guess realities:

- **Make-A-Wish doesn't participate in sweepstakes.** Or chain letters. Or telemarketing of any kind.
- The FTC's only participation in sweepstakes? Trying to stop these scams. No acting as messenger or handling sweepstakes money. Also, no chain letters or telemarketing of any kind.
- There is no “Consumer Protection Agency.” It's a smack at two government watchdog agencies — the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which oversees banks and financial institutions, and the Bureau of Consumer Protection, an agency within the FTC. Along with the equally fake “Consumer Protection *Bureau*,” the bogus “*Agency*” title is used in other scams.

You should never, ever believe that a government employee (or anyone else) is calling to give you sweepstake or lottery money; if you win a lottery, for instance, it's on you to claim a prize. Or that you need to pay upfront to get a prize. Or that a respected and admired charity is footing the bill instead of using donations for their intended purpose.

It should be that obvious. But it's not.

Source: <http://blog.aarp.org/2017/08/25/new-make-a-wish-scam-a-triple-threat-that-swindled-20-million-last-time/>

What's Coming to Conkling Hall!

Saturday, October 7, 2017

PULLED PORK & BEST PIE CONTEST

WIN \$75!

A Seasonal Extravaganza with

FOOD

MUSIC

APPLE CIDER PRESSING (Bring your own apples and jugs)

BEER SAMPLING

LOCAL MUSIC

HONEY EXTRACTING

WE WANT THE WHOLE COMMUNITY INVOLVED!

Contact us with your suggestions

Contestants will provide samples of pulled pork OR
their best pie (separate competitions)

Conkling Hall will provide rolls and cole slaw; proofing of "over 21" if desired,
sampling tickets, judges, and prizes

FOUR PRIZES of \$75 each:

- √ Judges choice of pulled pork
- √ People's choice of pulled port
- √ Judge's choice of best dessert pie
- √ People's choice of best dessert pir

Sample Tickets: First 4: \$12, Each additional: \$3

What's Coming to Conkling Hall!

PORK 'N PIE

THE 2017 CONKLING HALL PULLED PORK & BEST DESSERT PIE CONTEST

COMPETE For CASH PRIZES

For the Tastiest Pulled Pork & the Yummiest Pie

TASTE & JUDGE

Judges' Choice

People's Choice

WATCH & SAMPLE

BYO apples for cider making

Honey extracting

Local beer tasting

Local Music

A FUN, FAMILY-FRIENDLY FALL FESTIVAL

NOON TO 4 PM

CONKLING HALL

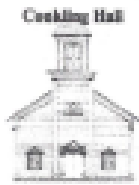
8 Methodist Hill Road, Rensselaerville, NY

Enter to win one of FOUR \$75 prizes.

More info at: www.conklinghall.org or

Call Diana (518-797-3902) or John (518-797-3114)

Other vendors welcome. Please contact Diana or John



CONKLING HALL
8 METHODIST HILL ROAD
P.O. BOX 43
RENSSELAERVILLE, NEW YORK 12147
518-797-3459
WWW.CONKLINGHALL.ORG

2017 PULLED PORK and BEST DESSERT PIE Entry Form

Yes! I want to enter the Oct 7, 2017 Contest!

Name _____

Address _____

e-mail _____ Phone _____

Category

(Circle the category you would like to enter. Please submit separate forms for each category.)

Categories:
<i>Pulled Pork</i>
<i>Dessert Pie</i>

FOUR 1st place prizes of \$75!

Judged and Peoples' Choice

\$15 entry fee for each category

You must bring a slow cooker filled with your pulled pork OR 2 pies

Arrive between 11:00 am and 11:30 am, and stay until 3:00 pm

Return this form with your check to:

Friends of Conkling Hall
PO Box 43
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Questions? Call Diana: (518) 797-3902 or
John: (518) 797-3114

On the Calendar

Oct 1	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Oct 1	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Oct 2	7:00pm	Budget Workshop Meeting	Town Hall
Oct 7	9am-3pm	1 st Fall Rummage Sale (NO Lunch Served) Fall, Halloween, & Thanksgiving articles, plus Princess House Items, and more. Museum of Medusa History will be open.	Medusa Church from
Oct 8	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Oct 8	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Oct 9		TOWN OFFICES CLOSED - COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED	
Oct 10	12:00pm	Senior's Club Meeting	Medusa Firehouse
Oct 10	7:00pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
Oct 12	7:00pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
Oct 20		Senior Trip to the Westchester Broadway Theater for lunch and the play – "Annie Get Your Gun". \$60 Members, \$65 non- Members – Money due 10/01	
Oct 21	7– 11am	Medusa VFD Breakfast	Medusa Firehouse
Oct 15	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Oct 15	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Oct 21	8am-12pm	2 nd Fall Rummage Sale	Medusa Church
Oct 21	7am-11am	Medusa VFD Breakfast EAT & SHOP IN MEDUSA	Medusa Firehouse
Oct 22	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Oct 22	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Planning Ahead: Nov14	12 noon	Senior Holiday Dinner at Gavin's in East Durham No charge for members, but you need to sign up.	
Dec 5		Senior NYC Trip – Radio City Christmas Show - \$100; Bus & shopping only \$45 (RSVP as soon as possible to get a seat) For trips contact Janet Nelson @ 797-3963 or Ruth Snyder @ 239-4376	

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



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

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

Upcoming Library Events

The New York State Council on the Arts together with the Preservation League of New York State and the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation announced the recipients of the 25th round of grant funding through Preserve New York at a news conference in Albany on September 12th. The Rensselaerville Library is one of 30 organizations across the state to be selected. The \$9,104 will go towards hiring Holmes King Kallquist & Associates Architects of Syracuse to develop a building conditions report for the historic building. This report will prioritize repairs and improvements to the structure.

The Rensselaerville Library is teaming up with the Albany National Weather Service to provide programs on climate science. The programs described as **Science Café meets a Book Club** are an effort to make science technology engineering and math (or STEM) programs available for adults. The program encourages anyone with an interest in climate change or extreme weather to read books on the topic and discuss issues facing our area. The next discussion is on October 23 and the last on November 8 at 7pm. More information can be found at <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/pushing-the-limits.html>

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

The **Writing Group** meets on the second Thursday of the month. On October 12th the group will meet at 7pm in the downstairs meeting room. Come share your work, receive feedback and spend time working on your own project.

Job Now! The last workshop in the series to support those looking for a new job or for someone wanting to brush up on their skills.

October 4 at 7pm – **Get LinkedIn or Get Left Behind.** Every 12 days, 1 million people join LinkedIn. It is your electronic resume, Rolodex and your Club of Professionals. LinkedIn can help you learn about and reach out to clients, partners and employers. You may be saying to yourself, "I have LinkedIn, but I don't really do much with it." LI is an enormously powerful tool for establishing your brand, enhancing your visibility, building credibility and managing your career. Having a static and dull profile is not the online reputation you want to project. If you are not leveraging LI, it's guaranteed your competition is. This seminar will demonstrate the features of LI and how to use it as your professional Internet image. If you are serious about building your business, you must be serious about LinkedIn. Presented by Dr. Tom Denham of Careers in Transition. **Registration is Required** for the workshop. These programs are supported by funds from the New York State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services Program, in partnership with the Capital Region Workforce Development Board and NYSED's ACCES-VR.

Wednesday, October 25 at 7pm **mystery author** Marni Graff returns to the Library to read from her third book in the Nora Tierney series *Golden Hour*.

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Movie Night on Friday, October 27 at 6:30pm. Please visit the web site for more details. <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/movies.html>

Youth Programs - Visit the online calendar for all of the weekly events at <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/calendar.html>

Wednesdays at 3:30pm and 6:00pm

October 4: Let's make noodles! Have you ever wondered what is in noodles? Come and make some and find out! You can take yours home to cook and eat! If there are concerns about food allergies, please let us know in advance so that we can accommodate.

October 11: Pasta bridge challenge - What can you do with 100 pieces of uncooked spaghetti? Who can make the strongest bridge? The most attractive?

October 18: Kitchen chemistry is more fun when things foam, fizz, and sizzle! Come learn how to make a volcano, elephant's toothpaste, and more!

October 26: Introduction to Paper Crafts! - there are all sorts of three dimensional model templates available - from the simple to the extremely complex. Want to make a scary mask? A cute animal? Halloween decorations? Anime figures? Find out where you can get free templates, and try your hand at construction.

Wednesday at 4:30 – StoryTime

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.

Wednesday, October 26 at 6pm TEEN Book Discussion Group

This month we will be discussing 'Because of Winn Dixie'. Stop by the Library to pick up your copy - no problem if you only have time to read part of the book!

Monthly Craft Project – kids stop in and check out the craft table downstairs and discover crafts to work on your own.

Homework Help - Please see Lee Ackerman-Sawyer or email youth@rensselaervillelibrary.org

Celebrate **International Game Week** on October 31 and November 1 at the Library. It is an annual celebration of games and libraries where you can play, and costs absolutely *nothing!* Come check out our collection of games.

The Library will be open for trick-or-treating during regular hours on **Halloween**. The Library will be decorated. If you are interested in decorating please arrive on Monday, October 30 at 6pm.

The Library has a number of **Museum Passes** this year. Borrow the USS Slater Family Pass to tour the USS Slater berthed on the Hudson River in Albany. We also have the Clark, The Old Stone Fort Museum in Schoharie and the Albany Institute of History and Art in Albany. Museum passes are available to check out with your Library card for seven days.

For the rest of the 2017, in addition to our morning **hours** on Tuesday and Wednesday we will be opening at 3:00pm in the evening.

The Library monthly **Board of Trustees Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 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 Board of Trustees would like to thank Hans Soderquist for his service and welcome new trustees Joe Frisino, Paul Ventura and Tom White.



Get LinkedIn or Get Left Behind

DATE: 10/4/2017

TIME: 7:00 PM



Presented by Dr. Tom Denham, Careers in Transition

Every 12 days, 1 million people join LinkedIn. It is your electronic resume, Rolodex and your Club of Professionals. LinkedIn can help you learn about and reach out to clients, partners and employers. You may be saying to yourself, *"I have LinkedIn, but I don't really do much with it."* LI is an enormously powerful tool for establishing your brand, enhancing your visibility, building credibility and managing your career. Having a static and dull profile is not the online reputation you want to project. If you are not leveraging LI, it's guaranteed your competition is. This seminar will demonstrate the features of LI and how to use it as your professional Internet image. If you are serious about building your business, you must be serious about LinkedIn.

Get a Job! Strengthening Library Partnerships in Workforce Development



Rensselaerville Library

1459 County Route 351
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

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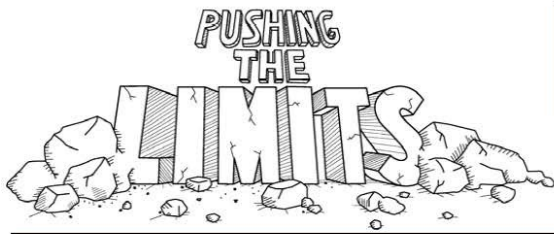
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PLACE

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ADVANCING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WHAT: A FREE reading, viewing and discussion series for adults. Each 90-minute facilitated program has a science café/book group format - participants read the selected books prior, view short videos followed by an open discussion on climate change.

WHO: Anyone interested in discussing accessible strategies for adapting to a new climate and building community resiliency.

FACILITATORS: Scientists from Albany's National Weather Service Forecast Office

WHERE: Rensselaerville Library, 1459 County Route 351, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

REGISTER & RECEIVE BOOKS: director@rensselaervillelibrary.org or 518.797.3949



PUSHING THE LIMITS OF COMMUNITY
Preparation for Impacts –Communities & Families Working Together

SEPTEMBER 18 • 7PM



BOOK DISCUSSION ON "ODDS AGAINST TOMORROW" BY NATHANIEL RICH

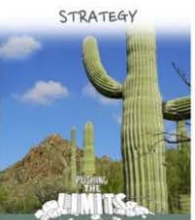


PUSHING THE LIMITS OF CHANGE
Climate Change Impacts on Your Community

OCTOBER 23 • 7PM



BOOK DISCUSSION ON "MEMORY OF WATER" BY EMMI ITARANTA



PUSHING THE LIMITS OF STRATEGY
Building Community Resilience

NOVEMBER 8 • 7PM



BOOK DISCUSSION ON "THE WATER KNIFE" BY PAOLO BACIGALUPI



Pushing the Limits: PLACE is a library hosted reading, viewing and discussion program for adults in underserved and rural communities, made possible by grants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Science Foundation.



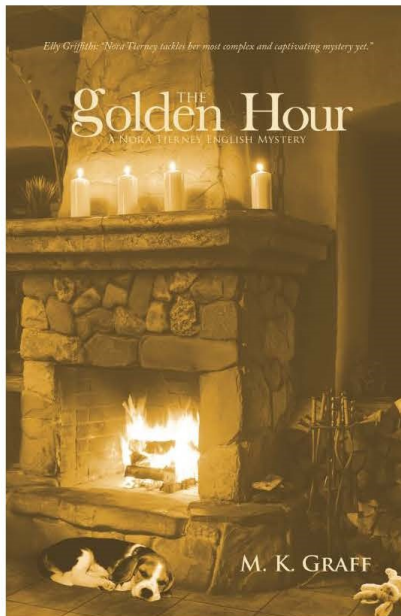
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Rensselaerville Library Author Reading

Marni Graff

Wednesday, October 25

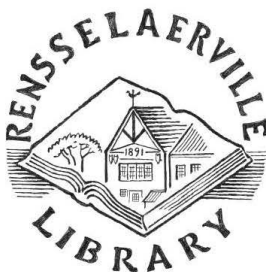
7:00 pm



The award-winning author of three previous Nora Tierney English Mysteries will read from her most chilling novel to date.

Nora Tierney's move from Cumbria back to Oxford means house-hunting with her partner, DI Declan Barnes, but she can't shake the feeling she has a stalker. Declan's case, the death of an art conservator, brings international concerns. How these overlap when Nora heads to Bath for her first bookstore event will find her fighting to save her child and the family she's trying to create.

Marni Graff writes *The Nora Tierney English Mysteries*, featuring an American writer living in England with a nose for murder, as well as *The Trudy Genova Manhattan Mysteries*, based on Graff's real work as a medical consultant for a movie studio. She is Managing Editor of Bridle Path Press, a member of Sisters in Crime, and writes crime book reviews at www.auntiemwrites.com.



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DATE: Fri., October 27, 2017

TIME: 6:30 pm

**LOCATION:
Rensselaerville Library**

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Middleburgh Library

10/3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 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.

10/3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 1:00 - Mahjong Mania - Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 a spirited group of people get together in the Community Room to play Mahjong. Don't know how to play? No problem! They will teach you how. No registration required.

10/3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 5:15 PM - Insight Meditation - Join us for a simple group Zazen meditation practice. All are welcome. No registration required.

10/4, 18 - 11:00 AM - Discovery Wednesdays - You never know what Miss Andrea will come up with in her Discovery Wednesday! Art, science, stories and more in this interactive program for ages 3 and up and their caregivers.

10/4, 22, 29, 35 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - Movies to be announced.

10/4 - 7:00 PM - Concert - Eric Anderson - Eric Andersen is an American folk music singer-songwriter, who has written songs recorded by Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, Judy Collins, Linda Ronstadt, the Grateful Dead and many others. Early in his career, in the 1960s, he was part of the Greenwich Village folk scene. After two decades and sixteen albums of solo performance he became a member of the group Danko/Fjeld/Andersen. Since the late 1990s, he has resumed his solo career. Andersen is still recording and performing live in Europe, Japan and North America.

10/5, 12, 19, 26 - 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 is required.

10/6, 20 - 10:00 - 12:00 - Home Educators of Schoharie County - HEGS (Home Educators Group of Schoharie County) is a group of homeschooling families with a wide variety of backgrounds, approaches to education, and religious affiliations. We exist to provide secular support for homeschooling families, offer information about homeschooling, and to allow for sharing of educational opportunities. We hope to increase public awareness, acceptance, and support of home education in Schoharie County.

10/9 - Columbus Day - The library will be closed to observe the holiday.

10/9 - 6:30 PM - Library Board of Trustees Meeting - Public is welcome- Please use back entrance.

10/11 - 11:00 AM - Discovery Wednesdays - Join Miss Doreen for Discovery Wednesday! This week's theme is "Hooray for Work Machines!" We'll be reading books all about trucks and construction and more in this interactive program for ages 3 and up and their caregivers.

10/11, 25 - 5:00-6:15 PM - Kundalini Yoga - Join us for 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 two blankets or a mat and blanket. A \$5 donation is requested. *Please use the back entrance when entering the building. No registration is required.*

10/16 - 2:00 PM - Adult Coloring - Come and experience the latest trend in relaxation, adult coloring books! Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and helps promote overall wellness. Coloring pages designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils will be provided. This will be a recurring program. We will meet every 3rd Monday of the month from 2 - 3pm.

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10/12 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM - Energy Healing - At any stage of life optimum health is necessary for us to lead a fulfilling existence. Come explore the potentials energy healing can have on your physical, mental and emotional well being. Eileen Knott uses a non-invasive, hands off technique (Reconnective and Matrix Energetics Systems) of working with your body's energy fields to initiate your own innate healing abilities. This work is particularly effective for acute pain, anxiety and depression. **Registration is required.** For more information contact Eileen at 518-410-4402

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10/24 - 11:00 AM - Storytime at Broome Animal Sanctuary - Join us for a special storytime at Broome Animal Sanctuary. We'll be reading some books, learning about the animal sanctuary and visiting the animals!
Registration is required.

10/24 - 7:00 PM - NYSCA Book Discussion - "To the Bright Edge of the World" by Eowyn Ivey Eowyn Ivey's second novel, "[To the Bright Edge of the World](#)," is a terrific example of why we love these stories of man-against-nature. But it also aspires to be something more. It has the requisite cast of explorers attempting to survive in the uncharted and inhospitable Alaskan wilderness in the late 19th century, but it is also lush with magical realism.

10/25 - 11:00 AM - Discovery Wednesdays - Join Miss Doreen for Discovery Wednesday! This week's theme is "Cool Kids Cook, Pumpkin Soup!" We'll be reading the book, Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper and other books about pumpkins. And we'll be making pumpkin soup with Miss Rebecca and more in this interactive program for ages 3 and up and their caregivers.

10/26 - 7:00 PM - Concert - Betty & The Baby Boomers - The voices in the band differ greatly in range and color; combined, they create a unique and resonant blend that highlights Boomer performances. This harmonic blend is coupled to impressive instrumental work on guitars, Dobro, bodhran, and kazoo, or sometimes- "Look ma, no hands" - uncoupled as their voices fly freely through acapella selections.

10/28 - 2:00 PM - Cooking by the Vegan Book - "The Easy Vegan Cookbook" - 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 look 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 is required.**

12/2/2017 - Holiday Bus Trip to New York City - Registration is required. You may either register and pay for your ticket in person at the Middleburgh Library, or you can register and purchase your ticket through EventBrite with a credit card. Please be aware that there is a \$4.02 fee assessed by EventBrite for payment online. Tickets are \$55.00 per person. For details see our web site @ www.middleburghlibrary.info or stop in the library.

Please check our Calendar on our website at www.middleburghlibrary.info for future programs.

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Contact information: 323 Main Street,
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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



Freezing Your Credit

Those interested in freezing their credit due to the recent Equifax hacking, the following information may prove useful:

TRANSUNION

Freeze Your Credit Now!

- **Online:** [Visit the Credit Freeze page here](#)
- **By phone:** 1-888-909-8872
- **By mail:** Request your credit freeze by certified mail using [this sample letter](#). Please note the attachments you must include. Use the following address:
TransUnion LLC P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016

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Freeze Your Credit Now!

- **Online:** [Visit this page to freeze your credit with Equifax.](#)
- **By phone:** 1-800-685-1111 (NY residents please call 1-800-349-9960)
- **By mail:** Request your credit freeze by certified mail using [this sample letter](#). Please note the attachments you must include. Use the following address:
Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348

EXPERIAN

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- **By phone:** 1-888-EXPERIAN (1-888-397-3742). When calling, press 2 and then follow prompts for security freeze.
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Greenville Library

Toddler Time

The library’s Toddler Program is held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 – 9:45 & 10:00 – 10:45 for Infants, Toddlers & Preschoolers.

The program helps to foster early literacy development and play skills. Children and their parents enjoy stories, games, singing, marching and socializing. They can also choose books to take home and enjoy during the week. The instructor is Devon Balta. **For a full listing of the Toddler Time Program see the link below.**

– if Greenville Schools are closed, running on a 1 or 2 hour delay, we will not meet.

The following Tuesday and Friday dates in red are the days we will be meeting.

Please remember we follow the Greenville School District calendar **If Greenville Schools are closed due to weather or running on a 2 hour delay, we will not meet.**

October 2017						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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November 2017						
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26	27	28	29	30		

December 2017						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Health & Safety Policy: Please do not bring your child to group if he/she has been ill with fever, vomiting, diarrhea, flu like symptoms, pink eye, unexplained rash or skin infection, croup, any childhood contagious diseases. Children should not attend if they have exhibited any of the symptoms within 24 hrs of group. Children must be fever free without the use of Tylenol or Motrin for 24 hrs prior to coming to group. THANK YOU!!

Beginner Ballet at the Library

Instructor: Madeline Balta

Come join Miss Madeline for beginner ballet classes! This class is for 1st-6th grade children. Each student should wear a leotard or shorts (no jeans) and each must bring ballet slippers or socks. Madeline is currently a senior academy student at the School of the Albany Berkshire Ballet and has also taught at Redemption Dance Institute. No experience needed. **Just Drop In!**

Classes will be held in the large community room on the following dates:

Oct. 3, 17, 31, Nov. 7, 21, 3:00 – 4:00

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Lego Fun!

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!**

Ages 4 & Up 3:00 – 4:00

October 10, 24; November 14, 28; December 5; January 9, 23; February 6, 20; March 6, 20; April 10, 24; May 8, 22

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Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. If you or someone you know is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia, it's time to learn the facts. This program provides information on detection, causes and risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment and much more.

Monday, October 16

Time: 6:00 - 7:30

Large Community Room

To register contact the Library at 518-966-8205

This program is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health



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Everything you need to help you run your own book discussion group.

Just add people!

What is the Book Club In A Bag Program (BCB)?

A book club kit that contains:

- ✓ 10 copies of a book title
- ✓ Discussion questions
- ✓ Discussion leader tips
- ✓ Book sign-up sheet – to help you keep track of the books!

Kids' Activity Page

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- Halloween
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- Scary
- Ghost
- Vampire
- Werewolf
- Witch
- Zombie
- Skeleton
- Monster
- Black
- Orange
- Candy
- Trick or Treat
- Haunted House
- Jack O' Lantern
- Boo
- Spider
- Bats

Chicken Scratch NY

Contributing to a strong,
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2nd Annual Helderfest

Sunday, October 8 at 3PM at the Helderberg Brewery
Live music + food + local beer & cider
FREE admission & kid friendly
(See page 34)

Five Course Beer Pairing Dinner

Saturday, October 21st
5PM – Cocktail Hour (Cash bar)
6PM – Beer Pairing Dinner
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
(See page 35)

Guggenheim Gallery October Featured Artist

Susan M. Story
An exhibition of Susan's original pastel paintings
Opening Reception: Sunday, October 8 from 3-5PM

Helderberg Brewery Hours

Wednesdays: 6-10PM
Sundays: 3-6PM

Mission

The Carey Institute for Global Good is dedicated to making a better world by contributing to a strong, educated and just society.

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- **Citizens and civil society should:** be educated, healthy and safe; be informed, empowered and engaged; have their rights protected, sufficient representation and the right to fully participate in the democratic process.
- **Governance should be:** effective, transparent and accountable; responsive, responsible and representative; inclusive, just and participatory.
- **Development should be:** economically, ecologically and socially ethical, equitable and sustainable.

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BEER PAIRING DINNER

5 COURSES + 5 BEERS

Saturday, October 21st
at The Carriage House Restaurant

5PM - Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)

6PM - Beer Pairing Dinner

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Limited number of seats available

PRICES

\$70 per guest
Includes dinner only

Overnight Package
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Michael Weber
Candidate: Town of Rensselaerville Assessor

Background:

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- ◆ Resident of Town of Rensselaerville since 1988
- ◆ Certified NYS Assessor and Appraiser
- ◆ Served 2 terms on Rensselaerville's Board of Assessment Review
- ◆ Served 2 terms on Rensselaerville's Zoning Board of Appeals
- ◆ NYS Licensed Real Estate salesperson 30+ years
- ◆ Background in field engineering related to real estate
- ◆ Background in finance as a Certified Financial Planner
- ◆ Graduate college for financial planning
- ◆ Graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University
- ◆ Honorably served in the US Navy

My Mission:

A return to more effective, efficient, and less costly government, providing for lower taxes with fairer and more equitable assessments for all our residents, while being more responsive to the needs of our taxpayers.

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Hebert Joseph
Candidate: Town of Rensselaerville Assessor

Background:

I've been a resident of the Town of Rensselaerville since 2010 and more than twenty years within New York State. I am a wonderful neighbor, a great father, a friend and a truly devoted family man.

I have a Bachelor's degree with Civil Engineering, a Master's degree in Electric Power Engineering, an MBA and am currently pursuing a Master's degree in Urban & Regional Planning.

I am a public servant and have worked in various capacities in New York, most recently as Engineer-Power System Planner IV, Office of Electric, Gas & Water.

As well, I am proud to say that I am a Veteran of the Armed Forces of the U.S.

Why am I running?

Well, I think there needs to be a change in leadership and in the way in which the assessor's office is being run.

I seek the position of Tax Assessor because I want to give back to the community; to ensure that the job is done correctly and that everyone is treated equally and fairly and that you can approach me whenever required. I will fight for a fair and equal tax system and to protect our interests so that we all can have the Rensselaerville we deserve.

I hope that my honesty, integrity and willingness to do whatever it takes will convince you to vote for me. My goal is to serve you, the people, to the best of my ability.

Robert "Bob" Tanner
Candidate: Town of Rensselaerville Town Board

Background:

- ◆ I have lived in the Town of Rensselaerville my entire life. In fact, 4 generations of my family have lived here. And my 2 adult children currently reside in the area.
- ◆ I have actively served in the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department for 38 years and presently serve as the Chief.
- ◆ I am retired from the US Navy as a Senior Chief having served for 26 years and with 4 deployments: 2 in Iraq and 2 in Afghanistan.
- ◆ I have worked for the Albany County Department of Public Works for 34 years and presently serve as Highway Foreman III.

My positions:

- ◆ I have been a public servant all my life. It's what I do; it's how I was raised. You helped your neighbor, you helped your community...fire department, ambulance, Little League coach... because I was needed.
- ◆ I believe in open and transparent government.
- ◆ I believe in bi-partisanship. If we work together, we should be able to solve any problem.
- ◆ We need to keep looking at ways to cut taxes, but not at the expense of services.
- ◆ We need to keep working to bring Internet to all residents of the town.
- ◆ I have always been one to do things that make sense.
- ◆ You may not like what I say, but I will never lie to you.
- ◆ If you tell the truth, it's not hard to remember what you said.

Marie Dermody
Candidate: Town of Rensselaerville Town Board

Background:

- ◆ Founder & co-editor of the *R'ville Community Newsletter* since February 2014
- ◆ Town Supervisor 2010-2012
- ◆ Town Board member 2008-2010
- ◆ Board of Assessment Review for 15 years
- ◆ Retired in 2003 after 33 years as elementary teacher in the Ontario School District (Ulster County)
- ◆ Graduate of SUNY New Paltz with a BA (1970) & MS (1973)
- ◆ Graduate of Greenville Central School District (1966)
- ◆ Resident of the Town of Rensselaerville since 1958 (minus a 10-year residency in Kingston, NY)

My positions:

- ◆ I believe in open and transparent government. I will continue to expect open & public dialogue and not resort to Executive Sessions when unwarranted and illegal.
- ◆ I believe that we, as elected officials, are your employees... responsible for representing your wants & needs. There is no room or place in local government for personal or hidden agendas.
- ◆ I firmly believe that "what is right is not always popular and what is popular is not always right." I will always opt to doing what is right.
- ◆ I also believe that "if you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got." We need to look at innovative ways to meet the needs of our town with minimal negative effect on the taxpayers.
- ◆ I will always be available to the taxpayer via phone (518-239-4552) and email (moe2703@gmail.com) and will always tell you the truth.

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