

R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR CLERK WANTED

The Town of Rensselaerville is seeking to fill the position of Clerk to the Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector. It is preferable that the applicant have knowledge of Tax and Zoning Maps; be familiar with Tax Roll data base; have experience with Microsoft Word and Excel; have professional telephone skills and the ability to work well with the public.

The Clerk will be required to work Thursday morning and Thursday evening each week. Additional hours may be required.

Interested applicants may send cover letter and resume to the Town of Rensselaerville, Town Clerk, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120. Resumes must be received no later than July 3, 2014.

From the Editors:

Although the above ad does not mention the rate of pay, an email from the Town Clerk confirms the pay at \$10.50 per hour.

The July 3, 2014 deadline for submission of resumes was not an official Town Board decision, but rather an arbitrary date set by the Town Supervisor. The Supervisor had an opportunity to set a deadline within the confines of the Town Board motion to advertise and consciously chose not to do so. Therefore, it is unknown at this time whether or not this deadline will hold. If interested in applying for this position, you are encouraged to act quickly.

Also, it is our strong opinion that the job qualifications for this position were created with a specific individual in mind. As such, other interested applicants are not necessarily dealing with a level playing field. Unfortunately, this is the way our Town government chooses to operate, again flying in the face of honest, open, and transparent government.



Entertainment in the Park

Ghostrider Entertainment (Lloyd Potter) will be in concert at the Gazebo on the corner of Rts 81 & 32 in Greenville, NY every Tuesday in July & August 2014, 7 PM- 9 PM weather permitting. Go to: www.ghostriderentertainment.bandvista.com to see the other shows.

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Grist Mill Summer Hours

The Rensselaerville Grist Mill Museum is open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until mid-October and on Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. until Labor Day weekend. The Rensselaerville Grist Mill is the only structure in the area which once was powered by water and free mill tours are offered by volunteers. Help is available to researchers who want to look up family genealogies and town history. Historical publications, maps, prints, Rensselaerville wrapping paper and CDs about local history are available for sale.

The special exhibit this summer is "Timeless Toys, B.E. (Before Electronics)".

Several volunteers are still needed for a few Saturdays. If you can give even ONE two-hour time slot it will be greatly appreciated. Most Saturdays already have one experienced volunteer signed up and some have two but we need two volunteers each weekend. Training is available. Call Janet Haseley at 518-797-3194 (home) or 252-714-6626 (cell) or e-mail her at janethaseley@gmail.com if you can help. Thanks!



Benefit for Emmitt—Chicken BBQ

The Medusa Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting a Benefit for Emmitt- Chicken BBQ. on July 19, 2014 at 1pm at the Medusa Firehouse. In addition to the Chicken BBQ, we will be having music, a 50/50 raffle, and a bounce house for the kids.

We would like to ask for your support for this great cause.

From the Editors: Emmitt was a 12-year-old boy who was diagnosed with a brain tumor on May 30, spent time at Albany Medical Center and Boston Children's Hospital, underwent brain surgery that left him paralyzed from the chest down, and passed away at home on June 17. All proceeds from this event will go to Emmitt's family to help defray the costs incurred by the family during this difficult time.

Move, Breath, Relax

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

Sarah Nelson Weiss, CYT
savitrisarah@gmail.com, 518-239-6825

Classes at Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville Open to all, \$10

Minutes of April 29, 2014 Special Town Board Meeting

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 29th day of April, 2014 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Attorney Dana Salazar, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilman Gerald Wood, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT: Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir

Also present were Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman John Mormile, Planning Board Chairman Richard Amedure and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh; Highway Superintendent Randy Bates and four interested citizens.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to continue the review of the Zoning Law.

Attorney Salazar resumed the review of the 'Town of Rensselaerville Zoning Law' by picking up on page 47, ARTICLE VII Section 12 ACCESSORY APARTMENTS.

1. Attorney Salazar addressed the issue of vague terminology. For example, "...be consistent with the general character of the neighborhood," "...shall not adversely affect neighboring properties" and "...in a manner that retains and enhances the character of the structure" are phrases that open the field for individual interpretation.
2. Several subsections were repetitious and were removed and consolidated.
3. Attorney Salazar will revisit Section 13 FLAG LOTS after more consideration and research.
4. Section 14 LIGHTING will also be revisited; specifically the definition and enforcement of 'foot candles'.

Discussions will resume on page 62 at Article IX SPECIAL USE PERMITS.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker

Town Clerk

Minutes of May 22, 2014 Special Town Board Meeting

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 22nd day of May 2014 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

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

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Also present were two interested citizens as well as Board of Ethics committee members Diana Hinchcliff, Georgette Koenig and John Mormile.

The purpose of this meeting was to continue the review of proposed changes to the procedures of the Board of Ethics. No audience comments were accepted.

Supervisor Lounsbury turned the meeting over to Attorney Fallati.

Attorney Fallati has continued his review of the proposed changes recommended in the study performed by Councilwoman Sedlmeir and former Councilman Jack Kudlack; as well as suggestions of the Board of Ethics committee members. Attorney Fallati has drafted the proposed revisions and has incorporated the Board's suggestions as well as a number of more technical edits.

In addition, Attorney Fallati has proposed an entirely new timeline which conforms to the proposed revisions:

1-3 days from filing, the Board of Ethics must send an acknowledgement of receipt of complaint to complainant and also forward complaint to the subject of the complaint and to the attorney for the Town.

1-10 days from filing, the Board must hold an initial meeting; make a written determination either finding probable cause or dismissing sua sponte; and determine if services of counsel are needed (approval from the Town Board will be required).

3 days from initial meeting, in the case of probable cause, the Board must forward the decision, complaint and supporting materials to the Town Board; and in the case of dismissal, must notify the complainant, the subject of the complaint and the Town Board of the disposition.

11-30 days from filing, the Board of Ethics must complete the investigation and hearing and issue a written decision.

30-60 days from filing provides additional time to complete investigation and final written recommendation only if it is approved by the Town Board. There may be an extension beyond 60 days from filing only upon finding of extenuating circumstances.

Co-Chairperson for the Board of Ethics, Diana Hinchcliff, spoke extensively on issues and problems she foresees with the timeline and other issues she has experienced or projected as possible causes for concern. She strongly feels that the original timeline should not be changed because, even under the original timeline, it was extremely difficult to meet the deadlines. She notes that members of the Board are volunteers and have other commitments. In addition, attorneys, witnesses etc. also have to coordinate scheduling. The time it takes for letters to be sent and received via U.S. Mail needs to be considered. And also of concern was the meetings, although private, still require a Legal Notice which must be printed in the newspaper at least five days prior to the event. Another troublesome topic was the possibility that someone might not want to come forward with a complaint for fear of being fired, for other personal reasons, or for an 'excusable' delay.

Attorney Fallati feels that perhaps adding a stipulation that 'upon a reasonable request of the defendant', the timeline may be extended.

Some issues and concerns from the previous meeting have been addressed as follows:

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1. There was apprehension regarding what the standard of proof should be. It seems that most agreed that the standard should be 'clear and convincing' evidence as opposed to 'preponderance' of the evidence.

2. Addressing the Board's obligation, if any to cover a defendant's legal expenses, Attorney Fallati stated that the Town would have to adopt a Local Law creating a provision allowing reimbursement or indemnification to employees if they are found to have acted in good faith.

Ms. Hinchcliff, feels that there would be a conflict of interest in that the attorney for the Town should represent the Town Board and the Board of Ethics should hire its own attorney if necessary. Additionally, she suggests there should be funds set aside in the budget for such.

3. Former employees and other officers may appear voluntarily, but cannot be forced to appear unless through a Court Order.

4. Records shall be stored in a separate locked file in Town Hall.

5. Attorney Fallati recommends that a transcript should be in written form. Ms. Hinchcliff agrees that a written transcript is incredibly helpful for review purposes.

Georgette Koenig inquired into the legality of testimony via conference call or other electronic means. Attorney Fallati stated that it is possible, although he does not recommend it. Even if the subject of complaint consents to that type of testimony, the quality of the record is diminished and cross-examination, or lack of, becomes an issue.

6. There are numerous exceptions to the hearsay rule. It would be burdensome to require the Board of Ethics to make legal determinations. The Board of Ethics should weigh evidence as it sees fit.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Cooke, Wood, Sedlmeir and Bolte; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;
Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk

Minutes of May 28, 2014 Special Town Board Meeting

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 28th day of May, 2014 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Attorney Dana Salazar, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT: Councilman Gerald Wood

Also present were Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman John Mormile; Zoning Board of Appeals member Jeannette Rice; Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh; and one inter-

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ested citizen.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to continue the review of the Zoning Law.

Attorney Salazar resumed the review of the 'Town of Rensselaerville Zoning Law' by picking up on page 62, ARTICLE IX SPECIAL USE PERMITS.

1. Attorney Salazar did research on the definition of 'steep grade'. Several different sources define 'steep' as a slope with a 15% to 20% grade.
2. Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh researched light meters and reported that one could be purchased for between \$100.00 and \$150.00.
3. Attorney Salazar will double check all cross-references, especially those pertaining to the Planning Board rules and regulations, when the review is complete.
4. There was discussion involving the possibility of opening the Town up to unwanted and/or unnecessary responsibility regarding the requirement of a bond to cover costs related to possible future cleanup of underground fuel tanks, contaminated soils, or site restoration.

Discussions will resume on page 80, Section 5 MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOPS (under Article XI: STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL USES)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Rensselaerville Historical Society

Mark your calendar!

Save the date!

The Rensselaerville Historical Society invites you to our Annual Meeting, Potluck Supper and Program, to be held at the Medusa Firehouse on Saturday, September 13th.

Look for details about the special program in the August newsletter and on posters around town.

We look forward to seeing you on September 13th.

2014 SUMMER SERVICES AT RENNELAERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church continues its annual Sunday summer services beginning June 22 and ending August 31. Services are held at 11:00 a.m. in the church, located on Main Street (County Route 351) in Rensselaerville. Everyone is welcome.

Each year, guest preachers from different faith traditions are invited to deliver sermons on a common theme. The 2014 theme is, "What We Need Is Here", based on a poem by Wendell Berry. The schedule for this year is:

- July 6** "CPR Training in the Valley of Dry Bones"
Rev. Shaun Whitehead, Assoc. Chaplain, St. Lawrence Univ., Canton, NY
- July 13** "Anyone with Ears, Listen"
Rev. Holly Cameron, Pastor, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Slingerlands, NY
- July 20** "Hoping and waiting"
Rev Ann Kansfield, Co-pastor, Greenpoint Reformed Church, Brooklyn, NY
- July 27** "Dig It"
Rev. Eric Jackson, Pastor, Smith Memorial Cong. Church, Hillsborough, NH
- August 3** "Faith and Intellect, Body and Soul—God in the Here and Now",
Rabbi David M. Weiss, D.D., Congregation Beth Israel, Northfield, NJ
- August 10** "Gideon's Army"
Rev. James Reisner, Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany, NY
- August 17** "Community and the Common Good"
Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard, D.D., Bishop Emeritus
Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, NY
- August 24** "If It is here, why can't I find it?"
Rev. Donna Schaper, Senior Minister, Judson Memorial Church, New York City
- August 31** "How Can I Keep From Singing?"
Barbara G. Wheeler, Former Pres., Auburn Theological Seminary, New York City

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

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

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

Minutes of June 12, 2014 Town Board Meeting

Highlights of the June 12, 2014, Town Board Regular Meeting

PRESENT WERE: Attorney William Ryan, Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WAS: Councilman Gerald Wood

Also present were Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh, Assessor Richard Tollner, Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Doug Story; Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck; and three interested citizens.

- *Approved the minutes of the following meetings: April 29, 2014 Special Meeting – Zoning Review; May 6, 2014 Work Meeting; May 8, 2014 Regular Meeting; May 22, 2014 Special Meeting – Board of Ethics Procedures; May 28, 2014 Special Meeting – Zoning Review
 - *Approved the payment of all signed vouchers: General Fund - \$36,294.02; Highway Fund -\$ 56,347.50; Lighting District - \$602.54 (Preston Hollow \$287.57; Rensselaerville \$314.97); Sewer Fund - \$60.50; Water Fund - \$110.88; Trust Fund - \$3,517.62; Total Abstracts - \$96,933.06
 - *Approved the following budget transfers (to cover withdrawals): From 'General Medical' A 89060 to 'CDPHP' A 4179 in the amount of \$5,000.00; from 'Highway Medical' DA 89060 to 'CDPHP' A 4179 in the amount of \$5,000.00
 - *Approved the budget amendment increase in the New York State C.H.I.P.S. funding from \$181,514.00 to \$204,144.00. The increase was due to the 'pothole fund'.
 - *Read correspondence from the Brookside Cemetery Association thanking the Town for their help in repairing damage the cemetery had incurred from the harsh winter and also some minor vandalism
 - *Accepted Supervisor Lounsbury's report: she and Clerk 1 Sarah Hunt attended the Association of Town's school on Annual Financing and that they had gained a significant amount of knowledge; confirmed that Tom Snyder is willing to take over the Senior/Youth bus scheduling until such time as Ann Vogel is back on her feet and able to resume the duties.
 - *Accepted Highway Superintendent Bates' report as read by Supervisor Lounsbury: road base reconstruction is nearing completion on a 1.1 mile section of Cheese Hill Road and a 0.6 mile section of Roney Road; reconstruction of a 0.6 mile section of Edwards Hill road will begin Monday, June 16, 2014; paving of sections of Travis Hill Road, Roney Road, Johnny Cake Hill Road and Sayre Roads is scheduled to begin July 21st; routine maintenance including patching, mowing, and drainage work will continue.
 - *Accepted Town Clerk Kraker's report for the month of May: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected - \$1,224.65; Paid to the Supervisor - \$1,007.48 (Clerk Fees - \$ 23.08; Recycling - \$87.00; Dog Licenses - \$300.00; Building Permits - \$272.40; Zoning (RV Permits) - \$25.00; Planning - \$300.00; Total - \$1,007.48); Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge' - \$66.00; NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for sporting licenses - \$151.17; Water Rents paid for the month of May \$792.78 which includes \$15.54 in late fees
- Approved the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh's report as read by Supervisor Lounsbury: \$50.00 for Building Repair Permits; \$62.40 for New Accessory Building Permits; \$10.00 for Pool Permits; and \$50.00 for Solar Panel Permits; Total - \$172.40

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- *Accepted Assessor Tollner's report: assessments are complete; On Grievance Day, May 27, 2014, six concerned citizens appeared personally and three announced their grievance via mail. The majority of the six grievances who appeared personally, were settled before the meeting was concluded.
- *Accepted Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Story report: 394,800 gallons of water were filtered (an average of 12,735 gallons/day). However, there is still a significant leak. The shutoff valve still needs to be located and the service to the house in question needs to be mapped as the service was added on after the original system was built. The filter is working very well and the turbidity level has been down consistently below 1 NTU. He attended a symposium on water infrastructure that NYS sponsored held at the Rockefeller Institute. He has contacted someone with respect to using the overflow from the water district to see if it can be piped down and run through a generator in an effort to contribute more money to the Water and Sewer District.
- *Accepted Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck's report: Green Fiber - 7.71 tons; Rensselaer Iron & Steel - 5.81 tons; Tires - 18; City of Albany Landfill - 62.56 tons; Sierra Fibers - 4.48 tons; Oil - 87 gallons; E-waste - 1.6 tons
- *Announced that four resumes have been received in response to the advertisement for the Assessor's Clerk. Interviews will be conducted on Thursday, June 19, 2014. Councilwoman Sedlmeir would like to attend the interviews.
- *Approved the job description for clerk to the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector and authorized placing the ad in the newspaper
- *Approved the appointment of Lorraine Case as one of the new Court Clerks
- *Accepted new members to the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company: Daryl Niemerow, Josh Carlsen, Paul Rath, and Richard Rath
- *Accepted a letter of resignation from Alden Pierce as a member of the Board of Ethics
- *Authorized the advertisement of a new Board of Ethics member
- *Accepted the resignation of Deputy Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Steve Carney
- *Discussed a proposal from Town of Berne Supervisor Kevin Crosier regarding Hilltowns Senior Services
- *Approved the appointment of Victoria Kraker as an independent contractor for the purpose of training the new Court clerks; to be paid \$12.00/hour for a maximum of 40 hours
- *Authorized an advertisement seeking volunteers for the official Town newsletter
- *Audience comments: Marie Dermody re: new court clerk salaried or paid hourly (salaried); re: how Ms. Kraker would be paid for training court clerks (will be punching a time card and submitting vouchers on a monthly basis); Councilwoman Sedlmeir re: represented the Town at the Upper Hudson Library System Dinner held at the Century House in Albany; Sergeant Tracy Mance re: Sheriff's Department is now publishing a monthly newsletter in hopes of developing a better relationship with the community; identifying and resolving problems and increasing the quality of life; Councilwoman Sedlmeir and Supervisor Lounsbury thanked Marcello Iaia from *The Altamont Enterprise* for his coverage of the Town-Wide picnic.

Meeting adjourned 7:56 PM

Please note: Full Town Board minutes can be found on the Town's website at www.rensselaerville.com.

MEDUSA VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALES

AUGUST 9

9am to 3pm

RAIN OR SHINE

RUMMAGE SALE, MAPS, REFRESHMENTS
IN CHURCH HALL
MEDUSA MUSEUM OPEN



APPLICATION TO HAVE A SALE on AUGUST 9, 2014

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

(be sure to include house number and route number)

Applications must be in by August 5

\$10.00 per sale location- Make checks payable to: United Church of Christ

Send or give to: William Moore, P.O. Box 35, Medusa, NY 12120 or call at 518-239-4843

Please list some of the main items you are selling.

SALE LOCATION NUMBERS WILL BE GIVEN OUT THE DAY BEFORE SALE

.**** **We need your phone number** ****.

Maps are not ready or available until the day of the sale.

Senior Citizens Info

The Town offers car service Mon-Fri by appointment only. Contact Ann Vogel at 797-3376 for doctor appointments. The Senior bus also goes shopping on Thursday either to Cobleskill or Catskill. Call Ann Vogel 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.

Three trips are planned for the future:

- Forestburgh Playhouse in Monticello on July 9th - Casino, buffet lunch, and the play "Mame" with Loretta Swit from MASH
- Steam train and riverboat ride in Essex, CT on August 27th, with lunch included
- Lancaster Co. Amish Trip on Oct 1 , & 2 - the play "Moses" at the Sight and Sound Theater, a visit to Amish shops, and an Amish dinner

Mark your Calendar! August 12, 2014 - picnic at the Westerlo Town Park

Please note that we are in desperate need of drivers for the bus and the car. Please call Ann Vogel at 797-3376 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



TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE BOARD OF ETHICS

The Town of Rensselaerville is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Board of Ethics. Anyone interested in being considered for this position may send a resume to the Town of Rensselaerville, Town Clerk, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120.



On The Calendar

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| July 1 | 7:00pm | Town Board Special Meeting: Zoning
To continue the review of the Zoning Regulations | Town Hall |
| July 1 | 7-9:00pm | Ghostriders Entertainment
Every Tuesday in July & August, weather permitting | Gazebo/Greenville |
| July 8 | 12:00 noon | Senior Citizen's Lunch/Meeting
The Seniors are selling Raffle Tickets. | Medusa Fire House |
| July 8 | 7:00pm | Town Board Work Meeting | Town Hall |
| July 9 | | Senior Citizens trip to Forestburgh Playhouse in Monticello:
Casino, buffet lunch, and the play "Mame" with Loretta Swit from MASH | |
| July 10 | 7:00pm | Town Board Regular Meeting | Town Hall |
| July 15 | 7:00pm | Town Board Special Meeting: Zoning
To continue the review of the Zoning Regulations | Town Hall |
| July 19 | 1:00pm | "Benefit for Emmit" Chicken BBQ | Medusa Firehouse |
| July 23 | 7:00pm | Democratic Caucus | Medusa Firehouse |
| Aug. 9 | 9am-3pm | Medusa Garage Sales Day
Maps available at Church Hall, plus a huge Rummage Sale and also Lunch. Applications to have a sale on page 10 of this newsletter as well as at the Medusa General Store or contact Bill Moore at 239-4843. | |
| Aug. 12 | 12:00 noon | Senior's Annual Picnic | Westerlo Town Park |
| Aug. 27 | | Senior Citizens trip: Steam train and riverboat ride in Essex, CT
lunch included | |
| Sept. 13 | | The Rensselaerville Historical Society Annual Meeting, Potluck Supper and Program. More information in the next newsletter and on posters around Town. | |
| Sept. 28 | | Rensselaerville Cycling Festival | |
| Oct. 1-2 | | Senior Citizens trip: Lancaster Co. to see the play "Moses" at the Sight and Sound Theater, a visit to Amish shops, and enjoy an Amish dinner | |

SAVE THE DATE! The Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department will celebrate its 75th anniversary on September 6, 2014, at the Carey Conference Center. More details to follow.

Contact Information for Elected Officials & Department Heads

Position	Name	Email Address
Town Supervisor	Valerie Lounsbury	vlounsbury@rensselaerville.com townsupervisor@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilwoman	Marion Cooke	mcooke@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	Robert Bolte	rbolte@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilwoman	Margaret Sedlmeir	msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	Gerald Wood	gwood@rensselaerville.com
Supervisor's Clerk	Sarah Hunt	shunt@rensselaerville.com
Town Clerk	Victoria Kraker	townclerk@rensselaerville.com
Highway Superintendent	Randy Bates	rbates@rensselaerville.com
Assessors	Donna Kropp Richard Tollner Kathryn Wank	assessors@rensselaerville.com
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer	Mark Overbaugh	codeenforcement@rensselaerville.com
Planning Board	Richard Amedure	mcarney@rensselaerville.com
Zoning Board of Appeals	John Mormile	mcarney@rensselaerville.com
Board of Ethics		ethicsboard@rensselaerville.com
Town Hall Phone Numbers	239-4225; 797-3798	Fax: 239-6339



TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

The Town of Rensselaerville is seeking volunteers to assist in publishing the official Town's newsletter. This would consist of assembling submissions by non-profit organizations, churches, local and state information, and a calendar of events.

Knowledge of Publishing and Microsoft Word would be helpful, but is not required.

It is anticipated that it will be e-mailed to subscribers with a limited number of printed copies at select locations throughout the Town.

Please contact Marion Cooke at mcooke@rensselaerville.com.



Library News

Rensselaerville Library

- Writing Group meets the second Thursday of the month at 7pm (We all have stories to tell, poems to write. We hope you will give yourself the opportunity to discover or refine your writer's voice. The Rensselaerville Library invites you to join its small, informal and supportive writers' group. Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome. We currently have a mix of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry writers. You will always have time to write during our 2 hour session, and you will never be "forced" to share anything. Our currently very small (4-5 person) group is welcoming and supportive. If you have "works-in-progress" or would just like to put pen to paper, the library's writing group will give you the time and support you need. If you have any questions, you can call Linda Miller at 936-4402.)
- Poetry Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm (Does your POEM work? Does it: use words sparingly & precisely provide a fresh look at something have good sound, rhythm, & tempo include engaging images present interesting juxtapositions? Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words. For more info ask Kim or email Tom Corrado at tjc123@midtel.net.)
- Rensselaerville Festival of Writers is August 15-17, 2014. This year's theme is "One Word Leads to Another." The event includes national and capital region authors, storytelling, a children's program, readings, songwriters and music, and an author's reception. More information can be found at www.festivalofwriters.org.

July 2 **4:30pm** **Drop-in Crafts** (Kids drop into the Library and make your own craft. Also meets on July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30)

Contact information: 1459 Route 351, Rensselaerville, NY 12147
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- July 1 **10:45am** **Drop-in Storytime** (An interactive storytime for children ages 0-6 and their caregivers. Read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance, watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. Also meets on July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29)
- 1:00pm** **Mahjong Mania** (Men and women are invited to come and learn the game of Mahjong. No experience necessary ... just a willingness to learn and have fun! Meets in the tech room. Also meets July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29)
- July 2 **1:00pm** **Fizz, Boom, Read: Frozen Science** (Conduct some cool experiments using ice, enjoy some popsicles and watch the Disney Movie Frozen (PG)! Appropriate for children going into Kindergarten and up. Registration is required.)
- July 3 **7:00pm** **Knitting Circle** (Knit, crochet, embroider, quilt, and more. Learn a new skill or share your own special talents with others. Drop in anytime. Also meets July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31)
- July 7 **2:00pm** **Spark a Reaction: Read & Feed** (We'll be making some tacos and other snacks to share while we talk about the books we've been reading. Haven't read a book lately? We'll talk about your favorite movie! Bring any books you have that you might like to share! This program is part of our Spark a Reaction! Teen Summer Reading Program and is for kids going into grades 6 & up. Registration is required.)
- July 8 **2:00pm** **Fizz, Boom, Read! Predators & Prey Wildlife Show** (Come see live birds of prey, reptiles, and mammals as we discover the relationship between predator and prey and their adaptations for survival and role in nature. Appropriate for children of all ages.)
- July 9 **9:00am** **Zumba** (Also meets July 16, July 23, July 30)

- July 9 **1:00pm** **Fizz, Boom Read: The Magic of Watercolor & Salt Painting** (You'll be amazed as you watch your watercolor & salt painting morph before your eyes! Younger children will need help from an adult. Registration is required.)
- July 9 **11:30am** **Computer HELP!** (Do you need help with simple tasks on the computer? Do you need help filling out an online job application or setting up an email? Make an appointment for semi - private instruction with a computer help specialist. You'll have an hour to ask questions and have hands on instruction. Call now for an appointment: (518) 827-5142. Registration is required. (Also meets July 16, July 23, and July 30.)
- July 9 **5:00pm** **Kundalini Yoga** (Kundalini Yoga involves repetitive movements with the breath, building strength, toning the nerves and clearing the adrenal glands. Wear comfortable clothing and bring 2 blankets or a mat and blanket. A \$5.00 donation is requested. Please use the back entrance when entering the building. No registration is required. Also meets July 23)
- July 9 **6:30pm** **Committee for Sustainable Library Funding Meeting** (Meets in the Community Room)
- July 10 **1:00pm** **Spark a Reaction! Melted Plastic Mobile** (We'll be using clear plastic cups, coloring them with sharpie markers and melting them in the oven to create cool glass-like discs to make into a mobile for your room. This program is for kids in grades 6 & up. Registration is required.)
- July 15 **1:00pm** **Spark a Reaction! Life Sized Clue** (It's an exciting afternoon of murder mystery when we bring the classic game of Clue to life. But there's no stuffy old Col. Mustard here. You'll be a great book character like Katniss, Harry or maybe even Sherlock as you move yourself around the giant board and solve the mystery This program is for kids going into grades 6 & up Registration is required.)
- July 16 **1:00pm** **Fizz, Boom, Pop-Up!** (Create pop-up books to illustrate your stories. This program is appropriate for kids going into grades 3-5. Registration is required.)
- July 17 **1:00pm** **Fizz, Boom, Read: Queen Bee — What's All the Buzz?** (Explore the incredible masterpiece of a honey bee's lifecycle making a model of a honey comb to take home. This program is presented by the **Scotia Glenville Children's Museum** and is appropriate for children going into grades 2-5. Registration is required.)
- July 18 **5:30pm** **Fizz, Boom, Read: Dinner & a Movie the Family Edition: The Lego Movie** (The library will provide pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert or snack to share. This program is appropriate for all ages. Registration is required.)
- July 19 **10:00am** **Spark a Reaction! Role Playing Games** (The "Art of Role Playing" combines fantasy/science fiction, social interaction, collaboration, acting, storytelling and board gaming into a fun-filled couple of hours. If you like to work as a team, problem solve, be creative, develop friendships and pretend you are a hero or heroine that fights the injustice of the world in search of glory and loot, role playing is for you! No materials are needed; simply bring your imagination and drive to be creative! A limit of 6 spots are available. This program is for kids in grades 6 & up. Registration is required.)
- July 21 **1:00pm** **Making Marionettes with Morgan Kelly** (Students will develop an original design concept and then use recycled materials to bring their idea to life to make their own marionette puppet. Basic manipulation techniques will be taught as well as an overview of puppetry and what makes marionettes unique. This program is appropriate for kids going into 6th grade & up. Registration is required. Also scheduled for July 22 according to calendar of events on website)
- July 21 **3:00pm** **Fizz, Boom, Read: Board @ the Library** (We'll be playing some new and exciting board games all afternoon. Snack will be provided! This program is appropriate for kids going into grades 2 - 6.)

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- July 23 1:00pm **Fizz, Boom, Read: Magic Mirror** (Learn about the how's and why's of reflection using a variety of kaleidoscopes. Each participant will create a kaleidoscope to take home. Presented by the **Scotia Glenville Children's Museum** and is appropriate for children going into grades (2 - 5) Registration is required.
- July 24 1:00pm **Fizz, Boom, LEGOS!** (Use your engineering skills to create a kinetic object - that means something with moving parts. It's up to you how you use your imagination to complete this challenge. This program is appropriate for children going into grades 1-5. Registration is required.
- July 28 2:00pm **Fizz, Boom, Read: Robot-a-thon** (We'll be using all kinds of recycled materials to make robots of all shapes and sizes. This program is appropriate for children of all ages. Registration is required.)
- July 30 1:00pm **Fizz, Boom, Read: Einstein's Megatronic Cosmic Café** (Get ready to enjoy a mystery lunch prepared and served by a group of "Mad Scientists". You'll be served four courses containing delectable offerings like Quark Soup, Rechargeable Batteries and Titanium Electrons. Yum! And when you're finished, sit back and watch the movie **Robots!** This program is appropriate for children going into grades 2-5. Registration is required.)
- July 30 5:30pm **Spark a Reaction!** (Let's see what kind of reaction we can spark with the leftover books from our book sale. First we'll have some pizza...because you can't think without food....and then we'll create a giant domino course with books. When it's finished we'll knock it over and film the results. Staying for clean-up is required. This program is for kids going into grades 6 & up. Registration is required.)
- July 31 1:00pm **Fizz, Boom, Read: Mother/Daughter American Girl Tea Party** (Step back in time as we explore the world of American Girl Samantha Parkington! Bring your dolls (It does NOT have to be an American Girl Doll) and your Mom to the library where we'll talk about what it was like to be a girl in 1904. You'll make a Victorian craft and a calling card to bring to the Best House where we'll have our tea party. Girls and Moms will meet "Mrs. Best," enjoy lemonade and cookies and have a personal tour of the house. Each girl will go home with a goodie bag! This program is appropriate for children going into grades 2-6. Registration is required.

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SAVE THE DATE – The Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department will celebrate our 75th Anniversary on September 6th at the Carey Conference Center. More details to follow.

The following link will take you to the Albany County Sheriff's Office newsletter for June 2014

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