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Draft Minutes, Town Board Special Meeting, March 29, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 29th day of March 2018 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Pflieger and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Steven Pflieger, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Dolce, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were five interested citizens.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to interview and appoint a Town Justice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke at 7:01pm to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing appointees for the position of Town Justice. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

[Editor's Note: No mention is made in these minutes that the Town Board was challenged regarding their decision to enter into Executive Session based on this email message from Robert Freeman, Executive Director for the Committee on Open Government: "Although the law states that a board may hold an executive session to discuss 'matters leading to the appointment...of a particular person,' in the only decision dealing with a situation in which a board was discussing filling a vacancy in an elective office, the court held that the discussion must occur in public." (my underlining).

The public has a right to know when a governing body is challenged in such matters. It's unfortunate that such information is not made part of official Town Board minutes.

Also note that these minutes do not indicate the names of the three persons who were interviewed for the justice position. They were Michael Weber, Sean McCormick, and Muriel Frasher.]

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to return from Executive Session at 7:27pm; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Supervisor Pflieger to appoint Muriel Frasher as Town Justice; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

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OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD

APPOINTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to reappoint Mark Overbaugh as Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector for the remainder of the year. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (3) Pflieger, Cooke, and Rauf; Nays (1) Sedlmeir; Undecided (1) Dolce

RESCIND MOTION TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW No. 4 of 2018

The Court will collect the \$5.00 fee and report it on their monthly report; a Local Law is not needed. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to rescind the motion scheduling the Public Hearing for proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2018 for April 12, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0);

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, April 10, 2018

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 10th day of April 2018 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Steven Pflieger and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Steven Pflieger, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Dolce, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present was Highway Superintendent Randy Bates and representatives from Cobleskill Stone Products and Gorman Brothers.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on April 12, 2018:

- March 6, 2018– Work Meeting
- March 8, 2018 – Regular Meeting
- March 8, 2018 – Public Hearing – Solar Exemptions
- March 29, 2018 – Special – Appointment of Town Justice/Code Enforcement Officer-Building Inspector

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Any correspondence will be presented on Thursday.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Pflieger shared his thoughts on the composition of the Solar Energy Committee. He felt the committee should include 2 representatives from the Town Board, 2 representatives from the Planning Board, 1 Assessor, Mark Overbaugh in his capacity as the Zoning Officer, and 2 representatives from the community.

2. Attorney Fallati will be addressing the 'Temporary Weight Limit' on town roads at the Regular meeting.

OPENING OF BIDS

The opening of the Highway Materials, Mowing, Port-o-Lets, and Hay Field bids commenced at 7:17 pm. Supervisor Pflieger opened and read all bids aloud. Bids will be awarded at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorization will be needed on Thursday to allow Town Clerk Kraker to attend the New York State Town Clerk's Association conference being held April 22-25, 2018 in Albany.

2. Authorization is needed to place a Legal Notice in the paper regarding the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2017

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Highway Superintendent Bates will need authorization to attend the Cornell Local Roads Program being held June 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

2. Highway Superintendent Bates would like to hire Earl David Potter as a seasonal employee.

3. Discussion ensued over the structure and content of Audience Comments.

[Editor's Note: I find it curious that the Town Board members would bring this up for discussion at the only meeting annually that I choose not to attend. And it's even more interesting to hear their take on freedom of speech. I have that section of the audio tape separated out from the rest of the meeting and will make it available to anyone who wants to hear it. I also have the attorney's email to the Town Clerk regarding this matter. Let me know if you would like this material.]

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, April 12, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 12th day of April 2018 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Steven Pflieger and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Attorney Thomas Fallati, Supervisor Steven Pflieger, Councilman John Dolce, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WAS: Councilwoman Marion Cooke

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018 – Work Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 – Regular Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 Public Hearing – Solar Exemptions; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2018 Special Meeting – Appointment of Town Justice and Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

TRANSFERS: None

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$43,022.88; Highway Fund - \$34,539.75; Lighting District - \$693.17; Sewer Fund - \$127.47; Water Fund - \$50.58; T&A Fund - \$6,234.50; Total Abstracts: \$84,668.35

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

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Pflieger received a 'thank-you' card and a donation of \$50.00 from Arlene & David Ingalls. Mr. Ingalls was able to utilize the bus for a doctor's appointment and wishes the donation be put towards the Senior Bus Fund.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Pflieger met with a company sub-contracted by the Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the former Kenyon Road Land Fill. Some soil samples were taken from the site and they stated that no one would be hearing from them, most likely, for a couple of years.

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2. Supervisor Pflieger has reached out to the engineers regarding the Lake Myosotis dam and was informed that they had just received a third proposal. Supervisor Pflieger should have an answer back by next week on how to make the necessary repairs.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Supervisor's report; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.
Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

ATTORNEY: Attorney Fallati will address the Board later in the meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates reported that all the highway equipment is still in snow & ice mode. The salt shed is full in preparation for the next season.

2. C.H.I.P.s funding will be the same as last year.

3. In regards to the bid prices: hot mix asphalt increased only 2% over last year; road oil is up about 8%; stone is up 1-2%; and there was no increase in the cost of pipe. However, diesel fuel has gone up by 20% which represents an approximate \$10,000 increase over last year's cost.

4. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize Highway Superintendent Bates to attend the Cornell Local Roads Program being held June 4, 5, & 6, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

5. A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to hire E. David Potter as a seasonal employee; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

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

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of March as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$963.60. Paid to the Supervisor - \$516.82 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$19.47; Recycling - \$5.00; Dog Licenses - \$106.00; Building Permits - \$176.35; Zoning - \$60.00; Planning - \$150.00. Total - \$516.82

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$19.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$427.78

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$9,321.52; which included \$8.34 in penalties

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$7,063.96; which includes \$89.59 in penalties

Town Clerk Kraker is wrapping up the Property Tax Collection for the year and will be sending the list of unpaid taxes and the reports on to Albany County.

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

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR: No Report

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Assessor's office has been working on preparing the Tentative Roll which is due May 1st.
2. Assessor Kropp and Assessor Wank attended the Albany/Schenectady County's Assessor's Association meeting. Beginning in 2019, the State will be performing the income verification process for the Senior Enhanced Star Program.
3. RPS (Real Property Services) will be performing a software upgrade in 2019. Assessor Kropp will have to investigate what, if any, hardware upgrades will have to be budgeted for

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

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

Town Clerk Kraker read a written report submitted by John Rice, Water/Sewer Treatment Officer, as follows:

The Water Treatment plant filtered 265,600 gallons – a daily average of 8,600 gallons.

The Sewer Treatment plant pumped 161,640 gallons – a daily average of 5,200 gallons.

A request was made by Councilman Dolce for a year-to-date chart for comparisons sake.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Water/Sewer Committee's written report; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of March as follows: City of Albany Landfill: 46.58 tons; Sierra Fibers: 4.80 tons comingled and 4.41 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 27 gallons; Tires: 12

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Recycling Coordinator's written report; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

1. Paul Ventura, representing the Rensselaerville Library, stated that item circulation is up significantly this year.
2. The Library has a new copier/scanner.
3. Several upcoming events at the Library include: The R'Ville Ramble which is scheduled for June; a program titled "Teen Boot Camp" is being scheduled in an effort to help students prepare for exams and regents; the Library's annual book sale will be held on May 19th; a one-on-one resume program is scheduled for May 31st; and the Library will have a Memorial Day party on May 27th from 4-7pm.

7.[sic] The Library received a generous donation of books from the Library of Congress.

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to accept the Library report; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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CURRENT EVENTS

1. The Medusa Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting its monthly free-will offering breakfast on May 21st from 7-11am
2. The Preston Hollow Beautification Committee will hold its annual Mother's Day Flower & Plant Sale on May 10th, 11th, and 12th.

AWARD OF BIDS

1. At the Work Meeting Supervisor Pflieger opened and read all bids for the Highway Materials, Mowing, Port-o-Lets, and Mowing of the Hay Fields. The following is a breakdown of the winning bidders and the materials and/or services which they will be providing. All bids were accompanied by a Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate.

Carver Sand & Gravel: (per ton unless otherwise noted)

- 1A Washed – FOB \$11.85
- 1A Washed – Delivered to yard 15.85
- 1A Washed – Delivered to job 16.35
- 1B Washed – Delivered to yard 12.75
- 1B Washed – Delivered to Job 13.25
- 1ST Washed – FOB 8.75 (tied w/ Cobleskill)
- 1ST Washed – Delivered to yard 12.75
- 1ST Washed – Delivered to job 13.25
- #1 Washed – FOB 8.75 (tied w/ Cobleskill)
- #1 Washed – Delivered to yard 12.75
- #1 Washed – Delivered to job 13.25
- #2 – FOB 8.75 (tied w/ Cobleskill/Callanan)
- #2 – Delivered to yard 12.75
- #2 – Delivered to job 13.25
- #3 – FOB 8.75 (tied w/ Cobleskill/Callanan)
- #3 – Delivered to yard 12.75
- #3 – Delivered to job 13.25
- Screenings – Delivered to job 12.15
- Crusher Run – FOB 6.85 (tied w/ Callanan)
- Crusher Run – Delivered to yard 10.85
- Crusher Run – Delivered to job 11.35
- Light Stone – Delivered to yard 14.75
- Light Stone – Delivered to job 15.25
- Medium Stone – FOB 12.25 (tied w/ Cobleskill/Callanan)
- Item 4 Gravel – FOB 6.25/cy
- ROB Gravel – FOB 4.00/cy
- #1 & #2 Mixed – FOB 8.75 (tied w/ Cobleskill)
- #1 & #2 Mixed – Delivered to yard 12.75
- #1 & #2 Mixed – Delivered to job 13.25

Cobleskill Stone: (per ton unless otherwise noted)

- 1 ST Washed – FOB 8.75 (tied w/ Carver)
- #1 Washed – FOB 8.75 (tied w/ Carver)
- #2 – FOB 8.75 (tied w/ Carver/Callanan)
- #3 – FOB 8.75 (tied w/ Carver/Callanan)

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Medium Stone – FOB 12.25 (tied w/ Carver/Callanan)
 Medium Stone – Delivered Yard 16.70
 Medium Stone – Delivered Job 17.05
 C'Run In Place w/Paver (600-) 20.10
 C'Run In Place w/Paver (600+) 20.10
 #1 & #2 Mixed – FOB 8.75 (tied w/ Carver)
 Type 1 Base – In Place 55.75 (tied w/ Callanan/Dolomite)
 Type 3 Binder – In Place 56.75
 19 MM Binder – In Place 56.75

Callanan: (per ton unless otherwise noted)

1B Washed – FOB 7.25
 #2 – FOB 8.75 (tied w/ Carver/Cobleskill)
 #3 – FOB 8.75 (tied w/ Carver/Cobleskill)
 Screenings – FOB 5.00
 Screening – Delivered to yard 11.00
 Crusher Run – FOB 6.85 (tied w/ Carver)
 Light Stone – FOB 10.00
 Medium Stone – FOB 12.25 (tied w/ Carver/Cobleskill)
 Type 1 Base – FOB 40.50
 Type 1 Base – In Place 55.75 (tied w/ Cobleskill/Dolomite)
 Type 3 Binder – FOB 41.50
 19 MM Binder – FOB 42.50
 Type 6 Top – FOB 44.50
 Type 7 Top – FOB 48.50

Gorman Bros.:

Winter Mix – FOB 89.50/ton
 Grade CMS-2r 2.01/gal
 Grade CRS-2p – Delivered to job 1.98/gal
 Liquid Calcium – Delivered to job 0.92/gal
 Dust Oil 3.25/gal
 Chip Spreader w/Operator – ½ Day 1,600.00
 Chip Spreader w/Operator – Full Day 1,600.00
 10T Pneumatic Rlr w/Operator – ½ Day 1,250.00
 10T Pneumatic Rlr w/Operator – Full Day 1,250.00
 Pavement Reclaimer w/Operator – Full Day 4,650.00
 Midland Paver or Equal 2,400.00
 Pug Mill 1,800.00

Peckham:

Type 6 Top – In Place 58.90/ton
 Type 7 Top – In Place 60.80/ton
 Grade CRS-2 – Delivered to Job 1.86/gal
 Grade CMS-2 – Delivered to Job 2.03/gal
 Tack Coat – Delivered to Job 4.10/gal
 Pavement Reclaimer w/Operator ½ Day 4,200.00
 Paver 1,750.00

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Dolomite: Type 1 Base – In Place 55.75/ton (tied w/ Callanan/Cobleskill)

Chemung Supply Corp. (per linear foot unless otherwise noted)

4" HDPE Pipe Corrugated – Delivered	0.42
6" HDPE Pipe Corrugated – Delivered	1.19
8" HDPE Pipe Corrugated – Delivered	2.38
10" HDPE Pipe Corrugated – Delivered	4.25
12" HDPE Pipe Smooth - Delivered	4.91
15" HDPE Pipe Smooth – Delivered	6.30
18" HDPE Pipe Smooth – Delivered	8.97
24" HDPE Pipe Smooth – Delivered	14.50
30" HDPE Pipe Smooth – Delivered	23.20
36" HDPE Pipe Smooth – Delivered	29.85
42" HDPE Pipe Smooth – Delivered	41.75
48" HDPE Pipe Smooth – Delivered	49.89
Geotextile Fabric Non-Woven – FOB	0.52/sy
Geotextile Fabric Non-Woven – Delivered	0.52/sy
Geotextile Fabric Woven – FOB	0.52/sy
Geotextile Fabric Woven – Delivered	0.52/sy

Mirabito:

Unleaded Gas (Reg) – J of C	+0.25/gal
Unleaded Gas (Mid) – J of C	+0.25/gal
Diesel (Low Sulfur) – Fixed	2.26/gal
Diesel/Kerosene (Winter) – Fixed	2.41/gal

Main Care:

No. 2 Heating Oil – Fixed	2.30/gal
Heating Service Contract	275.00/unit
Additional Labor Rate – Regular Time	125.00/unit

Big Top Portable Toilets:

Rensselaerville and Medusa Parks from April 15, 2018 to October 15, 2018:
one standard toilet with one cleaning per week: \$450.14 each

Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park from April 15, 2018 to October 15, 2018:
one standard toilet with one cleaning per week from April 15, 2018 to July 15, 2018; and one handicap toilet with one cleaning per week from May 15, 2018 to October 15, 2018: \$826.14

Triple L Landscaping, Inc.:

Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park:	\$3,049.00
Medusa Park:	650.00
Rensselaerville Park:	1,049.00

As there was a tie between Triple L Landscaping, Inc. and MGS Lawn Care & Landscaping, LLC on the Medusa Park, a motion was made by Councilman Rauf to award all three parks to one company. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept all awarded bids; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Pflieger has spoken to Assessor Chairperson, Donna Kropp, and she has indicated that she would be happy to serve on the Solar Energy Committee. Chairman Richard Amedure will reach out to members of the Planning Board to see who may be interested in serving.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to place an ad in the newsletter and also post on the Town's Board, seeking letters of interest from citizens who would be interested in serving on the solar policy committee. Letters of interest should be submitted by May 7, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

2. Attorney Fallati stated that there is a provision under the Vehicle & Traffic Law that allows a town to temporarily exclude vehicles in excess of 4 tons when in its opinion a highway would be materially injured by such vehicle. This would allow the Town Board to enact a temporary restriction. The Board has the authority to delegate that authority to the Highway Superintendent. Attorney Fallati will have more on this subject at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize Town Clerk Kraker to attend the NYS Town Clerk's Association Conference being held April 22 – 25, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

2. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir authorizing Town Clerk Kraker to place a Legal Notice in the *Altamont Enterprise* noticing that the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

3. Supervisor Pflieger read the resignation letter of Thomas Kropp as the Alternate Planning Board member.

Supervisor Pflieger also reported that Planning Board member Walter Cook wished to resign as well. Mr. Cook will continue to serve until a replacement can be found.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to advertise for a Planning Board member noting that letters of interest must be submitted by May 16, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Diana Hinchcliff inquired whether the engineering fees had been paid up for 'Sewer District – Phase II' users, and if not, when they would be.

2. Lynn Love expressed an interest in serving on the Solar Energy Committee. **[Editor's Note: Ms. Love also expressed concern about a property adjacent to/in close proximity to hers which was scheduled for demolition/destruction.]**

3. Gerald Wood inquired into the condition of the sidewalks in Preston Hollow. Councilman Dolce and Councilman Rauf along with Superintendent Bates will meet with Mr. Wood to inspect the sidewalk and discuss what options may be available.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm; 2nd by Councilman

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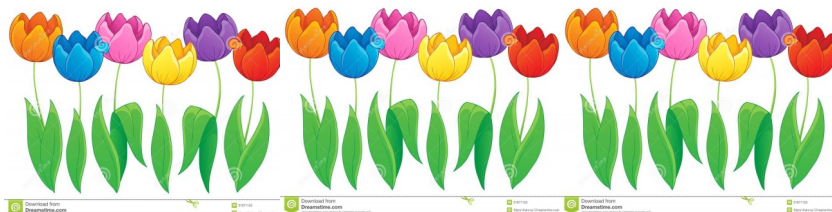
Rauf.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Pflieger, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker

Town Clerk



The Essential Guide to Online Privacy

Monica Mateiu, 6 March 2018

Worried about your privacy? You should be. Online tracking makes it very tricky to keep things to yourself.

Besides opening the door to ransomware, Trojans, and phishing attacks, browsers also give out some of your most private details: credit card info, passwords, websites you have accessed, personal interests, searches, and habits. We'll talk more about how to fix that, but the first thing you should consider is getting a private browser, even if that means ditching your current one.

By the end of this article, you'll know everything about:

Internet browsers: what they are, how they work

Cookies: which ones are good, which ones bad

What type of information websites track

How private browsing really works

How to set up your browser to stay private

What is an internet browser?

An internet browser or web browser is the software you use to access your email, favorite sites, or anything online. It's a lightweight program capable of translating the code web pages are built on into text, pictures, videos, or web applications that humans can understand and interact with.

Every operating system has its own built-in browser, but there are dozens of independent programs available for free download.

The most popular web browsers are:

- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox
- Internet Explorer/Edge (Windows)
- Safari (iOS)
- Opera

Both Google and Mozilla have open-source browser projects which allow developers to create their own software, so there are many alternatives out there. Even Opera ditched their old in-house rendering engine for Google's Chromium. Comodo IceDragon and Waterfox are Firefox-based.

What are cookies?

Cookies are text files that contain various information about your browser, web activity, or computer. They can't infect you with viruses. In fact, they don't do anything, they

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simply sit on your computer and store details that your browser can quickly access, such as your login info, visited websites, or web activity. And that's not always a bad thing.

As a general rule, cookies are there to make using the Internet as smooth as possible. They work in the background to help online stores remember what you've added to your shopping cart, they save your login info so you don't have to enter it each time you open Facebook. Harmless!

But many of them also use trackers that map where you've been and what you've searched for, giving away private information such as your interests and preferences, your symptoms and concerns, or your future plans, from traveling to getting a new job.

More importantly, all of this information can be used to target you with ads and marketing messages, so if you're uncomfortable with advertisers, marketers (or the government, for that matter) gathering information on you, you'll be interested to know more about which cookies are good and which ones are bad.

Types of cookies

Session cookies (also known as **in-memory cookies** or **transient cookies**) are temporary files that only stay on your computer while you're surfing the web. They don't store any user information, but they allow you to navigate through different pages of a website without having to log in each time, or help your browser remember which items you added to the shopping cart. Session cookies are deleted once you close your browser.

Persistent cookies have a specific date or length of time attached to them. While they're active they send out information about your browsing habits, allowing advertisers to track you (which is why they're often referred to as tracking cookies). However, they can also be used to keep you logged in, so you don't have to enter your username and password each time you visit.

Third-party cookies belong to other domains than the one you're currently on. These are usually planted by companies or organizations who've bought ad space on a website and want to use their own methods to serve you targeted ads. Third-party cookies are the reason why you keep seeing the same ads for the same products on every website you visit.

Flash cookies are stored locally on your computer, without your explicit permission. You may not even be aware they're there! You can't control them from your browser settings and they don't get deleted with your regular web cookies either, which means they'll stay on your PC until manually removed. They can store useful information, such as your game progress, but they can also be used to track your visits or reveal your settings.

Supercookies, permacookies, or zombie cookies are bits of code saved in multiple locations on your computer, in addition to the web cookies saved in your browser (most commonly in your Adobe Flash directory). This makes them hard to locate and get rid of, and even if your browser is configured to clear cookies it won't be able to wipe the ones stored in other folders. What's more, zombie cookies replicate your web cookies after they've been deleted, so you'll continue to be tracked until you've killed off all the zombies.

Who's tracking you, anyways?

If you live in the European Union you're probably aware that most websites use cookies, thanks to the so-called Cookie Law which requires websites to get consent from visitors before storing these files on their devices. But there are millions of users around the world who don't even realize they're being tracked.

Researchers at the University of Washington found that 75% of the world's most popular websites use tracking tools. Each site can use dozens of its own cookies, plus a number of third-party trackers that

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constantly collect information on you. In fact, another study published by Mascherari Press has found that hundreds of popular websites are wired to a complex infrastructure dubbed The Information-Tracking Superhighway, allowing all third-party trackers to freely access massive amounts of data across the so-called superhighway.

And now prepare to freak out: there are companies out there that own an average of 3,000 pieces of data about each of the 350 million people in their database. What do they know about you? Anything from your location, favorite restaurants, your habits or the websites you visited, to more personal data such as medical info or credit scores.

What is your digital fingerprint

Cookies are one way of tracking your activity, but thanks to online fingerprinting, websites can also tell who you are. How? They collect information about your device, operating system, fonts, screen resolution, color depth, time zone, browser version, plugins, and other settings (i.e. whether you block cookies or ads).

On top of all this, data companies and advertisers behind each website track your activity. They know which articles you read and which ones you skipped; which videos you watched, and which ones you stopped after 3 seconds; which promotional emails you read, and which ones you sent to your Trash folder without even opening them; what topics you're interested in, which ads you've hidden hated, which Facebook posts you liked, or which Tweets you retweeted.

It might seem harmless. Who cares if advertisers know what fonts you're using, right? Wrong. When put together, all these bits of information make up your unique digital fingerprint, allowing websites to identify you, then show ads specially tailored to your taste and needs.

How to stop online tracking

From deleting or disabling cookies to switching to a private browser, there are many things you can do to reduce the amount of personal information you put out there every day. Let's see how you can cover your tracks online.

1. Disable cookies

Websites need cookies to look and work properly, and that makes hiding from advertisers pretty difficult. You could disable cookies and Flash, but surfing the web isn't much fun when you have to log in to every account on every visit, can't do your shopping because nothing gets saved in your cart, can't view animations, or when your browser keeps freezing and crashing.

The safest option is to disable third-party tracking and regularly clear cookies. This will give you a greater level of Internet privacy, while at the same time allowing you to shop and surf as usual. Cookies are stored in your web browser, so you need to go to your privacy settings and explore the available options, which may vary from one browser to another.

Here's how to manage cookies and privacy settings in the top 5 most popular browsers:

[How to disable cookies in Chrome](#)

[How to disable tracking and change cookie settings in Firefox](#)

[How to clear cookies and disable tracking in Edge](#)

[How to manage cookies and website data in Safari](#)

[How to disable, configure, and delete cookies in Opera](#)

2. Use anti-tracking apps or plugins

Plugins, add-ons, or extensions... We may have different names for them, but they all serve the same purpose: to improve your browsing experience. These lightweight pieces of software are installed on top of your browser to add new functionalities that the browser itself is unable to do.

Privacy add-ons can be used to block tracking cookies, scripts, and online ads. Some of them work in

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the background, while others need to be enabled before they can work, or even configured. Some of them are free, others are paid, so take your time to do research, check ratings, instructions, and user feedback before you install anything.

Then there's anti-tracking software which allows you to see who's tracking you and block them, mask your digital fingerprint, and get full control over all your browsers through various privacy features and settings. These apps usually install an extension to your browser but are controlled from their own dashboard.

3. Get a private browser

Configuring your browser can be complicated, and if you don't know what you're doing you'll just end up with broken web pages. Installing too many add-ons isn't a good idea either, because it can seriously slow you down.

The rise of tracking technology has motivated developers to build their own browsers with built-in privacy features and settings that give you control over what information you share, who you share it with, and how.

Tor (The Onion Router) was launched in 2002 as one of the first anonymous networks. The group behind the Tor Project has also built a browser which, instead of connecting to websites directly, goes through a number of volunteer-operated servers worldwide, forming a web of virtual tunnels to help keep your activity private.

Tor comes with pre-configured privacy settings, it's portable, and you can even run it off a flash drive. It's completely free, available on Windows, Mac, Linux, and Android. It hides your history, online posts, instant messages, and all online communication. Although it's slower than other browsers, Internet freedom activists recommend it and even journalists use it to get in touch with sources who need to keep their activity and whereabouts confidential, such as whistleblowers.

But there are dozens of free private browsers out there (besides Tor, Epic and Comodo are the most popular ones), many of them built on the same framework as Chrome or Firefox.

4. Use a VPN (Virtual Private Network)

VPNs come as standalone apps or browser extensions and can be free or paid. Besides protecting you on public Wi-Fi networks by encrypting your connection, or helping you get around content blocks by allowing you to change your location, they also conceal your Internet Protocol address (IP), effectively hiding your activity from your Internet Service Provider (ISP).

Why should you care? Because your ISP is allowed (if not obligated) to gather and keep records of your browsing history. In some countries, including the USA, they can even sell your data without your consent.

While a VPN won't prevent cookies from being saved on your computer or stop advertisers from profiling you, it's an essential tool for those concerned with their online security and privacy. Bear in mind that some free products often work against you: they might hide you from hackers, your ISP, or government surveillance, but they can also be doing their own data profiling, or opening the door to countless security risks.

5. Private browsing mode

Incognito Mode, Private Browsing, or InPrivate window — each browser has a different name for it, but what does it do to protect your privacy? The short answer is: not much. All it does is keep your activity hidden from people using the same computer, by preventing your history from being saved on your hard drive.

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Your searches, the pages you visit, or the information you enter when logging in or filling out online forms will not be saved. Your download history isn't saved either, but your files will remain on your computer after you close your browser. For an extra layer of privacy, Firefox also offers tracking protection, while Opera allows you to use a VPN.

The feature certainly comes in handy when you're browsing from a public computer (at an Internet café or an airport), when you're shopping for gifts and don't want to ruin the surprise, or when you don't want your spouse to see what you've been doing online.

However, private browsing mode does not offer complete privacy, as your Internet Service Provider, routers, firewalls, and proxy servers can still track your activity. If you think it hides you from your employer or the government, for example, you're wrong. Keep in mind that authorities can always request to access your online history.

Source: https://blog.avast.com/essential-guide-to-private-browsing?et_cid=118007&et rid=97889308&mailing=con oo pc paac sec all 2018 q1 boji news03&utm_medium=email&utm_source=sfmc&utm_campaign=con oo pc paac sec all 2018 q1 boji news03&utm_content=





Open House Cotter Equestrian Potter Hollow

All Welcome

Saturday, May 5, 2018, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Come to school your horse or just come with a friend for lunch.

Please bring a dish to share.

Free Schooling Day Includes Use of:

- Dressage Ring
- X-Country Course
- Stadium Course
- Indoor Ring
- Training Arena
- Round Pen
- Trails

For More Information Call Dorothea at 518-239-4849

Kenneth's Army presents the
4th Annual

Kenneth's Ride

Saturday, June 3, 2018

Music

Raffles

BBQ



NEW LOCATION!!!!!!

Registration:
9:00 AM Berne Town Park
Helderberg Trail
State Route 443, Berne
Between County Rt 9 & 1)

\$20 per bike
\$30 with passenger
\$20 walk-ins
\$30 per couple
\$10 ages 13-20
Under 12 FREE

1st Hundred registered get a free t-shirt
Kickstands up at 11:30 am
Ends at Berne Town Park with a BBQ

50/50

*** Preregistration from April 1 - May 20 ***

*Ride through the Hilltowns.

Stops at the Maple on the Lake and the Shell Inn.*

**Door
Prizes**

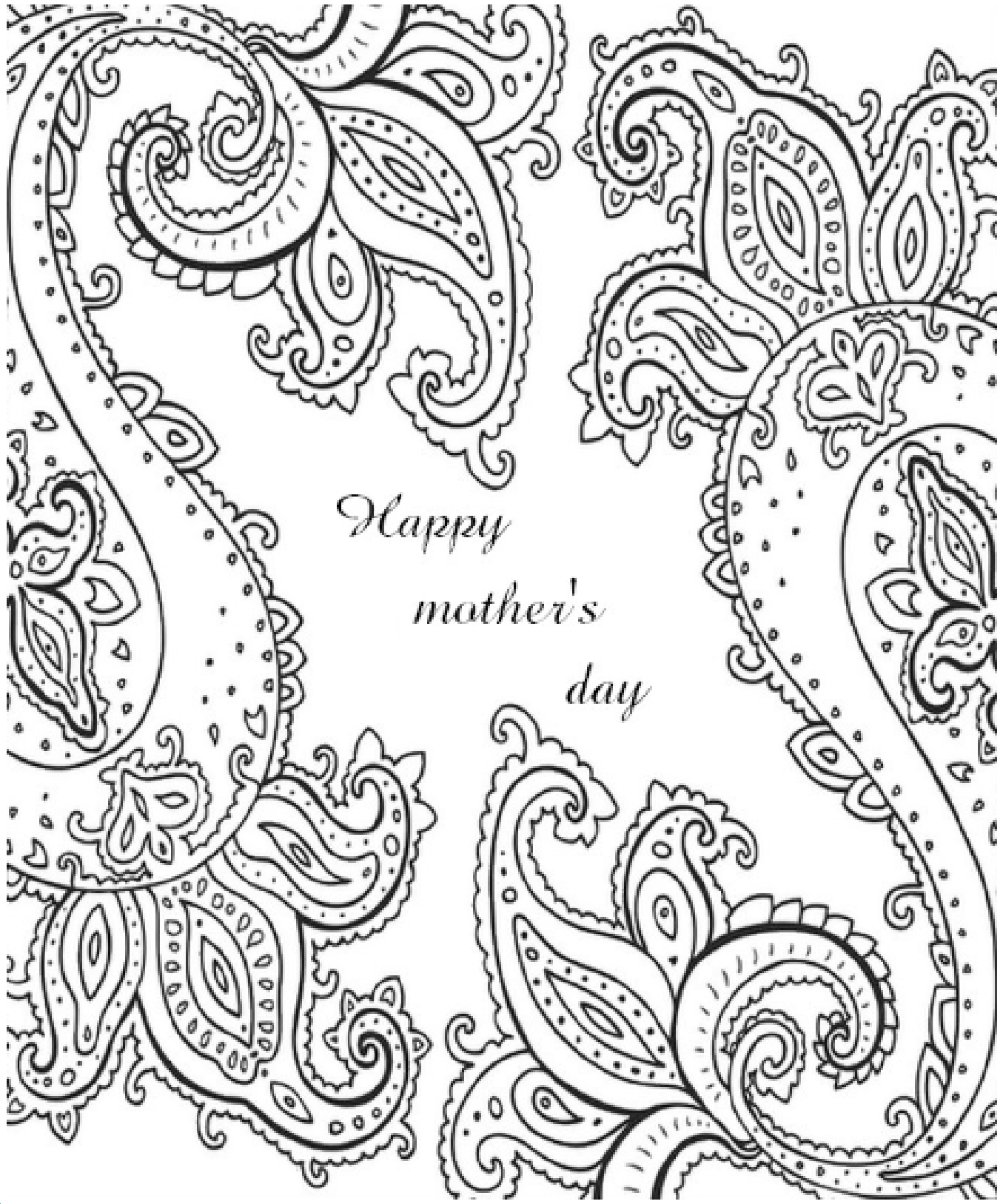
Proceeds benefit a Scholarship Fund
for a Berne Knox Westerlo student and
other charitable donations to keep
Kenneth's memory alive.

Contact Info:
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A Little Child Shall Lead Them

Kenneth's Army is a 501 (C)3 organization.

Kid's Activity Page—Color Me!



*Happy
mother's
day*

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Town Councilman	John Dolce	jdolce@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilwoman	Margaret Sedlmeir	msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	Jason Rauf	jrauf@rensselaerville.com
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Highway Superintendent Clerk	Kim Welsch	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
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Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer Office Hours: Th: 8am-10am Th: 7pm-9pm	Mark Overbaugh	codeenforcement@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Planning Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Th @ 7:30pm	Richard Amedure	spfleging@rensselaerville.com
Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings: 1st Th @ 6:30pm	Anthony Guadagno	spfleging@rensselaerville.com
Board of Ethics	Mary Anne Overbaugh	ethicsboard@rensselaerville.com
Dog Control Officer	Cheryl Tefft-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 102nd District
		County Legislator Chris Smith 39th District Alb Co Office Building 112 State Street Albany, NY 12207 447-7168; (H) 447-7117

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.



March 16 through May 14 , 2018

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

<http://www.usps.com>

MEDUSA POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-4826
(19 COUNTY ROUTE 351 MEDUSA, NY 12120)

Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm; Sat 7:30am - 11:15am

Last Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 4:15pm; Sat 11:15am

Lobby Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am - 5:00pm; Sat 7:30am - 11:30am

PRESTON HOLLOW POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-6111
(2930 ROUTE 145 PRESTON HOLLOW, NY 12469)

Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am - 10:30am; 3:00pm - 5:00pm; Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm

Last Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 5:00pm; Sat 12:00pm

Lobby Hours: Mon-Sat 12:01am - 11:59pm

RENSSELAERVILLE POST OFFICE: Phone 518-797-3231
(26 COUNTY ROUTE 353 RENSSELAERVILLE, NY 12147)

Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 11:00am

Last Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 4:15pm; Sat 11:30am

Lobby Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 11:30am



Senior Citizens Info

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

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

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

Additional Important Phone Numbers:

- Department of Aging 518-447-7179
- HEAP: 518-447-2551



You're Invited!

Hilltown Seniors of the Town of Berne have scheduled two trips which we will open up to the public...if you want to join us, here is the info:

May 23-25 we are off to **Lancaster, Pa...**3 day/2 night package includes: visit to Longwood Gardens, 2 nights Deluxe Accommodations in Lancaster, 2 full breakfasts, Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre featuring the smash hit "Grease"...then the All New Show at the Sight and Sound Theatre featuring "Jesus", dinner at Bird In Hand Family Restaurant, Tour the Pretzel Factory, Visits to Lancaster Canning and Sweet Shoppe, shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village or Outlets, visit to Bird In Hand Farmers Market...

All applicable taxes, roundtrip luggage handling and meal gratuities included.

Cost: \$400 per double for members/\$420 per double for non-members

THEN IN **SEPTEMBER 17-21** off to **Niagara Falls/Toronto**... 4 nights lodging, 8 meals, guided tours of the Falls and Toronto, a journey to the Falls on a Hornblower Niagara Cruise, gaming at Fallsview Casino, a visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake and Queen Victoria Park, a visit to Casa Loma (Canada's most magnificent castle)

Cost: \$450 per double for members/\$475 per double for non-members

IMPORTANT!!!! You must have a NYS enhanced driver's license or passport to cross the border into Canada

Contact Shirley Slingerland if interested at 518-797-3467. Questions? Call Shirley!

JOIN US FOR THESE TWO FUN-FILLED TRIPS!



Grist Mill Snow—2011

Rensselaerville Historical Society News

The Rensselaerville Historical Society is announcing its 3rd Art Show. We are looking for artists with a Rensselaerville connection to participate. If you are an artist or know of an artist who is no longer alive or has moved away, we are now creating our artist list for this year's show. The Historical Society is looking for a variety of art work including paintings, drawings, sculptures, photographs, carvings or other media. The show will be in the Grist Mill on Main Street in Rensselaerville for two weeks in mid-July. Since there is limited space, we are now collecting names of interested artists on a first come basis. In the spring, we will get back to you with more information. Please email the RHS with the artist's name/and your name if you are the contact person for a deceased artist, email address, mailing address, telephone number, media of art work to rensselaervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com or mail it to RHS, PO Box 8, Rensselaerville, New York 12147. Any questions may also be emailed to the above address.



Rensselaerville Historical Society

The Grist Mill Museum will open for the season on Sunday, May 27 from 12-3. We will also have a fundraiser bake sale. We need your help to make this a success by donating baked goods. Items may be dropped off at the mill starting at 11:30 or call Joyce Chase at 518-239-4507 for alternative drop off locations.

CAREY INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL GOOD

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The Carey Institute for Global Good is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2012 by Wm. P. Carey and is dedicated to making the world better by contributing to a strong, educated and just society. Through its programs, the Institute strives to bring together innovative and dynamic people from around the world to seek creative solutions to the most pressing challenges of the day. Learn more at careyinstitute.org.

The featured artist for May 2018 is K. Velis Turan. Her art will be hanging in the Guggenheim from May 1-31. More info is located here: <http://careyinstitute.org/event/art-show-k-velis-turan-2/>

For more information about what is happening at the Carey Institute for Global good, read the recent February E-Newsletter by visiting the website at www.careyinstitute.org.



63 Huyck Rd, Rensselaerville, NY 12147
(518) 797-5100

Hours: (presently) Wednesday 6-10pm/Fridays 6-10pm
(as of May 18, 2018) Wednesdays 4-10pm/Sundays 12-6pm

Events:

- Live music with Eric Fernandez May 4th 7:30pm-10:30pm - <https://www.facebook.com/events/203706060396540/>
- Rensselaerville Ride August 19th 7am-4pm - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1749505931804714/>



BLOOD DRIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Cairo Durham High School

Route 145
Cairo, NY 12413

8.1 mi | 08:30 AM - 02:30 PM

More Details

Blood Power Red

Friday, April 27, 2018

Town of Coxsackie Ambulance

117 Mansion Street
Coxsackie, NY 12051

10 mi | 02:30 PM - 07:30 PM

More Details

Power Red Blood



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

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



SOLAR ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Town of Rensselaerville is seeking letters of interest from members of the community who would be interested in serving on a Solar Energy Committee. The purpose of the committee is to amend the Town's current zoning law to include solar energy policies. Two individuals will be selected to serve on the committee.

Letters of interest should be addressed to the Town of Rensselaerville Town Clerk, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120, and submitted no later than May 7, 2018

WANTED: PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

The Town of Rensselaerville is seeking letters of interest to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board.

Applicants must be a resident of the Town.

This is a 7-year term, with meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:30 PM as needed.

The Planning Board's primary responsibilities are to review all minor/major subdivision requests and to ensure responsible land use within the Town.

Letters of interest should be addressed to the Town of Rensselaerville Town Clerk, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120, and submitted no later than May 16, 2018

On the Calendar

Apr 30-May 1	Seniors' trip to Pennsylvania Amish Country	
May 5 9am-4pm	Annual Medusa Festival Flea Market ~ Chicken BBQ ~ & Much more! To sign up for a booth indoors or outdoors call Chris @ 239-6006 or Manny @ 239-4609 Also, Rummage Sale at Church Hall The Museum of Medusa History will be open.	R'ville Firehouse
May 6 10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
May 6 11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
May 8 12:00 pm	Senior's Meeting & Luncheon	Medusa Firehouse
May 8 7:00 pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
May 10 7:00 pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
May 13	MOTHER'S DAY	
May 13 10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
May 13 11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
May 20 10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
May 20 11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
May 27 10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
May 27 11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
May 28	MEMORIAL DAY - TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	

Looking Ahead: TBA

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.



Library News



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

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

Upcoming Library Events

Registration is open for the Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run/Walk scheduled for June 16th at 9am on the trails of the Huyck Preserve.

Register at <http://bit.ly/rvillramble> and to learn more visit:

www.facebook.com/RensselaervilleRamble or <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/ramble.html> Be sure to register by April 30 to receive a discount.

The Library monthly **Board of Trustees Meeting** is scheduled for May 15 at 7pm. Board meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of every month except when noted. All Board meetings are held at the Library in the downstairs meeting room and are open to the public.

Poetry Group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, 24th and May 8 and 22. Come share your work, receive feedback and spend time working on your own project. The Poetry group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the downstairs meeting room.

The **Writing Group** meets on the second Thursday of the month. On May 10th 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.

Youth Programs: Visit the online calendar for current weekly events at www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/calendar.html

STEAM Classes on Wednesdays at 3:30pm and 6:00pm

(Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math) STEAM is an instructor led multi-level themed educational program with activities each week to integrate the disciplines and stimulate the creativity of young minds.

May 2: What is a terrarium, and how do we make one? Come learn all about the different types of terrariums, and bring home one that you have planted!

May 9: Mother's Day is coming, and what better way to show appreciation to the Mother, Grandmother, or other important person in your life than by giving them a gift that you crafted yourself. We will make fizzy, good smelling 'bath bombs' to help the important person in your life feel spoiled and pampered.

May 16: Playing with slime is a great sensory and relaxation activity - and an excellent way to explore scientific concepts of states of matter. We do not use borax in our slimes - these activities are safe for a variety of ages, and fun for everyone from toddlers through adults!

May 23: Learn to Code with Colby, our robotic mouse! Have fun while you learn how to direct him through a maze that you create! Kids learn the basics of coding in a fun, simple, hands-on activity.

May 30: What do Optical Illusions tell us about how our brains work? How does what we see shape how we understand the world around us? How can we have fun with them? Come and see some optical illusions, learn some things about your brain, and make an optical illusion or two to take home with you!

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StoryTime on Wednesday at 4:30

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.

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

The **Summer Reading Program** registration will begin on Saturday, June 16th and run through August 4. Be sure to check out the calendar for the list of programs.

TEEN end of school year BOOT CAMP May 29, 2018, June 5, 2018 & June 12, 2018 At 4:00 pm
Teens Are you freaked out about exams? Want to take it down a notch? Get motivated? Get organized? Come learn some tools that can change your life forever. Nancy Dyer will teach how to stay calm and in charge no matter what's going on around you. And how to instantaneously feel good about yourself. Want to psyche yourself up to really study; to feel at total ease when taking a test.... Can't sleep at night? Anxious....even learn to meditate... Nancy Dyer, former coach and Yoga Instructor, sales person and marketing executive leads Teen Boot Camp on taking charge of your life fast.

Programs

Games & Puzzles for all ages Stop in and select a game to play with family and friends. Not into games we have puzzles too. Items are for in Library use and can be found downstairs near the activity room.

Annual Book Sale, Saturday, May 19th from 9-3pm. Please drop off gently used books May 1 through May 16th during Library Hours. Buy a Library tote bag for \$12 and fill it for free. During the last hour of the sale fill a bag for \$1.00. This event is part of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department's annual garage sale day.

One-on-One Resume-Critiquing 30 minute sessions with Resume Coach Marsha Lazarus on Thursday, May 31 at 6-8pm. We have one space available for this opportunity. Please register to reserve your space. You will need to bring your resume with you. This program is supported by funds from NY State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services program in partnership with the Capital Region Workforce Development Board.

Movies

The Post Thursday, May 3 at 6:30pm Rated: PG-13, Length: 1:56, Description: A cover-up that spanned four U.S. Presidents pushed the country's first female newspaper publisher and a hard-driving editor to join an unprecedented battle between the press and the government.

Phantom Thread Thursday, May 24 at 6:30pm, Rated: R, Length: 2:10, Description: Set in 1950's London, Reynolds Woodcock is a renowned dressmaker whose fastidious life is disrupted by a young, strong-willed woman, Alma, who becomes his muse and lover.

The Library will be at the **Medusa Festival** on Saturday, May 5 from 9-4pm.. We will have Rensselaerville shirts, library tote bags, post cards and much more. Visit with Trustees, share how you use the library and make suggestions for new resources.

Annual Library Memorial Day Party will be held in the Library on Sunday, May 27, 2018 from 4-7pm. Tickets are \$20 at the door and include a beverage, food and music by Eric Fernandez. Enjoy an evening with neighbors and friends in our historic building. View the work we have accomplished over the

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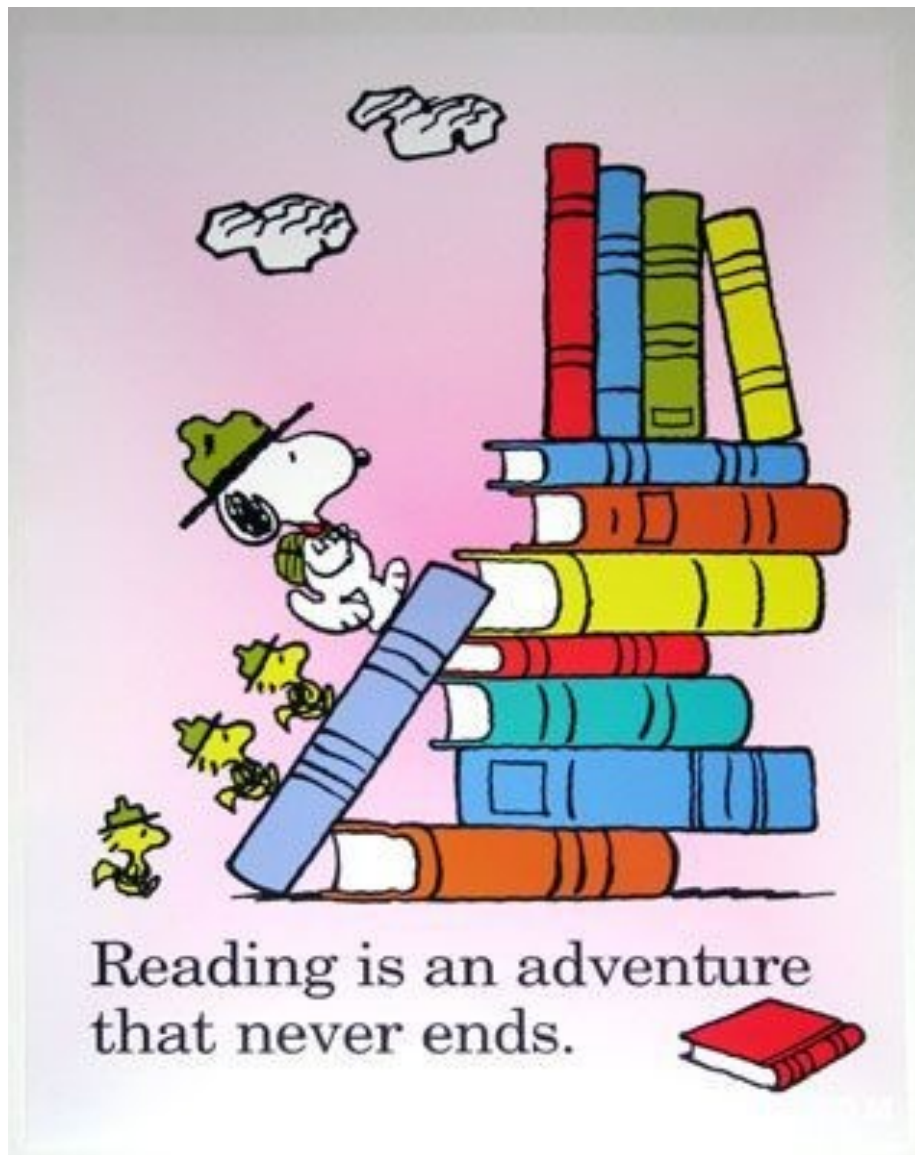
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past few years and hear our plans for the future. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share.

HOURS

Sunday and Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10-Noon & 3-9pm
Thursday & Friday: 4-9pm
Saturday: 9-1pm



USED BOOK SALE

RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

9am - 3pm

2pm - 3pm

Bring a bag and fill it to the brim with books for \$1.

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

All proceeds go to benefit the Rensselaerville Library.

Featuring a wide variety of books, movies, and music, the Used Book Sale is a great place to pick up that novel that you've always wanted to read or to browse for that book that you never knew that you wanted.

Donations accepted:

May 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, from 4pm - 9pm

May 5 and 12th from 9am-1pm

Please NO text books or encyclopedias.

Book Sale Price List

Adult Hard Covers: \$1.00
 Adult Paperbacks: 50 cents
 Juvenile Hard Covers: \$1.00
 Juvenile Paperbacks: 25 cents
 Audiobooks: \$1.00
 Music CDs: \$1.00
 DVD or BlueRay: \$1.00



Special sales area items priced individually.

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

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

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RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY
MEMORIAL WEEKEND
PARTY

SUNDAY

MAY 27, 2018

4-7PM

RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

1459 COUNTY ROUTE 351
RENSSELAERVILLE

Enjoy the evening with neighbors in our historic library building. View the work we have done over the past few years and hear about upcoming projects.

TICKETS

\$20 @ THE DOOR

Includes a Drink Ticket, food &
MUSIC BY ERIC FERNANDEZ

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Rensselaerville Library

RESUME COACH



MEET ONE-ON-ONE
@ YOUR LIBRARY

MARSHA LAZARUS, MBA
RENSELAERVILLE LIBRARY
5/31/2018 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM



UPPER HUDSON
LIBRARY SYSTEM
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This program is supported by funds from the New York State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services Program, in partnership with the Capital Region Workforce Development Board.

Resume Coach Marsha Lazarus will provide One-on-One Resume-Critiquing. Each one-on-one session will be 30 minutes and requires that registered participants bring their resume. Four spaces are available and you must register for a timeslot: 6:00 pm, 6:30pm, 7:00 pm or 7:30 pm.



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Interested
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REGISTER for a
timeslot.

Ride For My Bride



Fight Like A Girl

KO Against Ovarian Cancer

Help David Oliver Jr raise money for his wife

June 3rd, 2018

Bike Run 12-2pm

Buffet Dinner 2pm

\$20/ Buffet Dinner & event

\$30/Bike Run, Buffet Dinner, event

& T-Shirt (While supplies last)

Event will include a Chinese Auction, Fun & Games in the pub, and a Ride in
Bike show

At The Blackthorne Resort 348 Sunside Road East Durham, NY 12423



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Middleburgh Library

5/1- 10:45 AM - Children's Book Week Special - Storytime at W. Whitman Books!

5/8, 15, 22, 29 - 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.*

5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 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.

5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 5:15 PM - Insight Meditation - What do you want most deeply? Seeing your life calmly and clearly helps answer this. Insight Meditation is a simple way to steady your mind, stop wandering in day-dreams, and end the suffering of troubling thoughts. Our group is a place to sit quietly in safety, supported by others; to allow understanding and compassion to arise; to encourage loving-kindness and patience. We welcome those with no experience to advanced mediators', teens to seniors. Give it a try. No registration is required. There is no fee. All are welcome.

5/2, 16, 30 - 11:00 AM - Storytime with Miss Doreen - Join master storyteller, Doreen McCoy, for a fun storytime. Stories, fingerplays, songs and a craft for little ones two years old and up with their caregivers. *No registration required.*

5/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - Free Popcorn -

5/2 - "LBJ" (R)

5/9 - "Phantom Thread" (R)

5/16 - "The Post"

5/23 - "Loving Vincent" (PG-13)

5/30 - "Hostiles" (R)

5/3, 10, 17, 24 - 10:00-11:00 AM - An Introduction to Tai Chi for Health & Wellness - (Arthritis, Energy, & Diabetes) A time-tested and complete movement art that helps an individual focus on health and well-being. Tai Chi has been shown to improve strength and suppleness, balance, and immune function. It lowers stress levels and helps the individual manage pain or problems like high blood pressure and arthritis. Tai chi benefits people at all ages and fitness levels. While it is accessible to people who are elderly or inactive, it has the depth to challenge the athletic, and broaden the abilities of either. It cultivates mental focus and relaxation, both essential for personal wellness and productivity.

Benefits: improves muscle strength, improves flexibility, improves balance and posture, improves memory, improves quality of life, improves breathing, helps regulation blood sugar, decreases pain and decreases stress. This class is facilitated by Earl O'Bryan. **Registration is required.**

5/3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle - These friendly ladies (men are welcome, but we haven't seen any yet!) knit and crochet, embroider and quilt, and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others- or just craft in the company of friends. Drop in anytime! No registration is required

5/4, 18 - 10:00 to 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.

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5/4 - 5:30 PM - Dinner & a Movie - "Darkest Hour" (PG-13) - Join us for a showing of the Academy Award nominated *Darkest Hour* starring Gary Oldman. The library will provide pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert or snack to share. Please note that this film is rated PG-13 and is not appropriate for young children. **Registration required.**

With Europe on the threshold of World War II as Hitler's armies rampage across the continent's once proud nations, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Neville Chamberlain, is forced to resign, appointing Winston Churchill as his replacement. But even in his early days as the country's leader, Churchill is under pressure to commence peace negotiations with the German dictator or to fight head-on the seemingly invincible Nazi regime, whatever the cost. However difficult and dangerous his decision may be, Winston Churchill has no choice, but to shine in his darkest hour.

5/8 - 12:00-8:00 PM - Library Budget Vote. Come out and vote yes for our library.

5/12 - 2:00 PM - Cooking by the Vegan Book - "Book to be announced" - The Middleburgh Library presents its monthly book club, "Cooking by the Vegan Book." We pick the cookbook, you pick and make the recipe!

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.**

5/14 - 6:30 PM - Library Board of Trustees Meeting - Public is welcome.

5/15 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "A Streetcar Named Desire" by Tennessee Williams - It is a very short list of 20th-century American plays that continue to have the same power and impact as when they first appeared 57 years after its Broadway premiere, Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire* is one of those plays. The story famously recounts how the faded and promiscuous Blanche DuBois is pushed over the edge by her sexy and brutal brother-in-law, Stanley Kowalski. *Streetcar* launched the careers of Marlon Brando, Jessica Tandy, Kim Hunter and Karl Malden, and solidified the position of Tennessee Williams as one of the most important young playwrights of his generation, as well as that of Elia Kazan as the greatest American stage director of the '40s and '50s. *No registration required.*

5/19 - 2:00 PM - Middleburgh Library Anniversary Party Celebration - We're taking time out to celebrate the library's 15 years on Main Street. Join us for a special party with food, music and fun!

5/21 - 2:00 PM - Color Me Calm Adult Coloring Club - Do you need a relaxing activity to melt away stress? Join our **Color Me Calm Adult Coloring Club!** This program allows adults to create wonderful pictures and offers a fun and unique way to unwind and express creativity. Plus, it can actually lower stress! *Please note that this is not a structured program. Drop-in and color at your leisure. Materials will be provided. No registration required.*

5/23 - 7:00 PM - Concert - "Gathering Sparks" - You will come to listen, and walk away singing. GATHERING SPARKS is the graceful collision of Eve Goldberg and Jane Lewis—musical friends who blend tight harmonies, finely crafted songs, and a love of participatory singing to create an intimate and uplifting experience. Their inclusive approach embraces folk, pop, blues and gospel influences tastefully played on acoustic guitar, piano, accordion, and ukulele.

With their infectious mix of styles and compelling vocal blend, Gathering Sparks has been making some big waves. Their debut 6-song CD was nominated for a 2014 Canadian Folk Music Award for Vocal Group of the Year, and they have quickly become an audience favorite. Whether they are

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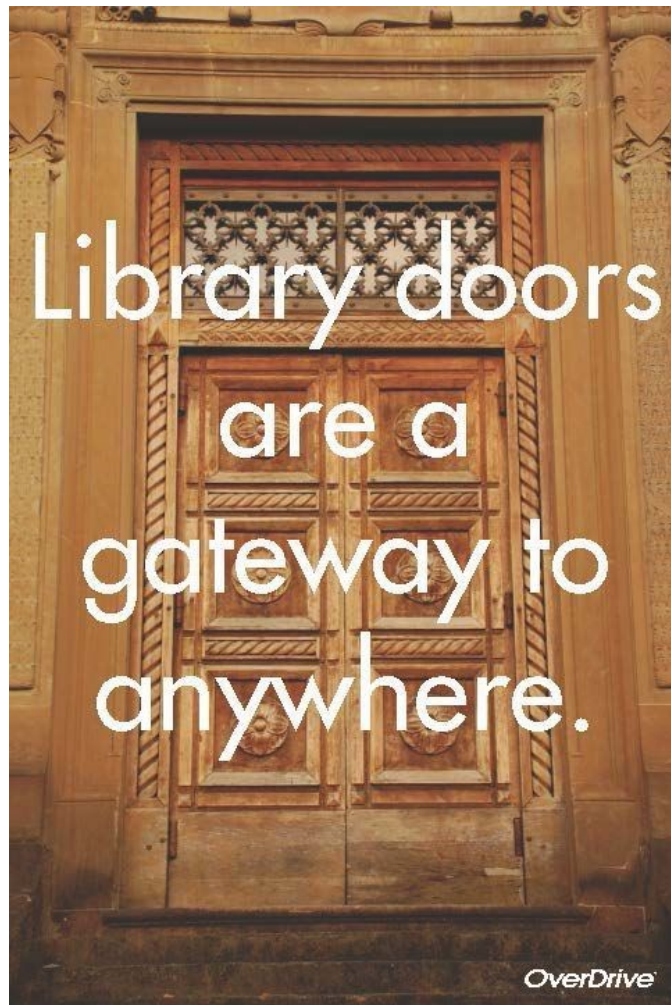
belting it out acapella style, tugging on your heartstrings with a folksy original, crooning a jazzy swing tune, or getting into the spirit with a gospel-inflected sing-along, Gathering Sparks performances

make fans out of listeners with their stellar harmonies and fine musicianship. A \$10.00 donation is suggested. Tickets are available at the door. **Please use back entrance.**

This event is made possible in part with public funds from the Decentralization Program and the NYS Council on the Arts, administered by the Community Arts Grant Program by the Greene County Council on the Arts.

5/28 - Memorial Day - The library will be closed to observe the holiday.

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





MEMORIAL DAY

Remember those who served

May 28, 2018

Library News

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.

May 2018							June 2018						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5						1	2
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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:

June 5
From 3:00 – 4:00

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Greenville Local History Group

Don Teator, Town Historian, invites the public to attend the Greenville Local History Group meetings held in the libraries large community room the second Monday of the month, April thru November, at 7:30.

The Greenville Local History Group newsletter can be found at <http://www.dteator.com/glhg/glhg.htm>

The Town of Greenville Historian's holdings are listed in a nearly 50 page long Word document (as of May 2012). Click [Historian's files](#) to download. For further information, contact Historian Don Teator (dteator@gmail.com).

The Boarding Houses / Resorts of the Greenville, Greene County, NY Area is another document that Don has made available to the public. The purpose is to document the boarding house era establishments, give locations, supply additional information and indicate their fate. <http://www.dteator.com/zResort/resortweb.htm>



Brought to you by participating libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System
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

Community Solar 101

New York State is now encouraging Community Solar to help broaden the reach of solar. Those who couldn't go solar before due to shading concerns, roof orientation, or not owning their home, now have an option to utilize the power of the sun! We will explain the different sections of an electric bill to help you understand what portions of your electric bill can be eliminated by going solar. Hudson Solar will also review many other solar options during the presentation. This event is free and open to the public.

May 2, 2018
 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

*Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2017
Rensselaerville Water District
Rensselaerville, New York
(Public Water Supply ID# NY0100202)*

INTRODUCTION - To comply with State and Federal regulations, Rensselaerville WD annually issues a report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM? - In general, the sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

The source of our water is Lake Myosotis, which is located at the headwaters of Ten Mile Creek. The Rensselaerville water treatment facility employs a multi step process to purify your water. The water from Lake Myosotis initially passes through settling chamber to remove particles. The water is further cleaned by slow sand filter. After filtration the water is disinfected with chlorine (sodium hypochlorite) and stored in a 50,000 gallon clearwell before distribution to your homes.

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER? - As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include total coliform, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds (petroleum products and solvents), and synthetic organic compounds (herbicides and pesticides). The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. A separate table is also included showing contaminants that were tested and not detected. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or the Albany County Health Department at (518) 447-4620.

Table of Detected Contaminants

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Turbidity	No	Daily	<1	NTU	N/A	TT = at least 95% of samples < 1.0	Erosion of soils
Barium	No	3/2/16	0.015	mg/L	2	2 (MCL)	Erosion of natural deposits
Lead ²	No	6/3/16	0.0015	mg/L	0	0.015 (AL)	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Copper ²	No	6/3/16	1.24	mg/L	1.3	1.3 (AL)	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Nitrate	No	3/7/17	0.2	mg/L	10	10 (MCL)	Erosion of natural deposits, or runoff from agricultural practices
THMs	No	10/12/17	39	ug/L	N/A	80 (MCL)	Bi-product of chlorination
HAAs	No	10/12/17	35	ug/L	N/A	60 (MCL)	Bi-product of chlorination

Notes:

2 - During 2016, 5 samples were collected and analyzed for Lead & Copper. The value above represents the 90th percentile. In other words 90% or more of our samples were below the action level for both lead and copper.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2017 – Rensselaerville WD

Definitions: ≤ - Less than

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Milligrams per liter (mg/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm).

Micrograms per liter (ug/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb).

Table of Contaminants Monitored But Not Detected

Contaminant	Date of Last Sample	Required Frequency	Comment
Total Coliform Bacteria	Monthly	Monthly	Testing for E. coli required if Total Coliform is detected
Inorganic Chemicals – Group 1	3/2/16	3 Years	Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Fluoride, Selenium, Mercury
Inorganic Chemicals – Group 2	3/2/16	3 Years	Antimony, Beryllium, Cyanide, Nickel, Thallium, Sulfate
Synthetic Organic Chemicals	3/2/16	3 Years	Group of 33 Pesticides & Herbicides
Principal Organic Chemicals	3/2/16	6 Years	Group of 57 Solvents, petroleum products and Vinyl Chloride
Gross Alpha & Beta Radioactivity	5/24/13	9 Years	Naturally occurring

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN? - As you can see by the tables our system had no contaminant level violations. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State.

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS? – Our system was in compliance with all applicable State drinking water requirements during 2017.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS? – Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

LEAD AND DRINKING WATER - If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Elgin Management is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

CLOSING - Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. We ask that all our residents help us protect our water sources. Please contact Victoria Kraker at 797-3798 or 239-4225 or Albany County Health Department at 447-4620 if you have any questions on any of the above.

Annual Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Rain, Snow or Sunshine

Rensselaerville Fire Company Battalion sponsors this major fundraiser. The Battalion will advertise extensively using multimedia outlets. Your sale will be listed on a map, which will be available the morning of the sale for \$1.00 at the Firehouse on Route 85. Your sales should be open from 9:00 to 4:00.

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

Make checks payable to RFVD Battalion

RVFD Battalion

1364 CR 351

Rensselaerville, New York 12147

If you have any questions, please call Rose Kuhar at 518- 797-3360 Registration must be received by May 12

Vendors should call Amy Kropp at 518-928-1026/smalltowncurl12147@gmail.com

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

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

Garage Sale/Vendor Registration Form

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email address (will email you your Number) _____

Mailing Address _____

Site of Sale: Road name or route #, 911 number, miles from village, color of house and anything other descriptive information: (if vendor – you will be assigned a space in Town Park) _____

Description of items for sale: _____

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

If you would like to set up at the Village Park (Playground) we ask for extra \$25 which will be refunded at 4:00, if all items & trash are removed – this is a carry in carry out park. Please call for more information.

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May 19, 2018.....9AM – 4PM

**Rensselaerville Fire Company's
Annual Garage Sale Day
May 19th 9 AM – 4 PM**

**Maps available for purchase at
firehouse for \$1**

To go coffee\$2 from 8AM – 10 AM

Lunch served11 AM – 3 PM

**Sausage/peppers, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs,
salads, chips, drinks**

Craft vendors located in Rensselaerville Town Park

**Please see attached advertisement if you would like to participate in
garage sale or be a craft fair vendor**

Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run & Walk

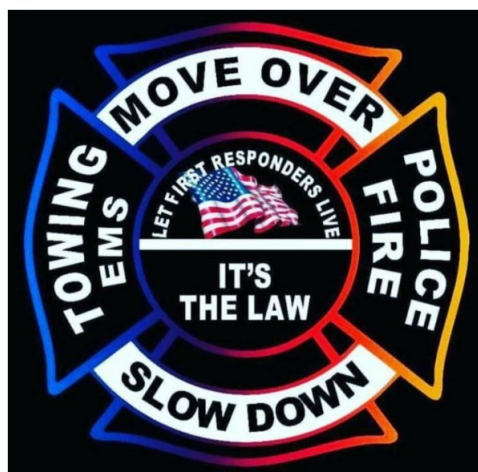


Race Date: 06/16/2018 09:00 (Saturday)

Categories: 2 Mile Turtle Trot
5 Mile Salamander Scamper
8 Mile Rabbit Run
600 meter Wood Duck Dash
2 Mile Turtle Trot - TEAM
5 Mile Salamander Scamper - TEAM
8 Mile Rabbit Run - TEAM

Join us for a 2, 5, or 8 mile trail run/walk on the beautiful E.N. Huyck Preserve trails in the historic village of Rensselaerville, NY. Participants will see a historic race track, vernal ponds, a large lake, and waterfalls as they traverse the grassy and single-track woodlands trail. All proceeds will go to the E.N. Huyck Preserve and Rensselaerville Library.

Registration: <https://www.raceentry.com/races/rensselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk/2018/register>



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As always, we ask that you make a copy or two of this newsletter to share with friends and neighbors who may not have Internet access. Our readership continues to grow, but we invite others to sign on by sending their email address to rvillenewsletter@gmail.com. We look forward to getting your feedback.



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