

R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Draft Minutes, Town Board Special Meeting, August 7, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 7th day of August 2018 at 6:00 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 was one interested citizen.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to conduct interviews for potential candidates for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer position created by the resignation of Mark Overbaugh.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to enter into Executive Session at 6:04 pm for the purpose of conducting interviews for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer position. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to return from Executive Session at 7:01 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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 7:01 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



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Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, August 7, 2018

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 7th day of August 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 were two interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Marie Dermody wished to comment that at July's meeting the motion to hold a meeting for the purpose of conducting interviews for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer position was not identified as a Special Meeting. In addition, the Legal Notice which was placed in the *Altamont Enterprise* read that other matters, if any, before the Board would also be addressed. The Town Clerk did not notice the "special meeting" on the Community Calendar. Mrs. Dermody's position was that the meeting was not properly disseminated to the public. **[Editor's Note: Nor did this advertisement appear on the Town's website Announcements page. I was told that the Town Clerk and/or Supervisor didn't think anyone would be interested in attending such a meeting. I contend that it is not their decision to make. All meetings should be appropriately advertised so that individuals could decide for themselves whether or not to attend.]**

MINUTES: Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on August 9, 2018:

* July 10, 2018 – Work Meeting

* July 12, 2018 – Regular Meeting *

*A correction needs to be made on page 6 "Old Business No. 1" to add: "A question was raised as to whether or not it was required that the Solar Committee have a quorum in order to hold a meeting." Attorney Fallati will check into the matter."

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-Zoning Officer/Building Inspector, Assessors, Water/Sewer Committee, Recycling Center, and Library will be given at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf reported that the last Solar Committee meeting was canceled due to scheduling conflicts and that one would be rescheduled for the near future.

2. Supervisor Pflieger, Councilman Rauf, Jeff Budrow from Weston & Sampson Engineering, the CCTV crew, the diving crew, and the Huyck Preserve met on Friday July 27th at the Lake Myosotis dam. The diver located the pipe on the lake side approximately 20' out and tied a buoy to the end so that it could be located easily in the future. The CCTV camera crew located a crack in the pipe about 10-20' up from the gate-house. Supervisor Pflieger has not yet received any further directives or suggestions for a remedy thus far.

In addition, the survey overview did not detect any notable movement in the dike.

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3. Supervisor Pflieger forwarded the specifications on the health insurance renewal to the Union representative for his review. Supervisor Pflieger examined Albany County's health care consortium and noted that it doesn't touch the Town's plan. He will contact Albany County Executive, Dan McCoy to confirm if the Town is eligible to participate in the Shared Services health insurance.
4. The Board interviewed four candidates for the position of Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer. It was the consensus of the Board that all the candidates interviewed well.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

1. Supervisor Pflieger has spoken to a regional manager from Stewart's shops. They require a synopsis as to why a Stewart's would work in the Town and the mileage from a selected location to all nearby gas stations. Supervisor Pflieger is looking into two locations – one at the intersection of County Routes 357, 351 and 402 where the mileage ranges from 8 to 11 miles; the other location being at the intersection of State Routes 145 and 81 where the mileage ranges from 4 to 11 miles to the next nearest gas station.

Discussion ensued over tax incentives and other alternatives and options.

2. The Board would like to set a preliminary meeting for the purpose of discussing the budget. The date will be set at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Marie Dermody inquired as to what Attorney Fallati had determined regarding the requirements of a quorum for the Solar Committee meetings. Councilman Rauf stated that Attorney Fallati's response was that a quorum is not required for general discussions, but did however, recommend that if a vote is scheduled, there should be a quorum at that time.

Supervisor Pflieger and Councilman Rauf added that the Solar Committee is an informational committee; the Committee reports to the Board. As the Town Board serves as the decision-maker, there is no requirement for a quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 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 Regular Meeting, August 9, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 9th day of August 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, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WAS: Councilman John Dolce

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates and six interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2018 Work Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2018 Regular Meeting as corrected*; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

*A correction needs to be made on page 6 "Old Business No. 1" to add: "A question was raised as to whether or not it was required that the Solar Committee have a quorum in order to hold a meeting." Attorney Fallati will check into the matter."

TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the following transfers:

* From 'Water District Account' 7031 to 'Water Budget Line' SW8310E 44999 in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Phase A of contract for Lake Myosotis Dam; and

* From 'Contingency' A1990E 44999 to 'Audit Fees' A1220E 44044 in the amount of \$4,400.00 for accounting fees.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$70,658.28; Highway Fund - \$88,190.51; Lighting District - \$691.41; Sewer Fund - \$178.66; Water Fund - \$34.63; T&A Fund - \$5,953.07. Total Abstracts - \$165,706.56.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Pflieger wished to announce a fund-raiser to help defray medical expenses being incurred by Rachel Kuhar as she fights a brain tumor. The fund-raiser will be held at the Shell Inn on August 30th from 6-10pm.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Pflieger has been working with interim Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/ Zoning Officer Ed Lawson. An update was performed by BAS on the software program which had not

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been done about 5 years. BAS also updated the fees according to the new fee schedule.

2. The Town has been re-registered for the System for Award Management account (SAM). SAM registration is mandatory and is used to streamline the acquisition of grants, loans, and contracts.

3. Supervisor Pflieger is awaiting a date when the Department of Environmental Conservation will come to inspect the property on County Route 354 in Potter Hollow.

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

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

ATTORNEY: No report.

Councilman Rauf questioned Attorney Fallati regarding the requirements for a quorum for the Solar Committee. Attorney Fallati reported that the Solar Committee is purely an advisory board and is therefore not subject to the Public Meetings Law and a quorum is not required.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates reported that Potter Hollow was the hardest hit by the recent heavy rains.

2. The Highway Department is finishing up with reclaiming Cheese Hill Road, Stiefel Lane, and Travis Hill Road.

3. The rains have caused delays with the in-place paving contracts. The Town is now looking at September 5th & 6th for the work on Camp Medusa Road and Miller Road to begin.

4. The Highway Department has been hauling asphalt millings. The County is giving it to the Town at no-charge. In the past, the Town has paid approximately \$5.00/ton. This week, the Highway has hauled about 1,000 tons. Superintendent Bates is pleased to have the millings as they serve as an excellent material in stabilizing the dirt roads.

5. Superintendent Bates received a quote from Finke Equipment on a Doosan wheeled excavator. It is equivalent in size to the one the Town has now with the addition of a hydraulic thumb and quick couplers as well as an articulating bucket. The quote came in at \$165,000 with an offer of \$16,500 for a trade-in on the two existing ones, bringing the total out-of-pocket to \$149,000.

Superintendent Bates will move forward with obtaining additional quotes.

Councilman Rauf suggested the possibility of sharing an excavator with neighboring Towns. However, Superintendent Bates feels that an excavator is an essential piece of equipment, along with a grader and a loader, and is something each Highway Department should have. He noted that 'when you need it, everyone needs it'.

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

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

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of July as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$749.25. Paid to the Supervisor - \$662.03 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$229.03; Recycling - \$68.50; Dog Licenses - \$108.00; Building Permits - \$186.50; Title Searches - \$70.00. Total - \$ 662.03

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$15.00

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Fees paid to NYS Department of Health for three marriage licenses: \$67.50

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$4.72

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$2,726.06; \$0 in penalties

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$1,166.87; \$0 in penalties

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Supervisor Pflieger read the written report from the Building Department as follows:

* One Home Replacement Permit and one Solar Permit.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer's written report; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Pine reported a significant jump in real-estate sales – both land and homes – recently.

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

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

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

1. Town Clerk Kraker read a written report submitted by Water/Sewer Operator John Rice for the month of July as follows:

* The Water Treatment plant filtered 494,000 gallons – a daily average of 15,935 gallons.

* The Sewer Treatment plant processed 326,880 gallons – a daily average of 10,544 gallons.

Officer Rice also reported that there may still be issues with the control panel at the sewer plant as the low-alarm tripped 5 times during the month of July.

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

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

REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Supervisor Pflieger read the following written report for the month of July as follows: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 11.68 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 77.97 tons; Sierra Fibers: 7.81 tons comingled and 5.79 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 19 gallons; Tires: 12 (4 of these were picked up off of Gulf Road)

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

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

RENSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

Carol Ash representing the Rensselaerville Library presented the following:

* Ms. Ash, on behalf of the Library and Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company, wished to thank

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all volunteers and participants in the Mardi Gras event - it was a huge success.

- * Local golf course raffle tickets for Sunny Hill and Thunderhart will be available by August 10th. Greens fees and carts for 4; \$1.00/ticket or 6 for \$5.00; drawing is September 1st at 5 pm.
- * August 15th and 29th - 4:30 is Story Time at Lake Myosotis. This program is aimed at developing and reinforcing skills children need to be successful learners. If the weather is bad, Story Time will be held in the Library.
- * The Library's Annual Lawn Party fundraiser will be held on September 1st from 4 – 7 pm at 1440 County Route 351. Tickets are \$20 at the gate.
- * September 5th marks the Expedition Kick Off. Visit all the 36 Libraries in the Upper Hudson Library System and win prizes along the way.
- * Saratoga Performing Arts Center is offering Library card-holders a discount on the Philadelphia Orchestra Amphitheatre seats for performances on August 10th, 15th, 16th and 18th. Please visit the Rensselaerville Library website for more information and enter LIBRARY30 at check-out.
- * The Annual Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be held on August 18th at 7 pm. The Regular Meeting will follow immediately after. Both meetings are open to the public.

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

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

CURRENT EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf reported that the last Solar Committee meeting was canceled due to scheduling conflicts. Another meeting will be scheduled for the near future.
2. Supervisor Pflieger, Councilman Rauf, Jeff Budrow from Weston & Sampson Engineering, the CCTV crew, the diving crew, and the Huyck Preserve met on Friday July 27th at the Lake Myosotis dam. The diver located the pipe on the lake side approximately 20' out and tied a buoy to the end so that it could be located easily in the future. The CCTV camera crew located a crack in the pipe about 10-20' up from the gate-house. Supervisor Pflieger has not yet received any further directives or suggestions for a remedy thus far.

In addition, the survey overview did not detect any notable movement in the dike.

3. The increases in monthly premiums for the MVP Liberty Bronze 2 Health Insurance Plan are as follows:

- * Single: from \$389.38 to \$447.37
- * Single + Spouse: from \$778.76 to \$894.74
- * Single + Child(ren): from \$661.95 to \$760.53
- * Single + Spouse + Child(ren): from \$1,109.73 to \$1,275.00

The Delta Dental premiums remain at \$35.26/mo. for Employee Only; \$77.17/mo. for Employee + One Dependent; and \$112.41/mo. for Employee + 2 or more Dependents.

The Empire Blue Cross Vision Plan premiums remain at \$6.80/mo. for Employee Only; \$13.60/mo. for Employee + Spouse; \$11.02/mo. for Employee and Child(ren); and \$19.38/mo. for Family.

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to renew the Liberty Bronze 2 Health Insurance Plan with MVP; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to renew the Delta Dental and Empire Blue Vision plans; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

4. Supervisor Pflieger thanked all four applicants for their interest in the Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector/Zoning Officer position and announced that there would be no decision made at the present time as he would like to have the entire Board in attendance.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to schedule a Special Meeting for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer on September 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to schedule a Special Meeting for the purposes of discussing the budget immediately following the Special Meeting above. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Pflieger had previously contacted a representative from Stewart's Shops. He received a call from Stewart's Realty and was notified that any potential locations are based on traffic patterns. The traffic pattern at the proposed State Route 145 location is 1,400/day which is not enough. Supervisor Pflieger will continue his research.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Monday, September 3, 2018

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Outdoor Fire Pits



What is an approved fire pit?

A fire pit is a device built or manufactured for small recreational fires. A portable, above ground fire pit should be commercially manufactured and should be assembled and used according to the manufacturer's instructions. A permanently constructed fire pit or fireplace must be constructed or completely lined with a non-combustible material such as brick, rock, concrete or heavy gauge metal. Most commercially manufactured ones will be acceptable.

Building a fire pit can be as simple as circling stones in your backyard or as complex as a professionally built unit on your patio. Either way, keep safety in mind. Here are some fire pit safety tips*:

DO

- **Build your fire pit on a level surface** - Make sure the ground or surface is even to reduce the risk of fire escaping beyond your fire pit.
- **Keep the fire at a safe distance** - To keep your fire from causing damage, build the fire pit at least 10 feet from your home, fences, trees and the like.
- **Monitor guests around fire pits** - Make sure guests maintain a proper distance and don't exhibit risky behavior. Keep close tabs on children and pets, keeping them at least 3 feet away from the fire.
- **Check the weather report** - Avoid using your fire pit on windy days, since flames or embers can spread to your home, yard and nearby trees. Check the wind direction before you light a fire.
- **Put your fire out safely** - Once you extinguish your fire with water, gently stir and spread the ashes to cool. Leave only when they're cool to the touch. Know how to safely dispose of the ashes when you're done with the fire for the night.
- **Have an emergency plan** - Keep a fire extinguisher, garden hose or bucket of sand close to douse the fire in case it gets out of hand. If you can't put it out quickly, call 9-1-1.

DON'T

- **Use gasoline or lighter fluid** - Never use gasoline or kerosene to start your fire; such fuels can cause a fire to get out of control quickly. Instead, use dry wood as kindling that doesn't extend beyond the edge of the pit.
- **Build a fire pit with river stones** - Smooth stones from river beds may have absorbed moisture over time and can heat rapidly and explode. Instead of river stones, build your fire pit with dry, rough stones.
- **Leave a fire unattended**
- **Don't wear flammable clothing** (like nylon) or any loose-fitting clothing.
- **Avoid using soft woods like pine or cedar**, because they can "pop" and throw sparks.



It is at the discretion of the Fire Department personnel having been authorized by the Chief of Department to prohibit or caused to be extinguished any fire deemed hazardous.

* Information from This Old House & HGTV; NFPA & Ready WV

If you see a questionable fire in use...call 911

Department of Fire & Emergency Services
26 Broad Street • Albany, NY 12202 • (518) 447-7879



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Deputy Democratic Commissioner

Rachel L. Bledi
Republican Commissioner

Ellen C. Graziano
Deputy Republican Commissioner

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

Primary Election: Thursday, September 13, 2018

Polls open Noon until 9:00 PM.

Your must be enrolled in a party to vote in that party's Primary.

General Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Polls open 6:00 AM until 9:00 PM.

VOTE!

Contact Information for Elected Officials & Department Heads

Position	Name	Email Address
Town Supervisor Hours: M-F :8a.-11am	Steve Pfliging	spfleging@rensselaerville.com townsupervisor@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Town Councilwoman	Marion Cooke	mcooke@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	John Dolce	jdolce@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilwoman	Margaret Sedlmeir	msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	Jason Rauf	jrauf@rensselaerville.com
Town Justice Court: Mondays, 7pm	Ronald Bates Muriel Frasher	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Supervisor's Clerk Assistant to Clerk 1	Linda McCormick Valerie Lounsbury	clerk1@rensselaerville.com
Town Clerk Hours: M-W: 9am-3:30pm Th: 1:30pm-6:30pm or by appointment F: 9am-12pm	Victoria Kraker	townclerk@rensselaerville.com vkraker@rensselaerville.com
Highway Superintendent	Randy Bates	rbates@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Highway Superintendent Clerk	Kim Welsch	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Assessors Clerk Hours: M-Th: 9am-12pm Assessor Hours: M: 1pm-3pm Th: 6:30pm-8:30pm	Donna Kropp Jeffry Pine Kathryn Wank	assessors@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer Office Hours: Th: 8am-10am	Edwin Lawson (temporary BI/COE)	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 - Chris Tague
LOB 937
Albany, NY 12248
518-455-5363
taguec@nyassembly.gov

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.



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 and are 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 a trip which we will open up to the public...if you want to join us, here is the info:

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!

Rensselaerville Historical Society



Grist Mill Snow—2011

Rensselaerville Historical Society owns a historic grist mill located on Main Street in the hamlet of Rensselaerville, where Ten Mile Creek crosses under the bridge.

Grist Mill Tours

July & August, 1-3 Sundays and Wednesdays July- Mid October 11-2

Questions about the history of the Town of Rensselaerville or family genealogy? You can find researchers Joyce Chase and Rose Kuhar at the mill on Wednesdays, or email them at

Rensselaervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com

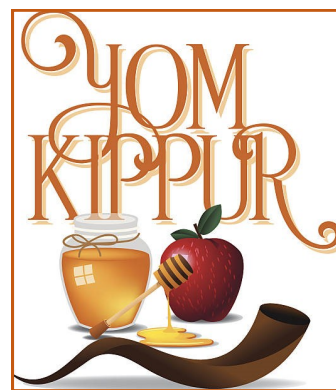
NEW ITEMS FOR SALE AT THE MILL

BOOK - 4th Edition of Old Rensselaerville has just been reprinted -\$25

Biography - By Gerard A/ Finin – A GOOD AND NOBLE THING –The pioneering Life and Service of Anna Ward Perkins \$25 PHOTO -Historic 1877 photography of Village of Rensselaerville 7 ¾ " tall X 20 ½ " long \$20



September 9



September 18

CAREY INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL GOOD



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.

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



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

Hours: Wednesdays 6 - 10pm
Sundays 12 - 5pm

<https://careyinstitute.org/programs/sustainable-communities/helderberg-brewery-taproom>

NEW TAPROOM GRAND OPENING

Celebrate the opening of our NEW TAPROOM all weekend long. At 26 Country Route 353, Rensselaerville, NY 12147. Next to Kuhar Family Farm Market and the Rensselaerville Post Office.

Friday August 31, 6-10PM: Live Music by the Rusty Bumpers and pizza from Be Golden Farms wood-fired pizza oven (on a trailer)

Saturday September 1, 10AM-2PM: think brunch! We'll have a selection of NYS Cocktails (and beer) to go with brunch options from Kuhar Farm Market next door. Live music by Joe Frisino and Shem Cohen

ARTIST RECEPTION: STANLEY MALTZMAN (An exhibit of drawings and pastel paintings)

When: Sunday, September 2, 2018 | 3pm-5pm

Where: Guggenheim Pavilion, 63 Huyck Road, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Join us for Stanley Maltzman's artist reception. Stanley will be the Carey Institute's September Featured Artist.

For more about Stanley Maltzman and his artwork, [please click here](#).

Stanley Maltzman's work will be on display at the Guggenheim Gallery September 1–September 30.

The Guggenheim Gallery is open to the public Monday–Friday from 9AM–4PM. Call ahead for weekend hours. 518-797-5100.

On the Calendar

Sept 2	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 2	11:00 am	Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church	Rensselaerville
Sept 2	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Sept 3		LABOR DAY—TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	
Sept 4	7:00 pm	Town Board Special Meetings * Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector appointment * Schedule preliminary budget meetings	Town Hall
Sept 9	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 9	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Sept 11		NO Rensselaerville SENIORS CLUB MEETING	
Sept 11	7:00 pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
Sept 13	12:00-9:00 pm	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY	
Sept 13	7:00 pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
Sept 16	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 16	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Sept 18		Seniors Club trip to Conn. to Aqua Turf Club for a "Broadway Cabaret"	
Sept 23	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 23	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Sept 30	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 30	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville

Looking ahead:

- Oct 6 1st Fall Rummage Sale at the Medusa Church from 9am to 3pm.
 Oct 20 2nd Fall Rummage Sale at the Medusa Church.

For trips contact Janet Nelson @ 518-797-3963 or Ruth Snyder @ 518-239-4376

Please get events to Bill Moore...

- by phone – 518-239-4843;
 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.

Rensselaerville Library Schedule of Events through September 2018

All events are at the Library unless noted. Events subject to change, please

September

Fine Amnesty August 25 through September 1, does not include lost or missing items.

1 – 4-7pm – **Annual Lawn Party** fundraiser: 1440 County Route 351, \$20 tickets at the gate. More information at www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/lawn-party.html

5 – 4:30pm – **Expedition Kick Off** – Come see Elephant & Piggy and become a 36ER! Do you love to visit libraries? Join the Expedition and visit as many of the 36 unique libraries in Upper Hudson Library System as you can during September, October and November. It is a self-guided tour or road trip to our libraries as a family or a team of friends. Or maybe solo the journey to our intriguing destinations. You will win prizes along the way. Come learn all about this new effort and pick up your map.

11 – 10:30am – **StoryTime**: Theme Dinosaurs. The instructed program will include stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

11 – 7pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

12 – 4 - 6pm – **STEAM LAB**: Introduction to coding. Students will be using Colby Mouse to learn the structure and patterns of coding. The Dino Dig will also be available with the ID sheets. Students will be introduced to the process of paleontology.

13 – 7pm – **Writing Group**: Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome.

18 – 10:30am – **STEAM Art**: 3D Crystals Shapes. Students will become familiar with crystalline shapes. Older students will learn which elements are associated with the shapes.

18 – 7pm – **Annual Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting to follow** – public welcome

19 – 4 - 6pm – **STEAM LAB**: Grow a Crystal Garden. Students will be introduced to the concept of crystals and how the formations are created under different conditions. Additionally fossils and reference materials will be available to try and match real fossils with illustrations.

25 – 7pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

25 – 10:30am – **StoryTime**: Theme Eric Carle The instructed program focuses on stories and art. stories, music and movement activities for par-

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26 – 4 - 6pm – **STEAM LAB:** Animation Exploration with Flip Books and Zoetropes. Students will obtain a beginning knowledge of how flip books and zoetropes create an illusion of movement. Additional activity focusing on optical illusions where students will gain a familiarity with the basics of optical illusions.

Local Golf Course Raffle Tickets

Sunny Hill & Thunderhart
Green Fees & Carts for 4
\$1.00/ ticket or 6 for \$5.00
Drawing September 1 at 5pm.

GO FISH!

Fishing Rod Lending Program

- ➡ Use your library card to borrow a fishing rod!
- ➡ Extra hooks and bobbers are provided with each rod.
- ➡ Never been fishing? No problem! Instructions on casting a fishing rod are included. We'll also throw in some information on local fishing spots.
- ➡ Need bait? Worms can be purchased at many bait shops, gas stations and Stewart's Shops®.
- ➡ Poles may be loaned out for 7 days and can be renewed once.
- ➡ Everyone over the age of 16 must possess a valid NYS Freshwater Fishing License. (Sold at most sporting goods stores, town clerks offices, DEC offices, over the phone or online by visiting www.dec.ny.gov.)



Program presented by Rensselaerville Library in partnership with the
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



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MUSEUM PASSES

Check the following passes out with your Library Card.

Don't forget to show your card at the Via Aquarium for a \$2.00 Discount.

The Albany Institute of History and Art located on Washington Ave in Albany. The Library offers two museum passes for free admission for a family and a 10% discount at the museum shop. The museum has a number of exhibitions and programs.

The Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, MA. The Library offers a free museum pass for two adult admissions July through October. Opened to the public in 1955, the Clark has become one of the most beloved and respected art museums in the world, known for its intimate galleries and stunning natural environment. It also houses research and academic programs, including a major art history library, and is a leading international center for research and discussion on the nature of art and art history.

Iroquois Indian Museum in Howes Cave on Caverns Rd. The Library offers a museum pass for free admission for two adults and children under 18. The pass provides admission to the museum and the nature trail through the 45 acre Nature Park. The pass can't be used for special events or festivals.

The Old Stone Fort Museum Complex located in Schoharie also houses the Schoharie County Historical Society and Research Library. The Library offers three free museum passes for two adults and two children now through October. Passes can't be used for special events. Visitors learn about the first Dutch and German settlers in the Schoharie Valley and their Indian neighbors. Artifacts date back to the early 1700s.

USS Slater berthed on the Hudson River in Albany. The Library offers a free museum Family Pass for two adults and two children. Open for Tours: April through November. During World War II, 563 Destroyer Escorts battled Nazi U-boats on the North Atlantic protecting convoys of men and material. In the Pacific they stood in line to defend naval task forces from Japanese submarines and Kamikaze air attacks. The American Legion Clarke White Post #589 provided the support to obtain the pass.



Rensselaerville Library
RAFFLE TICKETS
LOCAL GOLF COURSE
GREEN FEES & CARTS for 4

@

Sunny Hill & Thunderhart

2 chances to win

\$ 1.00/ticket

OR

\$ 5.00 for 6 tickets

DRAWING

Saturday

September 1, 2018

@ 5:00 pm

Don't need to be present to win.



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Annual Lawn Party
Saturday, September 1, 2018
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY CORDIALLY
INVITE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO ATTEND
THE BENEFIT.**

TICKETS ARE \$20 AT THE GATE
TICKETS INCLUDE ONE DRINK CASH BAR
CHILDREN 12 & UNDER FREE
PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER
OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

**ELI HUTCHINSON HOUSE
WHITE HOUSE ABOVE
THE TOWN PARK
(UNDER THE TENT)
1440 COUNTY ROUTE 351
RENSSELAERVILLE, NY 12147**

**PLEASE ENTER THE PROPERTY
THROUGH THE DRIVEWAY.**

**PLEASE PARK AT THE
TOWN PARK/PLAY GROUND**

A SPECIAL THANKS TO
MAME & VICTOR SCHRAGER
FOR PROVIDING THEIR LAWN.



Rensselaerville Library



Meet Elephant & Piggie

The Mo Willems Book Characters
at the Expedition Kick-Off Event
Wednesday
September 5, 2018
@ 4:30 pm

Become a 36ER! Do you love to visit libraries? Join the Expedition and visit as many of the 36 unique libraries in Upper Hudson Library System as you can during September, October and November. It is a self-guided tour or road trip to our libraries as a family, a team of friends, or maybe solo the journey to our intriguing destinations. You will win prizes along the way. Come learn all about this new effort and pick up your map.



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Rensselaerville Library
October 24, 2018
Read with Lefty
at the Library
5:30pm

Come read with Lefty, the TDI Therapy Dog, in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Children choose what they would like to read to Lefty, and read in a positive, non-judgmental atmosphere. Programs such as this have been found to improve children's self-esteem, as well as increase their enjoyment of and interest in reading.



Bring your favorite book or select one from the Library's collection.



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Greenville Library



Creative Writing Class Sept. 11 – 15

10:00 – 12:00

Individuals of all Ages

Instructor – Ronni Miller

Ronni Miller, author of “Dance With The Elephants Free Your Creativity and Write” and Founder and Director of Write It Out, a motivational and expressive writing program for individuals of all ages, will teach a creative writing workshop. Writing activities will stimulate thoughts, feelings, memories and experiences to produce prose and poetry. Individuals of all ages are welcome to participate. **Registration required.**

Watercolor Class Oct. 15, 16, 18, 19

7:00 – 9:30

Young Adults (13) - Adults

Instructor - Stanley Maltzman

Renowned artist, Stanley Maltzman, will be holding a watercolor workshop for teenagers through adults. Mr. Maltzman's work has been widely exhibited in Museums and Galleries throughout the country, including the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, The Bruce Museum, The National Academy of Arts and Letters and the National Academy of Design. A list of supplies is available at the library. Registration required



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/glhq/glhq.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>

11177 Route 32
PO Box 8
Greenville, NY 12083
(518) 966-8205

Hours: Monday & Wednesday 9:00 - 5:00
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 - 6:00
Friday 12:00 - 5:00
Saturday 9:00 - 1:00
Sunday Closed

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Middleburgh Library

9/3 - Labor Day - The library will be closed to observe the holiday.

9/4, 11, 18, 25 - 1:00-4:00 PM - 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.

9/4, 11, 18, 25 - 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.

9/8 & 15 - 1:00-3:00 PM - Authors Among Us - Ignite Your Imagination - WRITE - This workshop uses lively creative exercises to forge new paths for you to explore on the page. Energize your imagination with new ideas. Who says writing has to be a chore? Come, have fun, and break out. *This workshop is facilitated by Susannah Risley. Susannah has a gift for developing a variety of creative approaches to writing. Susannah's writings have been published in several well-known magazines. Registration is required.*

This program series is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. Sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Library System and participating member libraries.

9/10 - 6:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - All are welcome

9/11, 18, 25 - 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.*

9/16 - 4:00 PM - Concert - Sloan Wainwright - Defying standard categorization, singer/songwriter Sloan Wainwright, consistently demonstrates her easy command of a variety of American musical styles — pop, folk, jazz and blues — held together by the melodious tone of her rich contralto, with the end result being a unique and soulful hybrid.

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.

9/18 - - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "Sing, Unburied, Sing" by Jesmyn Ward - A slamming, heartbreaker of a novel that is rendered with such stinging beauty and restrained emotion that despite the anguish taking place on the page, you won't want it to end.

This book discussion will be facilitated by Brian Whalen.

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9/25 - 6:15-7:30 PM - Alzheimer's Association -

9/29 - 1:00 PM - The History of Crazy Quilting and Trunk Show with Author Betty Pillsbury - Join us as we delve into the art of crazy quilting with award winning quilter and author Betty Fikes Pillsbury. Using antique quilts and other textiles, Betty discusses the rage that swept late 1800's America – the crazy quilt. Then, using her work as examples, Betty shows how crazy quilting is alive and well in the

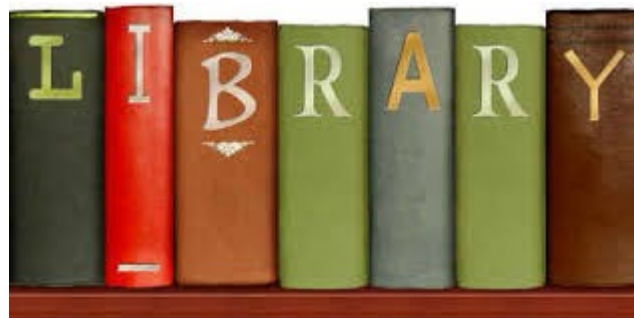
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donation is suggested at the door.

Not all of programs have been scheduled at time of printing. Please check our Calendar on our website at www.middleburghlibrary.info for future programs.

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Hours:
Monday 1:30-8:30
Tuesday 10:00-8:30
Wednesday 10:00-5:00
Thursday 10:00-8:30
Friday Closed
Saturday 9:00-2:00
Sunday Closed





2018 SUMMER SERVICES AT RENSSELAERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church announces its schedule of summer services every Sunday from July 1 through September 2. 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, clergy from different faith traditions are invited to deliver sermons on a common theme. The 2018 theme is "And Still We Rise", after the poem "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou. The theme honors the 50th anniversary of the death of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and recognizes the plight of immigrants, refugees, the oppressed, and the poor.

September 2 "After the Fall"

Elder Barbara G. Wheeler, former President, Auburn Theological Seminary, New York, NY

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

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

More information about each week's guest preacher and the church may be found on its website: www.rvillepres.org. Comments and questions may be sent to rvillepreschurch@gmail.com.





In the immediate aftermath of the attacks, [President George W. Bush](#), proclaimed Friday September 14, 2001, as a **National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001**.

A bill to make September 11 a [national day of mourning](#) was introduced in the [U.S. House](#) on October 25, 2001, by Rep. [Vito Fossella](#) (R-NY) with 22 co-sponsors, among them 11 [Democrats](#) and 11 [Republicans](#).^[2] The bill requested that the President designate September 11 of each year as **Patriot Day**. Joint Resolution 71 passed the House by a vote of 407–0, with 25 members not voting.^[3] The bill passed the Senate unanimously on November 30. President Bush signed the resolution into law on December 18 as [Pub.L. 107–89](#).^[4] On September 4, 2002, President Bush used the authority of the resolution to proclaim September 11, 2002, as the first Patriot Day. In the [United States](#), **Patriot Day** occurs on September 11 of each year in memory of the [people killed](#) in the [September 11 attacks](#) of 2001.

September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of efforts, originally launched in 2002 that promotes community service on 9/11 as an annual and forward-looking tribute to the 9/11 victims, survivors, and those who rose up in service in response to the attacks.

Additionally, a moment of silence is observed to correspond with the attacks, beginning at **8:46 a.m.** (Eastern Daylight Time), the time the first plane, American Airlines Flight 11, struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.



**TOMORROW
TOGETHER**

911day.org

#MOMENTOF SILENCE

On 9/11, pay your respects by going silent on social media. During the times listed below, simply post these hashtags: #MomentofSilence and #911Day. Then, stay silent for just 1 minute.

8:46 AM EDT - AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT #11 CRASHES INTO THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

9:03 AM EDT - UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT #175 CRASHES INTO THE WORLD TRADE CENTER SOUTH TOWER

9:37 AM EDT - AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT #77 CRASHES INTO THE U.S. PENTAGON

9:59 AM EDT - WORLD TRADE CENTER SOUTH TOWER COLLAPSES

10:03 AM EDT - UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT #93 CRASHES IN SHANKSVILLE, PA.

10:28 AM EDT - WORLD TRADE CENTER NORTH TOWER COLLAPSES

Source: 9/11 Memorial & Museum



PLANNING & ZONING BOARD SECRETARY

The Town of Rensselaerville is seeking letters of interest to fill the position of Planning & Zoning Board Secretary.

Applicants must be a resident of the Town. Applicants will be responsible for scheduling meetings, recording minutes, and tracking processes of all matters before the Planning & Zoning Boards. Applicants must have good inter-personal skills and be knowledgeable in Micro-Soft [sic] Office. Attention to detail a must. Hours are Thursday evenings and occasional regular business hours as needed.

Letters of interest should be addressed to the Town of Rensselaerville Town Clerk
87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120



September 22

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

Is this website safe? Follow these easy tips

Phishing scammers have gotten very good at creating fake malicious sites that look just like the real ones they're impersonating. We've got a few easy-to-follow tips you can use to unmask the fakers — and save yourself a heap of trouble.

Phishing [scams](#) use [social engineering](#) to trick users into downloading [malware](#) or giving out sensitive data. One infamously popular method is to create a phony lookalike website that is then used to trick you into entering your login credentials or account info.

Short of sending you to a decoy site designed to capture your keystrokes, social engineering can also lure you to an infected website that downloads malware into your system. Or you could be presented with a malicious link that, once clicked, grants remote permissions to a cybercriminal. Nobody wants to be this kind of victim.

The good news is that nobody has to be. The **3 website safety tips** below will clear away the uncertainty and teach you how to identify if a site is trustworthy or not. First, you'll learn a couple of simple visual checks that give you useful info at a glance. Then, we'll explain the website safety tools you should have in place to inform and guide you. Finally, we'll tell you how to research a little deeper should any questions still remain. Now let's get savvy and put the fun back into web surfing.

1 - Website safety visual checks

- √ **Double-check those URLs** — Let's start with the easiest tip. It's really no more difficult than making sure the URL looks legit. Before you click any link, hover your cursor over it and look at the bottom left corner of your screen where the URL is displayed. The first trick of [phishing](#) is to look as authentic as possible. At first sight, the URL might look like the real McCoy, but closer inspection may reveal a *1* instead of an *l*, or *.net* instead of *.com*. Train yourself to sanity check each and every URL before you click or before you enter any personal information like a username and [password](#).
- √ **Check for *https*** — Those letters you see at the start of every URL stand for Hypertext Transfer Protocol (*http*). It's the foundation for how data is communicated on the web. And while it's eminently useful, it's also easily hackable. The addition of an "S" as in "https" (and the lock icon), however, tells you that the site is secure. Websites with a padlock icon in the address bar and an *https* prefix are encrypted and have a trusted SSL certificate, basically guaranteeing a secure connection between website and browser. If you cannot verify that a website or link is safe with *https*, be on your guard and do not enter any personal information.

And, do note: cybercriminals do everything in their power to present themselves as legit, so while *https* websites are more secure, you could be on to one that is run by a crook. So, if you are still suspicious about an *https*: site, use the other safety tools below to check if a website is safe.

2 - Website safety tools

- √ **Use your built-in browser tools** — The first tools you should familiarize yourself with are the security measures already in your browser. Look at your privacy and security settings. Chances are, you'll find the default settings are more lax than you like. Manually adjust the rules and settings in the way that makes you comfortable. Block popups, prevent automatic downloads, don't allow tracking. Your options will vary depending on your browser of choice.

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- √ **Run an online website safety check** — There are several from which you can choose, but we recommend [VirusTotal](#) for its unbiased position. These online tools use antivirus scanners and other security solutions to check a website for any [threats](#). Simply enter the URL you want scanned into the search bar on the site, and get instant results.
- √ **Install web security tools** — For total website safety confidence, protect yourself with top-of-the-line cybersecurity suites. You can also add the benefit of privacy to website safety if you go with a virtual private network.

3 - Website safety quick research

- √ **Check contact details for the website** — If you've done all of the above and you're still not quite sure, then march on up to the front door and knock. That is to say, find the "Contact Us" info on the site and **give them a call**. Depending on how (and if) they answer will clue you as to whether or not it's a legitimate operation.
- √ **Check if your antivirus has an Anti-Phishing Certificate** — Not all do. Look for 3rd-party labs who test for anti-phishing, such as AV-Comparatives. They test antivirus products against phishing URLs (which attempt to get your personal information) and they check for false positives when it comes to legitimate banking websites, to make sure the security product knows the difference.
- √ **Check to see if the URL has a privacy policy** — this is a no-brainer. If a website doesn't have a privacy policy, that is a red flag as to whether the company is legit or not.
- √ **Look up the domain owner of the website using WHOIS** — You can also research who owns a particular domain by checking the public records available through [a WHOIS search](#). Learn everything about the domain, including who registered it and when.

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The internet is teeming with phishing scams. No brand is safe from being falsified, and no user is safe from being targeted. More than ever before, we need to take responsibility for our own online safety. Follow the tips above and stay smart. We can give you all the info you need, but your greatest defender is you.

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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS AFTER SCHOOL INSTEAD OF “HOW WAS YOUR DAY?”

If your tired of the same, tired, after-school conversations with your kids after a long school day when they don't especially want to chat, you might want to ask some of the following conversation starters.....

1. What made you smile today?
2. Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
3. Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
4. Does everyone have a friend at recess?
5. What was the book about that your teacher read?
6. What's the word of the week?
7. Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
8. Did anyone cry?
9. What did you do that was creative?
10. What is the most popular game at recess?
11. What was the best thing that happened today?
12. Did you help anyone today?
13. Did you tell anyone “thank you?”
14. Who did you sit with at lunch?
15. What made you laugh?
16. Did you learn something you didn't understand?
17. Who inspired you today?
18. What was the peak and the pit?
19. What was your least favorite part of the day?
20. Was anyone in your class gone today?
21. Did you ever feel unsafe?
22. What is something you heard that surprised you?
23. What is something you saw that made you think?
24. Who did you play with today?
25. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
26. What is something that challenged you?
27. How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?
28. Did you like your lunch?
29. Rate your day on a scale from 1-10.
30. Did anyone get in trouble today?
31. How were you brave today?
32. What questions did you ask at school today?
33. Tell us your top two things from the day (before you can be excused from the dinner table!).
34. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
35. What are you reading?
36. What was the hardest rule to follow today?

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37. Teach me something I don't know.
38. If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
39. (For older kids): Do you feel prepared for your history test?" or, "Is there anything on your mind that you'd like to talk about?" (In my opinion, the key is not only the way a question is phrased, but responding in a supportive way.)
40. Who did you share your snacks with at lunch?
41. What made your teacher smile? What made him/her frown?
42. What kind of person were you today?
43. What made you feel happy? Proud? Loved?
44. Did you learn any new words today?
45. What do you hope to do before school is out for the year?
46. If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
47. What is your least favorite part of the school building? And favorite?
48. If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?

Remember that these are conversation starters. Follow up with related questions and comments and hopefully both you and your child will have a meaningful conversation beyond one-word answers.



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