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Draft Minutes, Town Board Special Meeting, September 4, 2018

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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.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss the appointment of a Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector/Zoning Officer.

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to enter into Executive Session at 7:02 pm for employment opportunity purposes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to return from Executive Session at 7:25 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

Supervisor Pflieger announced that under Public Officers Law and Town Law there is a residency requirement that states public officers must be residents of the Town. He further explained that according to the Attorney General's Office, an *employee* is one who does not discharge independent duties but acts by the direction of others. Conversely, a *public officer* has the discretion as to how duties are performed.

A local law could be adopted to opt out of the residency requirements. The Board will confirm with Attorney Fallati regarding Ed Lawson's residency requirements as the Town's interim Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer.

Currently, there are two candidates from within the Town and two from outside of the Town.

It is the consensus of the Board to extend the application process until November 6, 2018 in an effort to obtain a bigger pool of candidates from within the Town.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept applications for the Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector/Zoning Officer noting that applicants must be residents of the Town and having letters of interest submitted by November 6, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize the Town Clerk to place another advertisement in the *Altamont Enterprise*. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker



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

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss the process of the upcoming budget.

Noting that the discussions are somewhat pre-mature, Supervisor Pflieger suggested that a date be set to present the Tentative Budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to schedule a Special Meeting on September 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of presenting the Tentative Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to amend the above motion to reflect that the Board will also schedule Budget Workshop dates at the Special Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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 7:46 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, September 11, 2018

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 11th day of September 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 Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WAS: Councilman John Dolce

Also present was Superintendent Bates and one interested citizen.

Supervisor Pflieger asked for a moment of silence to honor those lost in the 9/11 attacks.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on September 13, 2018:

- August 7, 2018 – Special Meeting to Conduct Interviews for Potential Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer
- August 7, 2018 – Work Meeting
- August 9, 2018 – Regular Meeting

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

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Bates wished to discuss the potential purchase of a new excavator. He has obtained three quotes: Hyundai \$159,500; Doosan \$165,414; and Volvo \$203,663. He based the quotes on a model similar to the Hyundai excavator the Highway currently has with a 60" articulating ditching bucket, articulating/hydraulic thumb, quick coupler, blade in the front and outriggers in the rear.

He further explained that in 1998 the Highway Department purchased a new grader, a new excavator, a new backhoe, a new New Holland tractor, a new 4-wheel drive dump/plow truck and a new tandem axle dump truck - all in the same year. In 1999, a new Cat loader and 6-wheel dump/plow truck were purchased; in 2000, a new 6-wheel dump/plow truck and new asphalt roller were purchased; in 2001, a new 6-wheel dump/plow truck and in 2003, another new 6-wheel dump/plow truck were purchased. The next significant purchase was in 2011. Much of the equipment is now approaching the end of its useful life.

Superintendent Bates would also prefer to put the old equipment up for auction rather than participate in a trade-in. He estimates a \$15,000 trade-in value on the current Hyundai excavator.

Currently in the Highway's budget there is a total of \$37,000 in equipment line-items. There is also money in the FEMA and the capital equipment funds.

Superintendent Bates will draft the specifications for the excavator so that it can be put out for bid.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf stated that the last two Solar Meetings had gone very well and everyone is now up to

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speed. They feel comfortable that the subject of small-scale solar is under control. The Committee will address larger scale proposals at their next meeting.

2. Supervisor Pflieger read the draft of the latest report from Weston & Sampson Engineering regarding the Lake Myosotis dam. They will send the approved report on to the Department of Environmental Conservation.

3. The Board has decided to extend the applications for the Code Enforcement/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer position until November 6, 2018. Another block ad will be placed in the *Altamont Enterprise* noting that applicants must be residents of the Town of Rensselaerville.

It is the consensus of the Board to move forward with a proposed Local Law which would lift the residency requirement for the Code Enforcement/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer position.

4. The Planning Board conducted interviews for a clerk and has recommended Diane De Santo be appointed. Their recommendation will need approval by the Town Board at Thursday's meeting. The Planning Board's second recommendation is Carolyn Bauer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board will need to schedule the remainder of the Budget Workshop meetings, and will do so at the Special Meeting on the 20th.

2. The Highway's on-line bidding authority will need to be renewed.

3. Scott Whitbeck's term as Board of Assessment Review member is up. Mr. Whitbeck has agreed to serve another term and will need to be re-appointed at Thursday's regular meeting.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 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



Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, September 13, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 13th day of September 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

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ABSENT WAS: Councilman John Dolce

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Gerald Wood, on behalf of the former Town of Rensselaerville Ambulance, asked if the Attorney for the Town could contact the Attorney General to find out what the status is relating to the new Public Safety Building. The former Rensselaerville Ambulance has already contacted the Attorney General, but has not received a response.

2. Brian Dunn, the new Superintendent of Middleburgh Central School District, came in to introduce himself to the Town Board. He provided his background and experiences and described how excited he is to be at Middleburgh School. He has set goals and will work hard to achieve those goals. He encouraged everyone to reach out to him with any questions or concerns they may have.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2018 Special 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 Sedlmeir to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2018 Work Meeting; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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 August 9, 2018 Regular Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Supervisor Pflieger to approve the following Budget Modification:

From 'Water District Account' 7031 to 'Water Budget Line' SW8310E 44999 in the amount of \$9,600.00 for the balance of the engineering contract on the Lake Myosotis Dam project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$25,159.44; Highway Fund - 28,009.88; Lighting District - \$707.41; Sewer Fund - \$605.59; Water Fund - 10,630.15; T&A Fund - \$6,882.77. Total Abstracts - \$ 71,995.24

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: None

REPORTS**SUPERVISOR**

1. Supervisor Pflieger announced that he had repaired the light on the flagpole and also the lights under the Veteran's Ring of Honor.

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2. The Town of Rensselaerville has received an energy proposal from Central Hudson to change from fluorescent to LED lighting. It would reportedly save the Town \$21,575 over the course of 5 years. However, the initial cost to the Town would be \$13,250 – Central Hudson would cover the other half.

3. Councilwoman Cooke will be performing the payroll audit on Wednesday. **[Editor's Note: Councilwoman Rauf also agreed to join Councilwoman Cooke to learn how to conduct a payroll audit.]**

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

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

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Fallati reported that he had researched the Charitable Reserve Fund proposal. The Federal tax law limits that went into effect last year cap the deductions for State & Local taxes at \$10,000. New York, as well as some other States, has looked into a way to capture some of the disallowed deduction by allowing local governments to set up a charitable reserve fund. Recently, the IRS has come up with a proposed regulation that would up-end the purpose of what some states were trying to do. Attorney Fallati has recommended reserving further action until any litigation is resolved to see if it would even be a viable option for the Town.

2. Attorney Fallati did not find anything that addressed the residency issue regarding the Code Enforcement/Building Inspector position when it was on a contractual/temporary basis. However, he has drafted a Local Law that would allow the Town to opt-out of the current residency requirement.

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

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates reported that due to the weather, the Highway Department is about 4 weeks behind schedule.

2. Peckham, in conjunction with the Highway Department, has paved Camp Medusa Road. They will move on to Miller Road and Jaycox Road tomorrow. Following the paving, the Highway will put shoulders on.

3. Chip-sealing is next on the schedule, weather permitting.

4. The Highway will begin grading & leveling on Gifford Hollow Road; Kenyon Road has been repaired from the winter damage; and Dapice Lane and a portion of Travis Hill Road has been resurfaced.

5. Superintendent Bates estimates the Preston Hollow sidewalk project to begin early October. KB Cooke has found a sidewalk paver for the Town to use at no charge. A skid steer will be available from either the Town of Coeymans or Albany County Highway Department along with a mini excavator.

6. Superintendent Bates has put together a legal notice, specifications and bid proposal packet for the new wheeled excavator.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize the Town Clerk to solicit for bids for the new wheeled excavator. The motion was seconded 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 accept the Highway Superintendent's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of August as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$3,216.40. Paid to the Supervisor - \$1,737.35- the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$382.45; Recycling - \$155.50; Dog Licenses - \$201.00; Building Permits - \$868.40; Title Searches - \$105.00; Zoning - \$25.00. Total - \$1,737.35

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the ‘Animal Population Control Program’ aka ‘dog surcharge’: \$36.00

Fees paid to NYS Department of Health for three marriage licenses: \$90.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk’s checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$1,353.05

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$3,034.96; which includes \$11.48 in penalties

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$541.82; which includes \$0.84 in penalties

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

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: 2 New Home Construction Permits; 2 Home Addition Permits; 1 Zoning Permit; and 1 Septic Repair Permit.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf 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 Kropp reported that the Assessor’s Office is already starting to prepare for next year’s tax roll.

2. Assessor Kropp also reported that there has been a major change in the Enhanced STAR program. Now, everyone will have to participate in the Income Verification Program (IVP) in which the State will be verifying applicant’s income and eligibility instead of the local assessor’s office performing those duties.

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

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 August as follows:

The Water Treatment plant filtered 498,400 gallons – a daily average of 16,077 gallons.

The Sewer Treatment plant processed 712,080* gallons – a daily average of 22,970* gallons.

* Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Rice reported that there is a fault within the pump system and notes that these results are highly suspect. A representative from Smith Controls will be out on Monday to inspect/service the control panel.

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

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 August as follows: E-Waste: 2.22 tons; Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 7.49 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 76.28 tons; Sierra Fibers: 5.41 tons comingled and 5.21 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 55 gallons; Tires: 28

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

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

RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

Paul Ventura, on behalf of the Rensselaerville Library, reported the following:

The Library's Annual Lawn Party was a huge success

The Library Expedition Kick Off is in full swing – visit all 36 libraries in the Upper Hudson Library System. On September 5th, Elephant & Piggy visited the Rensselaerville Library.

The Library's Annual Meeting will be held on September 18th, followed by the Regular Meeting. On September 22nd from 11am-4pm will be Heldercon – hosted by friends of the Berne Library.

Free admission, costume contest, vendors, scavenger hunt, food, prizes and more.

The Library continues their children's programs and adult activities.

The Library is also participating in the Drive Around the Hilltowns event.

The STEAM Lab continues with Animation Exploration and Steam Art.

To celebrate the completion of the trellis behind the Library, a free concert is being held on Sunday on the terrace. The terrace area can also be used for other events.

The Library has been selected to receive resources so celebrate the Walking Dead comic book series.

The library will be decorated for Halloween.

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

Supervisor Pflieger announced that there would be no breakfast on September 15th at the Medusa Fire House, but that the first breakfast would be held on October 20th.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf stated that the last two Solar Meetings had gone very well and everyone is now up to speed. They have researched neighboring Town's policies and feel comfortable that the subject of small-scale solar is under control. The Committee will address larger scale proposals at their next meeting.

2. The report from Weston & Sampson Engineering noted no movement in the wall at the Lake Myosotis dam. Their report also noted that the depressions are most likely a result of decaying tree roots. The report suggested the best way to repair the crack in the pipe is to fix it from the inside with an environmentally/drinking-water-friendly compound. Weston & Sampson Engineering will submit their report to the Department of Environmental Conservation for their approval.

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3. The Board has decided to extend the applications for the Code Enforcement/Building Inspector/ Zoning Officer position until November 6, 2018. Another block ad was placed in the *Altamont Enterprise* noting that applicants must be residents of the Town of Rensselaerville.

The Board feels that the following proposed local law would give the Town another tool in the toolbox in the event that a qualified candidate cannot be found within the Town.

Attorney Fallati read Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2018 as follows:

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW No. 4 OF 2018
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE, NEW YORK**

A Local Law to establish the residency requirements for the appointed offices of Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Title: a Local Law to establish the residency requirements for the appointed offices of Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector.

Section 2. Authority: This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law, §10(1)(ii) (a)(1), which grants to local governments the authority to enact local laws regarding the qualification of local officers. Both Public Officers Law §3 in its coverage of appointed town offices, and Town Law §23, may be superseded by local law (see N.Y. Op. Atty. Gen. (Inf.) No. 97-11).

Section 3. Supersession: This local law shall supersede New York State Public Officers Law §3(1) and Town Law, §23(1) and their application to the offices of Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector for the Town of Rensselaerville.

Section 4. Residency requirements for the positions of the Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector for the Town of Rensselaerville: Section 96-3 of the Code of the Town of Rensselaerville is hereby amended to add the following as Section 96-3(F): The persons holding the offices of Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector need not be residents or electors of the Town of Rensselaerville, provided, however, that such persons shall reside in the county in which the Town is situated or an adjoining county within the State of New York .

Section 5. Inconsistency: All other local laws and ordinances of the Town of Rensselaerville that are consistent with the provisions of this local law are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall be in addition to such other local laws or ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this local law.

Section 6. Savings Clause: If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation of the clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 7. Effective Date: This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

End Local Law

Attorney Fallati read the Resolution as follows:

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RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York, established qualifications for holding office, and the State Legislature has rendered Public Officers Law Section 3 a special law in its coverage of appointed town offices; and

WHEREAS, Section 23(1) of the Town Law of the State of New York, established eligibility of town officers; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10(1)(ii)(a)(1) grants local governments the authority to enact local laws regarding the qualifications of local officers; and

WHEREAS, the attached proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2018 would supersede New York State Town Law §23(1) and the Public Officers Law §3(1) in its application to the offices of Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector for the Town of Rensselaerville and provide that such persons need not be electors of the Town of Rensselaerville and need only reside in the county in which the Town is situated or an adjoining county within the State of New York;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and the General Municipal Law, a public hearing shall be conducted at the Town Hall on September 26, 2018 at 6:45 pm on the attached proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2018, and notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published on or before September 20, 2018 in a newspaper circulating in the Town.

By motion made by Jason Rauf and seconded by Margaret Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 13th day of September 2018 as follows:

Town Board Member	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Steven Pflieger, Supervisor	X		
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	X		
John Dolce, Councilman			Absent
Jason Rauf, Councilman	X		
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	X		

End Resolution

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the Public Hearing; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

4. The Planning Board conducted interviews for a clerk and has recommended Diane De Santo be appointed. As a back-up, they have recommended Carolyn Bauer.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to appoint Diane De Santo as Planning Board/Zoning Board Clerk; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Attorney Fallati read the Resolution granting the Highway Superintendent the authority to participate in on-line bidding as follows:

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RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board has found the auction process to be financially beneficial, allowing the Highway Superintendent to acquire useful equipment at a fraction of the cost of the acquisition of comparable new equipment; and

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, that (1) the Highway Superintendent is authorized to bid on, and to purchase, equipment, tools and other implements to be used for highway maintenance, construction or reconstruction, snow plows or other devices for the removal of snow from the highways from monies appropriated for that purpose without prior approval of the Town Board, through December 31, 2018, up to an amount of \$10,000; (2) this resolution may be reviewed and re-approved quarterly; (3) the Highway Superintendent shall provide the Town Supervisor prompt notice of any bids and purchases made pursuant to this resolution; and (4) nothing in this resolution is intended to limit the Town Board's authority, by subsequent resolution, to modify or rescind this authority generally or with respect to a particular prospective purchase.

By motion made by Marion Cooke and seconded by Margaret Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 13th day of September 2018 as follows:

<u>Town Board Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/Abstain</u>
Steven Pflieger, Supervisor	X		
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	X		
John Dolce, Councilman			Absent
Jason Rauf, Councilman	X		
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	X		

End Resolution

2. Scott Whitbeck has agreed to serve another term on the Board of Assessment Review.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to re-appoint Scott Whitbeck as Board of Assessment Review member – term to be October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

3. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to schedule a Budget Workshop for September 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm immediately following the Public Hearing and to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Amy Kowalski from the Albany County Sheriff's Department announced an Emergency Management Day which will be held on Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm at the Clarksville Station.

Also, Albany County is changing the culvert by Fred Geldner's house – County Route 352. Thus far, no notice has been given to any of the Fire Companies, Emergency Services or the Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



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 RENSSAELERVILLE, 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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER

The Town of Rensselaerville is seeking letters of interest to fill the position of Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer. Applicants must be a resident of the Town of Rensselaerville.

A complete job description as well as training requirements are available upon request at Town Hall: by contacting the Town Clerk's Office at (518) 239-4225/797-3798; via email at: townclerk@rensselaerville.com; or by written request to: Town Clerk, Town of Rensselaerville, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120

Please include resume and list of qualifications with your letter of interest. Letters of interest should be addressed to the Town of Rensselaerville Town Clerk
87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120;
and must be submitted no later than November 6, 2018.



Source for following information: https://www.dos.ny.gov/DCEA/edu_cert.html

New York State Building Safety Inspector

Designed for code enforcement and fire inspection personnel. A Building Safety Inspector is a person who performs fire safety and property maintenance inspections on existing buildings. Building Safety inspector enforcement activities include fire safety and/or property maintenance inspections of existing buildings and structures.

To receive certification, the applicant must attend the Building Safety Inspector program and pass an examination at the conclusion, OR

The applicant must attend all 3 of the following courses and pass an examination at the conclusion of each.

Required Training:

- Introduction to Code Enforcement Practices Part 1, and
- Introduction to Code Enforcement Practices Part 2, and
- Inspection Procedures for Existing Structures

Requires six hours of in-service training annually to maintain certification

New York State Code Enforcement Official

Designed for code enforcement personnel employed by local and county governments.

Required for personnel commencing employment after January 1, 1985.

Requires 24 hours of in-service training annually to maintain certification.

To receive certification, the applicant must attend all 6 of the following courses and pass an examination at the conclusion of each.

Required Training:

- Introduction to Code Enforcement Practices Part 1, and
- Introduction to Code Enforcement Practices Part 2, and
- Inspection Procedures for Existing Structures, and
- General Construction Principles, and
- Residential Code of New York State, and
- Building Code of New York State



NOTE: The job description can be found on the next page.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Job Description

General Purpose of Position - Perform inspections of residential and commercial construction, both new and existing, for adherence to applicable codes and ordinances.

Major Duties and Responsibilities - Perform on-site inspections of new and existing structures for compliance with adopted codes and ordinances, structural quality and safety.

- Verify that structures are constructed in accordance with the approved submitted plans and specifications.
- Respond to complaints, that are in writing, of dangerous buildings by inspecting and reporting dangerous conditions, evaluating the complaint and taking appropriate actions based upon adopted codes, town and state laws.
- Follow up with stop work correspondence, ensuring appropriate action has been taken to correct the situation.
- Perform on-site inspections of the new and existing structures, enforcing all applicable [sic]
- Verify plumbing and mechanical system installations are in accordance with approved drawings.
- Meet with architects, engineers, design professionals and contractors regarding proposed construction projects.
- Issue permits based upon approved construction plans and specifications.
- Provide contractors, builders, and any other individuals with assistance and answers to code compliance questions.
- Represent the Building Dept. as a professional witness in court and special hearings as required.
- Continue professional development through conferences, seminars, workshops and other training in order to keep up-to-date on all code and certification requirements.
- Use various computer programs and databases for issuing permits, writing correspondence and tracking correction notices.
- Work efficiently with Clerk as provided.
- The person in this position (code enforcement/building inspector) will spend some time in office, reviewing plans, answering letters, email or phone calls, writing reports and scheduling inspections.
- The person in this position is exposed to extreme noise, cramped spaces, poor lighting and ventilation during inspections.
- Physical work for this position includes, and is not limited to, climbing ladders, crawling in confined spaces, walking and standing while conducting inspections, bending, carrying, climbing, holding and gripping objects. Safety equipment, such as safety vest, hard hat, ear protection and eye protection will be provided.
- Work effectively and courteously with associates, development community and the general public.
- Work as a team member with other employees.
- Handle multiple tasks simultaneously with frequent interruptions.
- Maintain professional composure in heated situations.
- Your set office hours are weekly, Thursday 8-10 AM and 7-9 PM. Please punch in as to keep better track.
- Be pro-active and follow up on all open permits and violations.
- Make a spreadsheet to go with each permit that itemizes your inspections, ie. footings, foundation, framing, insulations, etc. Please include name of permit holder, address, permit description, dates of inspections, time and initials of the contractor and yourself. Please supply to the Town Board on a monthly basis.
- Turn in mileage on a monthly basis.
- Any classes or training, please supply documentation.
- Must respond to all fire calls in accordance with Local Law #4 of 2007, as well as NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.



BLOOD DRIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Capital Regions BOCES

174 St Rt 30-A
Schoharie, NY 12157

8.3 mi | 08:30 AM - 01:30 PM

More Details

Power Red Blood

Saturday, October 27, 2018

Rensselaerville Public Safety Building

380 Fox Creek Rd
Medusa, NY 12120

0.0 mi | 07:30 AM - 12:30 PM

More Details

Power Red Blood

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Middleburgh Central School

291 Main St
Middleburgh, NY 12122

10 mi | 12:00 PM - 06:00 PM

More Details

Power Red Blood



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

Did you know ...

that Supervisor Pflieger provided clerking service to the Town's Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals for approximately 7 months in 2018 while the Town Board searched for someone to take over the position? He saved taxpayers some money since he did not take any pay for services rendered. We thank Supervisor Pflieger for his commitment to community service!

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>

TAPROOM HOURS FOR NEW LOCATION

Wednesday: 5-9PM
Friday: 6-10PM
Saturday: 4-10PM
Sunday: 12-5PM

Helderfest

October 7th 1-6pm at Helderberg Brewery on Carey Institute's campus (not new taproom)
Live music from the Helderdogs
Brats & landjager from the German pork store
2 kinds of fest beer
New this year: two express bars and beer in pitchers

On the Calendar

Oct 1	7:00 pm	Town Board Budget Workshop	Town Hall
Oct 3		Seniors' trip to Cooperstown	
Oct 3	7:00 pm	Town Board Budget Workshop	Town Hall
Oct 6	9am-3pm	1 st Fall Rummage Sale Lots of Fall, Halloween, and Thanksgiving items plus much miscellaneous	Medusa Church
Oct 7	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Oct 7	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Oct 8		COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED —TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	
Oct 9	12:00 pm	Seniors' Meeting/Luncheon	Medusa Firehouse (?)
Oct 9	7:00 pm	Town Board Work Meeting Town Board Budget Workshop immediately following Work Meeting	Town Hall
Oct 11	7:00 pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
Oct 14	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Oct 14	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Oct 15	7:00 pm	Town Board Budget Workshop	Town Hall
Oct 17	7:00 pm	Town Board Budget Workshop - if needed	Town Hall
Oct 20	7am-11am	Medusa VFD Breakfast	Medusa Firehouse
Oct 20	8am-12pm	2 nd Fall Rummage Sale	Medusa Church
Oct 21	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Oct 21	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Oct 28	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Oct 28	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Oct 31		Halloween BOO!	

Looking ahead:

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.



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Rensselaerville Library Schedule of Events through October 2018

All events are at the library unless otherwise noted.
Events subject to change. Please check our online calendar.

October

- 2 – 10:30 – **STEAM Art** - Dragons! Students will learn about different dragons found in different cultures
- 3 – 4-6pm – **Dragons in Mythology and Fiction** – Students will begin to learn about how a ‘monster’ can take different forms across cultures.
- 9 – 10:30am – **StoryTime**: Make believe creatures. Program includes stories, songs and crafts.
- 9 – 7pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.
- 10 – 4 - 6pm – **Werewolves, Zombies, Vampires and Medicine** – This program will encourage students to make the connection between medical conditions that are exaggerated into ‘monsters’.
- 11 – 7pm – **Writing Group**: Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome.
- 13 – **Walking Dead Day Celebration** – more details to come
- 16 – 10:30am – **STEAM Art**: Make a Monster – Students will use a variety of items to create ‘unique’ monsters.
- 16 – 7pm – **Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees** – public welcome, meeting is on the lower level.
- 17 – 4 - 6pm – **Science meets Science Fiction** - Students will be introduced to Cryptids that actually do exist – oarfish, platypus, komodo dragon, mountain gorilla, okapi, and the giant squid
- 23 – 10:30am – **StoryTime**: Halloween! Program includes stories, songs and crafts.
- 23 – 7pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.
- 24 – 5:30pm – **Lefty** Come read with Lefty the TDI therapy dog.
- 30 – 10:30am – **STEAM Art**: Halloween Decorations – students will design and create decorations for Halloween.
- 31 – **Halloween**- The Library will be decorated. Stop in, pick up candy and explore.



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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.

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 December. 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 31. 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.



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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



HOURS
Tuesday & Wednesday
 10-12 and 3-9pm
Thursday & Friday
 4-9pm
Saturday
 9-1pm
Sunday & Monday
 Closed

Digital Resources

These are all available with your Library Card

Download your reading with the **Overdrive LIBBY App**. No late fees and available 24/7 with your library card. Visit <http://digitalcollection.uhls.org>

Use the **Flipster App** to view a variety of magazines digitally. Download the app and enter your library card.

Mango Language – Want to learn a new language? Traveling for work or pleasure? Or a student needing more help with a language? Download the app and use your library card to log on.

Gale Virtual Reference Library - Unlimited, quick access to trusted nonfiction resources. Job and research resources.

Ancestry is available in the Library. You need to be on our network in order to use this program.

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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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday

December 1, 2018

GREENERY SALE

Rensselaerville Library

9am-2pm

Trees (local from Medusa)

Wreaths, Sprays & Roping

Vendors

Local Business Gift Certificates

Homemade Cookie Sale

Used Book Sale

Cookie Decorating for Kids

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December 1, 2018

Greenery Sale

9-2pm

Vendor Participation Form

Sell crafts, other items, gift certificates for your business or memberships for your organization.

Contact Name: _____

Business Name/Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Description of items you will be selling:

Do you need electricity? "Yes" "No"

Registration is free. However, a donation at the end of the day would be appreciated.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to the Library by November 23, 2018.



Aidan O'Connor Jr.

FOR STATE ASSEMBLY



FROM AIDAN

For over 30 years our district has gone without a voice in the majority. For over 30 years our district has watched our schools layoff teachers, cut services and need help. We've seen our bridges get washed away and our roads paved less and less frequently. For over 30 years our district has been led by entrenched generational and establishment politicians who have never been a part of the majority. They never could bring more dollars back to our communities and we've watched districts around us rebuild, expand and thrive. They've never needed to bring dollars back to their communities because they, themselves, were set for life. For over 30 years - my lifetime - I've never been "set" and I don't know many others who are either in this district.

In my lifetime, I have seen families struggle with access to healthcare, I have seen friends move away, I have responded to neighbors overdosing. In my lifetime, we have never had a member of the Assembly who is in the majority, which means having a leader who can bring more money back to our communities and pass meaningful legislation that enhances upstate New York.

My name is Aidan O'Connor Jr. I come from a long line of public servants whose sole purpose in life is to care for another human being -- generations of nurses and first responders. I come from our backyards and school houses, from the dirt roads of Durham to the medic choppers that have touched down in every single county of this district.

I am asking for your vote on November 6th because this isn't about the "left" or the "right", being a Democrat or a Republican, this is about electing someone who can - in our lifetime - move our district forward. Someone who has been and can be trusted, an independent voice ready to speak up for you. Someone who has and will continue to be dedicated to helping others. Someone who can deliver results because for far too many of us... this vote will determine if we reclaim our voice in the state assembly or continue to leave ourselves on the sidelines.

I am asking for your help because we can find common ground among good people, because there are good people in our world, and now is the time for us all to come sit at the table. Over the next 8 weeks, I'll be sitting in our diners, in our living rooms, at the shooting range, reading in our libraries, and toasting friendship in our bars and coffee shops. Let's talk, let's work together, and let's build our communities where everyone can #StudyHere #WorkHere #LiveHere.

With great appreciation,

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Toddler Time

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

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

- if Greenville Schools are closed, running on a 1 or 2 hour delay, we will not meet.
- The following Tuesday and Friday dates in red are the days we will be meeting.

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

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

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

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

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!!

Lego Fun!

Ages 3 & Up Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00

**September 18 ~ October 16, 30 ~ November 13, 27 ~ December 4 ~ January 8, 22
February 5, 19 ~ March 5, 19 ~ April 9, 23 ~ May 14**

Do you love to imagine and build? Do you enjoy the rush of satisfaction when you find the perfect piece in a pile of colorful plastic bricks? Do you love the satisfying snap of a well placed Lego? Do you feel little pain when you step on a scattered Lego brick? If you answered “yes” to these questions then this program is meant for you! Bring your imagination, we'll provide the Legos! Just Drop In!



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Watercolor Class

Oct. 15, 16, 18, 19
7:00 – 9:30

Instructor – Stanley Maltzman
Young Adults (13) – Adults



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.

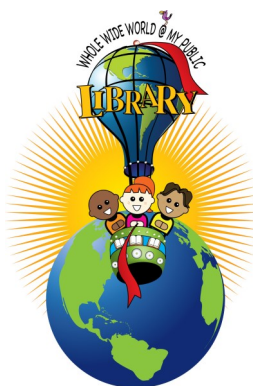
The Greenville Local History Group newsletter can be found at <http://www.dteator.com/glhg/glhg.htm>

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>

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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



Library News - Middleburgh Library

10/2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 - Drop-In Storytime - Get ready to move in this interactive storytime designed especially for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. *No registration required.*

10/2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 - 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.

10/2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 - 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 meditators', teens to seniors. Give it a try. No registration is required. There is no fee. All are welcome.

10/2 - 6:30-8:00 PM - Healthcare After Retirement - If you or someone you know is turning 65, getting ready to retire, or may be losing an employer plan, this course will help you discover an understanding of Medicare. From Part A to IRMAA, learn the fundamentals of how each section of Medicare works in this class aimed at making complex information easy-to-understand. Instructor: Michael G. Stanton. *Registration required.*

10/3, 17, 31 - 11:00 AM - Storytime with Miss Doreen - Join Miss Doreen every other Wednesday for some fun and games. There will be a theme every program.

10/3 - Apple picking time

10/17 - Signs of Fall

10/31 - All about Pumpkins

10/5, 19 - 11:00-1:00 - 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 the sharing of educational opportunities. We hope to increase public awareness, acceptance, and support of home education in Schoharie County. Please check out our facebook page. Or contact Rebecca at veggiemamma@yahoo.com for more information. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 11 - 1.

10/7 - 4:00 PM - Concert - Colleen Kattau - Colleen Kattau is a bilingual vocalist, guitarist and composer of songs. Her poetic originals and charismatic stage presence inspire hope and spark imagination and audience participation! *A \$10.00 donation is suggested. Tickets are available at the door. 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.*

10/8 - 6:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - All are welcome

10/16 - 4:00-8:00 PM - CPR Training

10/16 - - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams. The Glass Menagerie is a memory play, and its action is drawn from the memories of the narrator, Tom Wingfield. Tom is a character in the play, which is set in St. Louis in 1937. He is an **aspiring** poet who **toils** in a shoe warehouse to support his mother, Amanda, and sister, Laura.

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.

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10/20 - 2:00 PM - Cooking by the Vegan Book - "Chloe Flavor" - The Middleburgh Library presents its monthly book club, "Cooking by the Vegan Book." We pick the cookbook, you pick and make the recipe! This month's book is "Vegan Comfort Classics" by food blogger Lauren Toyota. 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, call or at the circulation desk, let us know what you're cooking so we don't have duplicates. **Registration is required.**

10/27 - The Library is closed today for the Hogwart's Halloween Event.

10/27 - 7:00-9:00 PM - Hogwart's Halloween.

10/30 - 6:15-7:30 PM - Alzheimer's Association.

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

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Enhanced STAR Income Verification Program (IVP): Questions and answers for property owners

Q: I've been receiving the Enhanced STAR exemption for 20 years. What changed?**A:** Since 2003 you have had the option to participate in the Enhanced STAR Income Verification Program (IVP). In 2018, the law changed to require all Enhanced STAR applicants and recipients participate in the IVP. Beginning in 2019, by enrolling in the IVP, you won't need to renew your Enhanced STAR exemption with the assessor each year; the first time you apply, the assessor will review your income to determine your eligibility, and in subsequent years, the Tax Department will review your income and notify the assessor whether you qualify for the exemption.

Applying with your assessor

Q: What forms do I need to submit to the assessor?

A: See [How to enroll](#).

Q: What if I'm not required to file income tax returns? What should I provide to my assessor?

A: When you apply or reapply for the Enhanced STAR exemption with your assessor, along with submitting Form RP-425-IVP and either Form RP-425-E or Form RP-425-Rnw, also provide the assessor with [Form RP-425-Wkst, Income for STAR Purposes Worksheet](#). The first year, the assessor will use the information you provide to determine whether your income qualifies for the exemption. After the first year, the Tax Department will review your income annually.

Q: I am eligible for the senior citizens exemption as well as the Enhanced STAR exemption. Does this law change affect me?

A: If you've been receiving the senior citizens exemption previously, you may recall that the application for that exemption was also the application for the Enhanced STAR exemption. Under the new law, that is not the case. You are now required to apply for the Enhanced STAR and senior citizens exemptions separately. Submit the applications for both exemptions to your assessor.

In future years, you will not need to reapply for the Enhanced STAR exemption; the Tax Department will automatically review your income to determine eligibility. See [How to enroll](#) for Enhanced STAR application instructions.

You will need to reapply for the senior citizens exemption annually. To apply or reapply for the senior citizens exemption, file the applicable form below with your assessor:

for first-time applicants: [Form RP-467, Application for Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens](#), or

for renewal applicants: [Form RP-467-Rnw, Renewal Application for Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens](#).

Q: I'm over 65 and I recently purchased a new home. Should I apply for the Enhanced STAR exemption with my assessor?

A: No. New homeowners are eligible for the STAR credit rather than the STAR exemption. The amount of the benefit is generally the same, but you will receive your benefit in the form of a check from New York State. [Register for the STAR credit](#).

Q: Will I need to reapply for the Enhanced STAR exemption or the IVP in future years?

A: No. As long as you remain eligible for the exemption, you will not need to reapply in future years. The Tax Department will automatically verify your income, and notify your assessor whether your income qualifies for the Enhanced STAR exemption.

Social Security numbers

Q: Why do I have to provide my Social Security number to the assessor?

A: After you provide your Social Security number to the assessor on [Form RP-425-IVP, Supplement to Forms RP-425-E and RP-425-Rnw](#), the assessor will transmit your information to the Tax Department

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using a highly secure online tool provided by New York State, then promptly destroy your paper form. We will use your information to determine whether your income meets the qualifications for the Enhanced STAR exemption.

Q: I'm the only owner on the deed for my property. Why do I have to provide my spouse's Social Security number?

A: Income eligibility for the Enhanced STAR exemption is the total income for all owners of the property and any owner's spouse who resides on the property. If your spouse resides on the property, you must include their Social Security number on Form RP-425-IVP so we can include their income in the total and accurately determine eligibility for the exemption.

Q: Since I'm now required to provide my Social Security number to the assessor, why do I also have to provide my tax return information?

A: In the first year of the program, assessors will use your tax return information to determine whether your income qualifies you for the Enhanced STAR exemption. The Tax Department will use your Social Security number to also review your income. If the Tax Department determines that there is a change to your eligibility, we will notify you and your assessor directly.

Security and confidentiality

Q: Can the assessor disclose my Social Security number or income to anyone?

A: By law, assessors are only authorized to collect your confidential information to administer exemptions. They are **not** authorized to share your income information with anyone. They are required to provide your information to the Tax Department using a highly secure online tool, then to destroy your paper form immediately. Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information is against the law.

Q: Is the system assessors use to provide the Tax Department with my information secure?

A: The Tax Department is responsible for safeguarding tens of millions of Social Security numbers and other confidential information on tax returns. The confidentiality and security of your information is the agency's top concern. We take extraordinary measures to protect your data and our systems, including the one we provide to assessors for the IVP.

Q: Will the Tax Department provide the amount of my income to the assessor?

A: No. The Tax Department will not disclose your income to the assessor. We will only indicate whether your income is or is not greater than the applicable income standard.

Tax Department verification

Q: How does the Tax Department determine if I'm qualified for the Enhanced STAR exemption?

A: Based on the Social Security numbers and other information you provide to your assessor, the Tax Department reviews your income tax returns and other data to determine whether you're eligible for Enhanced STAR. If we need additional information, we will contact you by mail and notify the assessor of our determination.

The assessor determines whether you are eligible based on ownership, age, residency, and other pertinent factors. If you are eligible, the assessor will grant the exemption and add it to the assessment roll.

Q: How will I know if the Tax Department determines that I'm eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption?

A: If you are not eligible for income reasons, the Tax Department will mail you a denial letter. If the assessor determines you are ineligible for other reasons, the assessor will send you a denial letter. We recommend that you check the tentative assessment roll each year to ensure that you are receiving the exemptions you believe you are entitled to. Visit the office or webpage of your local assessor to check the assessment roll.

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Q: How will the Tax Department determine my eligibility for Enhanced STAR if I'm not required to file income tax returns?

A: The Tax Department has access to various sources of information regarding income. If the department is unable to determine your income from those sources, we will provide you with a worksheet to complete and return. If you receive an income worksheet from us, please complete and return it as quickly as possible so we can determine your eligibility.

Source: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/ivpfaq-propertyowners.htm>

Any questions you may have regarding these changes to New York State's Enhanced STAR program should be directed to the Town's Assessors.



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



H A R V E S T F E S T I V A L Celebration

October 28, 2018

@2:00pm – 4:30pm

**Trinity Episcopal Church
10 Trinity Ln, Rensselaerville, NY**

Music, Games, Stories, Food
Halloween Costumes Encouraged
Fun for the whole Family, Enjoy!



*Don't miss out on this
Once in a Lifetime Opportunity!*

Demonstrate your patriotism!



Participate in our essay contest!

Our essay theme this year is:

“Our Freedoms, Our Veterans, Our Flag”

Capital District Patriot Flight, Inc. presents our third annual student Essay Contest.

*Open to all high school students, two lucky students will win
a one day, all expense paid trip to the Memorials in Washington DC
with veterans from WW II, Korean War and Vietnam War.*

Here are the details:

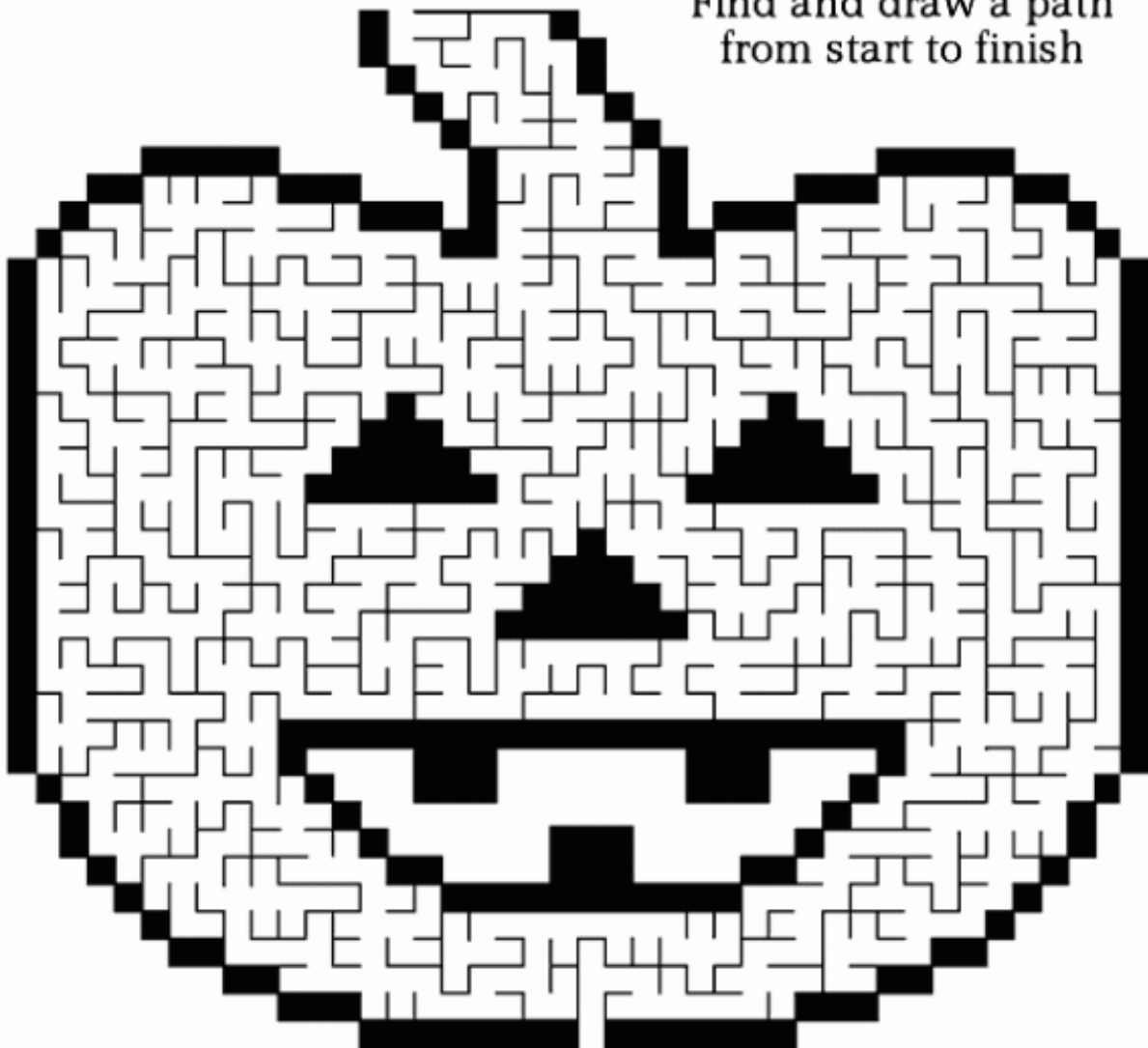
- Request an application from our website - www.patriotflight.org - or
Lois Wilson - lwilson315@nycap.rr.com - 518-732-2793
- Complete and submit your application by November 15, 2018
- Write your 300-500 word essay and submit it by February 10, 2019
- Follow the instructions in the application materials
- Winners will be announced on March 15, 2019

Kids' Activity Page

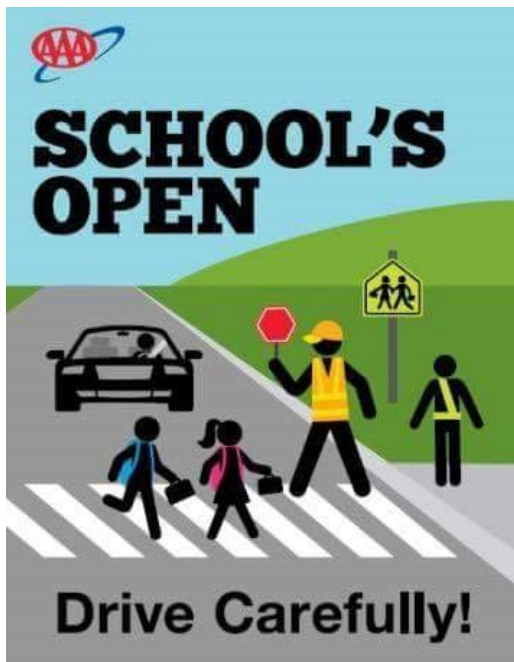
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START

Find and draw a path
from start to finish



FINISH



DID YOU KNOW

An estimated 50,000 motor vehicles illegally pass new York State school buses every day

THE LAW SAYS:

It is illegal - and very dangerous - to pass a stopped school bus when the large red lights located on top of the bus are flashing. Flashing lights mean the bus is picking up or discharging students.

You must stop whether you are approaching the school bus from the front or overtaking it from the rear.

You must always stop for flashing red lights, **even on divided and multilane highways and on school grounds.**

The first-time fine for illegally passing a school bus is a \$250 to \$400 fine, 5 points on your license, and/or possibly 30 days in jail.

Worse yet, the memory of hitting or killing a child may be one you carry for the rest of your life!



PENALTIES FOR PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS

\$\$ – FINES – \$\$

By Conviction	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine	Possible Imprisonment
First Conviction	\$250.00	\$400.00	Up to 30 days
Second Conviction (within 3 years)	\$600.00	\$750.00	Up to 180 days
Third or Subsequent Convictions (within 3 years)	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	Up to 180 days

Contact Information for Elected Officials & Department Heads

Position	Name	Email Address
Town Supervisor Hours: M-F :8a.-11am	Steve Pflieger	spfleging@rensselaerville.com townsupervisor@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
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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
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

<p>Albany Co. Hwy Dept. 239-6715; 239-6710</p> <hr/> <p>Town Meetings: Work: Tues. preceding monthly mtg Regular: 2nd Thurs @7pm</p>	<p>Sen. George Amedure 46th District LOB, Room 802 Albany, NY 12247 455-2350; Fax: 426-6751 Amedure@nysenate.gov</p>	<p>Assemblyman 102nd District - Chris Tague LOB 937 Albany, NY 12248 518-455-5363 taguec@nyassembly.gov</p>	<p>County Legislator Chris Smith 39th District Alb Co Office Building 112 State Street Albany, NY 12207 447-7168; (H) 447-7117</p>
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BREAKFAST

AT THE MEDUSA FIRE HOUSE

7:00AM TO 11:00AM

October 20, 2018

November 17, 2018

December 15, 2018

January 19, 2019

February 16, 2019

March 16, 2019

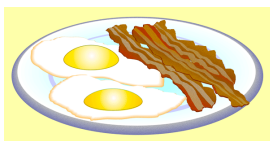
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From the Editors:

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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Reminder: Audio tapes of Town Board meetings are now available. Those of you wishing to receive such material simply have to shoot an email to rvillenewsletter@gmail.com and let us know that you would like to be put on our recipient list. It is our expectation/hope that these files will be sent to you immediately following the meeting or the very next day.

Audio files tend to be quite large. Therefore, if the audio file is greater than 25 MB (and most of them will be), Gmail automatically adds a Google Drive link in the email instead of including it as an attachment. You, the recipient, can download it so you'll have access to it even if it is removed from Google Drive. A download link will be included in your emails.

Also, for those who want the newsletter but have difficulty with delivery because of its data size, we've launched a new option. Join the R'ville Community Newsletter on Facebook and have it delivered to you online! From there, you can read it, save it, print it - whatever you wish to do! This group also welcomes your comments about the newsletter. Check it out!

*A community newsletter **BY** the community **FOR** the community*