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**Draft Minutes, Town Board Emergency Meeting, December 7, 2018**

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held an Emergency Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018 at 4:30 in the afternoon 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, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

**ABSENT WAS:** Councilman Jason Rauf

Also present was Highway Superintendent Randy Bates and one interested citizen.

The purpose of the Emergency Meeting was to enter into Executive Session to discuss employee history and employee discipline.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to enter into Executive Session at 4:37 pm for the purposes of discussing employee history and employee discipline; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

Supervisor Pflieger invited Highway Superintendent Randy Bates to attend the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to return from Executive Session at 5:30 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk



## **Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, December 11, 2018**

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018 at 7:05 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Steven Pflieger and the roll was called with the following results:

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

Also present was Bookkeeper/Clerk 1, Linda McCormick and one interested citizen.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

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

November 6, 2018 – Work Meeting

November 8, 2018 – Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget

November 8, 2018 – Regular Meeting

November 14, 2018 – Special Meeting – Adopt Final Budget

November 14, 2018 – Special Meeting – Interviews for Code Enforcement/Building Inspector

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

The Board confirmed which line items the funds for the new excavator would be coming from.

**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.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Councilman Rauf reported that there had been two Solar Committee meetings in November. He is confident that the Committee will be wrapping up discussions regarding small-scale solar and hopes to have a summary to present at the Committee's next meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>. They are looking forward to moving on to discussions on large-scale solar in the near future.

Supervisor Pflieger added that he had met with Albany County Shared Services. They inquired about Town lands that could potentially be used for a solar project. Councilman Rauf's feeling was that it would not pertain to the discussions presently at hand.

2. Weston & Sampson Engineering had received a quote for the pipe repair which was in excess of \$20,000. Weston & Sampson felt that the estimate was excessive and they continue to search for alternatives.

3. Supervisor Pflieger read a letter submitted jointly by the entire office staff in support of Ed Lawson's appointment as Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector.

4. Supervisor Pflieger received two recommendations for Volunteer of the Year award. John "Jack" & Connie Kudlack's names as well as Kenneth "Chip" Decker's name were submitted. It is the preliminary consensus of the Board to nominate all three.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. The Board is considering a date of December 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm for the Final Meeting of 2018.

2. The Board is considering a date of January 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm for the Organizational Meeting.

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3. Supervisor Pflieger received the proposal for accounting services from Pattison, Kosky, Howe and Bucci, CPA's as well as a quote from I.T.S. for their services for 2019.
4. The Highway's on-line bidding authority will need to be renewed at Thursday's Regular meeting.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Marie Dermody noted that she became aware of an individual who had attempted to send an email to the Town Clerk, but was unsuccessful. Town Clerk Kraker will contact I.T.S. in this regard.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to enter into Executive Session at 7:48 pm to discuss employee history and employee discipline. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to return from Executive Session at 8:30 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to hold an Emergency Meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 to discuss employee matters; time of the meeting to be announced. The motion was seconded 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 8:31 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman [sic] Dolce.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk



January 21, 2019



## Draft Minutes, Town Board Emergency Meeting, December 12, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held an Emergency Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018 at 10:45 in the morning at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Deputy Supervisor John Dolce and the roll was called with the following results:

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

ABSENT WAS: Supervisor Steven Pflieger

**[Editor's Note: Although I attend 99.5% of all Town Board meetings, I was notified at 10:09 AM of the 10:30 AM emergency meeting, making it impossible for me to attend. The scheduling of this meeting without proper notification to the public was in complete violation of the Open Meetings Law.]**

The purpose of the Emergency Meeting was to discuss developments that require the Town Board to go into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to enter into Executive Session at 10:49 am for the purposes of discussing developments that require the Town Board to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to return from Executive Session at 12:04 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

Deputy Supervisor Dolce read a statement from Steven Pflieger as follows:

Dear Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville,  
It has been with great pleasure to have had the opportunity to work for the great citizens of this amazing Town. Unfortunately, effective immediately, I'm turning in my resignation.  
Sincerely,  
Steve Pflieger

End Letter

Attorney Fallati read the following resolutions:

### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville has met in this Emergency Meeting to discuss the developments regarding the Town Supervisor.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville accepts the resignation of Supervisor Steven Pflieger effective immediately.

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018 as follows:

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

End Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE  
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE  
TOWN BOARD

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville has met in this Emergency Meeting to discuss the developments regarding the Town Supervisor.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that Deputy Supervisor John Dolce is authorized to contact law enforcement, insurance carriers and any other entities necessary to facilitate the recovery of any losses of the Town.

By motion made by Marion Cooke and seconded by Jason Rauf, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018 as follows:

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

End Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE  
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE  
TOWN BOARD

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville has met in this Emergency Meeting to discuss the developments regarding the Town Supervisor.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that Deputy Supervisor John Dolce is authorized to remove former Supervisor Steven Pflieger's name as signatory from all bank accounts for the Town of Rensselaerville and is further authorized to designate Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir as second signatory on all bank accounts for the Town of Rensselaerville.

By motion made by Marion Cooke and seconded by Jason Rauf, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018 as follows:

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

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End Resolution

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE  
TOWN BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville has met in this Emergency Meeting to discuss the developments regarding the Town Supervisor.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that Deputy Supervisor John Dolce is authorized to facilitate the release of a public statement on behalf of the Town of Rensselaerville regarding the facts and circumstances concerning the resignation of former Supervisor Steven Pflieger.

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018 as follows:

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

End Resolution

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk



## Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, December 13, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Deputy Supervisor John Dolce and the roll was called with the following results:

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

ABSENT WAS: Councilwoman Cooke

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Linda Styer representing the Rensselaerville Library and fourteen interested citizens.

### SUPERVISOR

Deputy Supervisor Dolce read from a written Public Statement as follows:

Town of Rensselaerville  
Public Statement of Deputy Supervisor John Dolce  
December 13, 2018

At an emergency meeting yesterday, the Town Board accepted Steven Pflieger's resignation as Town Supervisor. The entire Town Board wishes to inform you of the circumstances leading to the resignation and the steps that we have taken since then.

On Tuesday, December 12, 2018, as Deputy Town Supervisor, I was informed by the Town's outside auditors, Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, about information that they had uncovered in the course of an audit. Specifically, the auditors had identified multiple checks that had been written from the Town's payroll account to Mr. Pflieger without apparent Town authorization. In subsequent discussions with me, the auditors and the Town Board, Mr. Pflieger acknowledged that he had written unauthorized checks from the payroll account to himself. Mr. Pflieger also provided information about certain specific unauthorized checks.

Obviously, based on the evidence presented by the auditors and Mr. Pflieger's admissions, the Town Board requested Mr. Pflieger's resignation. He agreed to submit his resignation, which he submitted in writing yesterday morning. Given the urgency of the matter, the Town Board held an emergency meeting yesterday morning, at which it accepted Mr. Pflieger's resignation.

The Town Board also approved the removal of Mr. Pflieger as a signatory on any Town bank accounts and the referral of the matter to law enforcement and the Town's insurers. We then promptly notified the State Police and supplied information to the investigators. We also directed the bank to remove Mr. Pflieger as a signatory on Town bank accounts and have taken what we believe are the necessary steps to secure the Town's records.

The Town's recovery of any losses is of paramount concern for the Town Board. With regard to possible losses, we provided prompt notice yesterday of a claim on the Town's insurance policy. The policy provides for coverage up to \$250,000 for employee theft, with a \$1,000 deductible. Of course, at this point, we have received no response from the insurance company as to coverage, but we will continue to cooperate with the insurer and vigorously pursue coverage.

I also note that Mr. Pflieger has expressed his desire to repay the Town.

The investigation is ongoing, and our auditors are continuing their work to confirm the extent of any unauthorized payments. At this stage, the information known to us is that the unauthorized payments exceeded \$10,000.

As the matter is still under investigation, we cannot provide any further details at this point. We will, of course, do so as new information emerges.

The Town Board emphasizes its commitment to take all steps to protect the Town's interests and the

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integrity of its finances. We will keep the Town updated on our progress.

End Statement

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2018 Work Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Rauf.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2018 Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Dolce to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2018 Regular Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018 Special Meeting to Adopt the Final Budget; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Rauf.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018 Special Meeting to Conduct Interviews for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Supervisor Dolce.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

### TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the following Budget Modifications:

\* From 'Assessor Uncertified' A1355E 12255 to 'Assessor Certified' A1355E 12256 in the amount of \$9,670.00 as all Assessors are Certified; and

\* From 'Senior/Youth Bus Fund' 8514 to 'Senior Vehicle Maintenance' A7610E 44072 in the amount of \$1,320.00 to cover the cost of repairs.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the following Budget Amendment:

Account DA5112E Code 44077 from \$181,446.00 to \$259,212.65 due to an increase in funding.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

**ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS:** General Fund - \$ 35,536.69; Highway Fund - \$21,799.54; Lighting District - \$704.62; Sewer Fund - \$118.70; Water Fund - \$175.64; T&A Fund - \$6,907.49. Total Abstracts: \$ 65,242.68.

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

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### REPORTS

**SUPERVISOR:** None

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### ATTORNEY

Attorney Fallati will address the Board later in the meeting.

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

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates noted that he and the Highway Department is supportive of the Board during this time.

2. Superintendent Bates reported that since November 13<sup>th</sup>, there have been 12 days of winter weather. All the equipment is in service; they are well stocked with fuel, materials, sand and salt.

3. The new excavator has been delivered and Finke Equipment has provided on-site operator training.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Highway Superintendent's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Supervisor Dolce.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

### TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of November as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$1,920.00. Paid to the Supervisor - \$694.75- the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$188.75; Recycling - \$225.00; Dog Licenses - \$61.00; Building Permits - \$150.00; Title Searches - \$70.00. Total - \$694.75

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$10.00

Fees paid to NYS Department of Health for Marriage Licenses: \$22.50

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$1,192.75

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Dolce to accept the Town Clerk's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Tabled

### ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Pine noted the changes in the STAR program and provided a pamphlet for the taking. Low-income seniors will still have to come into the Assessor's Office to re-apply annually.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Assessor's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

**WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE:** Tabled

### REFUSE/RECYCLING

Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of November as follows:

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Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 3.56 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 64.71 tons; Sierra Fibers: 5.24 tons; comingled and 7.35 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 27 gallons; Tires: 16

Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck also wished to thank Guy De Gennaro of De Gennaro's Fuel Service/Carting for his assistance during the time Mr. Whitbeck had only one truck to haul refuse. Mr. De Gennaro provided his services at no-charge to the Town.

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

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

### RENSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

Linda Styer, President of the Rensselaerville Library Board, reported the following:

The Library will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day

They are undertaking their Annual Appeal and are half-way to their \$16,000 goal. Mrs. Styer wished to thank everyone who has supported the Library

She also wished to thank everyone who supported the Annual Greenery Sale. There are a few Christmas trees and sprays remaining.

The Library hosts both a writing and a poetry group

The Library is participating in a health & wellness program called Library Moon Walk and will be hosting several health & wellness events.

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

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

### CURRENT EVENTS

1. The Village Voices will hold their annual Holiday Concert at Conkling Hall on Saturday at 7:30 pm.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf reported that there had been two Solar Committee meetings in November. He is confident that the Committee will be wrapping up discussions regarding small-scale solar and hopes to have a summary to present at the Committee's next meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>. They are looking forward to moving on to discussions on large-scale solar in the near future. The hope is to have the study complete by spring.

2. Weston & Sampson Engineering had received a quote for the pipe repair which was in excess of \$20,000. Weston & Sampson felt that the estimate was excessive and they continue to search for alternatives.

3. The appointment of a Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector will be addressed at the Organizational Meeting in January.

4. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept all three nominations for Volunteer of the Year award: John "Jack" & Connie Kudlack and Kenneth "Chip" Decker. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

5. Attorney Fallati summarized the agreement of the dissolution of the Volunteer Ambulance: the property would revert back to the Town subject to deed restrictions; the contents would be handed over to the Town; and funds and payments for outstanding liabilities would be turned over to the

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Town as well. Attorney Fallati has prepared a Transfer Agreement that would effectuate the above; a deed that would cover the transfer of the real property subject to deed restriction; and a bill of sale which would cover the transfer of the contents. Stipulations on the transfer of the cash accounts have also been put in place.

Attorney Fallati read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE  
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE  
TOWN BOARD

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance, Inc. (“Volunteer Ambulance”) previously submitted to the Town, and the Town accepted the terms of, a Plan of Dissolution and Distribution of Assets (“Plan”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Volunteer Ambulance has advised that the New York State Attorney General’s Office has approved the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has prepared the attached Transfer Agreement, including all exhibits thereto (“Transfer Agreement”), to facilitate the transfer of assets from the Volunteer Ambulance to the Town pursuant to the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has accepted the resignation of the Town Supervisor and, with the office vacant, the Deputy Town Supervisor is vested with all of the powers, and may perform all of the duties, of the Town Supervisor as set out in Section 42 of the New York State Town Law;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that (1) the Transfer Agreement, including all exhibits thereto, are hereby approved; and (2) the Deputy Town Supervisor is authorized to sign the Transfer Agreement and any other documentation necessary to effectuate the terms of the Plan.

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018 as follows:

| Town Board Member                  | Yes | No | Absent/Abstain |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|----------------|
| Supervisor- VACANT                 |     |    |                |
| John Dolce, Deputy Town Supervisor | X   |    |                |
| Marion Cooke, Councilwoman         |     |    | Absent         |
| Jason Rauf, Councilman             | X   |    |                |
| Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman    | X   |    |                |

End Resolution

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to schedule the Final Meeting of 2018 for December 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm and to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the same. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

2. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to schedule the Organizational Meeting of 2019 for January 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm and to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the same. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

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3. The renewal of the Accounting services contract will be tabled to the Final Meeting.
4. The renewal of the contract for I.T.S. will be tabled to the Final Meeting.
5. Attorney Fallati read the following resolution:

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 March 31, 2019, up to an amount of \$10,000; (2) this resolution may be reviewed and re-approved quarterly; (3) the Highway Superintendent shall provide the Town Supervisor prompt notice of any bids and purchases made pursuant to this resolution; and (4) nothing in this resolution is intended to limit the Town Board’s authority, by subsequent resolution, to modify or rescind this authority generally or with respect to a particular prospective purchase.

By motion made by Margaret Sedlmeir and seconded by John Dolce, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018 as follows:

| <u>Town Board Member</u>        | <u>Yes</u>  | <u>No</u> | <u>Absent/Abstain</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------------------|
| Supervisor - VACANT             |   |           |                       |
| John Dolce, Deputy Supervisor   | <b>[Editor’s Note: No vote was recorded in official minutes.]</b> |           |                       |
| Marion Cooke, Councilwoman      |   |           | Absent                |
| Jason Rauf, Councilman          | X   |           |                       |
| Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman | X   |           |                       |
|                                 | End Resolution  |           |                       |

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Marie Dermody questioned, based on the increased responsibility, if there was any expectation that the Deputy Town Supervisor’s wages would be increased to the level of the Supervisor’s? It was explained that this would be addressed at a later date.

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Mrs. Dermody also criticized the Town for scheduling two Emergency Meetings without adequate notice to the public.

Greg Bischoff questioned if the language in the resolution allowing the Highway Superintendent to participate in on-line bidding should be modified as it now states that "...the Superintendent shall provide the Town Supervisor prompt notice of any bids and purchases..." Attorney Fallati explained that under Town Law, the Deputy Supervisor automatically assumes the responsibilities and authority of the Supervisor.

A member of the audience questioned whether the Town used an external payroll service or if payroll was done in-house. It was explained that currently, payroll was done in-house, but it was something that would be discussed.

A question was asked how the Town would be keeping taxpayers up-to-date. Councilman Rauf noted that the Town will be using their website to keep the town's people informed.

Another member of the audience asked what the definition of small-scale solar was. Councilman Rauf described it as residential.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to enter into Executive Session at 7:57 pm to discuss employee history, employee discipline and possible litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to return from Executive Session at 8:35 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Rauf.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to allow Attorney Fallati to submit any further documentation to the Town's insurance company on behalf of the Town. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Rauf.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

### **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk





**BLOOD DRIVES**

**Friday, January 18, 2019**

**Sanctuary**

11693 Route 32  
Greenville, NY 12083

01:00 PM - 06:00 PM

**More Details**

Power Red Blood

**Friday, January 25, 2019**

**Rensselaerville Public Safety Building**

380 Fox Creek Rd  
Medusa, NY 12120

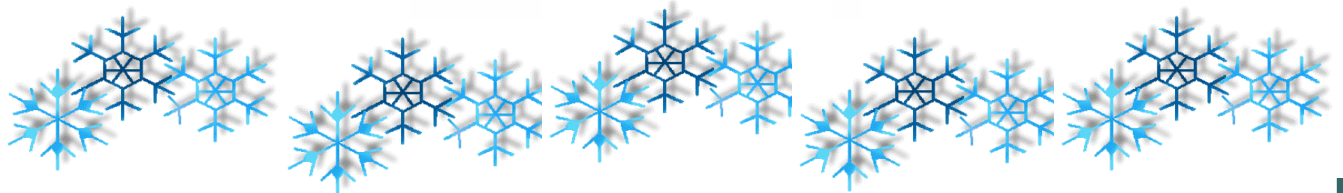
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**More Details**

Power Red Blood



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***Tuesday - Sunday 6 am - 3 pm***  
***Thursday Dinner 4 pm - 7 pm***

2939 NY 145  
Preston Hollow 12496

## 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



### HEADS UP!

USPS Announces Postage Rate Increase – Starts **January 27, 2019**. The First Class Mail letter (1 oz.) rate for postage purchased at the Post Office is increasing by five cents to \$0.55 from \$0.50. Each additional ounce for a First Class Mail letter will cost an extra \$0.15 (a decrease from \$0.21 in **2018**).





Congratulations are extended to Sue Britton of Rensselaerville for receiving the Marion Authenrith Award as explained in an article in the *Altamont Enterprise* dated November 24, 2018.

Following is the article that appeared in the newspaper and on Facebook regarding her project.

RENSSELAERVILLE — The Clarke White Unit 589 of the American Legion Auxiliary in Rensselaerville has earned both State (Department) and National recognition for its efforts with the Finding the New York Faces project.

The project was initiated in March 2017 following a trip to Washington, D.C. by Sue Britton, Community Service chairwoman for the unit, when she began the project to find missing photos of all those who enlisted from New York and were killed during the Vietnam War.

The names of the 58,315 killed are etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.; however the website associated with the wall shows names, photos, biographies, and remembrances of those named. Nationwide, only 1,856 remain without a photo.

At inception, Britton learned that 1,176 New York veterans were missing photos. She began the project by finding those within Albany County and then went on to surrounding counties and eventually began promoting the project across New York State. Her work gained national recognition and several other states followed suit, trying to locate missing photos.

Since inception, 592 missing New Yorkers' photos have been located. There are still, however, 584 missing, so the state of New York comprises 32 percent of those still missing nationwide. Most of those remaining, 443, had enlisted in New York County.

To check and see if you might be able to assist with locating a missing photo, go to: [www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces](http://www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces). Then enter NY in the "state" box, click the "does not have photo" box, and hit "submit."

Britton entered her project work and recently was awarded the Marion Authenrith Award for the Department of New York, which went to "the Unit initiating and completing the most outstanding community service program during the year." She also submitted her work as a national entry and received the "Most Outstanding Unit Community Service Program Award by a Unit in the Eastern Division."

Source: <https://altamontenterprise.com/11242018/clarke-white-american-legion-auxiliary-unit-takes-top-awards>



### ***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

## Home Energy Assistance Program - HEAP

### Overview

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income people pay the cost of heating their homes.

If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year and could also be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off.

Questions regarding the HEAP program should be directed to your [HEAP Local District Contact](#).

### HEAP may be able to help you if you heat your home with:

Electricity - Natural Gas - Oil - Coal - Propane - Wood/Wood Pellets - Kerosene - Corn

### Regular HEAP Benefit

**The 2018-2019 Regular HEAP benefit opened November 13, 2018.**

Find out if you may be eligible and apply for programs and services.

If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year to help you pay for heating your home.

Eligibility and benefits are based on: income, household size, the primary heating source, and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older or permanently disabled.

Regular benefits for households that pay directly for heat based on actual usage are paid directly to the vendor that supplies the household's primary source of heat.

### Your household may be eligible for a Regular benefit if:

You and your household members are United States Citizens or qualified aliens and

Your household's gross monthly income is at or below the current income guides for your household size as posted in the table below or

You receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or

You receive Temporary Assistance or

You receive Code A Supplemental Security Income (SSI Living Alone)

### Emergency HEAP Benefit

**The 2018-2019 Emergency benefit opens January 2, 2019.**

If you are eligible, the Emergency HEAP Benefit can help you heat your home if you are in a heat or heat related emergency.

Emergency HEAP benefits and eligibility are based on: income, available resources, and the type of emergency

If you have an emergency you must contact your [HEAP Local District Contact](#) for assistance. Assistance cannot be provided through this website.

### You may be eligible for an emergency HEAP benefit if:

Your electricity is necessary for your heating system or thermostat to work and is either shut-off or scheduled to be shut off or

Your electric or natural gas heat is off or scheduled to be shut-off or

You are out of fuel, or you have less than one quarter tank of fuel oil, kerosene or propane or have less than a ten (10) day supply of wood, wood pellets, corn, or other deliverable heat source. and

Your income is at or below the current income guidelines as posted in the table below or you receive Family Assistance, Safety Net Assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) or Code A Supplemental Security Income.

The heating and/or electric bill is in your name and

Your household's available resources are:

less than \$2,000 if no member of your household is age 60 or older; or

less than \$3,000 if any member of your household is age 60 or older.

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## Home Energy Assistance Program - HEAP

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### Heating Equipment Repair or Replacement Benefit

If you have an emergency you must contact your [HEAP Local District Contact](#) for assistance. Assistance cannot be provided through this website.

#### **The Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement benefit opened November 5, 2018.**

If you are a homeowner and eligible, the Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement benefit can help you repair or replace your furnace, boiler and other direct heating equipment necessary to keep your home's primary heating source working.

Benefit amounts are based on the actual cost incurred to repair or replace your furnace, boiler, and/or other essential heating equipment, \$3,000 for a repair and \$6,500 for a replacement.

You must go to your [HEAP Local District Contact](#) to apply. Your local district contact will decide if you meet all the eligibility conditions, including the income and resource requirements.

Before work is started it must be approved and authorized by a [HEAP Local District Contact](#). Payment is made directly to the vendor after all the work is completed.

### Clean and Tune Benefit

#### **The HEAP Clean and Tune benefit opened April 2, 2018 and remains open.**

Eligible households can receive energy efficiency services, which includes the cleaning of primary heating equipment, but may also include chimney cleaning, minor repairs, installation of carbon monoxide detectors or programmable thermostats, if needed, to allow for the safe, proper and efficient operation of the heating equipment. Benefit amounts are based on the actual cost incurred to provide clean and tune services, up to a maximum of \$400. No additional HEAP cash benefits are available.

#### **You may be eligible for a benefit if:**

- You are the homeowner
  - Your household's gross monthly income is at or below the current income guidelines for your household size as posted on the following table
  - Your primary heating equipment is more than 12 months old
  - Your primary heating equipment or chimney has not been cleaned within the last 12 months
  - You do not have a service contract with your vendor that includes clean and tune services
- Your household eligibility requirements include filing an application with your local department of social services, providing all necessary documentation, and the household must reside in an eligible living situation.

#### **Where to apply**

You may apply for the Clean and Tune benefit with your [HEAP Local District Contact](#).

Questions regarding the HEAP program should be directed to your [HEAP Local District Contact](#) or the OTDA Hotline at 1-800-342-3009.



## Headline: Crystal Lake's Fish Story

Rensselaerville, New York: The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope. In recent years this pursuit along with attempts to catch the big one have become all the more elusive for residents of Crystal Lake.

Over the past several years an increasing number of nonresidents have been fishing the lake depleting an already limited fish population, while increasing debris and pollutants in the lake. In accordance with local zoning laws ... "All access to Crystal Lake is prohibited except for land owners with lake front property or land owners with lake rights." The small quiet community is fully surrounded by privately owned property, thus here is no public access to the lake.

In an effort to curtail this activity the Lake's Association has coordinated with both local law enforcement, and the Department of Environmental Conservation to increase patrols of the lake and increase their awareness of whom has legal access to the Lake. To assist in enforcement of trespassing violations the Association has posted additional signage on all private property. Further an ID card process has been enacted for its property owners and guests. Fishers will be required to present the ID card to confirm their eligibility to be on the lake or absent such will be asked to leave.

The lake nearest Crystal Lake which welcomes public fishing is Lake Myosotis off Pond Hill Road.

There are a variety of other locations accessible to the public for fishing in Albany County. They are at the Hudson River from the Troy Dam upstream to Bakers Falls in the village of Hudson Falls, and downstream including all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish, as well as the Mohawk River below Route 32 bridge. Also in Albany County at Normans Kill from Watervliet Reservoir downstream to the first barrier impassable to fish upstream of the Hudson River. And finally at Thompson Lake, known for its Trout fishing.

Public fishing areas in Schoharie County are on Holding Pond, Mallet Pond, Vlaie Pond, the Schoharie Reservoir, and the Schoharie Creek from the Schoharie Reservoir down stream.

Robert Muselli  
President, Crystal Lake Association

Kids' Activity Page - Color Me!







You are invited to attend:

### Five Course Beer Pairing Dinner

#### Saturday, February 9, 2019

Join the Carey Institute's Carriage House Restaurant for a five-course beer pairing dinner held in collaboration with the Helderberg Brewery. Each of our five delectable courses will be paired with a 6 oz. brew selected to complement the dish. Arrive early for a cash bar at the Carriage House Restaurant at 5:00 pm; dinner begins at 6:00 pm. Stay late at the brewery until 10:00 pm, and sleep over on the Carey Institute's country estate in one of our historic guest rooms. A buffet breakfast will be served in the Carriage House Restaurant from 8:30 am to 10:00 am on Sunday morning.

#### Package Options:

Dinner with Beer Pairings — \$75 per guest

Dinner with Beer Pairings, Overnight Lodging & Buffet Breakfast — \$250 per couple



Carey Institute for  
Global Good  
[63 Huyck Road](#)  
[Rensselaerville, NY 12147](#)

## 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](http://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](http://www.careyinstitute.org).



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

Wednesdays: 5-9PM  
Fridays: 6-10PM  
Saturdays: 2-8PM  
CLOSED Sundays



### 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



**On the Calendar**

|        |             |  |                       |
|--------|-------------|--|-----------------------|
| Jan 1  |             | <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY - TOWN OFFICES CLOSED</b>              |                       |
| Jan 2  | 7:00 pm     | Town Board Organizational Meeting                        | Town Hall             |
| Jan 6  | 10:00 am    | Medusa United Church of Christ Services                  | Medusa                |
| Jan 6  | 11:00 am    | Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services                 | Rensselaerville       |
| Jan 8  | 7:00 pm     | Town Board Work Meeting                                  | Town Hall             |
| Jan 10 | 7:00 pm     | Town Board Regular Meeting                               | Town Hall             |
| Jan 13 | 10:00 am    | Medusa United Church of Christ Services                  | Medusa                |
| Jan 13 | 11:00 am    | Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services                 | Rensselaerville       |
| Jan 19 | 7am-11am    | Medusa VFD Breakfast - Free Will Offering                | Medusa Firehouse      |
| Jan 20 | 10:00 am    | Medusa United Church of Christ Services                  | Medusa                |
| Jan 20 | 11:00 am    | Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services                 | Rensselaerville       |
| Jan 21 |             | <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Town Offices Closed</b> |                       |
| Jan 27 | 10:00 am    | Medusa United Church of Christ Services                  | Medusa                |
| Jan 27 | 11:00 am    | Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services                 | Rensselaerville       |
| Jan 27 | 11:30am-2pm | Family Turkey Dinner                                     | Medusa Firehouse from |

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](mailto: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 October 2018  
 All events are at the library unless otherwise noted.  
 Events subject to change. Please check our online calendar.

January

- 1 – The Library is Closed for New Year’s Day.
  - 4 – Celebrate **Trivia Day** by visiting the Library and discover facts about your Library. Do you know how many books are housed in the Library?
  - 8 – 7pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.
  - 10 – 7pm – **Writing Group**: Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome.
  - 15 – 7pm – **Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees** – public welcome, meeting is on the lower level.
  - 16 – Today is **appreciate Dragons Day**. We will celebrate with the **Kids Movie** – How to Train your Dragon at 10 am- Rated: PG, Length: 1:36.
  - 19 – 10-1pm – **National Popcorn Day!** Stop in grab a bag of popcorn and learn a few facts about popcorn.
  - 22 – 7pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.
  - 29 – Is **National Puzzle Day**. We have puzzles for all ages. Stop in all day and help us complete as many puzzles as possible.
- January is **Creativity Month**. We will have a variety of kids art projects throughout the month downstairs in the activity room. Coloring books for adults can be found upstairs in the living room. Coloring is a great way to relax. Or visit the 700’s in nonfiction to discover other ways to get creative.

**Job Opportunity - position is still open**  
 Adult Library Page  
 Visit our [Staff](#) page for more details and the job application.

**Annual Greenery Sale**  
 Thank you to everyone who supported the sale and the local vendors.

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### 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.

Have you made a New Year's Resolution? We can help you find books on exercising, new diets, getting organized, discovering a new hobby, finding a new job, etc. Come visit and let us help you achieve your goals. Don't forget to log your exercise on the Library Moon Walk web site.

### HOURS

Tuesday & Wednesday

10-12 and 3-9pm

Thursday & Friday

4-9pm

Saturday

9-1pm

Sunday & Monday

Closed

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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 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.



## Library News - Greenville Library

### Toddler Time

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

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

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

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

| January 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 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 |    |    |

| February 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 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 |    |    |

| March 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**Health & Safety Policy:** Please do not bring your child to group if he/she has been ill with fever, vomiting, diarrhea, flu like symptoms, pink eye, unexplained rash or skin infection, croup, any childhood contagious diseases. Children should not attend if they have exhibited any of the symptoms within 24 hrs of group. Children must be fever free without the use of Tylenol or Motrin for 24 hrs prior to coming to group. THANK YOU!!

### Lego Fun!

**Ages 3 & Up Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00**

**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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## Library News - Greenville Library

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**WANTED:** Persons who love fabric arts and quilting...we'd LOVE to meet you! Learn new quilting techniques and meet others with similar interests. Sew and chat! You'll find the support and encouragement invaluable...with no fee! Open to all.

The Greenville Quilters meet every Wednesday from 1-3 pm in the Community Room at the Greenville Public Library, 1177 Route 32, Greenville, NY.

Contact Cindy at 518-966-5217 for more information.



### 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](mailto: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

## Library News - Middleburgh Library

**Drop-In Storytime** - There is no Tuesday Storytime in January.

**Storytime with Miss Doreen** - Will continue in February.

**1/1 - New Years Day** - The Library will be closed to observe the Holiday

**1/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - Movies to be announced.**

**1/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 5:00-6:00 PM - Yoga Classes with Deb -**

**1/2 & 23** - Restorative - Restorative Yoga: Relaxation yoga, using props and gravity to do the work. Plus Qigong integrating finish By donation - donations go to the library. Please use back entrance as the library is closed that evening.

**1/9** - Akhanda Yoga - Follow along with Vishva Ji Video. A basic Hatha Yoga practice includes classes asanas. 2nd Wednesday of each month. By donation, donations go to the library, Please use back entrance as the library is closed that evening.

**1/16 & 30** - Yoga Dance - Move, groove, shake up your body for better health. Plus Qigong cool down.

By donation, donations go to the library, Please use back entrance as the library is closed that evening.

**1/4, 18 - 10:00-11:00 AM - Qigong with Debbie Krol** - Tai Chi and Qigong, from China, is the cultivation of human energy. Gentle slow movements, strengthen the body and calm the mind. These practices have been used for agility, balance, cognition and longevity. Join us on Fridays 10-11:00 am. Suggested donation, \$5.00. Please use back entrance as the library is closed on Fridays.

**1/4 & 18 - 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](mailto:veggiemamma@yahoo.com) for more information. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 11 - 1.

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

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

**1/9, 16, 23, 30 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - Movies to be determined.**

**1/11 & 25 - 10:00-11:00 - Tai Chi with Earl O'Bryan** - Tai Chi and Qigong, from China, is the cultivation of human energy. Gentle slow movements, strengthen the body and calm the mind. These practices have been used for agility, balance, cognition and longevity. Join us on Fridays 10-11:00 am. Suggested donation, \$5.00. Please use back entrance as the library is closed on Fridays.

## Library News - - Middleburgh Library

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**1/14, 21, 28 - Drop-in Teen Gaming - 3:30-5:30 PM** - Stop in for snacks and gaming. We'll have games like King of Tokyo, Castle Panic, Sapien, Boss Monster, Forbidden Island, and Evolution. Drop in for a half hour or stay the whole time! We will meet on Monday's from 3:30-5:30pm. This program is for kids 13 and up. Registration is suggested but not required. Call, stop in or sign up online.

**1/14 - 6:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - The public is welcome.**

**1/15 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "Exit West" by Moshin Hamid** - In a country teetering on the brink of civil war, two young people meet—sensual, fiercely independent Nadia and gentle, restrained Saeed. They embark on a furtive love affair and are soon cloistered in a premature intimacy by the unrest roiling their city. As the violence escalates, Nadia and Saeed decide that they no longer have a choice. Leaving their homeland and their old lives behind.

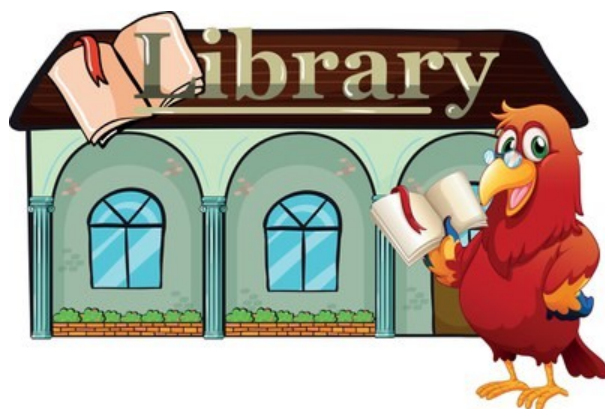
**1/26 - 10:00-11:00 AM - Seed Swap - with Schoharie County Master Gardener Seed Exchange.** The Schoharie County Master Gardeners will host the fifth annual Schoharie County Master Gardener Seed Swap on Saturday, January 26 from 10:00-11:00 AM. Come and swap vegetable, herb, and flower seeds with other gardeners from through our region. Participants are encouraged to bring seeds to swap, but they are not required, and there will be plenty for everyone to take some home. For more information, contact Schoharie-Otsego County Cooperative Extension @ 518-234-4303, or [schoharie@cornell.edu](mailto:schoharie@cornell.edu).

**1/29 - 6:20-7:30 PM - Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group - This program is open to anyone caring for a Alzheimer's patient.**

Not all of programs have been scheduled at time of printing. Please check our Calendar on our website at [www.middleburghlibrary.info](http://www.middleburghlibrary.info) for future programs.

**323 Main Street  
PO Box 670  
Middleburgh, NY 12122  
(518) 827-5142  
[www.middleburghlibrary.info](http://www.middleburghlibrary.info)**

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





## Sign up for solar energy and save at least 10%

As of December 1, 2018 a residential customer can now buy or lease panels in a community solar farm that serves their utility (National Grid or NYSEG in our case) but is not necessarily in their electrical load zone and . This opens up more possibilities for us. Below are some companies that are selling/leasing panels in their community solar farms. Many are offering a subscription model, where you use the energy from their solar panels and get a 10% discount off your electricity bill. And it only takes minutes to subscribe. It's a no brainer. If we environmentalists don't do this, who will? The companies below are known to us to be reputable. If you don't get your electricity renewably, please sign up with one of the companies below. And tell them that Stop NY Fracked Gas Pipeline sent you.

### Common Energy

**Common Energy** enables you to save money and lower your carbon footprint in minutes. You gain the peace of mind that your home is supporting lower cost clean energy. We are committed to providing you with the best possible service, and a lifetime savings! **Just click on the Common Energy website and see how fast you can save money by adding clean solar energy to your National Grid account and help save the planet:** <https://commonenergy.us> If you have any questions about signing up, [Common Energy](https://commonenergy.us) will be happy to help. You can call them at 844-899-9763.





<https://dynamicenergy.com/community/new-york/>

Good news for solar: A new community solar garden in our region is ready to go! It was built by Dynamic Energy. They built the rooftop system for the Regional Food Bank in Latham, and the solar project at Skidmore College. Their latest community solar garden is soon to be interconnected to National Grid and will begin operating this month. It's called the Capital Region Community Solar Garden and is located just off Rt. 20 in Altamont. There is enough room for about 600 subscribers and local folks have already reserved nearly half of the solar garden. Here's a chance to lighten your carbon footprint, save an estimated 10% on your utility bills, and keep your risk low because it's free to cancel anytime. Please contact Linda and she can walk you through all the details. Linda Anne Burtis at 518-527-7671 or [antanana@yahoo.com](mailto:antanana@yahoo.com)



**SunCommon** believes that everyone has the right to a healthy environment and a brighter future, and renewable energy is where that starts.

Energy from the sun can power our lives and help build vibrant communities. Our mission is to tear down barriers to clean energy and use our business as a force for good. SunCommon offers roof, ground, and community solar options and is a Certified B-Corp and Benefit Corporation.

[www.SunCommon.com](http://www.SunCommon.com)

Phone: (866) 452-7652

Email: [Maddy@SunCommon.com](mailto:Maddy@SunCommon.com)





Located at 566 Brunswick Road, Troy, N.Y. members of the Hope United Methodist Church decided to host a solar farm on their property. The Church entered into a land lease agreement with High Peaks Solar to offer their site for this project. This mostly open field will make a great spot for a productive solar farm due to its sun exposure.

The Hope Solar Farm is High Peaks Solar's flagship community solar project to be located in Troy, N.Y. Any National Grid electric customer living in the F Zone (see map), is eligible to buy solar electricity from the Hope Solar Farm. This project gives our customer the opportunity to purchase 100% renewable solar power, while saving money. Our fixed rate solar plans allows customers to save money for years. Fixed pricing also eliminates rate fluctuations from National Grid.

<https://highpeakssolar.com/communitysolar/>

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## **The Next SNYFGP Meeting**

Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 6:30 pm

[Nassau Library](#)

Come help us plan our next event and next year's Renewable Energy Fair

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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

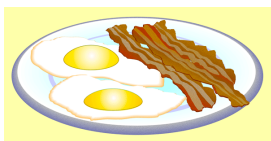
April 20, 2019



PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT YOUR  
LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT



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



**Rensselaerville Historical Society**



**R.H.D.A.**

Rensselaerville Historic District Association

Dear RHDA members,

We hope you are enjoying a lovely holiday season with family and friends! Please join us on Tuesday, January 1, 2019, for our annual New Year's Day luncheon at Conkling Hall. From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm we will be serving fresh-baked ham and roast turkey plus a vegetarian chili along with wine and non-alcoholic beverages. PLEASE BRING a side dish or dessert to share! Over the past several years this has become a tradition of a low-key and relaxing way to unwind at the end of a sometimes hectic holiday season. So join friends and neighbors to welcome the New Year!

Happy Holidays to all!

“Rensselaerville Historical Society Membership Form 2019

Please circle: **New, Renewal**

- Individual membership \$10
- Family Membership \$15
- Supporting Membership \$30
- Life Membership \$150
- Gift membership \_\_\_\_\_
- Special Donations*
- Paint the Mill Fund** \_\_\_\_\_
- Historical Marker Project** \_\_\_\_\_
- Donations** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: RHS Membership Sec.  
P.O Box 8  
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

**Include name, address, telephone number and email address for memberships and gift memberships**

**Contact Information for Elected Officials & Department Heads**

| <b>Position</b>   | <b>Name</b>                                | <b>Email Address</b>   |
|---|--|--|
| Town Supervisor   | John Dolce                                 | jdolce@rensselaerville.com<br>townsupervisor@rensselaerville.com<br>Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339 |
| Town Councilwoman   | Marion Cooke                               | mcooke@rensselaerville.com   |
| Town Councilman   | Brian Wood                                 | bwood@rensselaerville.com  |
| Town Councilwoman   | Margaret Sedlmeir                          | msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com  |
| Town Councilman/<br>Deputy Supervisor   | Jason Rauf                                 | jrauf@rensselaerville.com  |
| Town Justice<br>Court: Mondays, 7pm   | Ronald Bates<br>Muriel Frasher             | Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339   |
| Supervisor's Clerk  | Linda McCormick<br>Valerie Lounsbury       | clerk1@rensselaerville.com   |
| Town Clerk<br>Hours: M-W: 9am-3:30pm<br>Th: 1:30pm-6:30pm or<br>by appointment<br>F: 9am-12pm | Victoria Kraker                            | townclerk@rensselaerville.com<br>vkraker@rensselaerville.com   |
| Highway Superintendent  | Randy Bates                                | rbates@rensselaerville.com<br>Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339                                       |
| Highway Superintendent Clerk  | Kim Welsch                                 | Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339   |
| Assessors<br>Clerk Hours: M-Th: 9am-12pm<br>Assessor Hours: M: 1pm-3pm<br>Th: 6:30pm-8:30pm   | Donna Kropp<br>Jeffry Pine<br>Kathryn Wank | assessors@rensselaerville.com<br>Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339                                    |
| Building Inspector/<br>Code Enforcement Officer<br>Office Hours: Th: 8am-10am                 | Edwin Lawson<br>(temporary BI/COE)         | codeenforcement@rensselaerville.com<br>Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339                              |
| Planning Board<br>Meetings: 1st & 3rd Th @ 7:30pm   | Richard Amedure                            | spfleging@rensselaerville.com  |
| Zoning Board of Appeals<br>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<br>Refuse Station Hours:<br>W, Sa: 7am-3:45pm                    | Jon Whitbeck                               | Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339   |
| Town Hall   |  | Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798<br>Fax: 239-6339   |

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

This is the time of year to reflect on all we have to be grateful for and to celebrate with our friends and family.

Thank you for your support and interest in my work.

I wish you all a Happy Holiday and many blessings in 2019. Wishing for Peace on Earth and Good Will to All Mankind!



Meet **Pepper**, my new studio assistant!  
Please be advised that he will be screening  
all my calls and emails.

***Looking forward to 2019!***

***Warm Regards  
Susan & Pepper***

Please check out my newsletter for all of the current shows where my work is exhibited and available for special gifts.

***Susan M Story PSA-MP  
PSA Board of Governors, Education Chair***

<http://www.susanmstory.com/>



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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](mailto: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.

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**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*