

R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Resolutions of The Town of Rensselaerville Town Board

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, the timing of such auctions often requires prompt action by the Highway Superintendent; 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, 2014, up to an amount of \$20,000; (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 Robert Bolte and seconded Margaret Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 11 day of September 2014 as follows:

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Supervisor Lounsbury	√ Yes	No
Councilwoman Cooke	√ Yes	No
Councilman Bolte	√ Yes	No
Councilwoman Sedlmeir	√ Yes	No
Councilman Wood	√ Yes	No



RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town Board has undertaken a review of the procedures set forth in Schedule A of the Town of Rensselaerville Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has held public meetings and has received input on proposed revisions from current members of the Board of Ethics and other interested citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that the revisions to Schedule A of the Town of Rensselaerville Code of Ethics, as set forth in the attachment hereto, would provide clarity and efficiency for the conduct of investigations of complaints;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, that (i) Schedule A of the Town of Rensselaerville Code of Ethics is revised, as set forth in the attachment hereto; and (ii) the Town Clerk is hereby directed to update the existing Town of Rensselaerville Code of Ethics to conform to the revisions.

By motion made by Margaret Sedlmeir and seconded by Robert Bolte, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 11 day of September 2014 as follows:

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Councilwoman Cooke	√ Yes	No
Councilman Bolte	√ Yes	No
Councilwoman Sedlmeir	√ Yes	No
Councilman Wood	√ Yes	No



Editors' Note: The Town of Rensselaerville Code of Ethics Law can be found at rensselaerville.com. Click on "Town Government Page" and then Laws/Maps/Forms. The above resolution only applies to revisions to Schedule A.

Town Board Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2014

Highlights of the Town Board Regular Meeting - September 11, 2014

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

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh, Assessor Richard Tollner, Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Doug Story, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, and seven interested citizens joined by another at 7:30 PM.

* Accepted the minutes of the following Town Board meetings: August 7, 2014 Special Meeting - Board of Ethics; August 12, 2014 Work Meeting; August 14, 2014 Regular Meeting; August 27, 2014 Special Meeting – Zoning Review

* Approved the payment of all signed vouchers: General Fund - \$16,827.32; Highway Fund - \$158,769.45; Lighting District - \$684.18 (Preston Hollow \$326.66; Rensselaerville \$357.52); Sewer Fund - \$438.45; Water Fund - \$185.90; Trust Fund - \$4,620.76. Total Abstracts - \$181,526.06

* Approved the use of the senior/youth bus for a trip to Saratoga for the seniors on October 7 and October 21

* Department budget requests are presently being submitted

* Discussed various repairs being made at Town Hall

* Approved unanimously the revisions to the Code of Ethics (Resolution appears on page 1 of this newsletter.)

* Approved unanimously the resolution regarding the Highway Superintendent's authority to participate in on-line auctions without prior approval of the Town Board. (Resolution appears on page 2 this newsletter.)

* Approved the Highway Superintendent's report: ordering winter supplies; paving, pothole patching, grading various roads throughout Town; brush clean-up at the honor roll in Preston Hollow; expense of equipment repairs; use of New Scotland's road widener

* Accepted the Town Clerk's report: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$2,335.49; Paid to the Supervisor - \$807.77 (Clerk Fees - \$134.53; Recycling - \$73.00 ; Dog Licenses - \$174.00; Building Permits - \$181.24; Zoning - \$45.00; Senior/Youth Bus Donation - \$200.00. Total - \$807.77). Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program - \$30.00; Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses - \$1,497.72; Water Rents paid for the month of August - \$592.63 which includes \$2.89 in late fees; Sewer Rents paid for the month of August - \$323.27 and \$0.00 in late fees.

* Accepted the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's report: one new garage permit, one new home permit, one pool permit, and one permit for an addition for the month of August; is still working on older Certificates of Occupancy and Certificates of Compliance; will be attending a two-day seminar in October - Towns of Rensselaerville and Greenville will be sharing in this expense; will be going to Court in Schoharie on September 23, 2014 and will be accompanied by Attorney Dana Salazar.

* Accepted the Assessor's report: everything was going well in the Assessor's Office.; Assessor Donna Kropp has investigated an issue with the Senior STAR exemption and found that the school district had lowered their income level structure. Some residents that had previously received a Senior Star Exemption were not receiving as much of a reduction this year and questioned the difference.

* Accepted the Water/Sewer Treatment Officer's report: were successful in finding a leak, however, it was not enough to make much of a difference. Officer Story's theory is that there are several smaller leaks; not one larger one. For the month of August, 489,700 gallons of water was filtered (an average of 15,800 gallons/day); and 202,680 gallons of sewage was pumped (an average 6,538 of gallons/day). The Committee has gone

through and identified the valves that will need attention before the State comes in to pave. Paving is tentatively scheduled for the week of the 22nd. The valve work will be done immediately before that. Former Deputy Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Steve Carney has volunteered a ton of his time to help locate leaks. The filter is still being pushed beyond capacity.

* Accepted the Recycling Coordinator's report: Green Fiber - 9.47 tons; Rensselaer Iron & Steel - 3.35 tons; Tires - 31; City of Albany Landfill - 62.99 tons; Sierra Fibers - 5.36 tons; Oil - 78 gallons

* Current Events: The proclamation for the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company's 75th Anniversary has been presented to them.

Jack Long announced that the Rensselaerville Historical Society is holding a pot-luck dinner on Saturday, September 13, 2014 in Medusa. Also, a presentation on the history of firefighting in the Town of Rensselaerville will be held after the business meeting.

* Authorized the Supervisor to spend the funds necessary to mail the newsletter notices: \$220.00 for the bulk mail permit and .156 per piece to mail.

* Approved the hiring of Simpson Sealing (based on the Copeland Premium Action Pave sealer with Targel sealer additive that Simpson uses) to seal the bike path in the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park. The Town received three estimates: Simpson Sealing - \$1,800.00; Hannan's Paving and Sealing, Inc.- \$1,800.00; and Brand's Paving, Inc. - \$1,325.00

* Approved the renewal of the Agreement for Shared Bus Services between the Town of Rensselaerville and the Town of Westerlo must be renewed. The terms of the Contract are the same as they were last year. The Contract is valid through the end of December 2014 and the rates shall be adjusted on an annual basis in January.

* Approved the use of the senior car for running errands to conduct Town business (for the Highway Department to pick up parts or for the Town Clerk to go to the bank or the post office) as long as the car was not being used for seniors on any given day (See "Senior Car Update" below.)

* Approved the Standard Work Day Resolution for New York State Retirement, which reads:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Rensselaerville hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on time keeping system records or their record of activities.

* Audience Comments: Marie Dermody encourages the Town to ensure that the use of the Town car for different departments is not a 'cross-over' of funds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Note: Full Town Board minutes can be found at www.rensseleerville.com



Senior Car Update: At the last Town Board meeting, the Town Board voted unanimously to allow the "little red car" to be used to run errands by other Town departments when not scheduled for senior citizens needing transportation. The original application seeking funding specifically states for use by seniors for transportation to medical appointments. And the money to purchase this vehicle came in the form of a grant from the Office for the Ageing. Councilman Bolte stated that he put in a call to Senator Neil Breslin's office (the person responsible for securing this money) seeking acknowledgment that this was an acceptable use of the vehicle. As of late last week and more than two weeks after Councilman Bolte's initial phone call, Town Clerk Kraker stated that no information/confirmation has been received from Senator Breslin. Supervisor Lounsbury's explanation that there were no restrictions on the use of the car has not been substantiated in any way. And until such documentation is received by the Town, we editors stand firm in our belief that the use of this vehicle should be reserved for what it was intended. If and when such documentation is received, we'll "stand down."

Historical Society Extends Bargain Price Membership

Contributed by Janet Haseley, janethaseley@gmail.com

At the annual meeting of the Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society September 13, the membership voted to keep the present membership fees until after the next "*Rensselaerville Press*" (the society's quarterly newsletter) is published. Accordingly, there is a bargain awaiting anyone who is not already a member and those whose membership needs to be renewed.

The present membership fees are \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families and \$150 for life memberships. Applications are available at the Grist Mill on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until mid-October or by writing to PO Box 8, Rensselaerville, NY 12147.

After the next newsletter is published in the winter, fees will go up \$5 for individuals and families to \$10 and \$15, respectively and life memberships will not change.

The Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society is concerned with the history, culture and genealogy of the whole town, past and present, and has an extensive archive of research materials and objects. The Society also owns the Rensselaerville Grist Mill and gives free tours in the summer months. Research volunteers help visitors and far-flung letter and email writers find information about their ancestors, their property's history and stores and hotels no longer in existence. The society also publishes prints and books, makes special exhibits each year at the Grist Mill and runs educational programs.



Did you know...

... taxpayers with mailing addresses other than Medusa, Preston Hollow, or Rensselaerville were not included in the mass mailing announcing the start-up of a new official Town newsletter? Town officials claim that this was a cost-saving measure. Do the tax dollars of those with mailing addresses other than the three hamlets not afford them the same consideration as those with Medusa, Preston Hollow, or Rensselaerville mailing address?

Anyone who has not received this notice and would like one should contact Town Hall.

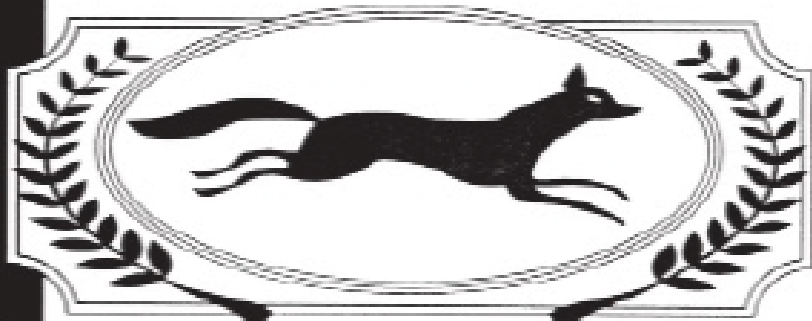
Rensselaerville Library's *Festival of Writers* Presents



performing

The 91st Annual
ox Hunt Banquet

Actually,
the first in ten years



Date: October 25; Time: 6:30 pm, Place: Conkling Hall, Rensselaerville, NY;
Limited Seating; Advance Purchase Required by Fri, October 17;
Tickets: general admission \$40; reserved seating table for ten, \$450;
Tickets include hor d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert; 1 glass of wine or beer
and non-alcoholic beverages; cash bar.

For more information and tickets: www.rensselaervillelibrary.org
or 518-797-3949. All proceeds to benefit the Rensselaerville Library.



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 501(c)3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Upcoming Library Events

What is Scleroderma? Saturday, October 4th at 11:30am. Come learn more about this chronic, autoimmune disease that currently has no cure but is affecting more than 300,000 individuals in the United States. This rheumatic and connective tissue disease has many forms that may affect the skin, blood vessels, and internal organs.

The Library's Writing Group will meet on October 9th at 7pm. This informal and supportive writing group is designed for writers of all interests, backgrounds and abilities. Participants have time to write and share "works in progress" and receive the support needed. If you have questions please call Linda Miller at 936-4402.

The Library's Poetry Group will resume meeting on October 14 & 28 at 7pm. Questions please contact Tom Corrado at tc123@midtel.net

The Library's Board of Trustees meeting is on Monday, October 20th at 7pm. The Meeting is open to the public.

The American Red Cross Preparedness Presentation, Thursday, October 23rd at 7pm at the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department is located at 4990 Delaware Turnpike in Rensselaerville. The presentation will give a comprehensive overview on how to prepare for natural and man-made disasters and how to respond to and recover from them. Please take the opportunity to learn what should be in your kit and make a plan by registering with the Library at 797-3949.

StoryTime theme Trains on Friday, October 24 at 5:30pm, come have pizza and learn more about trains with Linda Styer.

The Rensselaerville Library's *Festival of Writers & Bird-On-A-Cliff* theatre Co. Present "Lord Mansfield's Fox Hunt Banquet"
Show Description: You have been invited to Lord Mansfield's Fox Hunt Banquet, which will take place at Mansfield Mansion (aka Conkling Hall). Jeffries, the butler and the epitome of solicitousness and decorum, will greet you and usher you to your table while the saucy maid Elga will see to your every need.

You will be joined by and mingle with Lord Mansfield's special guests in this evening of comedy, thievery, and debauchery. Even magic might occur as one of the guests meets an Inevitable Fate!! You will be kept on the edge of your seat as you try to Solve an exciting Who-dunnit. Watch for Clues. Interrogate the Suspects!! The action will be fast and the laughter contagious. This program will include audience participation, food and Prizes for successful Sleuths – you might be chosen for a cameo role!

Show time: 6:30 pm, Saturday, October 25th, at Conkling Hall. Running time 2 ¼ to 3 hours. Seating is limited and advance purchase is required. Prices: general admission \$40; or \$450 for a reserved table of 10; tickets include hors d'oeuvres, salad, dinner and dessert; 1 glass of wine or beer and non-alcoholic beverages; cash bar. Call the Library to reserve your space (518)797-3949

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Story Time theme Cars and Trucks on Friday, November 21 at 5:30pm, come have pizza and learn more about cars and trucks with Linda Styer.

Save the Date for the Library's Greenery Sale on December 6th. Vendors wanted for the vendor fair. Please contact the Library if you would like to be a vendor. More details coming next month.

Going Fishing? Stop into the Library and check out a fishing rod. The Library has five rods to loan. Just remember if you are over 16 you need a fresh water fishing license. The program is made possible with assistance from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Museum Passes: The Library has Museum Passes to the Clark and a 50% discount pass to the Adirondack Museum.

The Library's Web Site has been redesigned. Come visit www.rensselaervillelibrary.org

Middleburgh Library

Oct 1 10:30-12:30 Home Schooling Board Games - In the Community Room

Oct 1 1:00pm Wednesday Matinee - "Noah," starring Russel Crowe. No registration required. Free Popcorn!

Oct 1 5:00-6:15 Kundalini Yoga - Facilitated by Debra Krol, involves repetitive movements with the breath, building strength, toning the nerves and clearing the adrenal glands. Wear comfortable clothing and bring 2 blankets or a mat and blanket. A \$5.00 donation is requested. Use the back entrance when entering the building. No registration required. Also meets Oct 15, 29)

Oct 2 7:00pm Knitting Circle - These friendly ladies (men are welcome, but we haven't seen any yet!) knit and crochet, embroider and quilt, and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others - or just craft in the company of friends. Drop in anytime! No registration required. (Also meets on Oct 9, 16, 23, 30)

Oct 4 1:00pm Author Reading and Book Signing: Donna Brodie Van Horn

Oct 7 10:45am 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.* (Also meets Oct 14, 21, 28)

Oct 7 1-4pm Mahjongg - In the Community Room (Also meets Oct 14, 21, 28)

Oct 8 11:00 Doodlebugs: Preschool Art Exploration - Doodlebugs is preschool art exploration for little ones and their caregivers. Appropriate for ages two and up. Registration is required.

Oct 8 1:00pm Wednesday Matinee - "The Grand Budapest Hotel," No registration required. Free Popcorn!

Oct 8 7pm The Not so Quiet Concert Series: Nancy Tucker - Nancy Tucker

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blends outrageous squeaky clean comedy, spirited guitar instrumentals and moving songs of human experience in her shows for people of all ages. Her music and comedy center around a passion for life and laughter. Tickets are available at the door. A \$10.00 donation is suggested.

- Oct 10 10am-5pm Quilt Show** - Admission is \$5.00 (Covers both locations!) Check out
- Oct 11 10am-5pm** the **Man Cave** and all the other spectacular quilts. Enjoy
- Oct 12 12pm-3pm** demonstrations, a Chinese auction and vendors. There will also be antique quilts displayed at the Dr. Best House and Medical Exhibit at 1568 Clauverwie Rd., Middleburgh. Sponsored by The Schoharie Valley Piecemakers Quilt Guild.
- Oct 15 1:00pm Wednesday Matinee** - "The Fault in Our Stars" No registration required. Free popcorn!
- Oct 17 5:30pm Dinner and a Movie** - "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" (PG 13) The library will provide pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert to share. This program fills up quickly so make sure you register early. Registration is required. Please note: this film is rated PG-13 and is not appropriate for young children.
- Oct 18 1:00pm The Big Apples of New York** - Community Room; Author A.L. DuBois shares the history of our favorite fruit in New York State.
- Oct 21 7:00pm Book Discussion: "The Ocean at the End of the Lane"** by Neil Gaiman. 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.
- Oct 22 11:00am Start with Science: Preschool Science Exploration!** Preschoolers' ages three to five will learn about basic science through stories and hands on science activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.
- Oct 22 1:00pm Wednesday Matinee** - "Winter's Tale" (PG13) No registration required. Free popcorn!
- Oct 22 7:00pm The Not So Quiet Concert Series: Arte Martello** (Community Room) We're welcoming back magician Arte Martello for an encore performance! Tickets are available at the door. A \$10.00 donation is suggested.
- Oct 25 9:00am Zombie Run** - Do you like to run? Do you need motivation? Perhaps being chased by a zombie would help. <http://www.active.com/gilboa-ny/adventure-racing/races/zombie-run-5k-2014>. Proceeds benefit the Middleburgh Library Association, Afterward at the same location we will be having a Scare Fair....food, music, vendors.....and LASER TAG! In addition we will be having lots of free attractions including: Haunted House and children's costume parade.

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Oct 25 1:00pm Ghost Detective with Author Michael Worden - Michael J. Worden is a police detective and seasoned ghost investigator with a unique, fresh and entertaining perspective on the paranormal. Michael touches upon some of the basics of what ghost hunting is, as well as delving into some of his most interesting - and sometimes terrifying - cases. Registration is required.

Oct 29 1:00pm Wednesday Matinee - "Godzilla" (PG13) No registration required. Free popcorn!

The events calendar for the Middleburgh Library can be found at:

<http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=8616&thisMonth=8&thisYear=2014>

Contact information: 323 Main Street, Middleburgh, NY 12122
(518) 827-5142
middleburghlibrary.info

The Middleburgh Library Association Presents

ZOMBIE RUN, 5K



ZOMBIE RUN

Saturday, October 25

Run (for your life) begins at 9 am
Not a timed event-
but rather a **SURVIVED** event.

Adult Runners: \$35
Under 18 Runners: \$25
Zombies (must be 16+) \$25

Pre-register at active.com. Simply type in "Blenheim" and our race will pop right up.

Event
will be held
rain or shine.

**Free
T-shirt**
with registration
before 10/10

Starts and ends at
NY Power Authority Visitor's Center
1378 NY Rte. 30, N. Blenheim, NY 12131

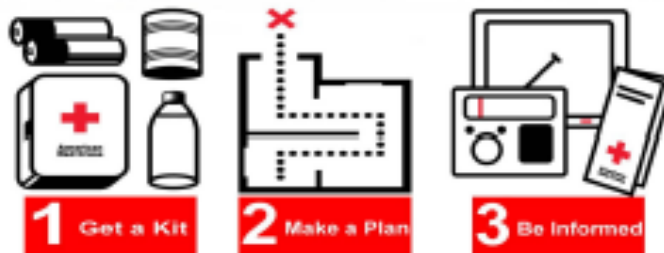




American Red Cross
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NYS Citizen Preparedness Corps

Developed by the Office of New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to create a resilient and prepared New York for high-risk disasters.



The presentation will give a comprehensive overview on how to prepare for natural and man-made disasters and how to respond to and recover from them. The session will provide information on types of common disasters, ways to prepare as an individual, family and community member, and what to do when disaster strikes.

Time: 7pm, Thursday, October 23, 2014

To Register Please Call The Rensselaerville Library 797-3949

Location: Rensselaerville Vol. Fire Department
4990 Delaware Turnpike

To schedule a presentation, please contact
the Preparedness Team 518-694-5121
3 Everett Rd, Albany NY 12205

Albany County Sheriff's Office

A Message from Sheriff's Deputy Tracy Mance regarding the September newsletter from the Albany County Sheriff's Department: Due to the size of the file, we have experienced a small glitch on being able to get it posted on the County Website. There seems to be a file size limit and we are in the process of trying to get an increase. I have included the file instead of a web link. Hopefully we can solve the web issue before next month's newsletter!!

As a result of this glitch, the editors of the *R'ville Community Newsletter* have included the Sheriff's newsletter in its entirety as a part of this newsletter and as a service to our readership.

ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NEWSLETTER



September 2014



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ALTAMONT FAIR 2014

August marks the winding down of summer and brings thoughts of kids going back to school. It also is the month for the ever



popular Altamont Fair. Fried dough, cotton candy, miniature animals, farm displays, carnival games and of course, midway rides,

is a great way to bring the whole county together! The Albany County Sheriff's Office was at the fair all week with a grand display including the MRAP, Operation Safe Child, the "SAFE RIDE" STOP DWI car, information on preparedness, tips for teens, and topics of awareness. The display was located in the Hometown Heroes barn along with NY State Police, Guilderland Police Department, ENCON, and daily appearances from fire companies across the county. Even though the weather did not always want to cooperate, it was a very busy week of talking to the community. Thank you to everyone who stopped at the ACSO display to talk and gather information.



ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

VETERAN'S BENEFIT CAR SHOW



Close to 200 old and new cars and trucks made an appearance at the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center for the annual "Honor Our Vets Car Show".



Hosted by Capital Car Shows.com and sponsored by Adirondack Tire & Service. Trophies were awarded by various categories for those who entered. All the proceeds from the car show

went to Voluntary Services to benefit hospitalized Veterans. The event included a memorial ceremony featuring bag pipes and the marching of our flag. Vets who were in the VA Medical Center were able to

come out to enjoy the festivities. Thank you Capital Car Shows.com and Adirondack Tire & Service for this wonderful event! If anyone would like more information on this event or to see more photos, visit <http://www.capitalcarshows.com/>.



ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



GLENMONT JOB CORPS

The Albany County Sheriff's Office and other agencies around the Capital District were cordially invited to attend an informational breakfast hosted by the Glenmont Job Corps. Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the [U.S. Department of Labor](http://www.dol.gov) that helps young people ages 16 through 24 improve the quality of their lives

through career technical and academic training. Academic courses that are offered by Job Corps include Automotive Technology, Culinary Arts, Medical Office Support, Certified Nursing Assistance, Security/Military Career Preparation, and Facilities Maintenance. Student's who enroll and qualify for Job Corps live on campus and have meals provided for them. After successfully completing the program, students are given placement assistance. Job Corps is a wonderful program to help those who want to increase their quality of life and may not have the means to do so. To learn more about Job Corps, please visit their website at <http://glenmont.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx>

Dedication



Breakfast was prepared by the Glenmont Job Corps Culinary Students. I can not boast enough about the wonderful selection of food! Fresh, made to order omelets with several choices of cheeses, meats, and vegetables was the first station followed by warm hotcakes and french toast. Don't forget the syrup! While waiting for the omelet to be prepared, it was enjoyable to watch the students as they took pride in their finished product.

Leadership



Amy Scharf, the Business/Community Liaison, took the time to address guests with valuable information about the Glenmont Job Corp and the desire to partner with other community agencies to assist their students with hands-on experience. Agencies can contact Job Corp if assistance is need with events for parking and security. Do you think your agency would be interested in partnering with Job Corps? Contact Amy at Scharf.Amy@jobcorps.org.

Responsibility



Last stop...hand made pastries. Yes, hand prepared and absolutely delicious! If anyone left this wonderful breakfast hungry it was not for the lack of quality in the food that the culinary students presented or the amount of food that was available. All of the students were professionally dressed and had impeccable serving manners. Those who I spoke to were very appreciative of the opportunity that they received from Job Corp and have big goals for their future.

ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



BACK TO SCHOOL



Yes, it is that time of year already! It is back to school time around the region for all students. Tips for motorists, parents and students to keep everyone safe.

On The Bus



Riding the bus to and from school is the best time for neighborhood students to chat. Students need to keep in mind that the driver has an important job of driving safely. Loud noises in the bus can pose as a distraction to the driver who has to keep eyes on the traffic and students entering and exiting the vehicle. Motorists need to be aware of stopping school busses. Red flashing lights and protruding stop signs means all traffic must stop. Students crossing the roadway in front of the bus should make eye contact with the driver to make sure it is safe. Passing a stopped school bus with it's lights activated is against the law.

No Bullying



Bullying is harassment. Name calling, social media comments, rumors, and threats are all forms of bullying. Just because someone might be viewed as "different" does not mean that they are any less of a person. Everyone has feelings and is entitled to their own way of life. Talking behind someone's back or starting rumors can cause harm in another person's well-being. If you do not particularly like someone for what ever reason, stay distanced. Parents and adults need to remember that they set the example for the younger generation. Talk to your child today about anti-bullying.

Smart Choices



Teenagers have the tendency to not always think ahead of the consequences of decisions they make. High-risk behaviors can lead to personal injuries, being arrested, or even death. In the event that an impulse decision is going to be made, try to slow thinking down to include the "What If" factor. What if driving at a high speed an animal tries to cross the road? What if when mad at a friend and you intentionally break his iPad? What if when going to a party too much alcohol is consumed? Since the reasoning part of the brain is not fully developed until the mid-20's, teenagers need to be reminded regularly to make smart choices and consider consequences.

ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Berne Summer Fest



As summer winds down so do the town picnics. The Town of Berne held their annual Summer Fest at the Berne Town Park. A full day of activities for

the whole family started with ball games, various bands, vendors, and delicious food and ended with fireworks at dark. There was even a small car show displaying owner's prized automotive possessions. Sheriff Apple stopped in to visit as well! The ACSO MRAP was on display and open for visitors to sit inside and learn what it is and what a valuable resource it is. Thank you to the Town of Berne for inviting us to attend your festival. As always, it was a wonderful pleasure spending the day in the Hilltowns.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 6 - Rensselaerville Fire Department 75th Anniversary Celebration
- September 13 - Mississippi Day
- September 13/14 - Capital Region Apple & Wine Festival
- September 14 - Mater Christi Family Fun Day
- September 21 - Saratoga County "Paws in the Blue" K9 Event
- September 27 - Smart Field Day
- September 27 - Best Pass "Operation Big-Wheels for Heroes"
- October 4 - Guilderland Schools "Big Truck Day"
- October 5 - New Salem Fire Department Fire Prevention Display
- October 25 - Albany Police Department Domestic Violence Awareness 5K Run

ACSO TRAVELS TO ITALY!!!!

Well, kind of sort of but not really



Terra Nova Church members recently traveled to Europe to assist in starting a church in Salerno, Italy. The task was to serve the children whose families want them to learn English from the Bible. Terra Nova was given a small token from the ACSO to take with them on their trip...a frisbee! While the church group was with the children they explained about the American Police, what happens when laws are broken, and how the penalties are determined. The children were given the frisbee as a gift from the Sheriff, "*Il Capo della polizia di New York*", as the translator rephrased it so the children would understand. The children were so kind to pose for a photo with a salute of appreciation. Thank you Terra Nova Church for bringing us along on your travels and thank you Ed Marcelle for sharing this story with us on your return.

Senior Citizens Info

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

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

Mark your calendar: Nov 11 – Veteran’s Day & Seniors Thanksgiving Luncheon at Blackthorne Resort in East Durham. Starts at 12noon. Those wishing to attend need to sign up and pay before or at the October 14 meeting

In the works: We have a trip in the planning stages to Holyoke, MA, to the Log Cabin for a Christmas show. More information will be coming your way soon.

Please note that we are in desperate need of drivers for the bus and the car. Please call Ann Vogel at 797-3376 if you're interested in volunteering as a driver for our senior citizens.

Additional Important Phone Numbers:

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

Getting to Know You: Ronald Joseph Bates

For those of you who don't know me, I am Ronald Joseph Bates, and I am running for Rensselaerville Town Justice. I have been a life-long resident of the Town of Rensselaerville. I am 46 years old and have been married to my wife, Wanda, for 27 years. We have four children and three grandchildren.

I have been employed by the Albany County Sheriff's Department for 24+ years and have gained a good working knowledge of our criminal justice system during those years. In addition to attending the Zone Five Police Academy, I have received numerous additional training seminars and schools in several areas. Some of those seminars and schools include Police Supervision, Crime Scene/Evidence Technician, NY State Fire Investigator Level II, FBI Hostage/Crisis Negotiation, Police Topics Instructor, and Courtroom Demeanor/Testimony.

As the Town Justice, I will be impartial and fair, but firm when the need arises. I look forward to serving the citizens of the Town of Rensselaerville with honor and integrity and to carry on the fine tradition that has defined the office of Rensselaerville Town Justice for many years.

Annual Democratic Social Club Picnic ~ September 7, 2014



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Move, Breath, Relax

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

Sarah Nelson Weiss, CYT
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Classes at Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville
 Open to all, \$10

AN INVITATION

We are thrilled that the readership for the *R'ville Community Newsletter* continues to grow. We will continue to do our best to make it a comprehensive means of communication to allow our subscribers to know what is happening in Town and surrounding communities.

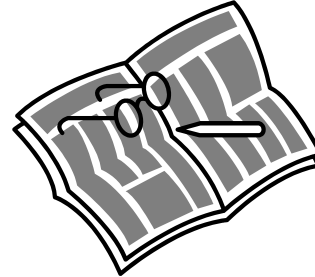
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2. All submissions must be verifiable.
3. All submissions must be sent as an attachment in Word format.
4. No submission will be accepted if it contains obscene, profane, or any other inappropriate language.
5. All submissions must be accompanied by the name, phone number, and email address of a contact person.

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From the Editors: Please know that budget workshop meetings are soon to be scheduled. Look for the meeting dates to be posted on the message board in front of Town Hall. These workshops are interesting in that the public gets an opportunity to see how the Town Board intends to spend our tax dollars, hopefully with fiscal responsibility.

In addition, the new zoning law is just about ready for availability to the public. It is supposedly going to be posted on the Town's website with a limited number of paper copies available at Town Hall. It is possible that there may be a charge for the paper copies; that hasn't yet been fully decided by the Town Board. One or more dates for a public hearing on the new zoning law will be decided in the near future. They, too, should be posted on the message board in front of Town Hall.

On The Calendar

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Oct. 1-2		Senior Citizen's trip: Lancaster Co. Amish : the play "Moses" at the Sight and Sound Theater, a visit to Amish shops, and an Amish dinner.	
Oct 4	11:30am	Scleroderma Presentation See pg 7 of this newsletter for information	Rensselaerville Library
Oct 7	7pm	Town Board work meeting	Town Hall
Oct 9	7pm	Town Board regular meeting	Town Hall
Oct 14	12 noon	Senior Citizens Luncheon/Meeting	Medusa Firehouse
Oct 18	7am-11am	Medusa Fire Department Breakfast Free will offering	Medusa Firehouse
Oct 20	7pm	Library Board of Trustees meeting Open to the public	Rensselaerville Library
Oct 23	7pm	American Red Cross Preparedness Presentation	RVFD Firehouse
Oct 25	6:30pm	Lord Mansfield's Fox Hunt Banquet See pg 6 of this newsletter for information.	Conkling Hall
Nov 4	6am-9pm	Election Day Don't forget to vote!	Various Polling Sites
Nov 11	12 noon	Veteran's Day – Seniors Thanksgiving Luncheon	Blackthorne Resort East Durham

Did you know...

... that the notice sent to residents regarding the upcoming official Town newsletter asks the subscriber for information such as fire district and whether or not you reside in the water and/or sewer district?

We applaud the Town Board for making strides to re-establish a 20+ year tradition in the form of an official newsletter. And we can guess why this information is being requested, what we consider a valid reason. However, it might have been wise to explain why this information is being requested. A pro-active approach could have eliminated some questions or concerns on the part of those receiving the notice.

Contact Information for Elected Officials & Department Heads

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Board of Ethics		ethicsboard@rensselaerville.com
Dog Control Officer	Cheryl Baitsholts	Phone: 797-5201
Town Hall		Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798 Fax: 239-6339



News From Middleburgh Central School District

School Board member Ernest Kuehl has provided us with the following information:

MCSD Makes Changes to Mass Communication Systems; Launches District Mobile App

- Middleburgh Central School District introduces ParentLink communications system and mobile app — a communications tool that has replaced ConnectEd and School News Notifier (SNN). Read more about this important transition in how the district communicates with our parents and community at <http://middleburghcsd.org/parentlink.cfm>

Also on the school's website: New Parent Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

- The Middleburgh Central School District is committed to ensuring student privacy in accordance with local, state and federal regulations and district policies. Check out this page on the school's website <http://middleburghcsd.org/News/1415/0801studentdata.cfm> to read more about the Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security.

Grant Awarded to Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

The New York Council for the Humanities has awarded a grant to the Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church to host a reading and discussion program for the Rensselaerville community on the topic of "Working". The program will not have a religious focus. Its purpose is to extend to the community an opportunity to read texts and excerpts from books together and gather to think about and discuss important issues connected with this topic such as: *What is the relationship between our work and our individual identities? What happens to a community when the nature of work in that community changes?*

Participation is limited to 10 people and the discussions will be facilitated. There will be four sessions from October to January: an initial session of two hours that will include some introductory material and three sessions of 90 minutes each. The grant requires that participants must commit to attend all four sessions. The sessions will be held in Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville. The dates, which may need to be adjusted according to participants' schedules, are:

Monday, October 13 (7:00-9:00pm)

Tuesday, November 11 (7:00-8:30pm)

Monday, December 1 (7:00-8:30pm)

Monday, January 5, 2015 (7:00-8:30pm)

The texts are on loan from the Council for the Humanities and will be loaned to participants. They are excerpts from *Nicked and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich, *Working* by Studs Terkel, *China Men* by Maxine Hong Kingston, *What Work Is* by Phillip Levine, *Santaland Diaries* by David Sedaris and *Portraits in Steel* by Milton Rogovin and Michael Frisch.

We hope to assemble a diverse group: young adults just starting their working lives, those actively working, retirees, the self-employed, and those who work for employers. If you would like to join the group, please email Diana Hinchcliff at dhinchcliff13@gmail.com by **Monday, October 6** and also pass this invitation along to others whom you think would be interested.



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



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