

R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Draft Minutes, Town Board Special Meeting, June 19, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 19th day of June 2018 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Pflieger and the roll was called with the following results:

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

Also present were seven interested citizens.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss options regarding the replacement of Mark Overbaugh, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer following his recent resignation.

Supervisor Pflieger announced that he had spoken to Edwin Lawson who currently serves as the Town of Westerlo's Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator. Mr. Lawson is willing to serve as Rensselaerville's interim Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer.

After June 30th, there will be \$6,220.80 (* should be \$7,465.00) remaining in the budget - \$1,244.16/month. There is an additional \$3,280.00 in the "Clerk" line which can be used for training.

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for letters of interest for the position of Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer. 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 Rauf to appoint Edwin Lawson as temporary Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

Supervisor Pflieger will speak to Mark Overbaugh requesting that he meet with Mr. Lawson in an effort to aid in the transition.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker, Town Clerk

- At the meeting, it was reported that there would be \$6,220.80 remaining in the budget after June 30th. However, there will be \$7,465.00 remaining.

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

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

Also present were six interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ERIN NEVINS FROM NEVINS INSURANCE COMPANY

Erin Nevins of Nevins Insurance Agency presented the Town with the rates for the MVP Health Insurance which would become effective September 1, 2018 if renewed. Under the renewal plan there will be no additional/separate charge for the "Pediatric Affordable Care Act" benefit – this will now be incorporated into the base premiums. The structure of the Primary Care Visit co-pay has changed. Currently, Primary Care Visits are billed at \$35/visit after the deductibles are met. Now, the first three visits will be \$0 and then \$35 thereafter. Deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums and all other benefits are scheduled to remain the same. MVP has added a telemedicine feature, acupuncture, and massage therapy to the renewal plan.

The renewal policy premiums would be increasing by approximately 14.8%, but once again, there will be no increase in the Delta Dental premiums or the Empire Blue Cross vision premiums.

For comparison purposes, Mrs. Nevins also provided information on the CDPHP, Empire Blue Cross, as well as Blue Shield of NENY.

Mrs. Nevins explained that with a high-deductible plan and a Health Reimbursement Account, the goal is to use no more than 50% of what was allotted. Up to this point, \$36,215 has been dispersed out of the \$120,000 that was allocated. With only two months to go, the Town should be well under the 50% for this year as well.

APRIL CAPRIO

April Caprio, Kathryn Sikule, Jane Holland and Hans Soderquist reached out to the Board to offer their assistance with any economic development projects or ventures of any kind which could result in the betterment of the community as a whole. They wish to communicate and network with the community and to keep the Town Board updated on their progress. The group will also be looking into any grants that may be available.

Kathryn Sikule spoke on the Solar Insights Bruch [sic] that was held at her barn recently. There was a good turnout and the presentation was a success.

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

- June 12, 2018 – Work Meeting
- June 14, 2018 – Regular Meeting
- June 14, 2018 – Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2018
- June 19, 2018 – Special Meeting – Resignation of Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector

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

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CORRESPONDENCE: Any correspondence will be presented on Thursday.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Three members of the Solar Committee met and came up with a basic agenda: what they would like to accomplish and who to reach out to. They would like to study the solar policies of the surrounding towns to get an idea of what has worked and what hasn't.

2. Supervisor Pflieger read the letter which was submitted by Weston & Sampson to the Department of Environmental Conservation.

DEC performed an inspection and because the beaver dam is not on Town property, the nuisance permit must be issued to the Huyck Preserve, not the Town as originally thought.

Adam Caprio, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor for the Huyck Preserve is sending a request up the chain of command to see if the Preserve will contract out for the removal of the abandoned beaver dam.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Any decisions on the health insurance renewal will be tabled until the August meeting.

2. The Water/Sewer Committee has made a recommendation to hire William Loetterle as Deputy Water/Sewer Treatment Officer. The Town Board will make a decision at the Regular meeting.

3. Acceptance of the Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution for Elected & Appointed Officials will be needed at the Regular meeting.

4. Supervisor Pflieger stated that four letters of interest were received for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer position. Two other letters of interest were received; however, they were not submitted by the due date of July 9th.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker, Town Clerk



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

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

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

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, interim Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Edwin Lawson, and five interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 Work Meeting; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (3) Pflieger, Dolce, and Rauf; Nays (0); Abstains (2) Cooke and Sedlmeir

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2018 Regular Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2018 Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2018; 2nd by Councilman Rauf. Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 Special Meeting; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

TRANSFERS: None

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$30,738.93; Highway Fund - \$27,658.98; Lighting District - \$682.88; Sewer Fund - \$1,028.65; Water Fund - \$53.40; T&A Fund - \$5,871.91. Total Abstracts - \$66,034.75

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Pflieger read a letter written and submitted by Diana Hinchcliff regarding her outlook on the resignation of Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Mark Overbaugh and his relationship with the Board and employee management. **[Editor's Note: Ms. Hinchcliff specifically requested that her letter be included in the minutes, which was obviously not done. Her letter follows, in its entirety:**

Hon. Steven Pflieger, Supervisor

Hon. John Dolce

Hon. Margaret Sedlmeir

Hon. Marion Cooke

Hon. Jason Rauf

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Town Hall
87 Barger Road
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Re: Resignation of Mark Overbaugh

Please read this letter into the record of the next regular Town Council meeting and include it in the minutes.

Dear Supervisor Pflieger and Members of the Town Council:

I am writing in regard to the unexpected resignation of Mark Overbaugh as code enforcement officer and zoning officer for the Town of Rensselaerville. My comments will approach this situation from two perspectives: the Town Council's relationship with Mr. Overbaugh that led to his resignation and appropriate organization and employee management.

Mr. Overbaugh states in his resignation letter, dated June 14, 2018, that he felt he no longer had the Town Council's respect and support. He cites specifically "unprofessional eye rolling, loud sighs, and murmurings of a certain board member at open board meetings". I was not present at meetings where council members exhibited such behavior toward Mr. Overbaugh but I can attest that at meetings I have attended, I have personally witnessed this type of unprofessional behavior by council members toward individuals giving a report or presenting comments.

Council members are public servants whose responsibility is to represent and serve both employees and residents of the town. Professionalism should dictate that they listen to reports and comments with an open mind and with consideration and courtesy toward the presenters. They can of course disagree with or question a speaker but in the interest of civility, it should be done politely. There is enough uncivil public discourse these days and council members should not be adding to it. A council member's personal feelings toward any individual should be left outside the town hall and should not in any way influence him or her to create an unprofessional relationship with that individual. A council member's job is to do the business of the town not to take personal feelings about individuals into town meetings. A council member should at all times be a role model for professional conduct.

Secondly, the Town Council is responsible for managing the town's affairs and its employees appropriately. The council, as an employer, has an obligation to maintain professional relationships with the individuals who work for the town. Mr. Overbaugh states in his letter that "the stress, harassment, and hostile environment" created by council members had a negative effect on his health that caused him to resign. I have been a CEO in my career and can state from my experience that when the relationship between an employer and an employee deteriorates to such a point that the employee feels his only recourse is to resign, it is a failure of the employer to resolve the situation appropriately. It is incumbent on the town supervisor, as the chief employment officer, as well as on town council members, to create a workplace environment in which employees do not feel threatened, disrespected or harassed. The workplace is no place for personal vendettas or ill will against individual employees.

Mr. Overbaugh states in his letter that he had over 20 years of experience in his job and over 700 hours of training. This is a remarkable accomplishment for any employee but especially for one who has a position in which he is responsible for enforcing the law, which, I am certain, did not always endear him to members of the public he interacted with. Yet, the Town Council was incapable of putting aside any negative personal feelings toward him and accepting his resignation with formal recognition of and thanks for the years of service he has given to the town's residents. During the

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special meeting to discuss replacing Mr. Overbaugh, I was appalled at one council member's suggestion that the town not reimburse him for his out-of-pocket job-related expenses simply because he did not submit his paperwork "on time". This would be not only unnecessarily punitive but also petty and vindictive. Whenever an employee is required to take money from their own pocket in service to an employer, they deserve to be reimbursed and as promptly as possible.

If the manner in which the Town Council treated Mr. Overbaugh is indicative of its conduct toward and management of its employees, why would anyone want to work for the town? I suggest the Town Council undergo employee management training to avoid a similar situation in the future. And I urge them to keep in mind that their behavior toward employees and the public is a reflection on the town government itself.

*Sincerely,
Diana M. Hinchcliff*

End of Letter/End of Editor's Note]

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Pflieger thanked Mark Overbaugh for his 20+ years of service to the Town of Rensselaerville.
2. The Annual Update Document is complete and has been filed with New York State.

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

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

ATTORNEY

Attorney Fallati stated that the Town received confirmation from the State that Local Law No. 3 of 2018 had been filed.

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

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. The Highway Department has finished the cold-mix paving projects on portions of Cook Road, Smith Road, and Engle Road.
2. Truing and leveling on Tanglewood Road is complete.
3. Reclamation of portions of Cheese Hill Road, Travis Hill Road, and Stiefel Lane are scheduled to begin on Monday.
4. Hot asphalt paving is due to begin in August.
5. Superintendent Bates along with many other Superintendents in Albany County met with County Executive Dan McCoy regarding the possible reimbursement of a portion of funds that have been saved through Shared Services. Superintendent Bates will be submitting documentation for the services that the Town of Rensselaerville has shared with neighboring Towns. The reimbursement rate is potentially 50% of the savings and is anticipated to be paid out in 2019.

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6. Superintendent Bates is interested in purchasing a new excavator for ditching. Currently the Highway has a 1995 excavator, but it must be transported via trailer because the transmission no longer works and it can no longer be driven over the road. The 1988 Gradall, purchased over 2 years ago has gotten good use. He would like to sell both the old excavator and the Gradall and replace them with a new wheeled excavator. He asked the Board's consent to move forward to obtain pricing information.

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

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

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of June as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$1,514.30; Paid to the Supervisor - \$1,350.56 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$123.26; Recycling - \$227.50; Dog Licenses - \$109.00; Building Permits - \$690.80; Title Searches - \$140.00; Zoning - \$60.00. Total: \$1,350.56

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$22.00 Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$141.74

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$1,227.03; which included \$15.66 in penalties Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$1,356.38; which included \$26.60 in penalties

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Town Clerk's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Supervisor Pflieger explained the entry errors in May's monthly report.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's written report for the month of May. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

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

2. Supervisor Pflieger read the report for the month of June as follows: one Solar Panel permit; two Home Addition permits; one New Accessory Building permit; one Septic Repair permit; one Home Replacement permit; and one New Home Construction permit. He also explained the entry errors in June's monthly report.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's report for the month of June; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

3. Supervisor Pflieger introduced interim Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Edwin Lawson. Mr. Lawson currently serves as the Town of Westerlo's Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator and has been certified since 1987. He has stepped in to assist the Town of Rensselaerville until a permanent replacement is appointed.

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Final Roll has been completed and the office is now following through on routine reporting.

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

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

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

1. Town Clerk Kraker read a written report submitted by Water/Sewer Operator John Rice as follows: For the month of May: The Water Treatment plant filtered 405,100 gallons – a daily average of 13,100 gallons. The Sewer Treatment plant processed 207,700 gallons – a daily average of 6,700 gallons.

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

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

2. For the month of June: The Water Treatment plant filtered 416,000 gallons – a daily average of 13,900 gallons. The Sewer Treatment plant processed 198,700 gallons – a daily average of 6,600 gallons.

Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Rice also wished to notify the Board that he has accepted a full-time job as Filter Plant Operator in the water plant at the Coxsackie Correctional facility, but as Rensselaerville is his home, it is his intention to continue his part-time duties as Water/Sewer Operator for the Water & Sewer Districts.

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

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

REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of June as follows: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 7.15 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 60.99 tons; Sierra Fibers: 5.15 tons comingled and 7.49 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 58 gallons; Tires: 62

2. The Town will now be charged \$120/ton for comingled recyclables and generates approximately 50 tons/year. The Town is still able to dispose of old cardboard containers free of charge. Discussion was had among the Board and Coordinator Whitbeck regarding the change in charges for the comingled recyclables. The thought is to use the money that is generated by the metals to offset the cost of the comingled recycles.

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

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

RENSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

Supervisor Pflieger read the library's written report as follows:

- √ The Summer Reading Program is underway – be sure to visit the website and register online.
- √ There are a number of Libraries Rock programs scheduled where kids can create a musical instrument and then play them on Wednesday nights at 6pm.
- √ Storytime during the summer will have programs at Lake Myosotis in the picnic area at 4:30 pm on July 25th and August 15th and 29th.
- √ Local author Helen Benedict will be at the library on July 27th at 7:00 pm to read from her new book that is set locally. Helen will have copies of Wolf Season available for purchase and signing.

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- √ On August 4th the Library and the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a Midway to Mardi Gras fundraiser on Main Street in front of the Library. Ticket information is available at the Library and online.
- √ Dr. Kathleen Fontaine, an adjunct professor at RPI, will be at the Library on August 7th at 7:00pm to discuss her 25 years at NASA.
- √ Greenville Elementary School has provided the Library with copies of the Apple-A-Day program books that are currently being used at Ellis to build self-esteem and encourage healthy behaviors through reading and discussing literature. The Library is working on adding them to the collection. The books will be able to be checked out using the library card.
- √ The Library has Museum passes and fishing poles to loan.

CURRENT EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Three members of the Solar Committee met and came up with a basic agenda: what they would like to accomplish and who to reach out to. They broke the project into three categories: residential use, commercial use and commercial sale of power use (Solar Farm). They would like to study the solar policies of the surrounding towns to get an idea of what has worked and what hasn't. **[Editor's Note: These minutes do not reflect the fact that I raised a question about conducting this meeting without a quorum in attendance. This is a committee sanctioned by the Town Board to possibly effect change(s) to our zoning law. The committee is comprised of 2 Town Board members, 2 community members, 2 members of the Town's planning board, an assessor, and the code enforcement officer/building inspector. The attorney to the town was not sure about the requirements regarding quorum; he was to research the matter and report back to the supervisor. As of the morning of July 25th, the supervisor had not received any communication on this matter from the attorney to the town. The next meeting of the Solar Committee was scheduled for July 26. In an email related to this matter and sent to the supervisor, I also advised him that minutes for each committee meeting must be kept and available to the public under the Freedom of Information Law.]**

2. Supervisor Pflieger read the letter which was submitted by Weston & Sampson to the Department of Environmental Conservation which describes the multi-faceted approach to investigate the conditions of the dam and informs DEC of their intentions. The letter is step-one in the process.

3. Councilwoman Cooke inquired about the status of the property in Preston Hollow with all the tires. Supervisor Pflieger has contacted DEC and is awaiting a time for them to pay a site-visit.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Erin Nevins of Nevins Insurance Agency presented the Town with the rates for the MVP Health Insurance which would become effective September 1, 2018 if renewed. Under the renewal plan there will be no additional/separate charge for the "Pediatric Affordable Care Act" benefit – this will now be incorporated into the base premiums. The structure of the Primary Care Visit co-pay has changed.

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It is the preliminary consensus of the Board to renew with MVP, but a final decision will need to be made at the August meeting.

2. The Water/Sewer Committee has made a recommendation to appoint William Loetterle as Deputy Water/Sewer Treatment Officer.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to appoint William Loetterle as Deputy Water/Sewer Treatment Officer; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

3. A motion is needed to accept the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

4. Supervisor Pflieger read the four letters of interest which were received for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer position at the Work Meeting on Tuesday. Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to schedule the interviews for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer position for August 7, 2018 at 6:00pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker Town Clerk





2018 SUMMER SERVICES AT RENSSELAERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church announces its schedule of summer services every Sunday from July 1 through September 2. Services are held at 11:00 a.m. in the church located on Main Street (County Route 351) in Rensselaerville. Everyone is welcome.

Each year, clergy from different faith traditions are invited to deliver sermons on a common theme. The 2018 theme is "And Still We Rise", after the poem "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou. The theme honors the 50th anniversary of the death of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and recognizes the plight of immigrants, refugees, the oppressed, and the poor.

August 5 "Descent for the Sake of Ascent"

Rabbi Rachel Barenblat, Congregation Beth Israel, North Adams, MA

August 12 "Reclaiming Truth"

Rev. Alison Miller, Senior Minister, Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, Morristown, NJ

August 19 "Just Keep On Singing"

Rev. Dr. Amaury Tañón-Santos, Synod Networker, Synod of the Northeast, East Syracuse, NY

August 26 "For Such a Time as This"

Rev. Alexandra Lusak, Moderator, Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church, Rensselaerville, NY

September 2 "After the Fall"

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

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

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

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



Retirement Reception

Mark Overbaugh

*In recognition of and appreciation for his
20+ years of service to the Town of Rensselaerville
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer*

Sunday ~ August 5, 2018

1 pm – 3 pm

Shell Inn

4520 Route 85 ~ Berne, NY 12023

\$10.00 for pizza & wings & cake & bruschetta crostini & mozzarella sticks

Cash Bar

*Sign the Guest Book & add your own message as we
wish Mark good health and good fortune in his retirement.*

Contact Information for Elected Officials & Department Heads

Position	Name	Email Address
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Town Councilman	John Dolce	jdolce@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilwoman	Margaret Sedlmeir	msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	Jason Rauf	jrauf@rensselaerville.com
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Town Clerk Hours: M-W: 9am-3:30pm Th: 1:30pm-6:30pm or by appointment F: 9am-12pm	Victoria Kraker	townclerk@rensselaerville.com vkraker@rensselaerville.com
Highway Superintendent	Randy Bates	rbates@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Highway Superintendent Clerk	Kim Welsch	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Assessors Clerk Hours: M-Th: 9am-12pm Assessor Hours: M: 1pm-3pm Th: 6:30pm-8:30pm	Donna Kropp Jeffry Pine Kathryn Wank	assessors@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer Office Hours: Th: 8am-10am	Edwin Lawson (temporary BI/COE)	codeenforcement@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Planning Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Th @ 7:30pm	Richard Amedure	spfleging@rensselaerville.com
Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings: 1st Th @ 6:30pm	Anthony Guadagno	spfleging@rensselaerville.com
Board of Ethics	Mary Anne Overbaugh	ethicsboard@rensselaerville.com
Dog Control Officer	Cheryl Tefft-Baitsholts	Phone: 728-8082
Refuse/Recycling Coordinator Refuse Station Hours: W, Sa: 7am-3:45pm	Jon Whitbeck	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Town Hall		Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798 Fax: 239-6339

Albany Co. Hwy Dept.
239-6715; 239-6710

Town Meetings:
Work: Tues. preceding
monthly mtg
Regular: 2nd Thurs
@7pm

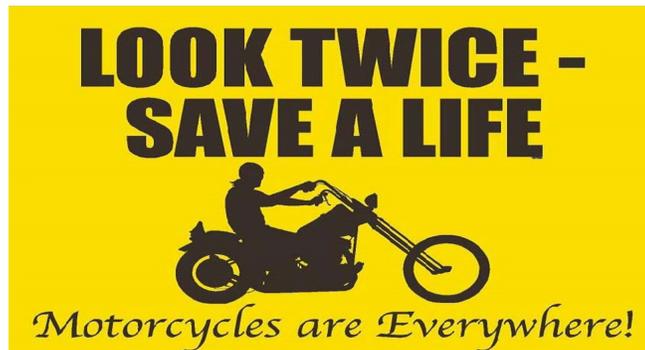
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Albany, NY 12207
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RVFD News

- **IMPORTANT:** Our social number is: **966-0338**. Please update your records. In case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.
- **Is there a fire in you? Please come to a drill or meeting to find out more.**
 - ⇒ Drills are the first two Mondays at 7:00,
 - ⇒ Battalion meeting first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm (no meeting in August), and
 - ⇒ Fire Meeting last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm.



POST OFFICE INFORMATION

<http://www.usps.com>

MEDUSA POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-4826

(19 COUNTY ROUTE 351 MEDUSA, NY 12120)

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

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

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

PRESTON HOLLOW POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-6111

(2930 ROUTE 145 PRESTON HOLLOW, NY 12469)

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

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

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

RENSSELAERVILLE POST OFFICE: Phone 518-797-3231

(26 COUNTY ROUTE 353 RENSSAELERVILLE, NY 12147)

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

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

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



Senior Citizens Info

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

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

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

Additional Important Phone Numbers:

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



You're Invited!

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

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

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

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

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

JOIN US FOR THESE TWO FUN-FILLED TRIPS!

Rensselaerville Historical Society



Grist Mill Snow—2011

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

Grist Mill Tours

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

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

Rensselaervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting of the Rensselaerville Historical Society will be Saturday, August 18, at the Rensselaerville Firehouse. The public is welcome to come to all or part of the evening.

5:00 Annual Meeting

6:00 Pot Luck Dinner – Bring a dish to share

7:00 Program – Join local Author Jerry Finin as he shares his newly published book– A GOOD AND NOBLE THING –The pioneering Life and Service of Anna Ward Perkins

NEW ITEMS FOR SALE AT THE MILL

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

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

Did you know ...

according to recently examined Town records that took place on July 25, 2018, no payroll audits have been done since payroll #45 of 2017? This means there is no record of anyone certifying the accuracy of payroll since approximately November 6, 2017. The Town Board has the responsibility of oversight of all Town departments. It is especially important to monitor the department that handles Town finances. And in the 5 audits examined, it was discovered that all of them were done by the same Town Board member. This, too, is not a healthy financial practice — all Town Board members have oversight responsibilities; they should all be involved in conducting payroll audits on a regular, timely basis.

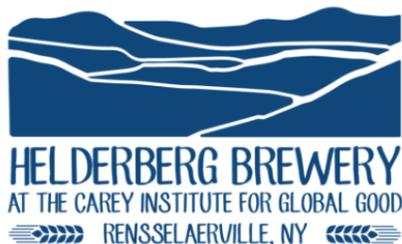
CAREY INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL GOOD

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

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



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

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

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

Note: Helderberg Brewery plans to open an additional taproom next to Kuhar Family Farm Market soon. Stay tuned for more information.

Events:

- Rensselaerville Ride August 19th 7am-4pm - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1749505931804714/> . See page 44 for additional information.



BLOOD DRIVES

Friday, August 3, 2018

Middleburgh Central School

291 Main St
Middleburgh, NY 12122

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

More Details

 Power Red  Blood

Friday, August 10, 2018

East Durham Knights of Columbus

Rt 145
East Durham, NY 12423

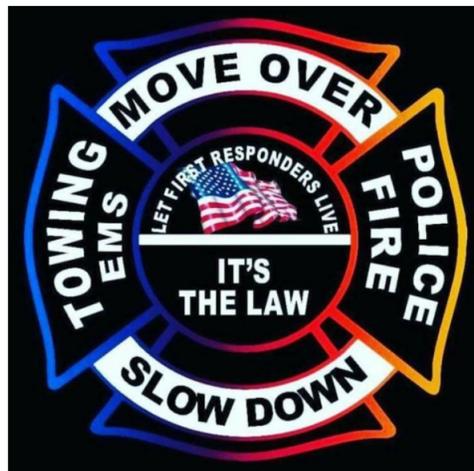
5.4 mi | 01:00 PM - 05:00 PM

More Details

 Power Red  Blood



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





PLANNING & ZONING BOARD SECRETARY

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

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

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



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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

On the Calendar

Aug 4		Annual Medusa Village-Wide Garage Sales Day. To have a sale, please contact Bill Moore @ 518-239-4843, or whmoore44@yahoo.com , or @ 1 CR 351. Museum of Medusa History will be open.	
Aug 5	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Aug 5	11:00 am	Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church	Rensselaerville
Aug 5	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Aug 5	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Aug 5	11:00 am	Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church	Rensselaerville
Aug 5	1 - 3 pm	Retirement Reception for Mark Overbaugh	Shell Inn
Aug 7		Senior Raffle Tickets & money must be turned in by this date.	
Aug 7	7:00 pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
Aug 9	7:00 pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
Aug 12	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Aug 12	11:00 am	Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church	Rensselaerville
Aug 12	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Aug 14		Senior's Picnic at Westerlo Town Park	
Aug 19	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Aug 19	11:00 am	Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church	Rensselaerville
Aug 19	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Aug 26	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Aug 26	11:00 am	Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church	Rensselaerville
Aug 26	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville

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

Please get events to Bill Moore...

by phone – 239-4843;

by e-mail – whmoore44@yahoo.com; or

by mail to: 11 CR 351, Medusa, NY 12120.



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

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

Rensselaerville Library Schedule of Events through September 2018

All events are at the Library unless noted. Events subject to change, please check our online calendar.

August

1 – 3:30pm – **Family Program: Pig Out on Reading with Daisy and Farmer Minor.** The famous pot belly pig Daisy will be visiting the Library to share her favorite books. Make sure to bring a camera for a photo.

1 – 5:30pm – **Music:** Community members are invited to come and share their music with kids and other community members. Everyone is welcome to come on down to the craft room for a relaxing evening of sharing music and fellowship!

4 – **Summer Reading Program ends** – Be sure to stop in and collect your books.

4 – 6-10pm – **Midway to Mardi Gras** fundraiser: A Main Street Block Party for all ages with parade, music, pig roast and buffet. Ticket prices and more information can be found at www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/mardi-gras.html

7 – 6:30pm – **Family Program:** Paper Mache is fun and easy to do! Get creative with newspaper, flour, and water! What will you make?

8 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

8 – 6pm – **Music Make & Take Maracas:** Kids make your own Maracas from 6 to 6:30pm. Community members are invited to come and share their music with kids and other community members. Everyone is welcome to come on down to the craft room for a relaxing evening of sharing music and fellowship!

14 – 6:30pm – **Family Program Robots:** Does your child like Robots? These three 'code and go' kits help kids to learn about how robots and coding work - and have a lot of fun doing it!

14– 7pm – **Poetry Group:** Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

15 – 10am – **Kid's Movie Morning – Tuttle Tale:** Rated: PG, Length: 1:34, Description: Inspired by events that took place at the George C. McGough Nature Park in Largo, Florida - the story of JR the OWL as witnessed and told by the nature park's first inhabitants, 'THE TURTLES'. The turtles, HANK, RAFI and GOLIATH, and their community live in a beautiful pond with nice clean water, lots of food and are witnesses to all the events of the park as they get ready for another busy summer camp season, never suspecting what is about to happen at the park and to themselves.

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15 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime @ Lake Myosotis picnic area:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners. Bad weather we will meet in the Library.

15 – 6pm – **Music Make & Play Kalimbas:** Kids make your own Kalimbas from 6 to 6:30pm. Community members are invited to come and share their music with kids and other community members. Everyone is welcome to come on down to the craft room for a relaxing evening of sharing music and fellowship!

21 – 6:30pm – **Family Program:** Build and play with KEVA planks! KEVA Planks let you tap into your inner artist, architect, inventor, engineer while having fun! Come build and explore!

21 – 7pm – **Library Board of Trustees Meeting** – public welcome

22 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

22 – 6pm – **Music Make & Play Pan Pipes:** Kids make your own Pan Pipes from 6 to 6:30pm. Community members are invited to come and share their music with kids and other community members. Everyone is welcome to come on down to the craft room for a relaxing evening of sharing music and fellowship!

28 – 6:30pm – **Family Program:** Play one of our board games - or make your own!

28– 7pm – **Poetry Group** – Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

29 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime @ Lake Myosotis picnic area:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners. Bad weather we will meet in the Library.

29 – 6pm – **Music Make & Play Whistle:** Kids make your own Whistle from 6 to 6:30pm. Community members are invited to come and share their music with kids and other community members. Everyone is welcome to come on down to the craft room for a relaxing evening of sharing music and fellowship!

30 – 6:30pm – **Adult Movie Night - *Lady Bird*:** Rated: R, Length: 1:34, Description: In 2002, an artistically inclined seventeen-year-old girl comes of age in Sacramento, California.

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

September

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

5 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

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

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12 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

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

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

19 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

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

26 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

MUSEUM PASSES

Check the following passes out with your Library Card.

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

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

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

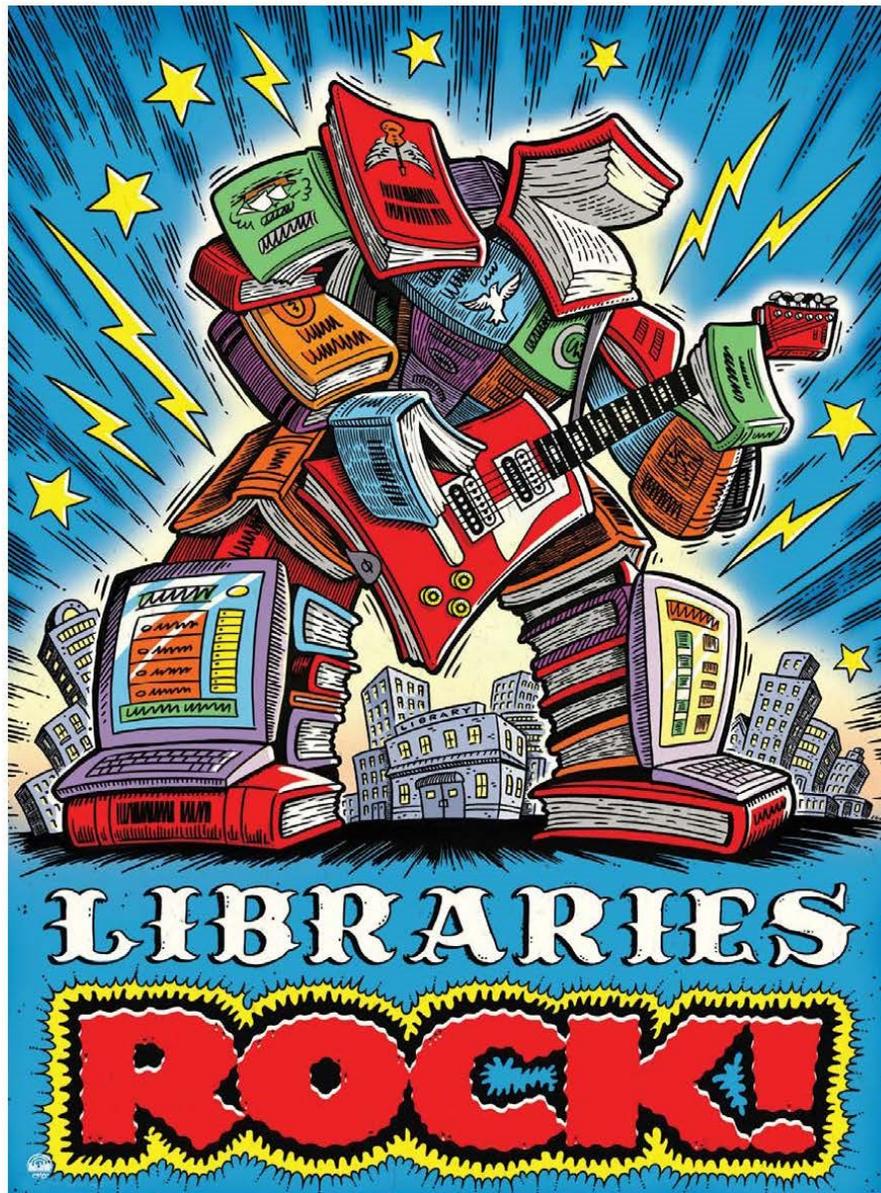
Iroquois Indian Museum in Howes Cave on Caverns Rd. The Library offers a museum pass for free admission for two adults and children under 18. The pass provides admission to the museum and the nature trail through the 45 acre Nature Park. The pass can't be used for special events or festivals.

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

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

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2018 Summer Reading
@ Rensselaerville Library
June 16 through August 4
Register, Set Goals, Win Books



Rensselaerville Library Pig Out on Reading with Daisy the Famous Pot Belly Pig and Farmer Minor August 1, 2018 3:30pm



Bring your favorite book and camera for a photo with Daisy.



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SAVE THE DATE



2nd Annual Midway to Mardi Gras PARADE, PIG ROAST & BLOCK PARTY

Main Street Rensselaerville

6 – 11 PM

Saturday, August 4, 2018



Event co-hosted by Rensselaerville Library and Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department
More Information 518-797-3949 www.RensselaervilleLibrary.com/mardi-gras.html

2nd Annual **Midway to Mardi Gras**

PIG ROAST & BLOCK PARTY

Main Street Rensselaerville

6 – 11 PM

Saturday, August 4, 2018

Live Music!

Captain Squeeze & the Zydeco Moshers
The Dyer Switch Band
30 Rack
John Rice, Emileigh Tanner, Joe Frisino

Food & Drink!

Pig Roast & Buffet
hot dogs & hamburgers available
Cash bar Helderberg Brewery, wine & soda
Stewart's Ice Cream
Fried dough by Medusa Fire Dept.
Other Treats

Events 'On The Street'

6pm – Mardi Gras Parade from Mill House to park
6:30-8:30pm –Pig Roast and Buffet
6:30-10:30pm – Live music, dancing and cash bar

Tickets

Adults and Kids 13 & Older

\$25 – Dinner & Music
\$10 – Music Only

Kids (Ages 7-12)

\$10 – Dinner & Music
FREE – Music Only

Kids (6 & under) - FREE

**Buy tickets in advance at
the Library or day of at
the event 'gates'**

**Credit Card Sales
available.**

Parking:

Rensselaerville Town Park
R'ville Fire Department
Bennett Lane
Fishermans Lane

Please Bring Chairs

Event benefits Rensselaerville Library and Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department
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It's Not All Rocket Science

Working at NASA

With **Dr. Kathleen Fontaine**



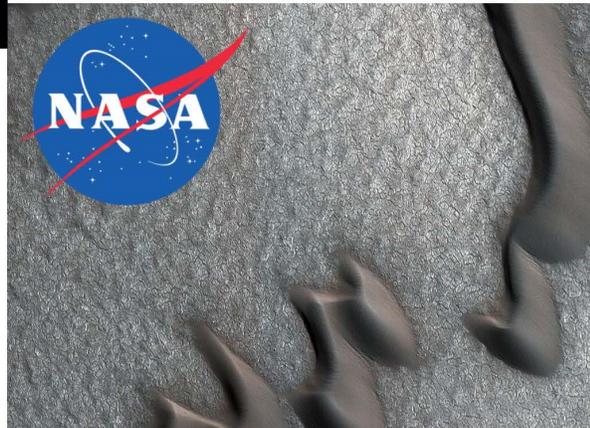
What is it like to be a woman in the sciences? Learn about these and other questions in an exploration of the agency that put the first man on the Moon, and continues to wow the world with images from space.



Dr. Fontaine spent over 25 years working with and for NASA, as both a contractor and a civil servant. During this time, she worked in a variety of jobs, from personnel to policy, and even been on stage! Dr. Fontaine holds a B.S. in Physics from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, an MA in Science, Technology, and Public Policy from The George Washington University, and a Ph.D. in Public Policy from Walden University. She is currently an Adjunct Professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy where she teaches a graduate course on Big Data Policy.

Tuesday
August 7, 2018
@ 7:00 pm

What is it really like to work at NASA? Do you really have to be the proverbial 'rocket scientists' to work there?



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Rensselaerville Library
August 8, 2018
Read with Lefty
at the Library
5:30pm

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



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



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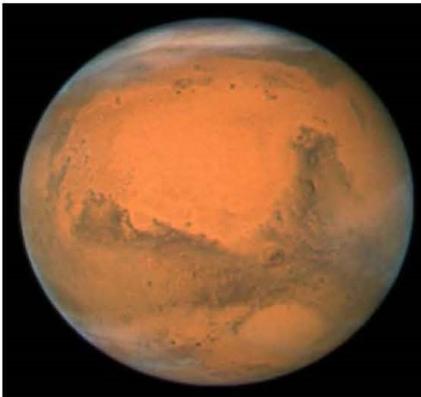
Helderberg Earth & Sky Observatory presents

Close Encounter with Mars

the **Red Planet**

Provided by: DAVID BARNARD

Friday, August 10, 2018
7:00pm



A survey of both the historic legacy of the scientific inquiry and attempts to uncover the mysteries of Mars, from the earliest telescopic observations, through the modern era, with the actual exploration of the planet's surface- using instrumented vehicles, like NASA's "Opportunity" Rover. David Barnard will share the latest details concerning several new planned probes to be sent to the Red Planet, with the intent of discovering any possible traces of life forms, either from the past or existing on the planet's surface at the present day.

The talk will conclude with NASA's plans for the first manned expedition to Mars and what might be the prospects for establishing a future "*Mars Colony*".

Telescopes will be available for viewing the Red Planet.

David Barnard is a retired Physicist, who worked for many years at Wadsworth Laboratory as an optical engineer the chief electron microscope designer & engineer. He is a long time member of the Albany Area Astronomers, and is the Vice President of Helderberg Earth & Sky Observatory, which is planning to place a 'dark-sky' Astronomical/Geo-physical Science observatory & learning resource facility in the Rensselaerville area.



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

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

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OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

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

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

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



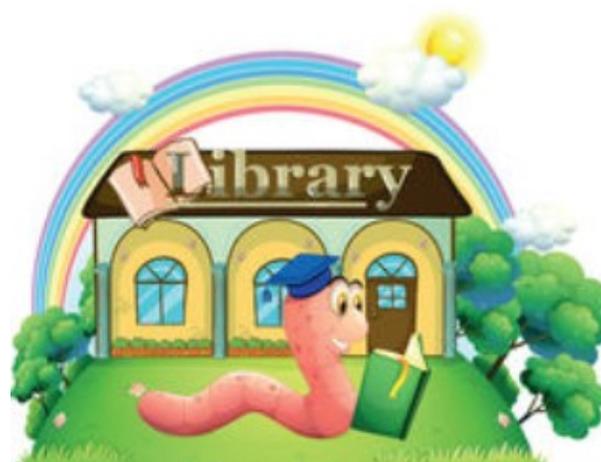
GO FISH!

Fishing Rod Lending Program

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



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Library News

Greenville Library

This summer the Greenville Library will be offering a variety of programs. Activities will range from workshops and programs for elementary, middle schoolers, teens and adults. Visit the library this summer and let your child discover the adventure and fun of choosing books from the library's collections and at the same time have fun participating in all of the activities we have planned for them.

The 2018 Summer Reading Program: Libraries Rock! will run from July 9 – August 31. Reading Folders for the Summer Reading Program will be available in the Children's Room at the Library. We'll also have the Guessing Jar, candy to pick for books added to your Reading Folder and prizes for points collected. We'll have a reading program for Teens & Tweens and Adults.

**For a full listing of our upcoming programs and events see the links below.
Call 518-966-8205 to Register.**

**Greenville Public Library
2018 Summer Programs
(966-8205)**

Summer Toddler Time

Aug. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17(Tuesdays & Fridays)
9:00 – 9:45

Infants ~ Toddlers ~ Pre-Schoolers
Calling all infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers, Devon Balta will be hosting a summer Toddler Time! This is a fun time for parents and their child/ren to engage with each other through stories, songs, games and the amazing parachute! Come to one class or all ten! Parents of children with preschool experience are welcomed to drop off their child/ren for this class. Just Drop In!

Cardiosculpt Circuit

Aug. 2, 9, 16

For the Active Older Adult
YMCAs Using motivation, energetic music, this class is taught in intervals moving between low impact aerobic activity and body sculpting exercises created especially for active older adults. It's easy on the joints and it will burn calories and strengthen your heart and lungs. This class will also tone your muscles and strengthen your bones. Exercises can be done from the chair or standing. You will leave feeling invigorated! Registration required.

Ceramic Workshop

July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2 (1:00 – 3:30)
Aug. 16, (Glazing) (1:30 – 4:00)

Young Adults (13) - Adults
Classes held @ Air Conditioned Studio
Clay is a very flexible material and Lois will teach various hand-building techniques that will explore that flexibility. Participants will learn to use some sculpture and pottery tools to help mold and shape the clay. Students will also work with different kinds of textured surfaces, such as burlap and tree bark. All of the pieces of work will receive a firing in order to prepare the pieces for glazing and one glaze firing. Her goal is for students to enjoy working with clay and to create works from their imagination. "They work at their own speed and level of ability and at the end of the 5 day session they feel a sense of accomplishment and pride." Students only need to bring some type of smock or apron to protect their clothes. Classes will be held at the instructor's studio. Must be able to attend all classes. Registration required.

Windy Weather!

Aug 1

Ages 8 & up
Paint and decorate a small pot using beads, bells and other embellishments to create a wind chime. Talk about the wind and learn how powerful it is. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! Registration required.

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- Lovely Lanterns** Aug 1 Instructor - Carolyn Travers
Young Adults (13) - Adults 6:30 - 8:30
Decorate a lantern and create a scene inside or use flowers, candles, leaves, fall décor or holiday sprigs to make a decorative statement. Mini lights and many different supplies provided. Registration required.
- Pizza Celebration!** Aug 2 Instructor: Carolyn Travers
Ages 5 - 8 10:00 – 11:30
Listen to pizza stories and talk about its history. Make a game with a pizza box, play food bingo, and make a candy pizza. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! Registration required.
- Coiled Pots – Fiber Art** Aug. 2, 6, 7, 9 Instructor – Judy Spring
Young Adults (12) - Adults 6:00 - 8:00
This class consists of four 2 hr. sessions and time to work on them at home. Participants will learn the fiber art of coiling around a core with yarn to create a pot. Sizes of pots and designs will vary. All materials will be provided. Registration required.
- Library Olympics** Aug 3 Instructor: Lisa Ahrberg
Ages 10 & Up 10:00 – 11:30
Every four years, Olympians have their chance to prove that they are the best in the world at whatever sport or event they compete in. Now, it's your turn to prove you're the best in the library as you compete in challenges that will work your brain and test your skill in book-themed activities. Registration required.
- Monster Madness** Aug 6 Instructor: Lisa Ahrberg
Ages 5 & Up 10:00 – 11:30
Not all monsters are scary! Some of them are nice, funny, and cute! We will read books about monsters, do activities about monsters, and make our very own sock monster to take home. Registration required.
- The Great World of Nature** Aug 6 - 9 Cornell Cooperative Extension 4H
(Entering) Second – Fifth Graders 1:00 – 2:00
Youth will spend time getting to know the outdoors. Even tiny backyards can be filled with plenty of living things. This program uses observation and games as a way for youth to gain an understanding of how the natural world works. From leaf printing to scavenger hunts to games about the plants and animals in our backyard, The Great World of Nature offers participants an exciting chance to explore the outdoors and learn about the importance of our environment. Registration required.
- In a Library Far, Far Away...** Aug 8 Instructor: Lisa Ahrberg
Ages 9 & Up 10:00 – 11:30
Have you ever wanted to be a Jedi? How about travel in the Millennium Falcon? Now is your chance as we read Star Wars books, play Star Wars games, and test your knowledge about all things Star Wars. (It's okay if you don't know a lot about Star Wars, as we will be learning a lot while we are there.) Registration required.
- Climbing Wall & Bounce House** Aug.8 5:00 – 6:30
All Ages
Come to the library and have some fun! Come climb the massive 24' rock wall. It has 4 sides and offers 16 different climbing routes, of varying difficulty. It's great for all abilities and all ages. You can also enjoy the bounce house. Kids love to jump around and have fun. The Library is now open until 8:00 Wednesday evenings for your convenience.

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Beads, Beads, Beads, Galore!

Aug 13

Instructors: Kristen Prayto &
Barbara Flach
2:00 – 3:30

Ages 5 & up

Don't worry bead happy! Join us for an afternoon of creative fun using various types of beads. There is no such thing as "enough beads"! Make something with extra sparkle for yourself or for a special friend. We'll provide the beads you supply the imagination. Registration required.

Historical Program:

Aug 13

Presenter – Town Historian Don Teator
7:30

All Ages (No Registration)

Town Historian, Don Teator, will present - Three Suitcases in the Attic: unintended local history .

Unicorns & Dragons Madness

Aug 14

Instructor: Carolyn Travers
1:00 – 2:30

Ages 5 - 8

Are they real? Find out about these mysterious creatures in story, craft and games. Make a sweet taco that a dragon would love! Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! Registration required.

Cloth Doll Making

Aug 14

Instructor – Alice Tunison
6:00 – 8:00

Ages 7 – Adults

You will create a simple homespun doll using muslin and natural materials. The doll is carrying lavender and her hair is corn silk. It's a beautiful summer memory that would be suitable to festoon the next holiday Christmas tree. No previous experience is necessary. Registration required.

Tree House Fun

Aug 15

Instructor: Carolyn Travers
10:00 – 11:30

Ages 8 & up

Make a tree house from cardboard, decorate and make peg people to live inside. Create some furniture and décor with beads, matchboxes and other small findings. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! Registration required.

Fused Glass Wind Chimes

Aug 15, 23

Instructor – Lois Binetsky
6:00 – 8:00

Adults

1 person per household (2 Day Class) Glass fusing is the process of using a kiln to join together pieces of glass. When you apply heat the glass will soften and different temperatures produce different effects. In this workshop students will be introduced to the basic principles of fusing glass – combining glass of different shapes, colors and textures to produce a hanging wind chime. Students will work with pre-cut pieces of glass provided by the instructor. Registration required.

Drawing Trees with Pencil

Aug 20

Instructor: Alice Tunison
6:00 – 8:00

Ages 7 – Adults

Symbolic of many qualities since ancient times, the tree's finest quality is strength! Participants will be sketching, shading, and adding tonal quality with pencil on art paper to create the most beautiful drawings. No previous experience is necessary. You can do this! Registration required.

Count Down to Kindergarten

Aug 20

Instructor: Kelly Fagan
1:00 – 2:00

Make a paper countdown chain to count the days until the first day of Kindergarten! Ease fears and gain excitement by listening to stories and participating in activities to gear up for THE BIG DAY! Registration required.

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Barbie Party Aug 21 Instructor: Kristen Prayto
Barbara Flach

Ages 3 & up

2:00 – 3:30

It's time for you and your Barbie doll to put on your favorite party dresses. Come and enjoy games, snacks and other fun activities. Play with other girls. Fun for all! Registration required.

Back Pack Paint Aug 22 Instructor: Carolyn Travers

Ages 8 & up

1:00 – 2:30

Learn to stencil or paint in your own way a string backpack. Decorate some school supplies like pencils, notebooks, and make a post-it keeper. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! Registration required.

Fun With Tie Dying Aug 21 Instructor – Beccie Therrien

Young Adults (13) - Adults

6:30 – 8:30

Come have some crazy color fun in our tie dye class! Bring your favorite item to tie-dye. You'll learn to do the spiral or vertical scale. We will have a variety of colors to choose from. Tie-Dye your own t-shirt, canvas shoes, tote, socks, shorts or whatever small (white) item you want to dye! Registration required.

Wine Glass Centerpieces Aug 22 Instructor – Carolyn Travers

Young Adults (13) - Adults

6:30 - 8:30

Use wine glasses tipped upside down and paint with glass paints with a beach or holiday theme. Use beads, rope and more to decorate to create a centerpiece complete with candle. Registration required.

Christmas in Summer Aug 23 Instructor: Carolyn Travers

Ages 5 - 8

10:00 – 11:30

Always fun to think about Christmas; hear Christmas stories, play holiday bingo and guess some holiday trivia. Make ornaments and decorate a Christmas cookie. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! Registration required.

Movie Matinee: COCO Aug 27 Library Staff

All Ages

4:30

Beat the summer heat and enjoy a cool movie matinee. Despite his family's generations-old ban on music, young Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol Ernesto de la Cruz. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colorful Land of the Dead. After meeting a charming trickster named Héctor, the two new friends embark on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history. We'll provide the popcorn ... you don't even have to buy tickets! What could be better? Bring a warm blanket or sleeping bag and curl up to watch the film. See you at the movies! Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. **Just Drop In!**

Mini Manicures Aug 28 Pick a time slot!

Ages 4 & Up

Begins 1:00

After a busy summer of fun it's time to have your nails painted. Bring a friend and have your nails done. Pick from a variety of colors to make your nails pretty. Choose a nail polish to take with you to treat yourself to a manicure at home. Make an afternoon of it and stop for an ice cream afterwards. Have fun! Registration required.

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Rustic American Flag

Aug 29, 30

Instructor – Genn Howley
6:00 – 7:30/8:00

Adults

GNH Lumber Make your own rustic American flag roughly 8" x 18". One per household! With Labor Day coming up you can make this easy one of a kind rustic American Flag to display your patriotism proudly. This project will span over two evenings at 1 ½ hours each night – you will be amazed how some every day building supplies can make this one of a kind flag. Join Genn from GNH for a fun night. Registration required.

Creative Writing Class

Sept 11 – 15

Instructor - Ronni Miller
10:00 - 12:00

Individuals of all Ages

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

Watercolor Class

Oct. 15, 16, 18, 19

Instructor - Stanley Maltzman
7:00 – 9:30

Young Adults (13) - Adults

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

Greenville Local History Group

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

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

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

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

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

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8/2, 13, 20, 27 - 2:00-5:00 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. **For July & August this group is meeting on Mondays.**

8/4 - 3:00-10:00 PM - Board Games for Adults. - Come and join the fun.

8/7, 14, 21, 28 - 5:15 PM - Insight Meditation - What do you want most deeply? Seeing your life calmly and clearly helps answer this. Insight Meditation is a simple way to steady your mind, stop wandering in day-dreams, and end the suffering of troubling thoughts. Our group is a place to sit quietly in safety, supported by others; to allow understanding and compassion to arise; to encourage loving-kindness and patience. We welcome those with no experience to advanced mediators', teens to seniors. give it a try. No registration is required. There is no fee. All are welcome.

8/13 - 6:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - All are welcome

8/21 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - Book to be determined.

8/2, 9 16, 23, 30 - Knitting Circle - These friendly ladies (men are welcome, but we haven't seen any yet!) knit and crochet, embroider and quilt, and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others, or just craft in the company of friends. Drop in anytime! No registration is required.

8/14 - 3:00 PM - Medicare 101 - Registration Required.

It's time for Summer Reading Programs - Come Join the Fun *** "Libraries Rock"**

FAMILY PROGRAMS

8/8 - 2:00 PM - Let's Rock this Library with Laughter - Let's Rock this Library with Laughter! Comic mime Robert Rivest entertains audiences of all ages while joyfully motivating them to read, celebrate their libraries and move to the music of nature, animals and life all around us. Using mime, comedy, and interactive playfulness, Robert Rivest highlights the musicality of everyday life. He shares mindful ways that we can tune into our environment, and play with the sounds of the natural world. Robert is an enthusiastic conductor of laughter and joy, bringing sensational stories and silent symphonies to life before your eyes! In addition to Robert's humorous and inspirational mime stories, everyone will learn cool mime movements, awesome laughter exercises and calming mindfulness activities. *This program is part of our Summer Reading Program, Libraries Rock and is appropriate for all ages. **Registration is required.***

KIDS PROGRAMS

8/1 - 1:00 PM - Rocking the Block with Legos - We'll be setting out the Legos, the Keva Planks and the Qb2 Maze set for you to build with. What can you imagine? *This program is part of our **Libraries Rock!** summer reading program and is for kids going in to grades K - 5. **Registration is required.***

8/2 - 1:00 PM - Pet Rocks Rule! - Pet rocks are guaranteed to never need trips to the vet, expensive diets, litter box training, or a fenced-in yard. You can make yours a special house if you want to, or you can just keep it in your pocket or on your desk to admire. We'll create our little friends, name them and take them home. *This program is part of our **Libraries Rock!** Summer Reading Program and is for kids going into 1st grade - 5th. **Registration is required.***

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8/7, 13 - 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.

8/8 - 11:00 AM - Storytime - Cooking Smoothies! - Join Miss Doreen and Miss Rebecca as we have a fun storytime filled with stories, singing, dancing, and cooking! We'll be reading lots of fun books and making delicious tacos!

This program is part of our Libraries Rock! summer reading program and is for kids going into grade Preschool-1st. **Registration is required.**

8/9 - 1:00 PM - Mother/Daughter American Girl Tea - Step back in time as we explore the world of American Girl Samantha Parkington! Bring your dolls (It does NOT have to be an American Girl Doll) and your Mom to the library where we'll talk about what it was like to be a girl in 1904. You'll make a Victorian calling card to bring to the Best House where we'll have our tea party. Girls and Moms will meet "Mrs. Best," enjoy lemonade and cookies and have a personal tour of the house. Each girl will go home with a goodie bag! **Registration is required. For kids going into grades G 2-6.**

8/14 - 10:45 AM - Winnie the Pooh Party! - What a great way to end our Summer Reading Adventure! We'll have fun stations with art projects and play activities to keep your little one busy and snacks to satisfy hungry bears. **Registration is required.**

8/15 - 11:00 AM - Rocking the Chute - Parachute Play - Join us as we rock the parachute with songs and games. Perfect for pre-schoolers through 1st grade and their caregivers. *This program is part of our Libraries Rock Summer Reading Program.* **Registration is required.**

8/16 - 7:00 PM - Libraries Rock! Let's Drum! - Come make some noise! Using different types of hand-drums (congas, bongos, African djembes, doumbeks) as well as bells, shakers, gongs, and many other odd instruments, participants will learn rhythm basics by playing musical games and engaging in various sound-making activities. The hands-on activities will be interspersed with show-and-tell sessions demonstrating instruments from around the world. This program is ideal for students who are just beginning to get interested in music, those who would like to improve their abilities on the instrument they're currently studying, or for those who simply enjoy making a lot of noise! **Registration is required. This program is part of our Libraries Rock! Summer Reading program and is for kids going into 2nd grade - 5th.**

TEEN PROGRAMS

8/1, 15 - 2:00-3:00 PM - Teem Maker Wednesday - Create, Make and Explore at Makerspace in the Village. Join us in the tech room every Wednesday starting July 11 through August 15 from 2:30 - 3:30.

* Take note there will not be a Makerspace held on August 8th,

This program is part of our Summer Reading Program, Libraries Rock and is appropriate for teens. **Registration is required.**

8/3 - 2:00 PM - Teen Iron Chef - Join us in the community room for Teen Iron Chef! There will be 3 rounds, Quickfire Appetizers, Entree Trivia, and Delicious Desserts. All dishes will be judged. Prizes will be awarded and lots of fun will be had. *This program is part of our Libraries Rock Summer Reading Program and is for kids going into 6th grade and up.* **Registration is required.**

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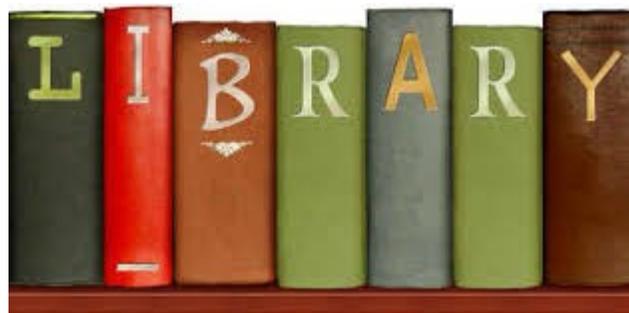
8/7 - 1:00 PM - Musical Chairs of Death & Other Crazy Games - Let's have some fun with an afternoon of silly games and snacks! We'll for sure be playing musical chairs of death (think fear factor meets preschool game) listening to music and going on a scavenger hunt - and more! **Registration is required.** *This program is part of our Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program and is for kids going into sixth grade.*

8/10 - 5:30 PM - Teen Dinner & a Movie - "Jumanji - Welcome to the Jungle" (PG-13) - Join us for a fun dinner and a movie starring Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson! The library will provide pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert to share. *This program is part of our Libraries Rock Summer Reading Program and is for kids going into 6th grade and up.* **Registration is required.**

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

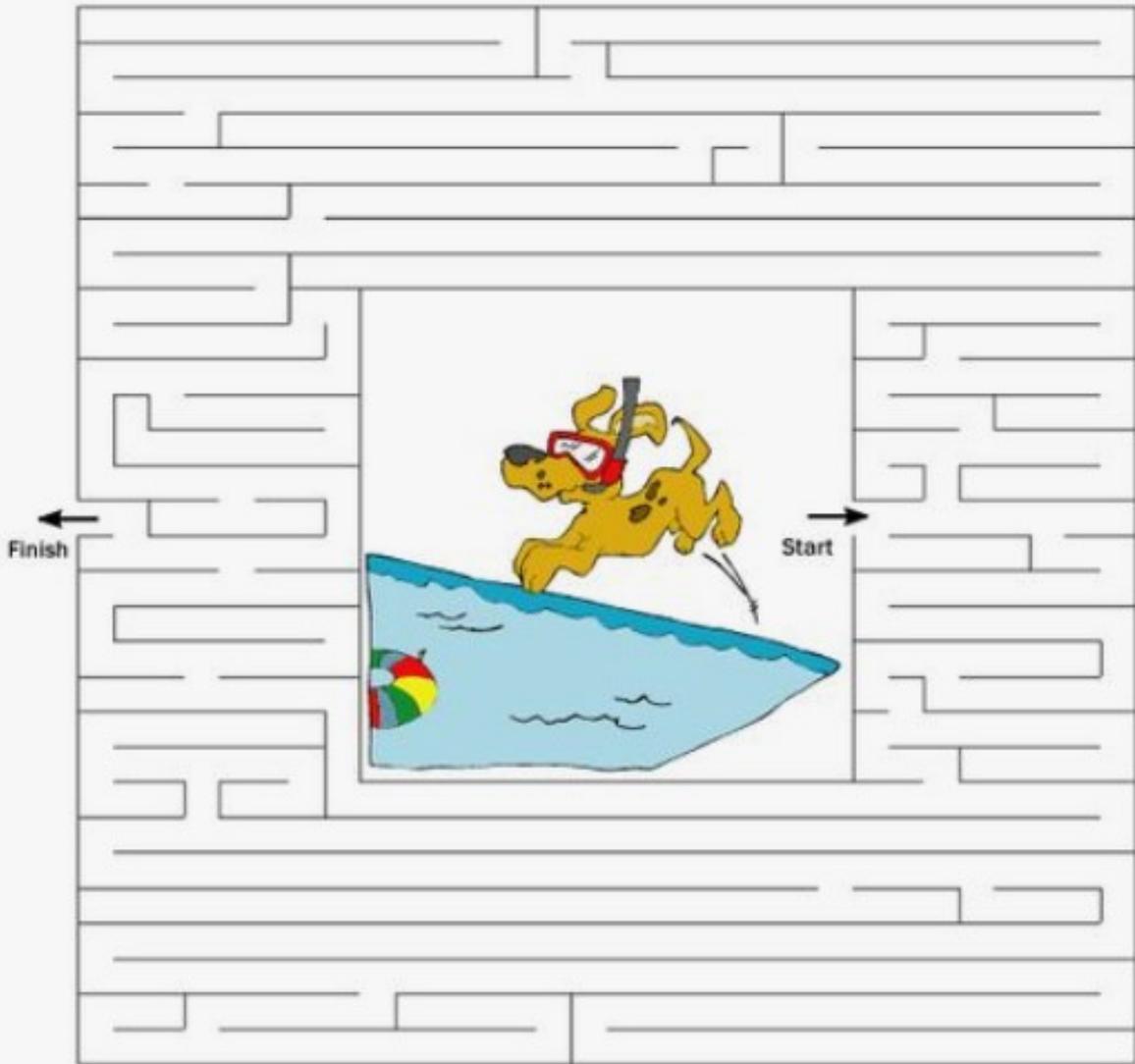
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Thursday 10:00-8:30
Friday Closed
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Sunday Closed



Kids' Activity Page - A-Maze Me!

AUGUST



Kids' Activity Page - Color Me!





Rensselaerville Ride: From Hill to Hollow, presented by Helderberg Brewery and the Helderberg Outdoor Club, is a non-competitive cycling event. We offer rides of multiple distances, accommodating every rider in your group or family. Join us for a day of fun on the bike, and kick back afterward with live music, craft beer, food, kids' activities and more, all based at our amazing host venue, the Carey Institute for Global Good.

START + FINISH: All rides begin and end at the Carey Institute for Global Good, a 100-acre conference center campus with plenty of parking and restrooms. Learn more at www.careyinstitute.org. 63 Huyck Road, Rensselaerville, NY 12147 (42.52N, 74.14W) elev. 1600'

POTTER HOLLOW - 64 MILES: 64 miles and 6400' of climbing. Some gravel sections. This route is our longest and most challenging that we offer. You'll pass through historic hamlets and capture incredible vistas from the highest points around. Five aid station stops along the way.

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WESTERLO - 44 MILES: 44 miles and 4400' of climbing. This route takes you through bucolic farmscapes of the neighboring town of Westerlo before heading back the the hills of Rensselaerville for a spectacular view from the 'top of the world.' Four aid station stops.

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BERNE - 24 MILES: 24 miles and 2400' of climbing. This loop will bring you through the forests and fields of the neighboring town of Berne, passing by wooded waterfalls and hidden creeks before turning back to the main street of Rensselaerville for a final aid station. Two aid stations.

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RENSSELAERVILLE - 10 MILES: 10 miles and 1000' of climbing. Haven't been training to much for the next big event? No Problem, this route is friendly to the casual cyclist, young cyclist, and we've even seen some kid trailers go by on this one. Enjoy the morning on a beautiful tour of the town and 1 aid station stop on main street Rensselaerville.

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KIDS' RIDE - 3 MILES: Technically this is a fifth option, but it's for kids, and it's free! Three miles, gradual hills and guided by one of our volunteers. Just show up and ride, no pre-reg necessary. This ride leaves the Carey Institute and stays on a quiet country road for 1.5 miles before returning the way it came. Great photo-op for mom and dad to get the young ones on their bikes.

WHEN: Sunday. August 19, 2018

SCHEDULE: 7:30 AM – Registration Opens
 9:30 AM – All rides depart from Huyck House Starting Line
 11:00 AM - Family Ride begins at Huyck House
 12:00 PM - Lunch buffet and beer garden open
 12:00 PM - Live Music (TBA)
 1:00 PM - Live Music by The Lustre Kings

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

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

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

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