

# R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, June 6, 2017

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

**PRESENT WERE:** Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Dolce, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present was one interested citizen.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**MINUTES:** Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on June 8, 2017:

- April 13, 2017 – Regular Meeting
- May 9, 2017 – Work Meeting
- May 11, 2017 – Regular Meeting

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Councilman Dolce has given the plans and specs for the concrete generator pad to Highway Superintendent Bates as well as specifications for the placement of the transformer pad and propane tank.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1(a). A Special Meeting will have to be scheduled to discuss the County-Wide Shared Services Initiative. The Supervisor has the vote on the final plan, but may choose to opt-out of any section that the

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Town wishes not to participate in. However, there may be consequences of opting-out and there are still many grey-areas that need to be addressed.

Representatives from the State University of New York - Rockefeller College will be meeting each municipality. Supervisor Lounsbury and Highway Superintendent Bates will attend the meeting, but ideas are needed so that they can be presented.

1(b). Discussion regarding the Ambulance Services will also be covered at the Special Meeting. Supervisor Lounsbury and Councilwoman Cooke met with Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple and Brian Wood, head of Albany County Paramedics. The services for a 24/7 EMT, a driver, and a County Ambulance would run about \$60,000/year. There will be an ambulance in the Town of Rensselaerville, but it will not be manned. Even though the County Ambulance will respond, a couple of the EMTs have agreed to continue on as First-Responders and there are also a few drivers who will continue to respond to calls. For insurance purposes, the Fire Departments would enter into a Mutual-Aid agreement with Albany County. There will be a Paramedic on duty, split between the Towns of Rensselaerville and Westerlo – 24/7. The BLS (Basic Life-Support) Ambulance will respond from the Helderberg station in Berne. The response time is expected to be the same as it has always been.

The total expenses for the Ambulance Building for 2016 were \$5,152 and for 2015 they were \$5,542. Supervisor Lounsbury will contact Nolan Pazin from Marshall & Sterling regarding the insurance on the ambulance building.

A tentative date for the meeting has been set for June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

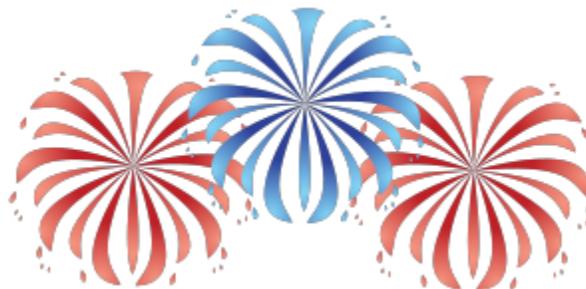
2. The Highway Superintendent's online bidding authority will have to be renewed for the next quarter.
3. Authorization will have to be given to set up direct-deposit for those who wish to participate.
4. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh gathered an assortment of fees from the towns of Greenville, Westerlo, Berne, and Durham. The Board addressed the proposed fee schedule line-by-line as best they could. Although fees from the Refuse/Recycling and Town Clerk's Office are part of the proposal, a majority of the fees are building-department related. It was determined that it would be best to go over it with Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**  
Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk



## Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, June 8, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Attorney Thomas Fallati, Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Dolce, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

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

### AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Jost Nickelsberg addressed his concerns about the salary of the Highway Superintendent. He believes the salary should be brought back to where it would have been if it had never been lowered as it was about 10 years ago. He noted all of Randy Bates' accomplishments, the money he has saved the Town, and how fortunate the Town is to have his knowledge and expertise. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that Mr. Nickelsberg's concerns would be taken into consideration when next year's budget is being prepared.

Mr. Nickelsberg also stressed the importance of working together in all aspects of life.

Paul Kelly, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Rensselaerville Library, wished to keep the Town Board updated on the latest activities. The library is now collecting old printer cartridges, Campbell's Soup labels, and Box Tops for Education. The Rensselaerville Ramble is coming up in just over a week. There are four museum passes that can be signed out: the USS Slater (donated by the American Legion), the Clark Institute, the Albany Institute of History and Art, and the Old Stone Fort. There will be a family program on July 11<sup>th</sup> with Rhymin' Richie at Conkling Hall at 6:30pm. Kim Graff, Director of the Library, received a grant and on July 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a free concert put on by the Black Mountain Symphony – this will also serve as a non-official grand opening of the garden area behind the Library. The day after there will be a music workshop.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2017 Regular Meeting as corrected\*; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Dolce, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0); Abstains (1) Cooke*

*\*Supervisor Lounsbury noted that she would not have voted in favor of the motion to require a representative from the Water/Sewer Committee to attend the monthly Town Board meetings (page 5). Although the electronic recording is not clear, the consensus of the Board (except Councilwoman Cooke, who abstains) is to note that Supervisor Lounsbury voted 'nay' in this regard.*

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2017 Work Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Sedlmeir, and Cooke; Nays (0); Abstains (2) Dolce and Wood*

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017 Regular Meeting as corrected\*; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

*Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Cooke, Dolce, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Abstain (1) Wood*

*\*The vote was omitted in the draft minutes regarding the decision to not renew the bulk mailing permit (p. 8).*

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None**REPORTS****SUPERVISOR**

1. Supervisor Lounsbury reported that on June 20<sup>th</sup> she and Clerk 1, Linda McCormick will be meeting with a representative from the Bank of Greene County to work on activating the on-line bank reconciliation segment of the MUNIS program.

Pending approval of the Board, they will also be working on setting up direct deposit for those employees wishing to participate.

2. Supervisor Lounsbury reported that she had received a preliminary email regarding the upcoming health insurance renewal. Vision and dental will remain the same as last year; the deductibles will remain under \$10,000, but the MVP health insurance premiums will be going up by approximately 2.7%. Supervisor Lounsbury has forwarded the email to the union representative.

3. Supervisor Lounsbury received an estimate from Bennett's Cleaning Service to refinish the tile floors for \$500.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to authorize Bennett's Cleaning to refinish the floors for \$500; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Wood.

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

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

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

**ATTORNEY:** The matters that Attorney Fallati has will be addressed in Executive Session.**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

1. Superintendent Bates reported that the highway department hoped to begin paving this week, but with the weather, the whole system is backed up. At this point they are anticipating starting in about 2 weeks. Signs will be placed to notify the public of the road closures.

2. Shale has been placed on Gulf Road, Edwards Hill Road, and Cooley Road - a total of 2.3 miles and 1,400 tons of shale placed 6" deep.

3 miles of road have been re-graded, adding 500 tons of crusher run; 180' of culvert pipe has been installed; and ¼ mile of ditching and drainage work has been completed.

4. The Highway Department has also begun mowing. However, they have received several calls asking that they delay mowing the wildflowers until after they have finished blooming – the highway

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is happy to fulfil the requests.

5. Superintendent Bates will be attending the Cornell Local Roads Program next week.

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

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

**TOWN CLERK**

1. Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of May as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$748.86. Paid to the Supervisor - \$636.88 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$23.27;

Recycling - \$127.00; Dog Licenses - \$75.00; Building Permits - \$306.61; Zoning - \$55.00; Planning - \$50.00. Total: \$636.88

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$12.00

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

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$77.48

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$0.

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$1,945.76 which includes \$6.70 in penalties.

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

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

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR**

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported two Home Addition Permits; one Woodstove Permit; two Solar Panel Permits; two New Accessory Building Permits; and one renewal for the month of May.

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to accept the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

**ASSESSORS**

1. Assessor Kropp reported that for Grievance Day there was one mail-in, a few stipulations, and a couple of questions.

2. The Assessor's Office continues to prepare for the Final Roll which is due July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

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

**WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE**

Town Clerk Kraker read a written report submitted by Water/Sewer Operator John Rice as follows:

The filter media change-out went pretty well. DOT said their vac truck was in the shop and couldn't

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give us an exact timeframe of if/when they could come out, so, with summer approaching, shoveling the sand out was necessary.

The filter box was drained the evening of 5/30; the sand was removed from the filter on 5/31. Three guys on shovels in the filter box, one up top to guide the drums and hook/unhook chain and a machine operator. Phil Pearson made up a couple drums – 55 gallon drums cut in half – that were filled with sand then lifted out of the filter box with a mini excavator. We found there to be only 2 feet of sand in the filter, and stopped shoveling once we hit the gravel layer, and the old sand was all out by lunchtime.

6/1 we prepped the site and filter box for the new media; 6/2 the new media was added back to the filter box with myself, deputy operator Platel and Phil Pearson. The new sand was amended with a 6" layer of granular activated carbon – essentially a GAC sandwich – with the new sand on top and bottom to achieve a depth of 36". According to the National Drinking Water Clearinghouse Tech Brief on Slow Sand Filters, this 'modified slow sand filter effectively removes pesticides, total organic carbon, and THM precursors.'

The DE filter bought us a little time, but the new sand filter was put back online on 6/4. Turbidity average is 0.69 NTU since the filter has been back online.

I would like to say "thank you" to Randy and the highway crew for delivering the new filter media from the town building to the water plant last winter. Also to Phil Pearson for his assistance and expertise.

Respectfully submitted by John Rice, Water/Sewer Operator

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

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

### **REFUSE/RECYCLING**

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of May: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 3.9 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 76.65 tons; Sierra Fibers: 5.04 tons comingled; 6.49 tons old cardboard container; Oil: 69 gallons; Tires: 14

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

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

**CURRENT EVENTS:** Addressed under Audience Comments at the beginning of the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Councilman Dolce has given the plans and specs for the concrete generator pad to Highway Superintendent Bates as well as specifications for the placement of the transformer pad and propane tank.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the Special Meeting for June 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

2. The renewal of the Highway Superintendent's authority to participate in on-line bidding must be renewed for the third quarter of 2017. Attorney Fallati read the Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE  
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE  
TOWN BOARD

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, that (1) the Highway Superintendent is authorized to bid on, and to purchase, equipment, tools and other implements to be used for highway maintenance, construction or reconstruction, snow plows or other devices for the removal of snow from the highways from monies appropriated for that purpose without prior approval of the Town Board, through September 30, 2017, up to an amount of \$10,000; (2) this resolution may be reviewed and re-approved quarterly; (3) the Highway Superintendent shall provide the Town Supervisor prompt notice of any bids and purchases made pursuant to this resolution; and (4) nothing in this resolution is intended to limit the Town Board's authority, by subsequent resolution, to modify or rescind this authority generally or with respect to a particular prospective purchase.

By motion made by Valerie Lounsbury and seconded by Gerald Wood, the foregoing resolution was

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adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017 as follows:

<u>Town Board Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No/Absent/Abstain</u>
Valerie Lounsbury, Supervisor	X	
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	X	
John Dolce, Councilman	X	
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	X	
Gerald Wood, Councilman	X	

End Resolution

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to allow Supervisor Lounsbury to set up direct deposit for those employees who wish to participate; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

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

The review of the proposed fee schedule will be postponed until the July meeting.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to enter into Executive Session at 7:57 PM for the purpose of discussing litigation and employee history. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to return from Executive Session at 9:10 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to approve the settlement in the matter of John & Susan Kropp vs. the Town of Rensselaerville, a tax tertiary proceeding; Index No. 3780-1 in the Supreme Court of Albany County; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to approve the settlement in the matter of Kirschner vs. the Town of Rensselaerville, a tax tertiary proceeding; Index No. 904099-16 in the Supreme Court of Albany County; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

Action on the other matter will take place at the July meeting.

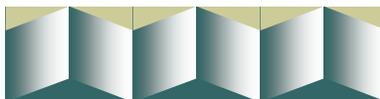
### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Wood.

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

### **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk



## In My Opinion

Our Town government tends to do a good job posting notices of Town Board meetings online on the Community Calendar. However, in the furtherance of open and transparent government and keeping taxpayers informed, I'd like to suggest:

1. that **all legal notices** (for RFPs/bid requests, for meetings, for public hearings, etc.) be also posted in full on the Town's website on the announcement page. Not everyone subscribes to *The Altamont Enterprise* (the Town's official newspaper) nor do many want to purchase a newspaper just to see if there are important notices regarding the Town of Rensselaerville; and

2. that **all** meetings of the Town Board and important meetings of other boards/committees be posted on the announcement board in the front of the building days in advance of each event so as to give the public adequate notice of such events.

These suggestions, if implemented, are a cost-savings effort that would keep citizens informed as well as allow them to plan to participate in Town government by being able to attend any meetings that interest them. I hope the Town Board considers these suggestions for implementation in the near future.

*Submitted by Marie Dermody*



## 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.

Our Rensselaerville Seniors next Meeting is July 11.

Dues were due in June, we will only be accepting dues until Aug. 1st this year.

Our senior picnic will be AUG.8TH at Westerlo Town Park, Sign up by Aug 1 and dues must be paid.

Also, our annual fund raiser of raffle tickets must be purchased and sold by Aug. 1. Prizes 1st-\$300, 2nd-\$200 and 3rd-\$100. You can purchase these from Ruth Snyder or Velma Kiley.

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 447-7179
- HEAP: 447-2551



## Rensselaerville Historical Society

The Rensselaerville Historical Society Board of Trustees is pleased to announce our second art show to be held at the Rensselaerville Grist Mill Museum. Doug Riter has volunteered again to curate the show. The theme this year is "Rensselaerville Artists Past and Present". Doug is still in the organizing stage of the show. The opening reception will be July 14 and will run weekends through July 23. Times and artists to be announced at a later time.

## Grist Mill News

Grist Mill Summer Hours and Art Show  
[Janethaseley@gmail.com](mailto:Janethaseley@gmail.com)

Summer hours for the Rensselaerville Grist Mill Museum are Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until mid-October and Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m. in June and July. The Grist Mill is located on Delaware Turnpike (Rt. 85) at the bridge in the hamlet of Rensselaerville between Pond Hill Rd. and the E. N. Huyck Preserve.

The Mill will also be open for a special Art Show, "Rensselaerville Artists Past and Present" in July. The opening reception will be Friday, July 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Other hours for the Art Show will be Saturday, July 15 from 1 to 3 p.m.; Sunday, July 16 from 1 to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Saturday, July 22 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The artists in the show are the following: JoAnn Fritz, Betsy Hall, Clarence Hall, Bente Hirsch, Beulah May Joy, Edith Lansing, Bob Lynk, Dorothea Keller Martin, David McCabe, Henrietta Riter, Warren Riter, Jeannie Straussman, David Suter, Laura Talmage Huyck, Porter Wright.

The art show is being curated by Doug Riter, grandson of Henrietta and Warren Riter who were very active in art and history in the 1970s. Doug Riter is a musician as well as an artist and will be performing at the Rensselaerville Library on Thursday evening July 20.

## 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.

### *Move Breathe Relax*

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

Classes Open to All at Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville

Sarah Nelson Weiss, CYT  
[savitrisarah@gmail.com](mailto:savitrisarah@gmail.com), 518.817.8720

Fees: Wed Pilates—\$7.00  
 All Others—\$12.00  
 10 Classes—\$100.00

**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

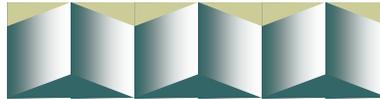
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**Pastel Society of America Presents: Four Seasons of Trees**

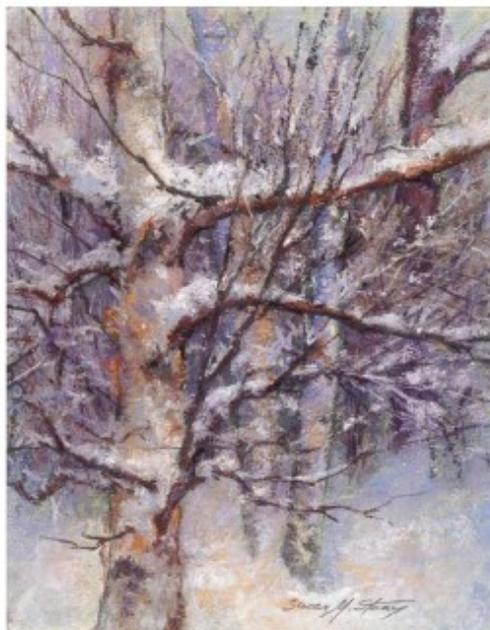
with Susan Story, PSA

October 14-15

When trying to capture the beauty of the four seasons, appropriate depiction of trees can greatly enhance our work. The class will explore the graceful gestures of tree trunks and their branches, foliage, colors, textures, shapes, and values. These elements will help to create the mood and seasonal story you are trying to convey. Each participant will paint at least one tree for each of the four seasons. The two-day workshop will include demonstrations and encourage individual attention.

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

Contact: [psaoffice@pastelsocietyofamerica.org](mailto:psaoffice@pastelsocietyofamerica.org)





## PASTEL WORKSHOP

with

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Paint with pastel *en plein air* and in the studio the beautiful gardens and ponds at

***Wellington's Herbs and Spices***

with the nationally recognized artist, ***Susan M. Story PSA***. Susan is a local award winning artist and a member of several auspicious organizations and a signature member of the *Pastel Society of America*.

### **Loosen Up With Pastel!**

Learn to paint more expressively catching the essence of your inspiration. Susan will give demonstrations and give encouraging one on one help to each artist. A materials list will be provided.

\*A delicious lunch prepared by Wellington's Tea Room will be included. *Enjoy!*

The Workshop will be **July 21-23th** from 10AM - 4PM

**\*Please Preregister, fee \$250**

Contact: [susanmstory@gmail.com](mailto:susanmstory@gmail.com)

*Wellington's Herbs and Spices*

649 Rickard Hill Road, Schoharie, NY 12157, [www.wellingtonsherbsandspices.com](http://www.wellingtonsherbsandspices.com)

## Church News



### 2017 SUMMER SERVICES AT RENSSELAERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church announces its schedule of summer services every Sunday from July 3 through September 3. 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, guest preachers from different faith traditions are invited to deliver sermons on a common theme. The 2017 theme is "Find A Way Forward: Is There A Path To Healing?".

July 2 "Who Is My Disciple"

Rev. Holly Cameron, Pastor, New Scotland Presbyterian Church

July 9 "A Buddhist Healing: Destination and Path As One"

Joanna Bull, MA, MFCT, Student of Zen and Tibetan Buddhism, Rensselaerville, NY

July 16 "Maybe the Point is Not to be Healed"

Rev. Dr. Jon Walton, Senior Pastor

The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, NY

July 23 Prayer Service and Lesson

Imam Djafer Sebkaoui, Al-Hidaya Center, Latham, NY

July 30 "Faithful Nonconformity"

Rev. Alexandra Lusak, Moderator, Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

August 6 "Healing of Body, Healing of Spirit"

Rabbi Rena Kieval, Congregation Ohav Shalom, Albany, NY

August 13 "Change the Story: Narratives That Define Us"

Rev. Sam Trumbore, Minister, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany

August 20 "Resistance as a Spiritual Discipline"

Rev. Glenn Leupold, Co-Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Albany

August 27 "Communities of Character"

Rev. James Calvin Davis, Professor Religion, Middlebury College, VT

September 3 "The Way, The Truth, and The Life"

Elder Barbara Wheeler, former president, Auburn Theological Seminary

Elder Cara Molyneaux, Moderator, Albany Presbytery

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> century expanded the vision of the summer services to other faith traditions and invited ministers, rabbis, priests and nuns to fill the pulpit.

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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 the church and each week’s guest preacher may be found on its website: [www.rvillepres.org](http://www.rvillepres.org).



**2017 SUMMER SERVICES AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



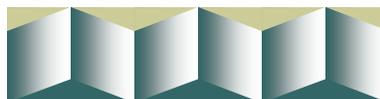
For the months of July and August the start time for morning service at Trinity Episcopal Church will be 9:30AM.

**JULY**

- 2nd: Mtr. Nancy Betz
- 9th: Fr. Walton Zelle
- 16th: Morning prayer
- 23rd: Fr. Jerry Adinolfi
- 30th: Morning Prayer

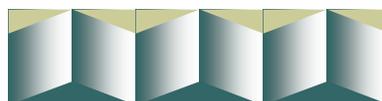
**AUGUST**

- 6th: Morning Prayer
- 13th: Fr. Jerry Adinolfi
- 20th: Morning Prayer
- 27th: Mtr. Nancy Betz



**NOTICE FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
MEDUSA, NY**

**There will be NO CHURCH SERVICES  
on July 9**



# Trinity Day Camp

God is Love; how do we Love?

August 21-25, 2017, 10 am - 12 Noon

Group One - Ages 4-5

Group Two - Ages 7-9

Group Three - Ages 11-12

Space is limited

REGISTER TODAY: Donna Kropp - 518-797-5119

- Learn to appreciate loved ones
- Practice yoga to care for yourself
- Sing songs
- Make crafts to give to loved ones
- Snacks and beverage provided

Our Counselors and Steering Committee:

Donna Kropp - retired Software Developer

Rosie Kuhar - retired Teacher, primary level students

Nancy Dyer-retired VP/GM American Express, 15 years internal yoga teacher (NYC)

Kim Graff - Rensselaerville Library Director

Lee Ackerman-Sawyer- Library Youth Services Coordinator

Dennis Winslow - retired Episcopal Church priest

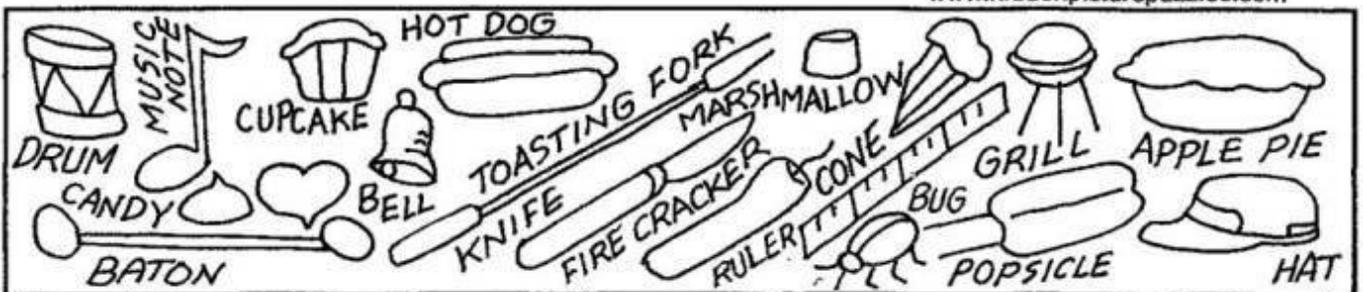
Trinity Episcopal Church/trinityville12147@gmail.com

Rensselaerville, New York (across from Village Park)

Kids' Activity Page



www.hiddenpicturepuzzles.com



### From Assessor Jeffry Pine

The following information was submitted by Assessor Jeffry Pine. If you should have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Assessing Department.

#### STAR Credit Program Changes in the 2017-18 Budget

1. The text that must appear on the tax bill has changed. It does not include the amount of the credit. Therefore the Tax Department does not need to know if a homeowner qualifies for the Basic or Enhanced credit at the time they provide local officials with the list of homeowners who qualify for a STAR credit. The new text is "An estimated STAR check will be mailed to you upon issuance by the NYS Tax Department. Any overpayment or underpayment can be reconciled on your next tax return or STAR credit check."
2. The date the Tax Department needs to provide local officials with a list of homeowners who qualify for a STAR credit has changed from 30 days prior to the school levy date to 20 days prior to the school levy date.
3. The Tax Department is allowed to issue estimated STAR credit payments.
4. If an estimated payment is not the actual amount due to the homeowner, then the credit for the following year will be adjusted. The Tax Department is required to notify these homeowners of the overpayment or underpayment and that the credit for the following year will be adjusted. The timing for the notification is not specified in the law. The taxpayer has the right to request the adjustment on their income tax return
5. The dates by which the Tax Department needs to issue credits has changed. They are tied to the dates the school tax bill data files are submitted to the Tax Department.

Date Tax Roll Submitted to DTF	Deadline for Issuing Credit
On or before July 1	July 30
July 2 to September 1	September 30
After September 1	30 days after tax roll was received

The credits for co-ops and mobile homes that do not receive tax bills need to be issued by the sixtieth day following the receipt of all of the data needed to compute the credit.

6. Assessors will need to provide the Tax Department with the taxable assessed value for each co-op unit in their municipality. The Tax Department will calculate qualifying taxes for co-op unit owners by multiplying the taxable assessed value by the tax rate.
7. The Tax Department is allowed to disclose to assessors and county directors the names and addresses of individual [sic] who have applied for or are receiving the STAR credit. Such information shall be considered confidential and shall not be subject to further disclosure pursuant to the freedom of information law. The assessors and county directors cannot share this data with anyone but the property owners.



## Carey Institute for Global Good



What's new at the Carey Institute? Sign up at [careyinstitute.org](http://careyinstitute.org) to receive our email updates. The form can be found at the bottom of our home page.

### Special Events at the Helderberg Brewery

**Wine Wednesday:** June 28 from 6-10PM

Join us at the Helderberg Brewery as we uncork our new selection of NYS Wines! Featuring Hudson-Chatham Winery, Millbrook Winery and Bloomer Creek.

Free tastings, plus specials on wine by the flight, glass and bottle.

**Cider Sunday:** July 9 from 3-6PM

Join us at Helderberg Brewery for Cider Sunday! NYS Hard Cider is growing leaps and bounds. We will be pouring new products from our favorite local producers, plus introducing some new ciders from further afield to our selection. Free tastings, plus specials on cider by the flight, glass and bottle.

### Also:

**Rensselaerville Ride: From Hill to Hollow** August 20, 2017

Early bird and returning rider discounts available until June 30. Register for one of the four fully supported rides through the Helderberg Hilltowns here: <https://www.bikereg.com/rensselaervillerride>

**Catskill High Peaks Music Festival:** August 6-17, 2017

Reserve your seats for an evening of classical music at the Carey Institute. For a full schedule and to make a donation or pay what you wish reservation, visit here: <http://careyinstitute.org/event/catskill-high-peaks-music-festival/>



## Rensselaerville Ride: From Hill to Hollow

Sunday, August 20, 2017 — First ride begins at 9:30 AM

Four fully supported rides through the hills and hollows of the Helderbergs:

- 10 mile ride around the hamlet of Rensselaerville
- 24 miles through Rensselaerville and East Berne
- 44 miles through Rensselaerville and Westerlo. Rolling hills and beautiful views of the Catskills
- 64 miles-the ultimate hill to hollow cycle through the Helderbergs

And, a family friendly post-ride festival on the beautiful grounds of the Carey Institute, with live music, BBQ lunch, craft beer and cider, swimming in Lake Myosotis and more!

Hosted by [Helderberg Brewery](#), [Helderberg Outdoor Club](#) and the [Carey Institute for Global Good](#)

Register for a ride at [www.bikereg.com/rensselaervillride](http://www.bikereg.com/rensselaervillride)



### County Executive Opens Permanent Hilltowns Office



Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy has officially opened the Albany County Center for Essential Supportive Services (ACCESS) office in the Community and Senior Services Center in Berne, 1360 Helderberg Trail (Route 443), Berne. The office will be open on Tuesdays from 12:30p.m.-2:30p.m. starting June 27th and serve as a resource and information center for human services.

“We’ve been in the community offering resources for several years but not in one permanent location,” said Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy. “Residents of the Hilltowns will now have easy access to resources and can receive assistance with completing forms and applications by interacting face-to-face with our staff.”

The ACCESS Hilltowns office will help residents by giving them resources and information for departments including Veterans, Health, Crime Victims and Sexual Violence Center, Department of Social Services, Mental Health, Aging, Children Youth and Families, Probation, and Immigration.

“ACCESS Hilltowns will ensure that residents are receiving the assistance they need without having to travel to downtown Albany,” continued McCoy. “We are prepared to expand our hours there based on what the resident response is.”

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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.

## Upcoming Library Events

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for the holiday. The Board and Library staff would like to wish everyone a safe and happy July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday.

**Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run and Walk** Thank you to everyone who Rambled, Volunteered and Supported the event. We had a great turnout! Race Results can be viewed here [www.raceentry.com/results/rensselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk/view/2017](http://www.raceentry.com/results/rensselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk/view/2017). Congratulations to our Ramblers. We do have more t-shirts and bags for sale. T-shirts are \$10 and bags are \$5 or both for \$12.

The Library has a number of **Museum Passes** this year. The USS Slater Clark, The Old Stone Fort Museum and the Albany Institute of History and Art are available to check out with your Library card for seven days.

We are extending our additional hours to include the month of July. So in addition to our morning hours on Tuesday and Wednesday we will be opening at 3:00pm in the evening.

**Movie Night** on Thursday, July 27 at 6:30pm. Please visit the web site for more details. <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/movies.html>

**Poetry Group** meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, July 11 and 25. Come share your work, receive feedback and spend time working on your own project. The Poetry group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month downstairs in the Library.

The Library monthly **Board of Trustees Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18 at 7pm. Board meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of every month except when noted. All Board meetings are held at the Library in the downstairs meeting room and are open to the public.

The **Writing Group** will not be meeting during July and August. See all writers in September.

We have two **Cool Yoga programs** during the month of July with Nancy Dyer. BREATHE for LIFE. BREATHE for PEACE. On Saturday, JULY 8 from 10:30am – 11:30am. Are you ready for a mood change? Come and breathe. The second program, MEDITATE for Peace. On Saturday, JULY 15 from 10:30am – 11:30am Some people meditate to get rid of pain or *their endlessly chattering minds*. MEDITATION is a practice to at the very least: de-stress. Nancy Dyer, is a retired VP/GM from American Express who taught yoga at Integral Yoga in New York City for over 12 years. After 9/11 she coached her former colleagues in finding new jobs and making new choice.

**Live music with Doug Riter** on Thursday, July 20 from 7-8pm. Doug is a song writer, musician and teacher trained as a classical violinist.

The Library and Fire Department are offering raffle tickets for three New Orleans gift baskets all valued over \$100. Tickets can be

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purchased at the Library or from any Rensselaerville Vol. Fire Dept. member. The raffle tickets will be drawn during the Midway to Mardis Gras Party to be held in the evening on Saturday, August 5. The party will be kicked off with a parade through the hamlet. More details to come on our web site.

Black Mountain Symphony will provide a **FREE Garden Concert** on Saturday, JULY 22, 2017 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. For information on Black Mountain Symphony please visit <http://blackmountainsymphony.com/> Please join us as we celebrate all the garden work that has been accomplished over the past year to provide Library programming space and community access to this beautiful property along the Ten Mile Creek. Food and refreshments available for Good Will Donation. Please visit our web site for more details.

Black Mountain Symphony will also offer **Music Workshops** on Sunday, JULY 23 from 10:00am – 1:00pm. There will be three mini workshops with members of the band: Business of Making Music – How to get gigs, make a recording and sell your music; Storytelling through Music – How to craft songs that pull at the heart strings and Music and Nature – Rhythm & harmony in water, wind, bird songs etc. We hope you plan to stay for all three consecutive workshops but if you can't please indicate which ones you will attend. We expect each will run about 45 minutes. The workshops are FREE for students grades 4-12 and there is a \$10 fee for adults. Registration is required so that we may plan accordingly. There will be breaks between each workshop and refreshments will be provided.

This Concert and Workshops are made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by The Arts Center of the Capital Region.

### Youth Programs

Summer Reading Program sign up and activities begin on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and will go through Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/summer-reading.html](http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/summer-reading.html) for more details and to register for Summer Reading. In addition to the programs listed below we have robot coding kits, board games and paper craft activities scheduled. Visit the online calendar for all of the weekly events.

Saturday, July 1 children will have the opportunity to visit and read with a local **Therapy Dog**. A good reader takes practice and reading to a therapy dog provides children with a non-judgmental, comforting, furry friend who is attentive to their reading. Come meet and read to local therapy dogs Helen of Troy and Reni McGrath.

**Writing and Nature** with Anne Burnett on Wednesdays July 5 and August 30 from 5:30 to 7pm. Anne will instruct creative writing program sessions for third through fourth graders. The programs will focus on prose, poetry, nature and art. Kids will read stories and poems about nature, take walks through the Library gardens, write, draw and share their work.

Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30pm at Conkling Hall **Rhyming' Richie** will work with kids to brainstorm, write, practice and record a song which reinforces positive character traits. Richie Phillips is a veteran radio personality and NYS certified educator/songwriter.

Wednesday, July 19 at 7 pm Rachel Wilson from Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center will provide an informative session that encourages **Cyber Safety and Security**. Kids will discuss the benefits and challenges of technology; and the use of online and digital media for communication, learning and positive interactions. Kids will review examples of potentially harmful interactions, generate and discuss solutions and plans for personal and emotional safety.

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Tuesday, July 25 from 7-8pm Eileen DePaula from Cornell Cooperative Extension will provide a reduce, reuse and recycle program where kids will create a Trash Timeline program.

# Rensselaerville Library Youth Programs Read It Forward



Teens!  
Read this  
**FREE** book  
then pass  
it along to  
a friend!

No due dates!  
No late fees!

Share your thoughts and  
take a survey for a chance  
to win a prize.



The free books for this program are provided by the Library. We hope you enjoy this book.

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# Rensselaerville Library Read In

With Therapy Dogs

## Helen of Troy

&

## Reni McGrath

### Saturday, July 1, 2017

### 11:00am - 1:00pm



To be a good reader takes practice and reading to a therapy dog provides children with a non-judgmental, comforting, furry friend who is attentive to their reading.

Weather permitting program will be outside. Kids will pick a book and take turns sitting and reading to the therapy dog.



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Therapy Dogs International's Tail Waggin Tutors main objective is to provide a relaxed and "dog-friendly" atmosphere, which allows students to practice the skill of reading. Therapy Dogs International (TDI®) is a volunteer organization dedicated to regulating, testing and registration of therapy dogs and their volunteer handlers for the purpose of visiting nursing homes, hospitals, other institutions and wherever else therapy dogs are needed.

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# Rensselaerville Library Writing & Nature

With Bard College Student

## Anne Burnett

Wednesdays

June 21, 2017 - 3:30pm - 4:30pm

July 5, 2017 - 5:30pm - 7pm

August 30, 2017 - 5:30pm - 7pm

Anne Burnett will instruct three creative writing program sessions for third through fourth graders.

The program will focus on prose, poetry, nature and art.

Kids will:

- Read short stories and poems about nature and art.
- Take walks through the Library Gardens with time to write and draw.
- Share work and consider the relationship between writing, nature and communicating.



Kids will have time to explore and enjoy the Library Gardens and incorporate experiences into writing and art.



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Rensselaerville Library  
 Saturday, JULY 8  
**Cool YOGA:**  
**BREATHE for LIFE.**  
**BREATHE for PEACE.**  
**10:30am - 11:30am**

Are you ready for a mood change? Come and breathe.



Some people find peace by walking in nature, reading or listening to music. *IMAGINE* breathing to find peace. *Most of us don't think twice about breathing...because it is automatic and we all do it 20,000 times a day. Knowing and using new ways to breathe puts you in charge and just takes determination and practice.*

(Photo of Swami Satchidananda founder of Integral Yoga, with a lion, look where his hand is.)

Breathing practices are cumulative in their affects. You are deleting information and stress from your body/it's energy channels/the subconscious/unconscious mind while teaching it how to relax. You are oxygenating your body, your blood, your cells...your LIFE. Learn the gentle breathing practice of Jin Shin Jyutsu—the art of life energy to the body. Time permitting additional techniques provided.

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Rensselaerville Library  
Presents



And a

**Rhyming' Richie Program**  
**Tuesday, JULY 11, 2017**  
**6:30pm - 7:30pm**

Location: Conkling Hall  
8 Methodist Hill Rd

Kids will work with Richie Phillips to brainstorm, write, practice and record a song which reinforces positive character traits.

Richie Phillips is a veteran radio personality and NYS certified educator/songwriter.



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This program is FREE and supported with  
Stewart's Holiday Match funds.

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# Rensselaerville Library

## Saturday, JULY 15

### Cool YOGA:

### MEDITATE for Peace.

### 10:30am - 11:30am

Some people meditate to get rid of pain or *their endlessly chattering minds*.



MEDITATION is a practice to at the very least: de-stress. For the absolutely determined: to “drop” YOUR BODY MIND forever. This particular practice is taught by Linda Clair ([SimpleMeditation.net](http://SimpleMeditation.net)). She turned down monks robes to show us we too could go free. It is very simple path, yet very demanding. NO DOGMA. No loving kindness practice. No karma yoga. No inquiry techniques.

(Photo of Swami Satchidananda founder of Integral Yoga, with a lion, look where his hand is.)

**HOW TO:** You will sit erectly (not rigidly): chair or cross legged—it doesn't matter. The practice starts by relaxing into the body. We notice the sensations that come and go, or the thoughts that preoccupy the mind and then move back to NOTICING the breath. It sounds curious, doesn't it? Try 20 minutes a day to start. Then practice feeling what your “BODY” is doing all day long. That is another way to take charge. No judgments about self or other. Just practice.

**BONUS:** Learn about the ancient yogic PRACTICE of Oil pulling ([www.oilpulling.com](http://www.oilpulling.com))

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Library News

# Rensselaerville Library Cyber Bullying

With Albany County Crime Victim  
& Sexual Violence Center Educator

## Rachel Wilson

Wednesday July 19, 2017  
7:00pm - 8:00pm



Rachel Wilson will provide an informative session that encourages cyber safety and security. Kids will discuss the benefits and challenges of technology; and the use of online and digital media for communication, learning and positive interactions. Kids will review examples of potentially harmful

interactions, generate and discuss solutions and plans for personal and emotional safety.



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This is a community education program provided by Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center 112 State St, Room 1118 Albany, NY 12207 Main Office & Information (518) 447-7100 Hour Sexual Assault Hotline (518) 447-7716 email [cvsvc@albanycounty.com](mailto:cvsvc@albanycounty.com) [www.albanycounty.com/cvsvc](http://www.albanycounty.com/cvsvc) Hours 8:30am—4:30pm Monday—Friday

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# Rensselaerville Library Live Music with Doug Riter

Thursday, JULY 20, 2017  
7:00pm - 8:00pm



Doug Riter a song writer, musician and teacher will provide an evening of music at the Library. Doug is trained as a classical violinist and a self-taught guitarist and pianist. Most of his tunes are oriented in singer/songwriter pop/folk/rock.

*Wine, cheese and desserts provided for Good Will Donation.*

In addition to a night of music at the Library, Doug has volunteered to curate the 2017 Grist Mill Art Show. Opening Reception July 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm-8:30pm. Show will be open July 15, 16, and 22 from 1-3pm and on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm.

Doug began composing at the age of 13 and continues to this day. He has performed with several Rochester NY R&B/pop bands both nationally and internationally. Doug continues to perform with his string trio, Stringplicity and has played on CDs for over 20 other musicians. He has just completed his third solo CD, "Twists of Fate" and his music can be heard on [www.reverbnation.com/dougriter](http://www.reverbnation.com/dougriter). Doug's CD will be available for purchase at the event.



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FREE

## Garden Concert

Saturday, JULY 22, 2017

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Black Mountain

Symphony



For information on Black Mountain Symphony please visit <http://blackmountainsymphony.com/>

Over the past year the Library has repaired the stone stairway, retaining wall and cleaned up the trees and gardens to provide Library programming space and community access to this beautiful property along the Tenmile Creek. Please join us as we celebrate all the work that has been accomplished and learn about future programming and garden plans.

The Garden Location can be accessed from Bennett Lane behind the Library.

Please PARK at Town Park or along Fishermans Lane and walk to the Garden.

Please only use Bennett Lane for Handicap drop off.

Rain location - Conkling Hall

Please plan to bring a blanket or chairs and dress accordingly.

Refreshments available for Good Will Donation. These donations will be used to support future construction and garden work.

The Stone Stairway and retaining wall work was completed by Split Rock Landscaping from Schoharie and the electrical work was completed by Northeast Electric out of Greenville. Both of these projects were supported by a NY State Department of Library Development Construction grant. The garden work has been completed by a team of volunteers and Library Board of Trustees.

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## Sunday, JULY 23

# Music Workshop



with **Black Mountain  
Symphony**  
**10:00am – 1:00pm**

Three mini workshops with members of the band.

- **Business of Making Music** – How to get gigs, make a recording and sell your music.
- **Storytelling through Music** – How to craft songs that pull at the heart strings.
- **Music and Nature** – Rhythm & harmony in water, wind, bird songs etc.

We hope you plan to stay for all three consecutive workshops but if you can't please indicate which ones you will attend. We expect each will run about 45 minutes. The workshops are FREE for students grades 4-12 and there is a \$10 fee for adults. Registration is required so that we may plan accordingly. There will be breaks between each workshop and refreshments.

Black Mountain Symphony is providing a free concert on Saturday, July 22 at 7pm behind the Library. For more information on the band and members please visit <http://blackmountainsymphony.com/>

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# Rensselaerville Library Trash Timeline

With Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County  
4-H program

## Eileen DePuala

Tuesday, July 25, 2017  
7:00pm - 8:00pm



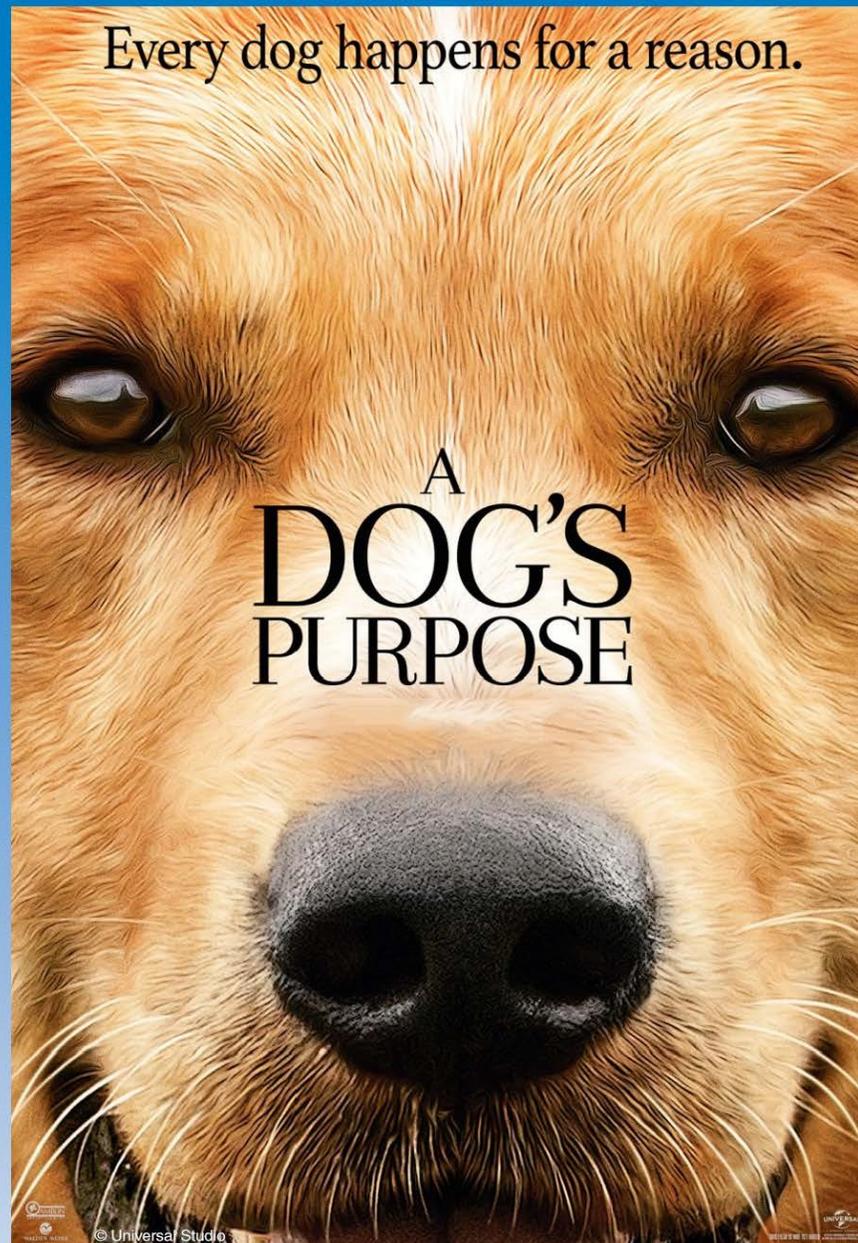
Eileen DePaula will instruct a reduce, reuse and recycle lesson that explores the biodegradability of different materials. Children will create a trash timeline and then discuss the actual decomposition times of these items.



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This is a 4-H education program provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, New York 12186  
518-765-3500  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Weekdays

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**DATE: Thur. July 27, 2017**

**TIME: 6:30 pm**

**LOCATION:  
Rensselaerville Library**

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# Rensselaerville Library **Wildlife Alive**

With Wildlife Rehabilitator

## Kelly Martin

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Kelly Martin will provide an education program featuring live native animals that are unable to return to the wild and now serve as education ambassadors.



Kelly has been a state licensed and federally permitted wildlife rehabilitator and educator since 1981. She provides care for sick, injured, orphaned, and displaced native wild animals. The goal is to return healthy animals to the wild.



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## Einstein's Relativity: A Primer with

# Mike Lawrence

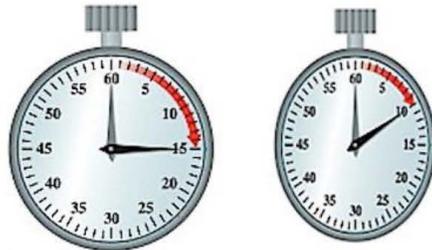
See Schedules below  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Mike Lawrence returns to the Library after giving a series of very popular talks on Astrophysics last year.

This year's four-part presentation is a beginner's guide to the background, development, and consequences of the major ideas in Special and General Relativity. Topics include *Simultaneity, Time Dilation, The Twin Paradox, Length Contraction, Mass-Energy Equivalence, The Equivalence Principle, Gravitational Time Dilation, and the Curvature of Space*. No math background is required (but a little can be helpful). References will be provided for further study.

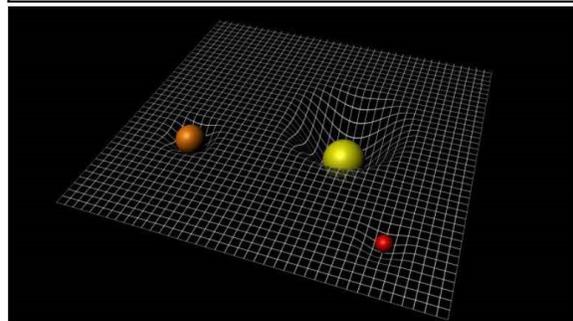
Mike received his doctorate in Physics Education from Rutgers University. He spent 15 years as the co-director of the Rutgers Astrophysics Institute, an NSF and NASA funded program. Mike's research has been published in journals such as *The Journal of Research in Science Teaching* and *Physics Education*. He is the 2013 winner of the *Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching* (PAEMST), the nation's highest honor for K-12 math and science teachers; and the winner of the 2013 *M.I.T. Inspirational Teacher* award. Mike taught physics for 40 years at West Orange High School in West Orange, NJ. He retired in 2014.

Part I: Special Relativity  
Thursdays August 3 & 17



Earth Speed - 85% Light Speed

Part II: General Relativity  
Thursdays August 24 & 31



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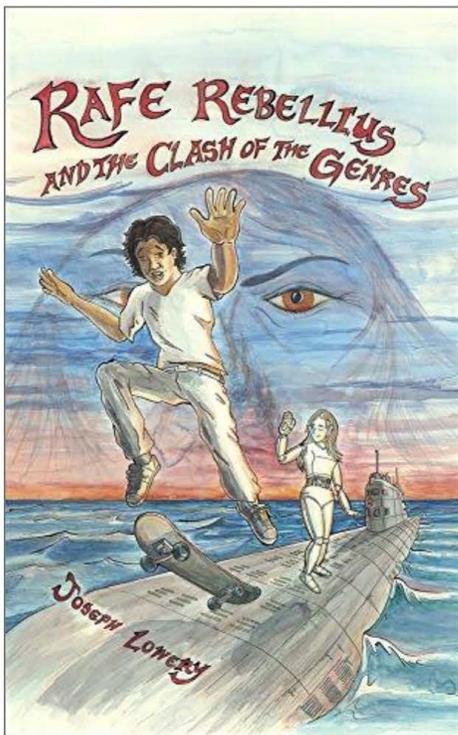
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## Author Reading

### Joseph Lowery

Saturday August 5, 2017  
11:30am - 12:30pm



Fourteen-year-old Rafe Rabellius really gets into books. Like, literally. And sometimes he can't get out.

After being dragged cross-country by his research scientists parents all his life—Greenfort High will be his seventh school when Rafe starts in the fall—there's hope. If Rafe will agree to share his new home with a so-called extended family he's never even heard of (what kind of name is *Genrés* anyway?), they'll stay put for four whole years. Cool, right?

Struggling to define himself, Rafe is drawn into an urgent battle to save his newfound home and its collection of different genre characters: fantasy, hard-boiled noir, romance, western and more. Unless Rafe can conquer his lifelong timidity and use his just-discovered abilities to find his own story, it's *The End* for them all.



JOSEPH LOWERY is a Brooklyn-based writer with over 30 technical books on web design, as well as number of plays, to his credit. *Rafe Rebellius and the Clash of the Genres* is his first novel. Like Rafe, he skateboards. Unlike Rafe, it's only in his mind and even then he falls all the time.



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# Three New Orleans Raffle Baskets



To benefit  
Rensselaerville Library  
&

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

**Tickets are \$1.00 for one and \$5.00 for 6.**

Drawing to be held August 5, 2017 at the

Big Easy Playboys Mid-Way to Mardi Gras Party at the Palmer House Café

A special thanks to Kathie & Greg Speck for making this raffle possible.

Tickets are available at the Library or from any RVFD member.

<p><b>Louisiana Cheer</b> Estimated Value \$175</p>	<p><b>Goodies for Foodies</b> Estimated Value \$150</p>	<p><b>Children's GRIS-GRIS</b> Gris-Gris is a voodoo amulet originating in Africa believed to bring the owner protection from evil. <b>Estimated Value \$125</b></p>
<p>Sweet Crude Rum (Lafayette, LA) Crescent Vodka (New Orleans, LA) EUPHROSINE #9 Gin (New Orleans, LA) Old New Orleans Spiced Rum (New Orleans, LA) Louisiana Sisters Bloody Mary Mix (River Ridge, LA) COCKTAILS &amp; SONS Oleo Saccharum - a citrus syrup with lemongrass and ginger (New Orleans, LA) Old New Orleans GINGEROO A Variety BEER 6-Pack- 2 Pontchartrain Pilsners (Covington Brewery, Covington, LA) - 2 Big Easy IPA and 2 The Boot (Abita Brewing Company, Anita Springs, LA) Zapps Potato Chips SOUTHERN COCKTAILS Dixie Drinks, Party Potions &amp; Classic Libations by Denise Gee 1 IRON GATOR BOTTLE OPENER 6 BIG EASY PLAYBOYS COOZIES 1 BIG EASY PLAYBOYS CD</p>	<p>Small batch Louisiana Barbecue Sauce Cajun Power Garlic Sauce Three Brothers Farm Cane Syrup Zatarain's Shrimp &amp; Crab Boil Camellia Brand (dried) Black Beans Field Peas and Blackeyes SLAP YA MAMA Cajun Seasoning Konrico CHIPOLTLE Seasoning Carmichael's Honey Crystal Hot Sauce 5# Long Grain Rice Café Du Monde Coffee and Chickory Kary's Roux Gumbo Mix and Jambalaya Mix (1 each) Blue Runner Creole Style Red Beans Tony Chacheré's Crispy Creole HUSH PUPPY Mix Jim Dandy Quick Grits Beignet Mix Zapps Potato Chips REAL CAJUN Rustic Home Cooking by Donald Link LOUISIANA REAL AND RUSTIC by Emeril Lagasse 1 BIG EASY PLAYBOYS CD</p>	<p>Books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A Dog Steals Home</i> by Kathleen Schrenk</li> <li>• <i>Madame Grand Doight</i> by Yvette Landry, Illustrations by Cullen Bernard</li> <li>• <i>The Littlest Streetcar</i> by Vernon Smith (signed copy), <i>Chickory and Roux</i>, <i>The Creole Mouse and the Cajun Mouse</i> by Todd-Michael St Pierre, Illustrations by Lee Brandt Randall (Signed copy)</li> <li>• <i>Gaston Goes to Mardi Gras</i> - Coloring Book written and illustrated by James Rice</li> </ul> <p>Zapps Potato Chips 1 BIG EASY PLAYBOYS CD masks, costumes, and other cool things.</p>



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### Middleburgh Library

**7/6, 13, 20, 27 - 7:00 PM - 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.*

**7/10 - 6:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - the public is welcome.**

**7/12, 26 - 5:00 PM - Kundalini Yoga** - Kundalini Yoga 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. *Please use the back entrance when entering the building. No registration required*

**7/12 - 7:00 PM - Concert - Robin Greenstein** - Robin is a singer-songwriter from NYC whose music is a mix of folk, pop, rock, blues, country and jazz. She calls her music "Acousticness." Imagine a female James Taylor; strong finger-picking, rootsy songs with sophisticated pop influences.

### **SUMMER READING PROGRAM - BUILD A BETTER WORLD - FAMILIES**

**7/14 - 5:30 PM - Build a Better World Family Dinner and a Movie: "The Lego Batman Movie (PG)** - Join us for the family version of our popular Dinner & a Movie! The Library will supply pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert or snack to share. *This program is part of our Build a Better World Summer Reading program and is for kids going into K and up and their families. Registration is required.*

**7/19 - 6:30 PM - Build a Better World: Empty Bowls Community Project** - Build a Better World by helping someone in need - paint a bowl for the Empty Bowls Project! Empty Bowls Schoharie County raises awareness of hunger issues in our community via an annual soup luncheon event that raises funds for food pantries in our County. The cost is \$8.00 to paint a bowl which will be donated to the Empty Bowls fundraiser. Painters who want to guarantee they can purchase their own bowl pay an extra \$12 when they paint, and their bowl will be put aside for them to pick up at the luncheon in November. What a fun way to participate in a great cause! Payment for your bowl is due on the day of the program. *This program is part of our Build a Better World Summer Reading Program and is for all ages. Registration is required.*

**7/26 - 1:00 PM - Build a Better World: Build a Tile Wall & More** - Everyone will make 2 tiles. The first will be part of an installation to create a one-of-a-kind art piece for the library around the theme of Build a Better World. Participants will then make a second tile to take home, using their choice of techniques that will be taught. *This program is part of our Build a Better World Summer Reading Program and is taught by educators from the Studio for Art and Craft. For Pre-K and up. Registration is required.*

**7/28 - 6:30 PM - Build a Better World: Family Forts After Hours Program** - What's better than spending time reading with your family? Reading with your family in a fort you build together, inside the library - when the library is closed! Each family will build a fort using blankets and library furniture. You'll name your fort and crawl in together to munch on snacks and read by flashlight. We'll end our event with a quick game of glow stick hide and seek! Please bring a few blankets from home to help make your fort. *This program is part of our Build a Better World summer reading program and is appropriate all ages. Registration is required. Snacks will be provided!*

### **SUMMER READING PROGRAMS - BUILD A BETTER WORLD - FOR KIDS**

**7/5 - 6:30 PM - Building Bird Feeders** - Help make a better world for the birds that are searching

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for food in your back yard! You'll make three different kinds of bird feeders and learn where to place them in your yard and what kinds of birds might visit them. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program** and is presented by Environmental Educator George Steele. For kids going into grades 2-5. Registration required.*

**7/6 - 1:00 PM - Paper Line Sculptures** - We're cleaning out the craft closet and building some whimsical sculptures with paper. All you need is paper, glue and your imagination! *This program is part of our **Build a Better World** summer reading program and is for kids going into preschool - 5th grade. Registration is required.*

**7/11, 18, 25 - 10:45 AM - Drop-in Storytime** - Get ready to move in this interactive storytime designed especially for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. *No registration required.*

**7/11 -1:00 PM - Little Wonders of Science** - Enjoy a science storytime with educators from the **MiSci Museum of Innovation and Science** and finish this program with basic science experiments. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading program** and is for kids going into **Preschool - 2nd grade**. Registration is required.*

**7/12 - 11:00 AM - Cool Cooks, Tiny Tacos** - Calling all Cooks! Join us in reading the book *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin. Then we will make some yummy not too spicy tiny tacos to eat! Please let us know if your child has any dietary restrictions and we will try to accommodate you. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program** is for kids going in preschool - 1st grade. Registration is required.*

**7/12 - 1:00 PM - Growing Crystals** - *Crystals come in all shapes, sizes and colors. Have you ever wondered what they are made of? Crystals are amazing and beautiful! Come learn with us as we look through some books and create crystals with some simple ingredients. This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program** for kids in grades 2-5. Registration is required.*

**7/13 - 1:00 PM - American Girl Mother/Daughter Tea Party** - 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 craft and a 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.**

**7/17 - 3:00 PM - Minute to Win it!** - Ready to test your smarts and skills? Come to the library and try your luck with our Minute It to Win it games. From Kix Chopstick Race to the Breakfast Scramble. Bring your skills! Awards will be given out during this program! *This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program** is for kids in 2nd -5th grade. Registration is required.*

**7/18 - 2:00 - 3:00 PM - Fairy Gardens & Goblin Caves** - Let's create a fairy or a goblin and make a home for them. We will be using dirt, seeds, rocks, twigs and a little magic to make an amazing world for your new friend, that you get to take home! *This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program**. For kids in grades 2-5. Registration required.*

**7/19 - 11:00 AM - Cool Cooks Polka Dot Rice** - Calling all cooks! In this program, we will read a fun book called *The Runaway Wok* by Ying Chang Compestine. Then we'll be following a recipe to make a delicious Polka Dot Rice dish. Come ready to create a dish of your own! Yum! Please let us know if your child has any dietary restrictions and we will try to accommodate you. *This*

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*program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program is for kids going in preschool - 1st grade. Registration is required.***

**7/19 - 1:00 PM - Build a Super Salad Bar** - Join us while we all help in creating a colorful salad bar. Kids will be slicing, chopping, and tearing all kinds of vegetables and fruits. We'll be making croutons and salad dressing. It will be lots of fun and also tasty! Please let us know if your child has any dietary restrictions and we will try to accommodate you. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program is for kids in 2nd -5th grade. Registration is required.***

**7/20 - 1:00 PM - Build it Up!** - Explore the world of S.T.E.M. through the use of Imagination Playground and Rig-a-Ma-Jig to build, design and test your engineering skills. Think you have what it takes to create and build something with your own imagination? Join us as we build it and find out! *This program is taught by educators from the **Saratoga Children's Museum** and is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program. For pre K - 2nd grade. Registration is required.***

**7/20 - 2:00 PM - Build it Up!** - Explore the world of S.T.E.M. through the use of Imagination Playground and Rig-a-Ma-Jig to build, design and test your engineering skills. Think you have what it takes to create and build something with your own imagination? Join us as we build it and find out! *This program is taught by educators from the **Saratoga Children's Museum** and is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program. For kids going into grades 3-5. Registration is required.***

**7/24 - 1:00 PM - Solar & Lunar Eclipses** - On August 21, 2017, a spectacular total eclipse of the Sun will be visible across the width of the continental U.S. for the first time since 1918. Every state will have at least 60% of the Sun covered by the Moon, and lucky people on a narrow path from Oregon to South Carolina will see the stunning beauty of totality. We're getting ready for our Eclipse viewing party with educators from MiSci Museum of Innovation and Science. Learn about eclipses and how to view them safely. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program is for kids going into grades 3-5. Registration is required.***

**7/26 - 11:00 AM - Dynamite Duplo Storytime** - This special storytime includes stories and songs and lots of building with Duplo blocks! *This program is part of our **Build a Better World summer reading program and is for preschoolers - 1st grade.. Registration is required.***

**7/27 - 1:00 PM - Cup Stacking 101** - Learn about the sport of cup stacking! We will quickly go over the basics of this popular sport and learn the types of patterns that are used in local, national and international competitions. From then, it is all about practice... and challenging each other to races! *This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program and is for kids going into grade 3 & up. Registration is required.***

### **SUMMER READING PROGRAMS - BUILD A BETTER WORLD - TEENS**

**7/7 - 4:00 to 6:00 PM - Teen Board Games and Pizza** - Teens let's play some out of the ordinary board games like, Super Dungeon Explore, Sentinels of the Multiverse, Flash Point, and Castle Panic. We'll have other games available too! Pizza and refreshments will be provided. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program for teens and is for kids going into grades 6 & up. Registration is required.***

**7/8 - 1:00 PM - UFO's and Unknown Flying Objects** - Did you ever see a UFO? Did the United States Government ever investigate the "flying saucer" phenomenon? What about the rumors about Roswell, or a recovered UFO and alien bodies in 1947? What are the general types of UFOs? Are

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they all discs? Are there aliens? What do they look like? Can life exist on other planets? We'll attempt to answer some of these questions and delve into what is fact and fiction. *This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program for teens and is for kids going into 6th grade and up. Registration is required.***

**7/10 - 2:00 PM - Escape the Room 1 - The Mystery:** It's 1869 and the town's well-respected astronomer has not been seen since the untimely passing of his wife. Recently, strange things have been happening at his manor – loud and unfamiliar noises, an unpleasant smell, and smoke billowing from the observatory. It's up to you to solve the mystery at the Stargazer's Manor! Refreshments will be served.

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**7/11 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM - Teen Maker Tuesday - Moon Sand** - Come hang out in the tech room this Tuesday and make moon sand- ever play with this amazing stuff? It is said that playing with moon sand helps with creative thinking and brings you a sense of calm. We could all use some of that! Everyone will be able to bring some home.

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**7/13 - 6:00 PM - Haitian Kite Making Workshop** - Join us and create authentic Haitian kites using recycled everyday materials. If you feel you have something that may be kite worthy bring it along and we'll see if we can make it work.

*This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Teen Program and is for kids grade 6 and up. Registration is required.***

**7/17 - 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Digital Photography 101** - In this hands on workshop, students will learn a little bit more about their digital cameras and how to compose a great picture. If the weather is good we will take a walk outside to take some photos! ***This program is taught by local photographer Shelly Wood and is part of our teen Summer Reading Program. For kids going into 6th grade and up. Registration is required.***

**7/18 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM - Teen Maker Tuesday -Tin Art** - Come hang out in the tech room this Tuesday and create some Tin Art. Such a simple process and you get an amazing piece of art! Make one for yourself and one to be hung in the Teen Lounge! *This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program for teens and is for kids going into grades 6 & up. Registration is required.***

**7/21 - 6:00 to 7:30 PM - Just Dance** - Do you have the moves? Come to the library with your friends and Dance! We'll have Just Dance 2016 on the XBOX 360, we'll turn up the volume and dance for fun or compete with your friends!

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**7/25 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM - Paper Plate Spheres** - Come hang out in the tech room this Tuesday and design, color, paint and create some Paper Plate Spheres to be hung from the ceiling in the Teen Lounge! **This program is part of our Build a Better World Summer Reading Program for teens and is for kids going into grades 6 & up. Registration is required.**

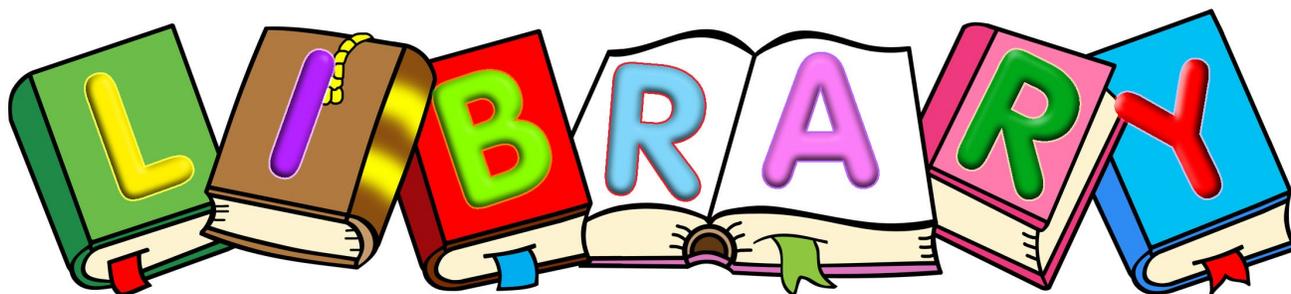
**7/25 - 2:00 PM - Escape the Room - Secrets of Dr. Gravely's Retreat** - The year is 1913 and you are the lucky winner of a free stay at Foxcrest Retreat, where the famed Dr. Gravely has improved upon the latest in spa treatments and relaxation for those of high social standing. You take a long all-expense-paid train ride to the retreat. Upon your arrival, however, you and your fellow guests may find the "health retreat" is not what it seems... **This program is part of our Build a Better World Summer Reading Program for teens and is for kids going into grades 6 & up. Registration is required.**

**7/31—2:00 PM—Intro to Meditation for Teens—**Are you curious about meditation? Join our meditation expert Jack King as he teaches you about the practice and takes you on a guided meditation. This program is part of our **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program and is for kids going into grade 6 & up. Registration is required.**

Please check our Calendar on our website at [www.middleburghlibrary.info](http://www.middleburghlibrary.info) for future programs.

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<b>Hours:</b> Monday 1:30 - 8:30	Tuesday 10:00 - 5:00 & 6:30 - 8:30
Wednesday 10:00 - 4:00	Thursday 10:00 - 4:00 & 6:30 - 8:30
Friday & Sunday - closed	Saturday 9:00 - 2:00



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### Greenville Library

July 11, 18

Yoga/Meditation

7:00-8:30pm

The class will be held at the SRV Retreat Center. Instructor for this class, Bruce Hilliger, has been studying and practicing many styles of Yoga since 1968. He teaches a form called Ananta Yoga, a combination of meditation and yoga postures. This yoga is filled with slow and sustained poses that help both stretch and loosen tightness in the body and facilitates easy breathing and meditation. This class is meant for people of all types of body descriptions, the young and old, and varying degrees of physical health. Some restrictions are there though. Contact Bruce if you have any questions please. Call the Greenville Library at 518-966-8205 or stop in to Register.

### Greenville Public Library 2017 Summer Reading Program "Build a Better World" (July 5 - August 31)

This summer the Greenville Library will be offering a variety of programs for children. Activities will range from workshops and programs for elementary, middle schoolers and teens. 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. 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. Teens & Tweens (9 and up) - Each time they bring back a book to the library that they've read, they can fill out a coupon for several end of Summer Prize Drawings.

**Enter the Library's Bookmark Design Contest**  
**Children in Grades K thru 8 & One for Grade 9 thru Adult**  
**Winning bookmarks will be used as a bookmark for the Greenville Library**  
**Ask the Librarian for an Entry Form**

July 10 – 13

Drawing Class for Students

Gr. 6 - Adults 10:00 – 12:30

Instructor: Susan Story

Students will explore the basics of drawing through practical exercises in pencil and charcoal. A list of supplies is available at the library. **Registration required.**

July 10, 11, 17, Finger Puppets

Grades 3 & 4 1:30 – 3:00

Instructor: Judy Spring

This project will have children exploring their imaginations. They will create a finger puppet (forming, shaping, painting, detailing and adorning). In small groups they will collaboratively write a fairy tale, create scenery and perform their puppet show for parents on the last day. **Registration required**

July 12

Create Your Own Large Butterfly

Ages 7 & up 1:30 – 2:30

Instructor: Theresa Corrigan

Butterflies flutter, Butterflies fly, they put a sparkle in your eyes. Watch a Butterfly and in a short while it will give you a butterfly smile! In this fun workshop you will create your own large butterfly using gems, fabric, and other fun art supplies. **Registration required.**

July 13

Create a Stained Glass Heart

Ages 10 - 15 1:00 – 3:00

OR 3:00 – 5:00

Instructor: Connie Pruiksma

The instructor will supply a variety of multicolored parts to create hearts. Participants will learn to solder them to create their own stained glass piece. If anyone is uncomfortable soldering, the instructor will do it for you. **Registration required.**

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**July 14**                      **Escape from the Library**                      **Ages 9 & Up 10:00 – 12:00**  
**Instructor: Lisa Ahrberg**

Based on the bestselling book *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*, this program will have you solving brain teasers, puzzles, and more, in order to make it to the final puzzle, which will free you from the library! **Registration required.**

**July 17**                      **Drawing Gaja, the Elephant**                      **Ages 7 – Adults 6:00 – 8:00**  
**Instructor: Alice Tunison**

This is a fun class. You will learn to draw elephants. Gaja is the Sanskrit word for elephant. The earliest depiction of elephants was found in 3000-1700 BC in the Hindus Valley. Gaja has a good number of positive attributes which include abundance, richness, boldness, strength, wisdom and loyalty. The instructor will guide aspiring artists patiently through the process to build a drawing. Completed sketches are framed during class and ready for participants to take home. No previous experience is necessary. **Registration required.**

**July 18**                      **Joy of Coloring**                      **Ages 10 - Adults 1:00 – 2:30**  
**Aug. 2, 15**                      **Presenter – Barbara Flach**

Come and unwind with the latest artistic craze: coloring books. Fabulously intricate and creative books have now been published for youth - adults to engage in this calming, creative activity that we loved as children. The library will provide the creative pages, markers, and water color pencils. Feel free to bring your own supplies and share with others. Bring your imagination and enjoy the relaxing exercise of coloring. **Just Drop In!**

**July 19**                      **Sandy Beach Fun**                      **Ages 5 – 7 1:00 – 2:30**  
**Instructor: Carolyn Travers**

Hit the beach with sandy stories & sand bottle crafts. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**

**July 20**                      **Flip Flopping Around**                      **Ages 8 & up 10:00 – 11:30**  
**Instructor: Carolyn Travers**

Flip flops have always been a sign that summer has begun. Why not add a splash of color to your home by creating a wreath of colored flip flops for a summer look in your house. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**

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, pillow case or whatever small item you want to dye! **Registration required.**

**July 24 – 27**                      **Beginner Ballet**                      **Grades 1 – 6 9:00 – 10:00**  
**Instructor: Madeline Balta**

Come join Miss Madeline for beginner ballet classes! This class is for 1st-6th grade children. Each student should wear a leotard or shorts (no jeans) and each must bring ballet slippers or socks. Madeline is currently a senior academy student at the School of the Albany Berkshire Ballet and has also taught at Redemption Dance Institute. **Just Drop In!**

**July 24, Aug 29**                      **Lego Fun!**                      **Ages 4 & Up 3:00 – 4:00**  
**Library Staff**

Do you love to imagine and build? Do you enjoy the rush of satisfaction when you find the perfect piece in a pile of colorful plastic bricks? Do you love the satisfying snap of a well placed Lego? Do

you feel little pain when you step on a scattered Lego brick? If you answered yes to these questions then this program is meant for you! Bring your imagination, we'll provide the Legos! **Just Drop In!**

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- July 25**                      **Make Your Own Cookie Bouquet**                      **Ages 8 & up 1:00 – 2:30**  
**Instructor: Theresa Corrigan**  
 Tiptoe through the cookie tulips and learn how to make your very own cookie flower bouquet. In this cookie decorating workshop the instructor will show you how to decorate different types of cookie flowers. You will be taught how to layer icing and marleize to add beauty and dimension to your cookies. **Registration required.**
- July 26**                      **Summer Themed Cupcake Decorating**                      **Ages 8 & up 1:00 – 2:30**  
**Instructor: Alexis Aloisi**  
 Learn different techniques to decorate 4 cupcakes: a Sunflower, a Beach Scene, a Watermelon and a Mini Pie. Enjoy a cupcake you made with your own design during the class. Take home the remainder of your creations plus 5 decorator tips. **Registration required.**
- July 26**                      **Disney Day Matinee: Moana**                      **All ages 4:00**  
**Library Staff**  
 Beat the summer heat and enjoy a cool movie matinee. An adventurous teenager sails out on a daring mission to save her people. During her journey, Moana meets the once-mighty demigod Maui, who guides her in her quest to become a master way-finder. Together they sail across the open ocean on an action-packed voyage, encountering enormous monsters and impossible odds. 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. Stuffed animals welcome, but not required. See you at the movies! Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. **Just Drop In!**
- July 31**                      **Cats vs. Dogs**                      **Ages 6 & Up 1:00 – 3:00**  
**Instructor: Lisa Ahrberg**  
 It's the ultimate battle between America's two most popular pets! Which do you prefer? Come to learn some cool facts about these furry friends, and do some fun activities as well! **Registration required.**
- August 1**                      **Bugs & Critters**                      **Ages 5 - 7 1:00 – 2:30**  
**Instructor: Carolyn Travers**  
 Go buggy with books and have fun making a lightning bug that lights. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**
- August 2**                      **Meet Mondrian**                      **Ages 7 – Adults 6:00 – 8:00**  
**Instructor: Alice Tunison**  
 This art class will focus on the work of world famous cubist painter Piet Mondrian (1872 - 1944). His birthplace was the Netherlands. After introduction to his life and work participants will create a painting in the style of this world famous artist. Colors will be bold and beautiful. Le The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Guggenheim in NYC each have an especially fantastic collection of his work. No previous experience is necessary. **Registration required.**
- August 2**                      **Food Building Fun!**                      **Ages 8 & up 10:00 – 11:30**  
**Instructor: Carolyn Travers**  
 Make edible houses and cars & create a mini cookbook of your building recipes. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**
- August 3**                      **Count Down to Kindergarten**                      **1:00 – 2:00**  
**Instructor: Kelly Fagan**  
 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.**
- August 3**                      **Summer Themed Cupcake Decorating**                      **Ages 8 & up 2:30 – 4:00**

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**Instructor: Alexis Aloisi**  
Learn different techniques to decorate 4 cupcakes: a Sunflower, a Beach Scene, a Watermelon and a Mini Pie. Enjoy a cupcake you made with your own design during the class. Take home the remainder of your creations plus 5 decorator tips. **Registration required.**

**August 4**

**Fun With Tie Dying**

**Ages 12 & up 2:00-4:00**

**Instructor: Becky Therrien**

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, pillow case or whatever small item you want to dye! **Registration required.**

**August 7 - 10**

**Reboot into Robotics!  
Cornell Cooperative Extension 4H**

**Grades 3 – 5 (No Younger)  
10:00-11:30**

Lego Robotics is a fun and interactive way to introduce elements of engineering by combining a familiar children's toy and technology. Explore robotics by recreating animals, sports, boats, monsters and more. In teams of two to four, kids will build and program models to play games, tell stories, and even interact with each other. They will also have the opportunity to be creative and modify their creations as well as compete with each other to make the best model. **Must attend every session as skills build on each other as the program progresses.**

**August 7 - 11**

**Watercolor Classes for Students**

**Grades 6- Adults 1:00 - 3:30**

**Instructor: Susan Story**

Classes will include; a working knowledge of material, different techniques to manipulate the medium, brush strokes, mixing colors, special effects, learning to look at what they are painting and using their imagination to create their own work. A list of supplies is available at the library. **Registration required.**

**August 8**

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover**

**Ages 3 & Up 4:00  
Library Staff**

Have you ever wondered what happens in the library at night? Well, great news! It's stuffed animal sleepover night at the library. Come to the library and bring your stuffed animal for some fun. You can play a game, listen to stories, have a small snack, and then tuck your friend in for the night. After you leave, the fun really begins! Come back the next day (after 12:00) to pick-up your friend and see what they were up to! We will take special pictures of their exciting adventures and have them ready for you the next day to pickup. **Just Drop In!**

**August 9**

**Climbing Wall & Bounce House**

**All Ages 5:00 – 6:30**

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.

**August 14**

**Trolling Around**

**Ages 5 - 9 1:00 – 2:30**

**Instructor: Carolyn Travers**

Listen to stories about trolls, make troll hair and dress up a troll that you create. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**

**August 15**

**Thomas Cole: Let's Paint Mountains**

**Ages 7 – Adults 6:00 – 8:00**

**Instructor: Alice Tunison**

Participants will enjoy a presentation on the life and history of Thomas Cole. Using tempera paints on artist paper you will create a simple and beautiful mountain landscape. The instructor will guide

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aspiring artists patiently and with a sense of humor. No previous experience is necessary. You can do this! **Registration required.**

**August 15**                      **Comic Book Creations**                      **Ages 8 & up 10:00 – 11:30**  
**Instructor: Carolyn Travers**

Use mixed media to design your own comic book. Bring selfies if you want to star in your own comic. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**

**August 16**                      **Mini Manicures**                      **Ages 4 & Up Begins 1:00**  
**Pick a time slot!**

After a busy summer of fun it's time to have your nails painted. Pick from a variety of colors to make your nails pretty. **Registration required.**

**August 17**                      **Barbie Party**                      **Ages 3 & up 1:00 – 2:30**  
**Instructors: Kristen Prayto and Barbara Flach**

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 and their dolls. Fun for all! **Just Drop In!**

**August 19**                      **Introduction to Girl Scouts**                      **9:00 – 11:00**  
**Presenter: Girl Scout Leader Kristie Hense & Troop 1557**

Come and see what a Girl Scout meeting is like. Learn about Girl Scouts. Enjoy a fun activity. **Registration required.**

**August 21**                      **Beads, Beads, Beads, Galore!**                      **Ages 5 & up 2:00 – 3:30**  
**Instructors: Kristen Prayto & Barbara Flach**

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.**

**August 22**                      **Disney Movie Matinee: Finding Dory**                      **4:00 All Ages Library Staff**

Beat the summer heat and enjoy a cool movie matinee. Dory (Ellen DeGeneres) is a wide-eyed, blue tang fish who suffers from memory loss every 10 seconds or so. The one thing she can remember is that she somehow became separated from her parents as a child. With help from her friends Nemo and Marlin, Dory embarks on an epic adventure to find them. 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!**

**August 23**                      **Spooky T-Shirts**                      **Ages 8 & up 1:00 – 2:30**  
**Instructor: Carolyn Travers**

Never too early to think Halloween, bring a t-shirt to paint in a scary way. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**

**August 24**                      **Chomp! Shark Sensations**                      **Ages 5 - 7 10:00 – 11:30**  
**Instructor: Carolyn Travers**

Stories, facts and crafts on this fascinating animal! Enjoy games & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.**

**Sept. 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, Creative Writing Class**                      **Individuals of all Ages 10:00 – 12:00**  
**Instructor: Ronni Miller**

A motivational and expressive writing program for individuals of all ages. Writing activities will stimulate thoughts, feelings, memories and experiences to produce prose and poetry. **Registration required.**

Contact information: 323 Main Street,  
PO Box 670,  
Middleburgh, NY 12122  
(518) 827-5142

*Hours: Monday 1:30 - 8:30      Tuesday 10:00 - 5:00 & 6:30 - 8:30*  
*Wednesday 10:00 - 4:00      Thursday 10:00 - 4:00 & 6:30 - 8:30*  
*Friday & Sunday - closed      Saturday 9:00 - 2:00*



**Tuesday, July 11, 2017**

**Greenville Christian Life Center**

11693 Route 32  
Greenville, NY 12083

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

At this drive, you can give:

 Blood  Power Red

**Saturday, July 22, 2017**

**Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance**

380 Fox Creek Rd  
Medusa, NY 12120

7:30 AM – 12:30 PM

At this drive, you can give:

 Blood  Power Red

**Monday, July 31, 2017**

**American Legion Post 291**

132 Maple Ave  
Greenville, NY 12083

2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

At this drive, you can give:

 Blood  Power Red

## Constitutional Convention 2017: Rights at Risk



### Rights at Risk

For working families, a “Politicians’ Convention” could put some of our most important and fundamental rights at risk. The New York Constitution establishes the fundamental rights that so many working people and families depend on as citizens of the state, as public employees, or as public retirees. These rights include the right to join a union and to bargain collectively; prohibitions against reductions in public pension benefits; provisions for workers compensation; and the requirement that the state provide for social welfare needs.

### Hostile Forces

Many of these rights have come under increasing, relentless attack in recent years by the corporate special interests and the wealthy elite who are working to undermine our core protections in order to reap the benefits for themselves and their sponsors. A “Politicians’ Convention” would give those hostile forces a direct path toward rolling back our rights, because it would open up a Pandora’s Box of opportunities to revise every single provision of the constitution. That’s right: nothing would be off the table!

### NY Insiders & Special Interests

Considering who is likely to be in charge of the “Politicians’ Convention”—the career politicians, the Albany insiders, and the corporate special interests—it is not hard to imagine how the rights and guarantees that we hold important could become trading chips to be cashed in for special favors, increased power, or future payoffs. Think of all the horse trading and log rolling that goes on in the course of a normal legislative session...and then imagine the same thing but with every constitutional right that we enjoy thrown into the mix. There is simply too much danger—too much at risk—for us to roll the dice and throw the politicians an expensive party that allows them to mess around with our basic rights.

### Back of the Ballot

Oh, and they put the question on the BACK OF THE BALLOT, so that you would be less likely to see it and vote on it! That’s right: somehow this question—which could affect every single citizen of New York in a huge way—is being placed on the back of the ballot, which means that many, many voters won’t even see it. If you think it is odd that an issue that would benefit the politicians and Albany insiders would somehow end up on the back of the ballot where only *some* people will be looking for it, you aren’t alone.

### Do You Trust Them?

So, considering all that, here is the one question you have to ask yourself: Do you believe it’s more likely that the politicians, lobbyists, and corporate special interests will come together to do what’s best for *us*...or what’s best for *themselves* and their big-money cronies? Think about *that*. **Turn over your ballot in November and vote NO on the “Politicians’ Convention”!**

Source: <http://nonenewyorkconvention.org/why-you-lose/>

**Editor’s Note:** *If anyone wishes to submit for publication an article that provides a counterpoint to the above, we would be happy to receive and publish it. Please send your submission to [rvillenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rvillenewsletter@gmail.com).*

# 4th Friday Street Festival

Festival Activities Held Throughout the Village

Live open-air music • Farmers' market • Free kids' activities  
Dinner specials • Tap room specials • Longer shop hours • Live animals

May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22

5:30pm until Dark

## Dr. Best Museum CRUISE-IN

Cars, Trucks, Bikes, Vintage, Rat-Rods, Custom, Muscle ...

If it has wheels, it's got  
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**Prize drawings each event—**  
**All participants bringing a cruise-in**  
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HOUSE & MEDICAL MUSEUM

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(518) 827-7200



### RABIES CLINIC SCHEDULE – 2017

The following series of Rabies Vaccination Clinics for dogs, cats, and ferrets has been arranged by the Albany County Department of Health in cooperation with the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society.

**All dogs, cats, and ferrets must be on leashes or in carriers.**  
**A record of prior vaccination will be required for a three-year immunization-certification.**  
**If no record is presented, a one year vaccination certification will be issued.**  
**All clinics are open to any Albany County resident.**

Any inquiry can be directed to Division of Environmental Health Services (518) 447-4620 or 447-4625.

Saturday **September 9, 2017** 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Village of Colonie Municipal Garage  
2 Thunder Road - Colonie  
*Times: 1:00 - 2:30 pm for cats and ferret*  
*2:30 - 4:00 pm for dogs*

Saturday **November 4, 2017** 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Village of Green Island  
Public Works Garage  
Cohoes Avenue - Green Island  
*Times: 1:00 - 2:30 pm for cats and ferret*  
*2:30 - 4:00 pm for dogs*

**DONATION: \$8.00 PER ANIMAL**



**On the Calendar**

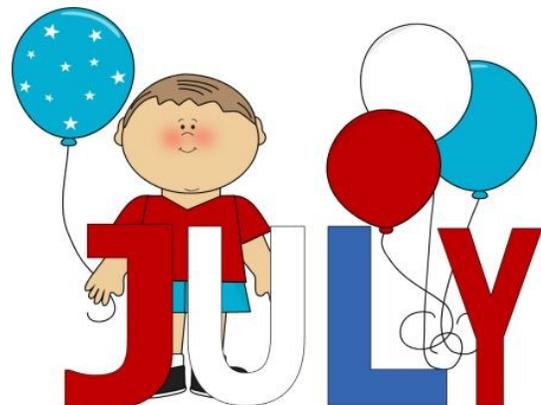
July 2	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
July 2	9:30 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
July 4		FOURTH OF JULY Town Offices Closed	
July 9		NO CHURCH SERVICES AT THE MEDUSA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	
July 9	9:30 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
July 11	12 noon	Seniors Luncheon & Meeting	Medusa Fire House
July 11	7:00pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
July 13	7:00pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
July 16	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
July 16	9:30 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
July 23	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
July 23	9:30 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
July 30	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
July 30	9:30 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville

**Planning Ahead:**

**Aug 5**                      **Medusa Annual Garage Sales Day**  
 To have a sale, contact **Bill Moore** at  
 Phone: 239-4843,  
 Email: [whmoore44@yahoo.com](mailto:whmoore44@yahoo.com),  
 Mail: 11 CR 351, Medusa, NY 12120

**Aug 8**      **12:00pm**      **Seniors Annual Picnic**                      **Westerlo Park**

Please get events to Bill Moore...  
 by phone – 239-4843;  
 by e-mail – [whmoore44@yahoo.com](mailto:whmoore44@yahoo.com); or  
 by mail to: 11 CR 351, Medusa, NY 12120



## Scam Alert!

**[Editor's Note:** *The following information recently appeared on my Facebook feed. Although it is specific to Catskill right now, that does not mean that this scam can't or won't be expanded to other school districts. Therefore, I feel that subscribers should be aware and alert to this scam.*]

"The Catskill Police Department announces another possible scam which has resurfaced in our area again. At first glance, the bill appeared to have come from the Catskill Central School District, specifically the Catskill High School. They are asking for \$169.00 in exchange for an advertisement on the Catskill High School's 2017 Fall Sports Poster.

The invoice from the company, Sports Media, with an address in Memphis, Tennessee contained fine print denying any affiliation with the school district. The Sports Media Company has shown addresses in several different states and your school district receives none of the funds.

Catskill Police Department says to never send personal or company credit card information via mail or telephone or to businesses requesting this type of payment.

In this instance, invoice billing was being sent by:

Sports Media  
1490 Union Ave, #401  
Memphis, TN 38104  
(888) 441-9584

After receiving the fax or invoice via mail, you may received [sic] a phone call from a generated local number. The subject on the phone line will attempt to gather your information. This subject yields no ties to the Catskill Central School District, and you should not give any information or funds.

The company has a confirmed "Alert" on the Better Business Bureau link and appears to send notices requesting payment information to charge your credit card, which include your providing the account numbers and three or four digit CCV number.

An Internet search of this company showed multiple warning issued by police agencies in the past.

Anyone with questions or complaints regarding Sports Media should contact their local police agency and the following authorities:

\* New York State Attorney General's Complaint Resource Center at [www.ag.ny.gov/resource\\_center/complaints/complaints.html](http://www.ag.ny.gov/resource_center/complaints/complaints.html)

\* The Better Business Bureau at [www.bbb.org/us/scam-source/](http://www.bbb.org/us/scam-source/).

\* The Federal Trade Commission at 877-382-4357 or <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov>"

A large, bold graphic with the word "SCAM" in white, uppercase letters on a red rectangular background. Below it, the word "Alert" is written in white, lowercase letters, also on a red rectangular background. A large white exclamation point is positioned to the right of the "Alert" text.

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

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Town Supervisor Hours: M-F :9a.-12pm	Valerie Lounsbury	vlounsbury@rensselaerville.com townsupervisor@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
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Town Councilman	John Dolce	jdolce@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilwoman	Margaret Sedlmeir	msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	Gerald Wood	gwood@rensselaerville.com
Town Justices Court: Mondays, 7pm	Ronald Bates Dwight T. Cooke	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Supervisor's Clerk	Linda McCormick	clerk1@rensselaerville.com
Town Clerk Hours: M-W: 9am-3:30pm Th: 1:30pm-6:30pm or by appointment F: 9am-12pm	Victoria Kraker	townclerk@rensselaerville.com vkraker@rensselaerville.com
Highway Superintendent	Randy Bates	rbates@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Highway Superintendent Clerk	Kim Welsch	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Assessors Clerk Hours: M-Th: 9am-12pm Assessor Hours: M: 1pm-3pm Th: 6:30pm-8:30pm	Donna Kropp Jeffry Pine Kathryn Wank	assessors@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer Office Hours: Th: 8am-10am Th: 7pm-9pm	Mark Overbaugh	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 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
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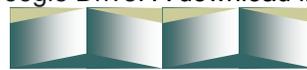


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