

R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Minutes, Town Board Special Meeting, September 20, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 20th day of September 2018 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Pfleging and the roll was called with the following results:

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

ABSENT WAS: Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to present the Tentative Budget and schedule the remainder of the Budget Workshops.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Tentative Budget as presented by Supervisor Pfleging. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to schedule the following Budget Workshops and to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the same:

- October 1, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- October 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- October 9, 2018 immediately following the regularly scheduled Work Meeting
- October 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm
- October 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm if needed

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



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Minutes, Town Board Budget Meeting, September 26, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Budget Workshop on the 26th day of September 2018 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Pfleging and the roll was called with the following results:

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

Also present were two interested citizens.

The purpose of the meeting was to begin the review of the 2019 Tentative Budget.

Supervisor Pfleging began the review with the General Fund Appropriations. Highlights are as follows:

- √ The Town Board members will be raised from \$3,000 each to \$3,500 each
- √ The Justice Court Clerks will be raised from \$2,400 each to \$2,550 each
- √ The Court's Computer Supply line item will be decreased from \$1,750 to \$500 as their SEI Court Program will now be covered by the State
- √ The line item termed 'Constable' will be changed to read 'Court Officer'. The salary will be increased from \$1,400 to \$1,456 and there will be a one-time Uniform & Clothing increase of \$300
- √ The Town Supervisor will be raised from \$12,500 to \$14,500 and the Equipment line item will be decreased from \$3,000 to \$500. Audit Fees will be increased from \$15,000 to \$19,000 to cover the Accountant's fees
- √ The Assessor's Chairperson will be increased from \$6,535 to \$6,735
- √ Certified Assessors will be raised from \$6,035 each to \$6,235 each
- √ The Assessor's Travel Mileage will be raised from \$200 to \$250 and the Taxes & Assessment and Misc. Contractual line items will each see a \$300 decrease
- √ The Town Clerk's salary will be raised from \$32,780 to \$34,000
- √ The Deputy Town Clerk, along with all other clerical positions currently at \$12/hour, will be increased to \$13/hour.
- √ The Town Clerk's Travel Mileage will be raised from \$200 to \$300; Fees for Services will be raised from \$730 to \$790; Taxes & Assessment will be increased from \$2,205 to \$2,285; Printing & Advertising will increase from \$300 to \$400; Misc. Contractual will see a \$100 decrease; and Specialty Office Supplies will see a \$50 decrease
- √ Under Buildings, Insurance will decrease by \$2,000; Computer Fees will increase from \$10,000 to \$12,750; Electric will see a \$1,000 decrease and Food & Concessions will see a \$200 decrease □ Under Central Printing & Mailing, the Postage line item will see a \$375 decrease
- √ Under Safety Inspection, the line item for Travel Mileage will see a \$450 decrease; Conferences will be raised from \$150 to \$500
- √ The Annual Budget for the Paramedics will be raised from \$57,000 to \$60,032
- √ The Recycling Coordinator's salary will be raised from \$38,186 to \$38,950; Refuse Charges will increase from \$43,675 to \$48,675; and Misc. Contractual will increase from \$4,000 to \$6,000

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;
Victoria H. Kraker Town Clerk

**Draft Minutes, Town Board Budget Meeting, October 1, 2018**

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Budget Workshop on the 1st day of October 2018 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Pflieger and the roll was called with the following results:

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

Also present were two interested citizens.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the review of the 2019 Tentative Budget.

- √ Robert Tanner attended the meeting to discuss the budget for the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company. A lengthy discussion ensued over the budget of all three fire companies. It was ultimately the consensus to give each of the fire companies as follows: the Medusa Volunteer Fire Company will receive \$52,500 – no increase from 2018; the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company will receive \$51,000 – a \$2,000 increase over 2018; and the Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Company will be getting \$50,500 - a \$1,500 increase over 2018.

The unfunded mandate to provide qualified internal firefighters insurance was discussed and each fire company has been tentatively allotted an additional \$2,500 under Worker's Comp

- √ The Rensselaerville Lighting District's Electric line item will be increased from \$4,550 to \$4,75
- √ The Sewer District's Office Supplies line item will be decreased from \$100 to \$50; Electric will be increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500; the Sewer Charges line item will be eliminated saving \$1,200; the telephone line has been eliminated as well saving \$360; and the Specialty Equipment line will be increased from \$500 to \$1,500
- √ The Water District's Printing & Advertising line item will be reduced from \$100 to \$50; Laboratory will be increased from \$1,300 to \$2,100; and Property Repair will be reduced from \$2,262 to \$2,000

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;
Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk

Draft Minutes, Town Board Budget Meeting, October 3, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Budget Workshop on the 3rd day of October 2018 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Pfleging and the roll was called with the following results:

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

ABSENT WAS: Councilman John Dolce

[Editor's Note: Also present was one interested citizen.]

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the review of the 2019 Tentative Budget.

- √ The Highway Superintendent's salary will be raised from \$45,407.50 to \$46,316
- √ The Highway Clerk's line will be capped at \$4,000; down \$600 from \$4,600
- √ According to the Union Contract, the Operator under Maintenance/Roads will be raised from 160,849 to \$165,651.40; and the Operator under Snow Removal will be raised from \$174,458 to \$181,207.30. Also, under the Contract, the Clothing Allowance will be increased by \$175
- √ Under Maintenance/Roads, the Road Material line will be increased by \$10,000 to \$190,000
- √ Under Road Machinery, the Truck line item will be increased by \$3,000 and the Equipment Repairs & Maintenance line will be increased by \$2,500 to \$61,500
- √ Under Snow Removal, the Sand & Salt line (formerly termed Road Material) will be increased by \$2,000 to \$77,000
- √ Town Justice Bates and Town Justice Frasher attended the meeting in an attempt to preserve their request to have their Clerk's salary raised by \$500 each instead of the \$250 each the Board had granted at a prior budget workshop. Upon further discussion, it was agreed upon that the clerks would, in fact, get the \$500 originally requested by the Justices

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



November 11, 2018

Observed November 12, 2018

Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, October 9, 2018

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 9th day of October 2018 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Steven Pflieger and the roll was called with the following results:

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

Also present were Superintendent Bates and three interested citizen [sic].

Supervisor Pflieger asked for a moment of silence to honor the twenty lives which were lost in the limousine crash in Schoharie this past weekend.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

REBECCA PLATEL

Rebecca Platel presented the Board with a proposition to help the Town of Rensselaerville build connections with Albany. The larger idea is to address the rural quality of life and economic opportunity in Rensselaerville by strengthening the Town's connections to urban resources. The Carey Institute for Global Good will incur all expenses and would then request payment from the Town, who would in turn submit paperwork to Hudson Valley Greenway for reimbursement.

OPENING OF BIDS FOR EXCAVATOR

Supervisor Pflieger opened the four bids for the excavator:

Finke & Sons Equipment – Doosan - \$155,448.35

Liftech/JCB - \$178,238.26

A. Montano Co. Inc. – Hyundai - \$159,500.00

Milton/Cat - \$205,775.00

Superintendent Bates will review the details on all four bids and report back to the Board on Thursday.

MINUTES

Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on October 11, 2018:

September 4, 2018 – Special Meeting to Discuss the Appointment of a Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer

September 4, 2018 – Special Meeting to Discuss the Upcoming Budget

September 11, 2018 – Work Meeting

September 13, 2018 – Regular Meeting

September 20, 2018 – Presentation of Tentative Budget

September 26, 2018 – Public Hearing on Local Law No. 4 of 2018

September 26, 2018 – Budget Workshop

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Any correspondence will be presented on Thursday.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf reported that the Solar Energy Committee had not met since he last reported on it at the September meeting. However, a meeting *is* scheduled for next week.

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2. The Town has not heard anything from Weston & Sampson Engineering regarding the anticipated work on the dam.
3. Two new applicants have submitted their letter of interest for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer position since the meeting in September.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Town will have to pass proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2018 – Tax Cap Override, in the event that the budget exceeds the tax cap.
2. Dates will need to be set for the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget and for the Adoption of the Final Budget.
3. The Board will have to appoint a Winter Seasonal Highway Employee from Nov 1st – April 15th.
4. Town Clerk Kraker presented the Board with the idea of establishing a credit card account with the Bank of Greene County for miscellaneous purchases. Having a credit card would allow the Town to purchase items through business that do not participate in the voucher system as well as eliminate the burden on any employee who makes a purchase with their own funds and then must wait until the next Town Board meeting to be reimbursed.

Superintendent Bates supported the idea by stating that there are vendors that the Town has not been able to do business with because they do not participate in the voucher system and in many of those instances, the Town *could* have purchased items or materials at a lower cost.

Further discussion on the matter will be had at the Regular meeting.

5. The Board will need to appoint a Safety Officer for the upcoming year.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Bates announced that the Highway Department will begin the repairs on the sidewalk in Preston Hollow tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, October 11, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 11th day of October 2018 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Steven Pfleging and the roll was called with the following results:

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

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Deputy Town Clerk Kathy Wank, Paul Kelly from the Rensselaerville Library, Albany County Legislator Chris Smith, and four interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018 Special Meeting – Appointment of Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018 Special Meeting – Discussion on Upcoming Budget; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 Work Meeting; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2018 Regular Meeting; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018 Special Meeting – Presentation of the Tentative Budget; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2018 Public Hearing; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2018 Budget Workshop; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the following Budget Modification:

From 'Senior/Youth Bus Fund' 8514 to 'Senior/Youth Vehicle Maintenance' A7610E 44072 in the amount of \$270.00 to cover the cost of repairs.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

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

From 'Water District' 7031 to 'Water Budget Line' SW8310E 44999 in the amount of \$2,520.00 to cover the remainder of the contract for the Lake Myosotis Dam repairs.

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The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$ 31,266.55; Highway Fund - \$69,134.41; Lighting District - \$735.12; Sewer Fund - \$178.72; Water Fund - \$2,946.47; T&A Fund - \$6,722.44. Total Abstracts - \$110,983.71

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS**SUPERVISOR**

1. Supervisor Pfleging announced that he has spent the majority of his time working on the budget.
2. Councilwoman Cooke inquired about the property with the excessive number of tires on County Route 354. Supervisor Pfleging reported that he had been playing "phone-tag" with DEC, but has not been able to connect with them thus far.

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

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

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Fallati reported that there is a new sexual harassment law which the Town would be required to adopt. Attorney Fallati suggests the Board adopt a resolution that authorizes the Town Clerk to update/replace the current sexual harassment policy with the model language from the New York State Department of Labor.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to adopt the model sexual harassment policy put out by the New York State Department of Labor; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

[Editor's Note: The Town Board unanimously passed this motion to adopt the model sexual harassment policy without ever having seen it. The attorney had a copy, but did not have copies for the Town Board, and the Town Board chose not to have copies printed so that they could discuss it. The document wasn't even read aloud so that the Town Board knew what they were adopting. This is **not the way a Town Board should be conducting business! For your convenience, the website to read this model policy is <https://www.ny.gov/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace/workers>]**

2. Attorney Fallati will read through the proposed Firefighter's Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefits Program. This benefit would increase the Workers' Compensation by a total of \$7,500 and the Board would need to be absolutely certain if it is applicable for budgeting purposes.
3. An email has been sent to the Attorney General's office regarding the dissolution of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance requesting the matter to be expedited.

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

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

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates reported that the Highway Department has finished their CHIPs projects as well as the paving projects.
2. The Highway has begun digging new drainage ditches along Saybrook Valley Road.
3. Repairs have begun on the sidewalk in Preston Hollow.
4. The Highway Department has also started preparing their equipment for winter.
5. The results of the bid for the excavator are as follows:
Finke & Sons Equipment – Doosan - \$155,448.35
Liftech/JCB - \$178,238.26
A. Montano Co. Inc. – Hyundai - \$159,500.00
Milton/Cat - \$205,775.00

Superintendent Bates has made several phone calls to confirm warranty periods and other miscellaneous details and has announced that the winning bidder was Finke Equipment.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the bid from Finke Equipment for the Doosan excavator, model Dx140W-5 for \$155,448.35. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

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

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

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of September as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$5,783.60. Paid to the Supervisor - \$931.41- the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$217.81; Recycling - \$353.00; Dog Licenses - \$122.00; Building Permits - \$143.60; Title Searches - \$70.00; Zoning - \$25.00. Total - \$1,737.35

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$20.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$4,832.19

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$279.47; \$0.00 in penalties

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$1,519.26; which includes \$26.60 in penalties

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Supervisor Pfleging stated that the report was not able to be printed and was therefore unavailable at the present time.

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Pine explained that he has been looking at the equalization rates over the past several

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(Continued from page 9) years and how it affects the tax cap. Rensselaerville has been behind the curve when it comes to property values, but is slowly catching up.

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

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

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

1. Town Clerk Kraker read a written report submitted by Water/Sewer Operator John Rice for the month of September as follows:

The Water Treatment plant filtered 388,700 gallons – a daily average of 12,960 gallons.

The Sewer Treatment plant processed 829,800 gallons according to pump run-time – not actual sewer pumped.

2. Bill Farley from Smith Controls came out on September 17th and again on October 1st to work on the panel at the sewer plant. The panel seems to be running normally for now, but Mr. Farley will be out again soon to complete his work.

3. Low water pressure was reported on Methodist Hill recently. B & G Contractors installed a new low-water switch in the booster pump which has resolved the issue.

4. Operator Rice has spoken to Phil Pearson regarding the installation of the hydrants. Mr. Pearson needs a few miscellaneous parts before he can get started.

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

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

REFUSE/RECYCLING

Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of September as follows: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 3.48 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 60.99 tons; Sierra Fibers: 4.49 tons comingled and 5.30 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 37 gallons; Tires: 13

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

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

RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

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

Story-Time continues with Lefty the dog and Assemblyman Chris Tague as well.

The Halloween Party begins at the Rensselaerville Firehouse at 4:30; children's parade begins at 5:30

The Library is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

The Annual Greenery Sale is December 1st from 9am – 2pm

The back patio is complete. Funds for a majority of the repairs on the patio were obtained through a grant. Mr. Kelly also wished to thank Kim Graff, Library Director, who has been instrumental in obtaining grant money for quite a few of the projects over the years.

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

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

CURRENT EVENTS

There will be a piano concert at 7:30 pm on Saturday at Conkling Hall.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf reported that the Solar Energy Committee had not met since he last reported on it at the September meeting. However, there are 3 meetings scheduled for November.
2. The Town has not heard anything from Weston & Sampson Engineering since their letter was submitted to the Department of Environmental Conservation.
3. Attorney Fallati discouraged the suggestions that were brought up at the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 4 which establishes residency requirements for the Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector position noting that those suggestions create potential ambiguity and encourages potential litigation.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to continue the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2018 on October 30, 2018 at 6:30 pm and to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. The award for the bid for the excavator has already been addressed.
2. Supervisor Pflieger read the Resolution for the Greenway Grant as follows:

Municipal Resolution

WHEREAS, the Town of Rensselaerville is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Greenway Communities Grant Program for a project entitled "Country to Capital: A Needs Assessment for Rural-Urban Linkages in Albany County" to be located in the Town of Rensselaerville;

WHEREAS, the grant application requires the applicant municipality to obtain the approval/ endorsement of the governing body of the municipality or municipalities in which the project will be located;

WHEREAS, the project aligns with the goals of the Town of Rensselaerville's Comprehensive Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the governing board of the Town of Rensselaerville hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Greenway Communities Grant Program, for a project known as "Country to Capital: A Needs Assessment for Rural-Urban Linkages in Albany County" and located within this community.

By motion made by Marion Cooke and seconded by Jason Rauf, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 11th day of October 2018 as follows:

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

End Resolution

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3. Attorney Fallati read the resolution for proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2018 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 of New York State established a 'tax cap' that generally limits the increase in the Town's assessment for Fiscal Year 2019; and

WHEREAS, the tax cap statute permits a local government to override the limit for the upcoming fiscal year through adoption of a local law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board had determined that it may be necessary to adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2019 that incorporates a tax increase in excess of the tax cap;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and the General Municipal Law, a public hearing shall be conducted at the Town Hall on October 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm on the attached proposed Local Law, and notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published on or before October 18, 2018 in a newspaper circulating in the Town.

By motion made by Marion Cooke and seconded by Margaret Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 11th day of October 2018 as follows:

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

End Resolution

Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2018
Of the Town of Rensselaerville

A Local Law Overriding the Real Property Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2019

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Authority

Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 of New York State, incorporated in § 3-c of the General Municipal Law, established a 'tax cap' that generally limits the amount of a municipality's real property tax levy for the upcoming fiscal year according to a formula set out in the statute, but the statute also authorizes local governments, pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c(5), to override the tax levy limit for the upcoming fiscal year.

Section 2. Override of Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2019

The real property tax levy limit set out in § 3-c of the General Municipal Law is overridden, pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §3-c(5), for Fiscal Year 2019 and the Town may adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2019 that incorporates a real property tax increase in excess of the otherwise applicable tax levy limit.

Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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4. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to schedule a date for the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for November 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm and to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

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

5. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to hire Earl David Potter as a seasonal employee from November 1, 2018 through April 15, 2019, on an as-needed basis, at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent, and to pay him \$19.61/hour from 11/1/2018 through 12/31/2018 and \$20.01 from 1/1/2019 through 4/15/2019. Mr. Potter would be the last individual to be called upon. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

6. Deputy Town Clerk, Kathy Wank, presented the Board with the reasoning behind obtaining a credit card for miscellaneous purchases, maintaining that an employee should not be responsible for making purchases for the Town and then have to wait until the next Board meeting to be reimbursed. She contacted Stanley Kay, Senior Examiner for the New York State Comptroller's Office who confirmed that many municipalities have credit card accounts and they are an asset for audit purposes. Mr. Kay prefers this method of purchasing over petty cash or even debit cards. Deputy Wank also contacted four neighboring Towns and learned that each of them have a municipal credit card. In all four instances, the Supervisor's name is listed first, followed by either the Town Clerk or the Bookkeeper. One of our neighboring Towns uses the credit card for purchases through Amazon, for example, where items can be purchased at discounted prices. The average cap is \$3,000.

The Board is leaning towards moving forward, but wishes to establish a written policy for its use, for example, where the physical card would be kept, who would be authorized to use it, as well as any other stipulations they feel should be considered.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk

Move Breathe Relax

YOGA: Tue. & Thu. 9-10:15 am

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

Classes Open to All at Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville

Sarah Nelson Weiss, CYT
savitrisarah@gmail.com, 518.817.8720

Fees: Wed Pilates—\$7.00

All Others—\$12.00

10 Classes—\$100.00

Draft Minutes, Town Board Budget Meeting, October 15, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Budget Workshop on the 15th day of October 2018 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Pfleging and the roll was called with the following results:

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

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the review of the 2019 Tentative Budget.

Supervisor Pfleging has updated the changes that were made at the prior budget workshop. The Board continued their review.

The Highway Department's wages – per contract - will be increasing by approximately \$5,000 for the winter season and \$5,000 for the summer season. Health insurance premiums are increasing and it has been mentioned that the price of salt is going from \$52/ton to \$64/ton

The Highway Department's Sale of Equipment line will be increased from \$0 to \$10,000. The Board feels that is a conservative estimate for the sale of old equipment

Road Machinery's Misc. line item will be dropped from \$160,000 to \$10,000 as the funds for the new excavator will be coming from 2018 funds

With the uncertainty of the Workers' Compensation insurance for firefighters, the Board has elected to raise each of the three companies to \$10,500 [from \$9,700 in the 2018 budget] instead of \$12,200 initially anticipated for 2019

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk

Draft Minutes, Town Board Budget Meeting, October 17, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Budget Workshop on the 17th day of October 2018 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Pfleging and the roll was called with the following results:

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

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the review of the 2019 Tentative Budget.

Once again, the Board reviewed changes that were made previously. Final questions were answered and it has been determined that there will be an approximate 1.3% increase over 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker, Town Clerk

Draft Minutes, Town Board Budget Meeting, October 9, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Budget Workshop on the 9th day of October 2018 at 8:05 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Pflieger and the roll was called with the following results:

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

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the review of the 2019 Tentative Budget.

\$2,500 has been added to the Misc. Contractual line under Safety Inspection and the line item for Clerk, formerly at \$3,280 has been brought to \$0

The Board reviewed the Highway portion of the budget

Supervisor Pflieger has detected a problem with one of the cells on the Excel spreadsheet and will have to research it further

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



RVFD News

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

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

<http://www.usps.com>

MEDUSA POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-4826

(19 COUNTY ROUTE 351 MEDUSA, NY 12120)

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

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

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

PRESTON HOLLOW POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-6111

(2930 ROUTE 145 PRESTON HOLLOW, NY 12469)

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

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

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

RENSSELAERVILLE POST OFFICE: Phone 518-797-3231

(26 COUNTY ROUTE 353 RENSSELAERVILLE, NY 12147)

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

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

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



BLOOD DRIVES

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Asbury United Methodist Church

5830 State Route 81
Greenville, NY 12083

6.2 mi | 08:00 AM - 01:00 PM

More Details

Blood

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

First Reformed Church

1663 Helderberg Trail
Berne, NY 12023

8.4 mi | 01:00 PM - 06:00 PM

More Details

Power Red Blood



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

Senior Citizens Info

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

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

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

Additional Important Phone Numbers:

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



MCS Capital Project Information & Public Meetings

The Middleburgh Central School District Board of Education recently approved a Capital Project to be voted on by district residents. More information on the Capital Project can be found on the website as the first comment. (<https://middleburghcsd.org/capitalproject.cfm>)

District residents are invited to join us at four public meetings about the Capital Project:

- ⇒ Huntersland Volunteer Fire Dept.
October 30, 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Fulton Town Hall
November 8, 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Co.
November 13, 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Middleburgh Jr./Sr. High School
December 4, 6:30 p.m.

In an effort to provide the best possible education and learning environment for our students, the Middleburgh Board of Education has approved a proposed Capital Project to be put forward before voters on December 12, 2018. The cost of the project is \$15,000,000 and will be a tax neutral project. This means that taxes will not increase if the project is approved by voters.

The proposed project includes over \$9,000,000 in renovations and improvements at the Jr./Sr. High School and over \$5,000,000 in renovations and improvements at the Elementary School. Construction on the project is anticipated to in mid-2020 following approval from the State Education Department, with construction anticipated to finish in 2021.

The vote on the Capital Project will take place on December 12, 2018 from 12:00-8:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Gymnasium Lobby.

Source: Victoria Chichester on Facebook: Discussions of Middleburgh Central School District

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER

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

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

Please include resume and list of qualifications with your letter of interest. Letters of interest should be addressed to the Town of Rensselaerville Town Clerk
87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120;

and must be submitted no later than November 6, 2018.



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

New York State Building Safety Inspector

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

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

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

Required Training:

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

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

New York State Code Enforcement Official

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

Required for personnel commencing employment after January 1, 1985.

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

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

Required Training:

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



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

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Job Description

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

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

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

2018 Mid-Term Elections—Sample Ballot

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CAREY INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL GOOD



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

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



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

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

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

TAPROOM HOURS FOR NEW LOCATION

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

HOLIDAY EGGNOG PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

2 pm – 4 pm at Huyck House, Carey Institute

Join us for our annual Holiday Party, featuring seasonal tastings from [Helderberg Brewery](http://helderbergbrewery.com). As a New York State Farm Brewery, we are proud to use 100% local ingredients in our beer, like grain from Schoharie and hops from East Berne. These delicious beers are brewed onsite as a product of our [Craft Beverage Incubator](http://craftbeverageincubator.org) project.

We'll also be serving our traditional eggnog, adapted from P.L. Elmore's historic recipe. Elmore played an important role in the Institute's history as cofounder of The Institute on Man and Science, along with his wife Katherine Huyck and their friends Winifred and Everett Clinchy. His recipe is tried and true.

On the Calendar

Nov 4	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Nov 4	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Nov 6	4:30-7pm	Medusa Fire Company Election Day Dinner Adults are \$7, children 12 & under are \$5.	Medusa Firehouse
Nov 6	7:00 pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
Nov 8	6:30 pm	Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for 2019	Town Hall
Nov 8	7:00 pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
Nov 11	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Nov 11	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Nov 12	VETERANS DAY OBSERVED —TOWN OFFICES CLOSED		
Nov 13	12 noon	Rensselaerville Seniors Club Holiday Luncheon	Gavin's East Durham
Nov 14	7:00 pm	Special meeting to adopt the budget for 2019	Town Hall
Nov 17	7am-11am	Medusa VFD Breakfast- Free Will Offering	Medusa Firehouse
Nov 18	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Nov 18	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Nov 22	HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL! Town Offices Closed 11/22 & 11/23		
Nov 25	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Nov 25	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville

Looking ahead:

Dec1	9am-3pm	1 st Christmas Rummage Sale; Lunch will be available.	
Dec 2	6:00 PM	Medusa Community Tree Lighting Party	Medusa Church
Dec11	12 noon	Seniors Pizza Party	Medusa Firehouse
Dec15	8-12 noon	2 nd Christmas Rummage Sale	
	7-11 am	Breakfast at Fire House—Free will offering	

For trips contact Janet Nelson @ 518-797-3963 or Ruth Snyder @ 518-239-4376

Please get events to Bill Moore...

by phone – 518-239-4843;

by e-mail – whmoore44@yahoo.com; or

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



Library News



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Fax: 518.797.5211
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The Rensselaerville Library works to preserve a comfortable historical gathering place that is open, free and inviting to all of the residents of the 5 hamlets and environs. We strive to awaken and promote a life-long love of reading and learning by fostering personal connections and providing access to a stimulating variety of texts, technology and programming.

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

Rensselaerville Library Schedule of Events through October 2018

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

November

6 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime**: Jan Brett's The Mitten. Program includes stories, songs and crafts.

7 – 4 - 6pm – **STEAM LAB** – Students will make slime and playdough then compare and contrast how materials mix. They will discover the difference between simple compounds and combinations of materials that form a polymer.

8 – 7pm – **Writing Group**: Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome.

13 – 10:30am – **STEAM Art** – Thanksgiving – students will create 3D paper craft centerpieces.

13 – 7pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

13 – 7pm – **Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees** – public welcome, meeting is on the lower level. Please note that this meeting is on the second Tuesday of the month not our normal third Tuesday.

14 – 4 - 6pm – **STEAM Lab** – Students will create candy and toothpick structures. During this program kids will discover how to build and engineer structures and determine which shapes are the strongest. Kids may also use KEVA blocks during this program.

20 – 10:30am – **StoryTime**: Thanksgiving! Program includes stories, songs and crafts.

21 – 4-6pm – **STEAM Lab** - Students will grow a Crystal Garden. This program will introduce kids to the concept of crystals and how a variety of formations are created under different conditions

22 – 10:30am – **The Library is closed for Thanksgiving.**

27 – 10:30am – **STEAM Art**: Leaf Pictures.

27 – 7pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

28 – 4-6pm – **STEAM Lab** – Students will participate in a Dino Dig. This program will introduce kids to the process of paleontology using ID sheets. Students will also look at real fossils and use books to consult and match illustrations.

30 – 6pm – **Homemade cookie donations can be dropped off at the Library.**

Library News - Rensselaerville Library

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Do you love to visit libraries? Join the Expedition and visit as many of the 36 unique libraries in Upper Hudson Library System as you can during September, October and November. It is a self-guided tour or road trip to our libraries as a family or a team of friends. Or maybe solo the journey to our intriguing destinations. You will win prizes along the way. Come learn all about this new effort and pick up your map.

December

1 – 9-2pm – **Greenery Sale** – Christmas Trees, Wreaths, Sprays for sale along Main Street. Vendors located inside the library and activities for kids.

4 – 10:30am – **StoryTime**: Winter Animal! Program includes stories, songs and crafts.

5 – 4-6pm – **STEAM Lab** – Edible Chemistry - Students will learn about the chemical reactions/processes that happen when we prepare food

11 – 10:30am – **STEAM Art** – Holiday Decorations – students will create 3D paper craft centerpieces.

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

12 – 4-6pm – **STEAM Lab** – Students will learn about 'Stars' and Stellated geometric shapes. Kids will become familiar with complex geometric shapes and the math/geometry behind them and make an awesome decoration

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

18 – 10:30am – **StoryTime**: Winter Holidays! Program includes stories, songs and crafts.

18 – 7pm – **Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees** – public welcome, meeting is on the lower level.

19 – 4-6pm – **STEAM Lab** -TBD

25 – The Library is Closed for the Christmas Holiday.

26 – 4-6pm – **STEAM Lab** -TBD



Annual Greenery Sale
December 1, 2018
9-2pm
Vendors Wanted
Visit our web site for
more information.

January 2019

1 – The Library is Closed for New Year's Day.

HOURS

Tuesday & Wednesday

10-12 and 3-9pm

Thursday & Friday

4-9pm

Saturday

9-1pm

Sunday & Monday

Closed

Library News - Rensselaerville Library*(Continued from page 24)***MUSEUM PASSES**

Check the following passes out with your Library Card.

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

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

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

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

[The Old Stone Fort Museum Complex](#) located in Schoharie also houses the Schoharie County Historical Society and Research Library. The Library offers three free museum passes for two adults and two children now through October 31. Passes can't be used for special events. Visitors learn about the first Dutch and German settlers in the Schoharie Valley and their Indian neighbors. Artifacts date back to the early 1700s.

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

Digital Resources

These are all available with your Library Card

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

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

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

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

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

Rensselaerville Library



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Come learn all about this new effort and pick up your map.



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Saturday

December 1, 2018

GREENERY SALE

Rensselaerville Library

9am-2pm

Trees (local from Medusa)

Wreaths, Sprays & Roping

Vendors

Local Business Gift Certificates

Homemade Cookie Sale

Used Book Sale

Cookie Decorating for Kids

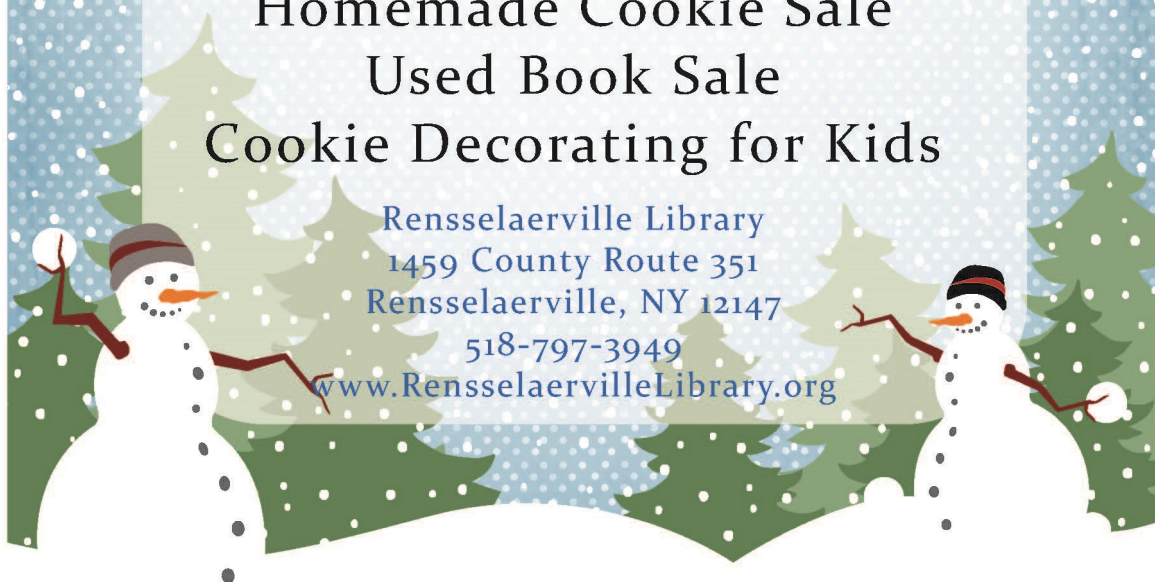
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The Rensselaerville Library works to preserve a comfortable historical gathering place that is open, free and inviting to all of the residents of the 5 hamlets and environs. We strive to awaken and promote a life-long love of reading and learning by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

The Rensselaerville Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

December 1, 2018

Greenery Sale

9-2pm

Vendor Participation Form

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

Contact Name: _____

Business Name/Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Description of items you will be selling:

Do you need electricity? "Yes" "No"

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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





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LIBRARY MOON WALK

LIBRARYMOONWALK.SALS.EDU

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Library News - Greenville Library

Toddler Time

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

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

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

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

November 2018						
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January 2019						
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27	28	29	30	31		

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

Lego Fun!

Ages 3 & Up Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00

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

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



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Library News - Greenville Library

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In the early stage of Alzheimer's disease, families face new questions as they adjust. What does the diagnosis mean? What kinds of plans need to be made? What resources are available to help?

Join us for this 3-part series to hear practical answers to the questions that arise in the early stage. Hear from those directly affected and learn what you can do to cope with the changes that come with an early-stage diagnosis.

The program will be held Wednesdays, November 7, 14, and 28, from 12:30 – 2:30pm at the Greenville Public Library.

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

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

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



Greenville Local History Group

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

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

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

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

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

Library News - Middleburgh Library

11/2, 16 - 11:00-1:00 - Home Educators of Schoharie County - HEGS (Home Educators Group of Schoharie County) is a group of homeschooling families with a wide variety of backgrounds, approaches to education, and religious affiliations. We exist to provide secular support for homeschooling families, offer information about homeschooling, and to allow for the sharing of educational opportunities. We hope to increase public awareness, acceptance, and support of home education in Schoharie County. Please check out our facebook page. Or contact Rebecca at veggiemamma@yahoo.com for more information. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 11 - 1.

11/3 - 10:00-12:00 - Deco Patch Christmas Ornaments - Join us for a fun workshop creating beautiful holiday ornaments. Each attendee will be able to make two ornaments using paper mache' shapes and the beautifully patterned Deco Patch papers. These one of a kind creations can be wonderful additions to your tree or very special gifts. **Registration is required and space is limited.** A \$5.00 material fee is payable to the instructor on the day of the program.

11/4 - 4:00 PM - Concert - Wilder Hook - Tom & Geri White - Tom & Geri White have pulled together family and friends under the band name Wilder Hook, a historic bend in the Schoharie Creek in Middleburgh. Tom & Geri play Traditional Folk/Roots music with a focus on Appalachian Celtic and Canadian Traditions with guitar, banjo, fiddle, mountain dulcimer and more. Joining them will be their son, Carson White, Dave Paton, Tom Wetmore, and Bernie Neuman. A \$10.00 donation is suggested. Tickets are available at the door.

This event is made possible in part with public funds from the Decentralization Program and the NYS Council on the Arts, administered by the Community Arts Grant Program by the Greene County Council on the Arts.

11/5, 12, 19, 26 - Drop-in Teen Gaming - 3:30-5:30 PM - Stop in for snacks and gaming. We'll have games like King of Toyko, Castle Panic, Sapien, Boss Monster, Forbidden Island, and Evolution. Drop in for a half hour or stay the whole time! We will meet on Monday's from 3:30-5:30pm. This program is for kids 13 and up. Registration is suggested but not required. Call, stop in or sign up online.

11/7, 14, 21, 28 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - Free Popcorn

11/7 - "The 12th Man" (PG-13) - They were 12 saboteurs. The Nazis killed 11 of them. This is the true story of the one who got away...

11/14 - The Leisure Seeker (R) - A runaway couple go on an unforgettable journey in the faithful old RV they call The Leisure Seeker.

11/21 - To be Announced

11/28 - To be Announced.

11/10 - 2:00 PM - Cooking by the Vegan Book - "Chloe Flavor" By Chloe Coscarelli. The Middleburgh Library presents its monthly book club, "Cooking by the Vegan Book." We pick the cookbook, you pick and make the recipe!

How the cookbook club works; Every month, a cookbook will be selected and will be at the circulation desk, for you to look at and we will print up the recipe of your choice.

Sign up online, call or at the circulation desk, let us know what you're cooking so we don't have duplicates. **Registration is required.**

11/12 - Veterans Day - The library will be closed to observe the Holiday.

11/12 - 6:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - The public is welcome.

11/13, 20, 27 - 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.*

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11/13, 20, 27 - 1:00-4:00 PM - Mahjong Mania - Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 a spirited group of people get together in the Community Room to play Mahjong. Don't know how to play? No problem! They will teach you how. No registration required.

11/13, 20, 27 - 5:15 PM - Insight Meditation - What do you want most deeply? Seeing your life calmly and clearly helps answer this. Insight Meditation is a simple way to steady your mind, stop wandering in day-dreams, and end the suffering of troubling thoughts. Our group is a place to sit quietly in safety, supported by others; to allow understanding and compassion to arise; to encourage loving-kindness and patience. We welcome those with no experience to advanced mediators', teens to seniors. give it a try. No registration is required. There is no fee. All are welcome.

11/14, 28 - 11:00 AM - Storytime with Miss Doreen - Join Miss Doreen every other Wednesday for some fun and games. There will be a theme every program.

11/14 - Will I have a friend.

11/28 - Cooking with Miss Rebecca

11/20 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" by Ken Kesey - Set in an Oregon psychiatric hospital, the narrative serves as a study of institutional processes and the human mind as well as a critique of behaviorism and a tribute to individualistic principles.

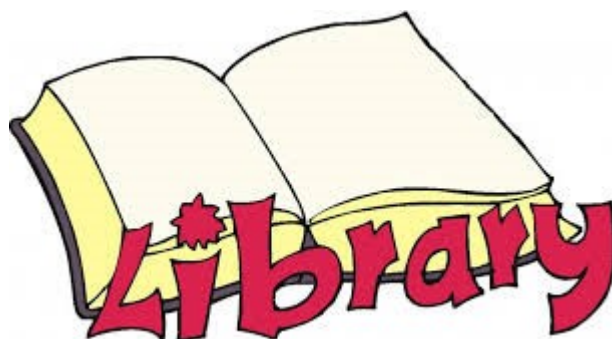
11/22 - Thanksgiving - The library will be closed to observe the Holiday.

11/30 - 11:00 AM - Homeschool Slime Lab - Come hang out with us while we make slime! Glitter slime, oobleck, glow in the dark slime and foam slime. Registration is suggested. Stop in at the library, sign up online or call the library at 518-827-5142.

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

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





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

Demonstrate your patriotism!



Participate in our essay contest!



Our essay theme this year is:
"Our Freedoms, Our Veterans, Our Flag"

*Capital District Patriot Flight, Inc. presents our third annual student Essay Contest.
Open to all high school students, two lucky students will win
a one day, all expense paid trip to the Memorials in Washington DC
with veterans from WW II, Korean War and Vietnam War.*

Here are the details:

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





Now Open for Business!

Hours: Tues. & Wednesday 6 am—3 pm

Thursday through Sunday 6 am—8 pm

2939 NY 145
Preston Hollow 12496



The **Preston Hollow Beautification Committee** is hosting a Christmas decoration event on **Saturday, December 1, 11:00 am at the Greenhouse on Route 145 in Preston Hollow**. All in the community are invited to join in celebrating the beginning of the Holiday season by decorating wreaths and swags that will be hung about the Tri-Village area.

This festive event will be an opportunity to meet and chat with people from the community and enjoy hot drinks and pastries. We invite you to join in the festivity while at the same time contributing to the beauty of the community

New members to the Preston Hollow Beautification Committee, Inc. are always welcomed. Joining the group is a good way to contribute to the community while, at the same time, meeting new people, making new friends and having fun. The work is minimal. If interested, please speak with somebody at this Christmas event or contact Cynthia Willis at 518-239-4147.



BREAKFAST

AT THE MEDUSA FIRE HOUSE

7:00AM TO 11:00AM

~~October 20, 2018~~

November 17, 2018

December 15, 2018

January 19, 2019

February 16, 2019

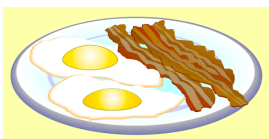
March 16, 2019

April 20, 2019



PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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



Kids' Activity Page



Thanksgiving Word Search

A	G	N	I	V	I	G	S	K	N	A	H	T	G	O
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1. Carve
2. Celebrate
3. Colonist
4. Cornucopia
5. Cranberry
6. Dessert
7. Farmer
8. Feast
9. Gather
10. Harvest

11. Holiday
12. November
13. Pilgrim
14. Platter
15. Pumpkin
16. Thanksgiving
17. Tradition
18. Turkey
19. Vegetable
20. Worship



Rensselaerville Historical Society

"Today is Tomorrows History"

Rensselaerville Historical Society

Keeper of the history for all 5 hamlets of the Town of Rensselaerville: Cooksburg, Medusa, Potters Hollow, Preston Hollow and Rensselaerville

Something is Missing

Have you noticed those cream and green historical markers signs have been disappearing throughout the town? No, we don't have a sign thief or teenage pranksters. Two of the Rensselaerville Historical Society Trustees have been spending their Sunday afternoons oiling and heating up rusted screws so the signs can carefully be lifted off their poles and moved to the Grist Mill in Rensselaerville. These signs have been placed in the town over the years by the Rensselaerville Historical Society at various locations with the help of the Rensselaerville Town Highways employees. Maybe you have noticed that many of these signs have become rusty and faded. Mount Pisgah, Rensselaerville Academy, Potters Hollow, Cooksburg and Preston Hollow signs are down. Soon to be removed are the two in Medusa, town building and Peckham Hollow. There may be a few other signs still in our town that haven't been located but by winter all should safely be under shelter.

The first steps to refurbish them will be to remove the rust and prime them before the oil base paint can be applied. Many of the support brackets are cracked and a solution to repairing them needs to be found. Four Greenville Central School seniors have volunteered to undertake this project under the guidance of Tony Campo and Matt Mulholland and will earn them Community Service credit. The goal was to work on the signs during Sundays in October but the weather has not cooperated. An attempt to get as much of this project done this fall is planned and the rest will have to wait for warmer weather. Look for the signs to reappear in late spring with an easier to read colors. If any individual or group would like to tackle the New York State Historical signs, the blue and gold ones, many of them need a face lift too. Let's make our town's history shine for future residents.

Other news – Two new Board of Trustees members were voted in at the Historical Society's Annual Meeting in August. The new members are Thomas Synder of Medusa and Linda Mormile of Potters Hollow and reelected was Garrett Platell. Officers were also elected for a two year term the new President is Matthew Mulholland, Vice President Kenneth Storms, Treasurer Leah Waldron, Secretary Joyce Chase and Membership Secretary Diana Fritz. The guest speaker at the annual meeting was Jerry Finin who shared photos and the process he went through to write the biography about Doctor Anna Ward Perkins the hilltown Doctor that treated patients throughout our town from 1928 until the 1990's. Over 80 guests shared a pot luck dinner and the fascinating talk.

Copies of the book A Good and Noble Thing are on sale at the Rensselaerville Library or Kuhar Family Farm Market in Rensselaerville or at RHS, P.O. Box 8, Rensselaerville, NY 12147 for \$25 plus shipping \$4.00.

"Rensselaerville Historical Society Membership Form 2019

Please circle: **New, Renewal**

Individual membership	\$10
Family Membership	\$15
Supporting Membership	\$30
Life Membership	\$150
Gift membership	_____

Special Donations

Paint the Mill Fund

Historical Marker Project

Donations

Mail to: RHS Membership Sec.
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Rensselaerville, NY 12147

**Include name, address, telephone
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monthly mtg
Regular: 2nd Thurs
@7pm

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

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

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

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