

# R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, February 14, 2019

*[Editor's Note: These are the minutes that weren't available for the March issue of the newsletter. They were sent in an email under separate cover to subscribers.]*

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor John Dolce and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Attorney Thomas Fallati, Supervisor John Dolce, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Brian Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WERE: Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman Jason Rauf

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Ed Lawson, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, and six interested citizens.

### KENNETH 'CHIP' DECKER

Chip Decker of the former Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance, presented the Town with the final check which will be used to help keep the Rensselaerville Public Safety Building going. The check was for \$77,877.76. Mr. Decker expressed his sincere thanks to all the members, past and present, who have given their time and effort over the years.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2018 – Final Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2019 – Organizational Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 - Work Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 – Regular

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Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

**TRANSFERS:** None

**ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS:** General Fund - \$ 183,151.19; Highway Fund - \$61,149.34; Fire Protection Fund - \$52,507.00; Lighting District - \$691.58; Sewer Fund - \$29,637.27; Water Fund - \$123.07; T&A Fund - \$1,100.84. Total Abstracts: \$ 328,360.29

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### REPORTS

#### SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Dolce reported that the liability insurance renews on March 12<sup>th</sup>. He has asked the Assessors to value the Town's properties and Highway Superintendent Bates and Councilman Rauf to review the equipment so that the Town is certain what it is being insured for. Supervisor Dolce will finalize the above with Nolan Pazin from Marshall & Sterling.
2. There are eleven firefighters from the Medusa Volunteer Fire Company, and zero from the Rensselaerville and Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Companies that qualify for the cancer coverage.
3. Supervisor Dolce signed the paperwork regarding the Greenway Grant which was presented to the Town by Rebecca Platel of the Carey Institute. The intent of the grant 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 will incur all expenses. They would then request payment from the Town and the Town, in turn, would be reimbursed by the Hudson River Valley Greenway.
4. The Justice Clerks are keeping a record of their time.
5. Supervisor Dolce met with representative astronomers from the Helderberg Earth & Sky Observatory Science Center who are looking for land in the immediate Rensselaerville area to construct an observatory. They will be speaking at either the Work meeting or the Regular meeting in March.
6. Supervisor Dolce, Councilwoman Cooke and Clerk 1/Bookkeeper Linda McCormick met with the accountants Pattison, Kosky, Howe & Bucci. Payroll services were reviewed, but further discussions will be tabled until all Board members are present.
7. Former Supervisor Steven Pflieger signed a contract with Cintas for the installation of two eye-wash stations for \$1,600.00. The Town was billed \$2,900. A letter was sent to corporate headquarters requesting them to reissue the bill for the agreed upon amount.
8. Supervisor Dolce met with Albany County Comptroller Michael Connors who provided some information on payroll services. Also, Comptroller Connors encouraged Board members to share their knowledge/expertise with other facets of Town business and suggested Board members be the liaisons between the Town Board and other departments/committees. This would alleviate any disconnect between the departments and allow everyone to be more informed.

Supervisor Dolce wishes to have more training for the Planning/Zoning Boards.

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9. Supervisor Dolce contacted I.T.S. and there should no longer be any problems with Town Board members and their emails.

Councilwoman Sedlmeir wished to thank Supervisor Dolce for his hard work and positive approach.

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

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

### ATTORNEY

1. The final paperwork has been completed regarding the transfer of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance. The deed is being filed with Albany County.

2. An insurance claim was submitted to Marshall & Sterling regarding the recent actions of former Supervisor Steven Pflieger and the Town has received a Reservation of Rights letter. A State audit will be performed and the claim will be on hold pending the outcome of the audit.

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

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

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates noted a few thoughts on a payroll service referencing several holidays which fall on a Monday, but he felt that it could be worked out. He also stated that two years ago he had reviewed the equipment list with Marshall & Sterling and was surprised to see some things still on the list that were no longer owned by the Town. Superintendent Bates personally keeps Marshall & Sterling current when a piece of equipment is purchased or sold.

2. Superintendent Bates stated there was a 70-degree swing within a 48-hour time frame. The constant changes in temperatures create havoc on dirt roads which become unstable to the point where they cannot be repaired until they have dried out.

3. The Highway Department has used a considerable amount of salt and sand due to the ice and sleet storms. In addition, rain dilutes the salt and the re-freeze calls for re-application of materials.

4. The Highway crew has spent much time on repairs, particularly on the flight chains inside the sanders where materials becomes frozen, bind up, and break the chains.

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

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

**TOWN CLERK:** Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of January as follows:

Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$761.00

Paid to the Supervisor - \$718.38 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$6.38; Recycling - \$47.00; Dog Licenses - \$115.00; Building Permits - \$325.00; Title Searches - \$225.00. Total - \$718.38.

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$19.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$23.62

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Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$13,760.80; \$0.00 in penalties

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$16,717.72; \$0.00 in penalties

Town Clerk Kraker reported that the month of January was incredibly busy as tax-collection always is. The Warrant was satisfied as of February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Town Clerk Kraker also presented an annual report for 2018 as follows: Total Collected: \$26,039.25. Paid to the Supervisor: Clerk Fees: \$1,624.48; Recycling: \$2,178.50; Dog Licenses: \$1,307.00; Building Permits: \$8,615.50; Title Searches: \$910.00; Zoning: \$1,185.00; Planning: \$500.00; Paid to NYS Agriculture & Markets: \$212.00; Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation: \$9,304.27; Paid to NYS Department of Health: \$202.50. Total: \$26,039.25

Total number of Marriage Licenses Issued: 9

Total number of Death Certificates Issued: 9

Total number of Birth Certificates Issued: 0

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

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

Town Clerk Kraker also reported that she had selected a new Deputy as Kathy Wank will be leaving the position within the next several weeks. Deputy Wank has agreed to train Mrs. Cotter before she officially leaves the Town of Rensselaerville.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce to appoint Michelle Cotter as Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector, and Deputy Registrar as well as the Records Management Officer. Deputy Wank and Deputy Cotter will share the allotted 20 hours during the training period. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wood.

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

Phil Pearson, Sr. is interested in hooking up the small parcel of land he still owns with the barn on it, to the sewer system. The plans are in the infancy stage at this point.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Lawson reported that there were three Building Permits for the month totaling \$325.00 as well as nine RV Permits totaling \$225.00.

Officer Lawson will be having the software vendor company, BAS, come in for training and will try to get the RV permits so that they print out on the monthly report.

Officer Lawson also pointed out some ambiguities within the fee schedule which the Board will be reviewing in the near future.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce to accept the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

**ASSESSORS**

1. Assessor Kropp reported that second notices for exemptions have been sent out and the paperwork is due back to the Assessor's office by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Anyone turning 65 in this calendar year is encouraged to apply for the Enhanced Star exemption. The deadline for this is also March 1<sup>st</sup>.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce to accept the Assessor's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.  
*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Rauf*

**WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE:** No Report

### **REFUSE/RECYCLING**

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of January as follows: E-Waste: 1.5 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 54.88 tons; Sierra Fibers: 4.66 tons comingled and 4.75 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 7 gallons; Tires: 10

There has been an increase of \$0.10/ton for E-Waste. Cost for the recycles – glass and plastics - has also gone up from \$55.15 to \$61.80/ton. **[Editor's Note: I believe the increase in rate for E-Waste is \$10.00/ton, not \$0.10/ton.]**

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

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

### **RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY**

Paul Ventura, a Trustee of the Rensselaerville Library provided the following statistics:

At the end of the year, the library had 17,788 items; 14,177 of which were books.

They have 615 audio books and 2,246 DVDs.

There is a local author reading coming up on February 16<sup>th</sup>;

The Library Board meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup>;

The Library is hosting several health programs including a "Spring into Health" Hilltown Health Fair which will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is a program sponsored by the Middleburgh, Berne and Rensselaerville Libraries. There will be several speakers on various health-related issues.

There is a program on Alzheimer's disease on February 26<sup>th</sup>;

Also on the 26<sup>th</sup> is the monthly Poetry night;

There are upcoming programs on jobs and resume critiquing.

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

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

**CURRENT EVENTS:** None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. The Solar Committee is moving forward slowly.
2. No further updates on the status of the repair on the dam have been received.
3. Pattison, Kosky, Howe and Bucci are still the accountants for the Town, however, there is no signed contract at this point.
4. Discussions regarding payroll service will be tabled until all Board members are present.
5. Supervisor Dolce covered the subject of Albany County Comptroller, Michael Connors, in his

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Supervisor's report.

6. The State audit was also covered in Supervisor Dolce's report.
7. Discussions on the sexual harassment training will be tabled until Councilwoman Cooke is present.
8. Supervisor Dolce sent a letter to the attorney for the NYS Park Police Training Academy and to-date, has not received a response.

Attorney Fallati explained that the letter which the Town had received from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation was a notification that they had initiated the SEQRA process. They have designated themselves as the Lead Agency and intend to prepare a Draft Scope and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

9. The subject of Cintas was also covered in Supervisor Dolce's report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Albany County Legislator Chris Smith wishes to donate one month of his legislative salary to an organization within the Town. Preliminary suggestions are to put it towards senior services, but the subject will be tabled until all Board members are present.
2. Discussions regarding the Town-Wide Picnic will be tabled until all Board members are present.
3. The Water/Sewer Committee has made a recommendation to appoint John Arrighi as a Committee member.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce to appoint John Arrighi as Water/Sewer Committee Member, term to be effective February 14, 2019 through December 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

4. A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce to place the Legal Notices in the paper soliciting bids for the Highway materials, mowing of the parks, and port-o-lets. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

5. Approval of the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials will be tabled until the next meeting.
6. The liability insurance was also addressed in the Supervisor's report.

7. A motion was made by Councilman Wood to authorize the Supervisor to sign and return the Capital Region Solid Waste Contract which would be effective through December 31, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

1. Gerald Wood would like to see something implemented that would require homeowners to keep the portion of the sidewalks in front of their residences along State Route 145 clear of snow and ice. He noted that the Highway Department worked very hard to restore the sidewalks so they could be used safely.

and enjoyed by all. Before they weren't fit to walk on and now they cannot be traveled because they are full of snow and ice causing pedestrians to have to walk in the roadway once again. Discussion ensued. For starters, Town Clerk Kraker will draft a letter to be sent to all homeowners in an effort to encourage them to keep their portions of the sidewalk clear of snow and ice, obstructions, and vehicles.

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2. Marie Dermody wished to reiterate Councilwoman Sedlmeir’s earlier commentaries on the hard work and dedication being exhibited by Supervisor Dolce

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dolce.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk



**Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, March 12, 2019**

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor John Dolce and the roll was called with the following results:

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

ABSENT WAS: Councilman Brian Wood

Also present were three interested citizens.

**MINUTES:** Minutes for the February 14, 2019 - Regular Meeting will have to be tabled until April.

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS/TRANSFERS**

Clarification was made regarding budget modifications and transfers. If funds are moved from one line item to another, without changing the bottom line of the total budget, it is referred to as a transfer. If funds are moved from an outside account into a budget line-item to cover expenses, it is called a budget modification.

**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, Assessors, Water/Sewer Committee, Recycling Center, and Library will be given at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. An update on the Solar Energy Committee/Zoning will be given on Thursday.
2. No new estimates have been received by Weston & Sampson Engineering regarding the repair on the dam.

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3. Councilwoman Cooke noted that the sexual harassment training has to be interactive. There is information available on the internet as well as from the Association of Towns which can be used as part of the training. It remains unclear if an individual receives training at one place, is it required that they take it again at Town Hall. Another dilemma remains on how to enforce participation in the training.
4. The State has not begun the audit yet. Bookkeeper/Clerk 1, Linda McCormick has gathered the requested documentation and is prepared for the auditors when they arrive.
5. Discussion ensued over the proposed payroll service. Supervisor Dolce noted that ADP, being the least expensive provider, would handle among other things, the W-2s, 941s, overtime, paid time-off, and all Federal & State taxes. Councilwoman Cooke entertained the idea of transferring from MUNIS to Quick-Books.  
Extensive discussion was had over who is going to reconcile the bank accounts. Cross-training between departments was also discussed at length.
6. The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is holding a Public Scoping Session on March 27, 2019. One session will be held from 12-2 pm and the other from 6-8 pm. The purpose of the sessions is to provide information on a Facility Plan and associated Environmental Impact Statement relating to the proposed training facility. Attorney Fallati will provide more details on Thursday.
7. Authorization is needed to appoint Dwight Taylor Cooke as the new Zoning Board of Appeals member.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Annual premiums for the Town's liability insurance have gone up \$1,700; property values have gone up and the Public Safety Building has been added. A few items have been added and a few items that the Town no longer owns have been deleted.
2. Albany County Legislator Chris Smith wishes to donate one month of his legislative salary to an organization within the Town. A final decision as to where the Board wishes the funds to go will be made at the Regular meeting.
3. Councilwoman Sedlmeir announced that the Town-Wide Picnic is usually held on the first Sunday in June from 2 – 4:30. The Board members have suggested rotating the venue between the three parks in the Town; last year the picnic was held at the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park. The Carey Center has donated the hot dogs and hamburgers for the past several years. The Rensselaerville Fire Company has provided the lemonade and iced tea.
4. The Highway's on-line bidding authority will need to be renewed at Thursday's Regular meeting.
5. Authorization will be needed to place an ad for the purpose of soliciting bids for the cutting of the hay fields between Town Hall and the Public Safety Building.
6. The Annual Town Justice Audits will need to be approved at the Regular meeting.
7. The Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials will need to be approved at Thursday's meeting.

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8. Acceptance of Deputy Town Clerk, Kathryn Wank will be needed at Thursday's meeting. **[Editor's Note: This refers to the acceptance of Deputy Town Clerk Kathryn Wank's resignation.]**

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**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Sedlmeir wished to thank Supervisor Dolce once again for his hard work and dedication. Ernest Kuehl concurred and added that Supervisor Dolce has had many balls to juggle and is doing a great job. In addition, Marie Dermody noted that she thought the idea of cross-training was excellent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Rauf.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

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Town Clerk



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**ABSENT WERE:** Councilman Brian Wood

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Ed Lawson, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, and twelve interested citizens.

**MINUTES:** Minutes for the February 14, 2019 - Regular Meeting will have to be tabled until April.

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS/TRANSFERS:** None

Councilwoman Cooke questioned how to deal with the over-budgeting/under-budgeting of the Fire Districts regarding the firefighter's cancer coverage. Attorney Fallati will research this issue.

**ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS:** General Fund - \$21,296.78; Highway Fund - \$34,072.02; Fire Protection Fund - \$103,000.00; Lighting District - \$707.96; Sewer Fund - \$87.85; Water Fund - \$68.69; T&A Fund - \$901.55. Total Abstracts - \$160,134.85

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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**REPORTS****SUPERVISOR**

1. Supervisor Dolce reported that the credit cards from the Bank of Greene County have been received. Councilman Rauf reminded the Board that a credit card use policy still needed to be adopted.
2. The Town has still not heard anything from Cintas regarding their bill for \$2,900.
3. The Annual Update Document (AUD) has been completed.
4. Supervisor Dolce has requested that anyone who makes a purchase from GNH Lumber under the Town's account, to please *print* their name in addition to signing their name.
5. In February, the Town received a letter from the adjuster from Marshall & Sterling, Ins. Co. stating that they have acknowledged receipt of our claim. After the audit has been completed, they will address restitution.
6. Extensive discussion was had at the Work meeting over the sexual harassment training. Attorney Fallati who will look into the concerns the Board members had.
7. Supervisor Dolce would like to appoint a Safety Coordinator and suggested Councilman Wood be that individual.
8. Supervisor Dolce received a draft contract from the accountants just today and asked the Board members to please review it.
9. In regards to keeping the sidewalks in Preston Hollow free from snow and obstructions, Supervisor Dolce suggested that instead of a letter to homeowners, that he and another councilmember go door-to-door to gather individual feedback. Councilman Rauf expressed his concern over the Town's liability if someone were to slip and fall. Attorney Fallati will draft something to relieve the Town of its liability.
10. The Public Safety Building expenses have not been paid from the monies received from the former Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance.
11. Supervisor Dolce has been studying the Town Law Manual and would like to make sure all departments are trained properly.

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

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

**ATTORNEY**

1. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to pay the Medusa Volunteer Fire Company \$52,500 subject to recoupment of additional Workers Compensation costs of \$707.00 for the cancer benefit. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

Attorney Fallati will look into how to *reimburse* the Tri-Village and Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Companies.

2. The deed has been filed with Albany County regarding the transfer of the former Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance to the Public Safety Building.
3. Attorney Fallati explained that he had submitted the Town's objection to the Parks Department being Lead Agency with respect to the proposed firing range at the former Camp Cass. The Parks Department sent a letter noted that the DEC had no objection to the Parks acting as Lead Agency. The Parks Department

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ment being a State agency, is not subject to any Town Zoning laws, Planning Board approval, permits or the like. Because of this, a logical alternative may be to have the DEC act as Lead Agency, rather than the Parks Department reviewing their own project.

Today, Attorney Fallati received a notice of Scoping Sessions from the Parks Department. The purpose of the public sessions is to provide information on the Facility Plan and associated Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Sessions for the Scoping Process will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>: one from 12 to 2 pm and the other from 6 to 8 pm at the Training Academy.

Attorney Fallati also noted that the SEQR process is subject to judicial review. This means that at the end of the process, the Town retains the right to file an Article 78 proceeding which challenges the SEQRA process. Municipalities cannot stand in the shoes of individual citizens, but they can object if the town can show a town-wide impact such as quality of life.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Attorney's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Rauf.  
*Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Wood*

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates reported that all equipment is up and running.
2. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize Superintendent Bates to rent a broom for one month. The broom will be rented from Finke Equipment for \$1,650 and will be shared with the Town of Westerlo. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.  
*Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Wood*
3. The Highway Department has made it through the heating season, thus far, with waste oil.
4. The lunch room updates are coming along well.
5. Superintendent Bates noted that one of the panels on the roof has blown loose. It appears that there may be some water intrusion and damage to the plywood underneath due to the corroded screws.
6. Superintendent Bates noted that there has been an excess of rodents lately.

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

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

### TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of February as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$353.50. Paid to the Supervisor - \$348.50- the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$117.00; Recycling - \$30.50; Dog Licenses - \$26.00; Building Permits - \$100.00; Zoning - \$75.00. Total: \$348.50  
 Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$5.00

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$4,577.56; \$0.00 in penalties

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$7,072.79; \$25.77 in penalties

Town Clerk Kraker also reported that her new deputy, Michelle Cotter, is working out extremely well, has made great progress and is an asset to the office.

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

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

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### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Lawson reported one Home Replacement, one Woodstove and three R.V. permits for the month of February.
2. The Building Department's computer has been updated remotely, but Officer Lawson would still like B.A.S. to come out in person.
3. A letter was sent requesting a home-owner to safe-off a building that was hit by a car recently. Officer Lawson will be following through on the matter.

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

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

### ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Assessor's Office continues preparing for the 2019 Tentative Tax Roll. Part of the preparations include going out in the field which they will be doing soon, weather permitting.
2. About 95% of the exemption renewals have been turned in.
3. Supervisor Dolce has asked the Assessor's Office to assist in determining the values of town-owned properties for insurance purposes.

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

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

### WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE: No Report

### REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of February as follows: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 3.32 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 45.82 tons; Sierra Fibers: 4.36 tons comingled and 4.12 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 28 gallons; Tires: 5

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

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

### RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

Timothy Lippert reported the following:

- April is National Poetry Month;
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – the Poetry Group meets;
- April 10th - from 3:30 - 5:30 Pete the Cat will be visiting the library;
- April 11th - the Writing Group meets at 7 pm;
- April 13th - is Poetry Open Month at the library;
- April 16th at 7:00 pm is the library's Board of Trustees meeting;
- April 23rd at 6 pm there is a program on Lyme's Disease;
- April 23rd at 7 pm the Poetry Group meets again; and
- The Rensselaerville Ramble is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

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### CURRENT EVENTS

Ron Barnell, spoke on behalf of the Helderberg Earth & Science Observatory. Mr. Barnell is part of a group of scientists and educators who are looking to construct an observatory in the Town of Rensselaerville. They have chosen Rensselaerville because of, among other qualities, its dark sky. The observatory would serve as a facility for the education of area students and the public in various science outreach programs. They are looking for a vacant lot of land (approximately 12 – 20 acres) located at a high elevation with few or no trees or buildings and a full view of the Catskill Mountain skyline. The proposed facility would have the potential to bring many benefits to the Rensselaerville community.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf reported that the Solar Energy Committee is making progress. They have three meetings scheduled in the upcoming weeks and are looking forward to be able to present something to the public soon.
2. Supervisor Dolce has requested Weston & Sampson Engineering to submit a formal letter stating their recommendation on how to move forward with the repair on the dam. It has been suggested that the rocks be moved to expose the pipe and a brace be placed around the break.
3. The sexual harassment training has already been addressed.
4. Supervisor Dolce still awaits word on a start date from the Comptroller's office regarding the audit.
5. A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce to hire ADP Payroll Services for \$390.00/mo. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.  
*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (1) Cooke; Absent (1) Wood*
6. The New York State Park Police Training Academy firing range has already been addressed.
7. A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce to appoint Dwight Taylor Cooke as Zoning Board of Appeals member. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.  
*Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Wood*

### NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to renew the liability insurance\* with Marshall & Sterling Insurance Co., excluding Cyber Security. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dolce.  
*Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Wood*  
*\*Supervisor Dolce will check to make sure the Town is covered for Downstream Exposure*
2. A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce to apply the donation of \$1,100 offered by Albany County Legislator Chris Smith to the Senior Bus Repairs fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.  
*Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Wood*
3. The Town-Wide Picnic will be held at the Medusa Park on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2 - 4:30 pm.
4. Attorney Fallati addressed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE  
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE  
TOWN BOARD

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board has found the auction process to be financially beneficial, allowing the

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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 June 30, 2019, up to an amount of \$10,000; (2) this resolution may be reviewed and re-approved quarterly; (3) the Highway Superintendent shall provide the Town Supervisor prompt notice of any bids and purchases made pursuant to this resolution; and (4) nothing in this resolution is intended to limit the Town Board's authority, by subsequent resolution, to modify or rescind this authority generally or with respect to a particular prospective purchase.

By motion made by Supervisor Dolce and seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019 as follows:

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

End Resolution

5. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize the Town Clerk to solicit bids for the mowing of the hay fields between the Public Safety Building and Town Hall, noting that bids are returnable by April 9, 2019 at 6:45 pm. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dolce.

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

Superintendent Bates offered the services of the Highway Department to remove the fencing along County Route 357 in an effort to neaten the side of the road and make mowing easier.

6. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept and sign the Town Justice audits; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dolce.

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

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

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

8. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the resignation of Deputy Town Clerk, Kathryn Wank; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Marie Dermody made a suggestion to hold two Regular Meetings per month instead of one Work Meeting and one Regular Meeting. She felt business could be conducted at both meetings; there would be no need to reiterate what was discussed at the Work meeting all over again at the Regular meeting; it would lessen the chance of Board members missing both meetings due to sickness or vacation if the meetings were spread further apart; and vendor payments would be paid more regularly.

Councilwoman Cooke suggested the Town send a sympathy card to the family of Westerlo's Supervisor Richard Rapp for the loss of his wife. Councilwoman Sedlmeir would also like to send a sympathy card to the family of Irene Olson who passed away recently. Ms. Olson served as the town's Historian for many years.

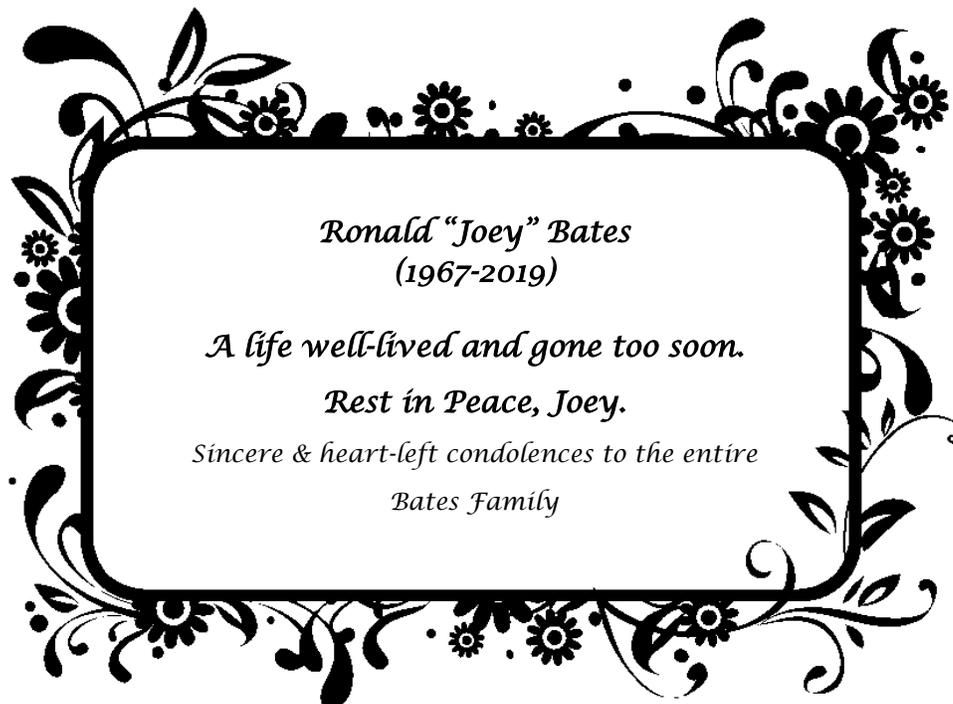
**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dolce.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk





***Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department***

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20th

2:00 p.m. sharp.

Another free event for the kids. Hunt for eggs, meet the bunny, and have some fun. Event will be held at the Rensselaerville Fire House.

We hope to see you there!



**March 16—May 14**

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company Proudly  
Presents:  
Annual Chicken BBQ – Take Out



 **Saturday, April 27, 2019**   
**4 – 6 PM – Pick Up**

**\$13 Dinner includes: ½ chicken, baked potato, roll w/butter, baked beans, coleslaw, brownie, drink**



**Pre Sale Orders ONLY – Quantity is Limited**

**To reserve dinner, please contact:**

**Lynn @ 518 605 9671**

**Deadline: 4/19/19**

**Help support US, so that we may better serve YOU**



## 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



### *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

## New NYS Law Will Require 10-Year Sealed Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors must be hardwired into the home or have 10-year battery after April 1, 2019.

Effective April 1, 2019, the new General Business Law Section 399-ccc requires all new or replacement smoke detectors in New York State to be powered by a 10-year, sealed, non-removable battery or hardwired to the home. According to 399-ccc: "It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to distribute, sell, offer for sale, or import any battery operated smoke detecting alarm device powered by a replaceable or removable battery not capable of powering such device for a minimum of ten years." Starting April 1st Real Estate professionals will no longer be able to market your home with the old detectors in place either, you will have to replace them before you can rent or sell the home or apartment in NYS.

Here are some FAQ's about 10-year sealed smoke alarms:

√ Are they more expensive than non-sealed alarms?

Up front? Yes. In the long term? No. Most 10-year sealed smoke alarms range in price from roughly \$20-\$30, making their initial investment higher than a non-sealed alarm, but non-sealed alarms require annual battery changes. The cost of these replacement batteries average \$38 over their 10-year life span, meaning they ultimately cost more than the sealed version.

√ Do they really last 10 years?

Yes! The sealed lithium battery (included) will never have to be replaced throughout the life of the alarm, giving you a decade of peace of mind even in the event of a power outage. Like all safety alarms, 10-year sealed smoke alarms should still be tested at least once each year using the button on the front of the unit to ensure they are working properly.

√ Will the alarm sound every time I'm cooking something?

No. There are 10-year sealed alarms designed for the kitchen with advanced sensors that can tell the difference between cooking smoke and real fire. The dangerous habit of disabling or removing smoke alarms after a nuisance alarm while cooking is a major part of why this new legislation went into effect, so alarm manufacturers considered this issue in the design of 10-year sealed alarms. You are very likely to experience less nuisance alarms than you did with your traditional battery alarm.

√ Are 10-year sealed smoke alarms better than hard-wired smoke alarms?

There are advantages to both systems. Hard-wired smoke alarms tie into your home's wiring and require professional installation, but generally do not require battery changes unless they feature a backup battery. 10-year sealed battery-only alarms are simple to install, and they work during a power failure. All smoke alarms have a life span of 10 years, sealed or non-sealed, and should be tested on a regular basis. When the battery wears out in a 10-year sealed alarm, the entire unit must be replaced, which helps prevent outdated units from staying in circulation.

√ What about landlords and their rental properties?

10-year sealed alarms offer security and convenience to landlords, who are legally required by New York State to provide smoke detectors in their rental properties. The tamper-proof design of these alarms prevents tenants from taking the batteries out due to nuisance alarms, or to use the batteries for another purpose. The 10-year lifespan of these lithium batteries mean fewer changes, and less equipment updates. Overall, there is a lesser chance of equipment failure in the event of a fire. It's a win-win situation for both landlords and their tenants.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/SchoharieCo.FireWire/posts/1200800856733721>

# Annual Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day

## Saturday, May 18, 2019

Rain, Snow or Sunshine

Rensselaerville Fire Company Battalion sponsors this major fundraiser. The Battalion will advertise using multi-media outlets. Your sale will be listed on a map, which will be available the morning of the sale for \$1.00 at the Firehouse on State Route 85. Your sale should be open from 9:00 to 4:00 Please send you registration form and \$15 registration fee to:

*Make checks payable to RFVD Battalion*

**RVFD Battalion**

**1364 CR 351**

**Rensselaerville, New York 12147**

If you have any questions, please call Rose Kuhar at 518- 797-3360 Registration must be received by May 11 Vendors should contact Emily Warburton- [emilyfrancine@gmail.com](mailto:emilyfrancine@gmail.com), 1-914-473-6029

Refreshments and maps will be available at the firehouse between 9 and 3.

Week before the sale your number will be emailed or a letter will be sent

**Garage Sale/Vendor Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (will email you your Number) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Site of Sale: Road name or route #, 911 number, miles from village, color of house and anything other descriptive information: (if vendor – you will be assigned a space in Town Park) \_\_\_\_\_

Description of items for sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed description will attract potential customers to your sale. Clean, clearly priced items that are spread out for display are more likely to sell.

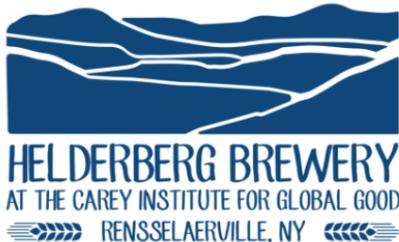
If you would like to set up at the Village Park (playground) we ask for an \$25 refundable fee that will be returned at 4:00, if all items and trash are removed – this is a carry in-carry out park. Please contact Emily Warburton for more information.

CAREY INSTITUTE  
FOR GLOBAL GOOD



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For more information about what is happening at the Carey Institute for Global good, read the recent E-Newsletter by visiting the website at [www.careyinstitute.org](http://www.careyinstitute.org).



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

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



**Senior Citizens Info**

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

The Town of Rensselaerville Senior Citizens meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Medusa Fire House at noon. Anyone 55 years of age and older can join. Dues are \$8.00 a year and are due in June. We collect \$1.00 a month at the meeting for coffee, milk, etc. Please bring a covered dish to share. We eat promptly at noon and the meeting commences afterward. We have a picnic in August; in November, we have a Thanksgiving dinner at a local restaurant; and in December we have a Christmas dinner also. We have bus trips in the summer and fall. For further information, call Tom Snyder, President, at 518-239-4376.

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

Additional Important Phone Numbers:

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

**On the Calendar**

Apr 1		<b>APRIL FOOL'S DAY!</b>	
Apr 7	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Apr 7	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Apr 9	7:00 pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
Apr 11	7:00 pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
Apr 14	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Apr 14	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Apr 19		<b>PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN</b>	
Apr 20	7am-11am	Medusa VFD Breakfast- Free Will Offering	Medusa Firehouse
Apr 21		<b>HAPPY EASTER</b>	
Apr 21	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Apr 21	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Apr 28	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Apr 28	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville

**Looking Ahead:**

May 4<sup>th</sup> – The Medusa Fire Co. is planning on having the Medusa Fest on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm. There will be more information in the future.

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

Please get events to Bill Moore...  
 by phone – 518-239-4843;  
 by e-mail – [whmoore44@yahoo.com](mailto:whmoore44@yahoo.com); or  
 by mail to: 11 CR 351, Medusa, NY 12120.



Library News



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

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

Rensselaerville Library  
 Schedule of Events through October 2018

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

APRIL

New Hours Starting 4/2

**Tuesday**  
 10-1pm & 3-8pm  
**Wednesday**  
 10-1pm & 3-6pm  
**Thursday**  
 10-1pm & 3-8pm  
**Friday**  
 3-7pm  
**Saturday**  
 10-2pm

Have you logged your exercise for the Library Moon Walk?

[www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/health-literacy.html](http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/health-literacy.html)

Starting April 2  
 Rensselaerville Library  
 is going **Fine Free!**  
**Come start a new chapter with us!**

The Rensselaerville Library is adopting a fine free policy for late items. Fees for lost and damaged items will continue to apply. This applies to Rensselaerville Library cards used at Rensselaerville Library. If you use your Rensselaerville Library card at other libraries in the System, you will be responsible for that Library's lending rules.

Fine Free ensures that libraries are for everyone resulting in a strong community.



April is **National Poetry Month**. Now in its third year, the Poem-A-Day Project, hosted by the Rensselaerville Library in celebration of National Poetry Month, showcases a poem for each of the 30 days of April by a local or not-so-local poet. Check it out at the Library's website [www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/poetry-month.html](http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/poetry-month.html)

9 – 7pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

10 – 3:30 to 5:30 – **Pete the Cat** will be visiting the Library. Pete the Cat is a rock'n cool children's book character. Pete will be available for photos as well as encourage kids to read his stories. Kids drop in to participate in the activities, Pete the Cat stories and

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create Pete the Cat inspired poetry.

11 – 11am – **Looking for Health Related Information? This Workshop will walk you through how to find trusted information online.** Kim will offer a workshop on the basics of Medline Plus and the variety of resources and tools available online through the National Library of Medicine.

11 – 7pm – **Writing Group:** Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome.

13 – 2pm – **Poetry Open Mic** at the Library. In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Rensselaerville Library Poetry Group will host a Community Open Mic. Readers of all ages are invited to read their poem(s) & will receive a rare, much-sought-after refrigerator magnet in recognition of their participation!

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

23 – 6pm – **Learn about Lyme Disease. Author Mary Beth Pfeiffer.** The growing threat of Lyme disease will be the subject of an informational event with Mary Beth Pfeiffer, an investigative journalist and author of a new book on the tick-borne illness. In her book, *Lyme: The First Epidemic of Climate Change*, Pfeiffer documents the spread of Lyme disease around the globe as ticks move to places they could not survive before. The disease infects half a million people in the US and Europe each year and thousands in many other countries. Pfeiffer will discuss how modern medicine has underestimated the epidemic's danger by framing Lyme disease, mistakenly, as easy to diagnose and straightforward to treat. Pfeiffer's reporting, which is based on scores of interviews and a review of more than 300 scientific papers, won her the Society of Professional Journalists' Sigma Delta Chi award, among seven honors for her articles on Lyme disease. This is a Moon Walk program.

23 – 7pm – **Poetry Group:** Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

27 – 3pm - **Favorite Poem Project** at the Library - We invite EVERYONE to bring a favorite poem to read. Do you remember a poem sent to you by a friend or lover, or read in a book or magazine? Or are you a poet with a favorite original poem to share? Or would you just enjoy the pleasure of getting to know your neighbors in new ways as they read aloud their favorite and/or original poems? If your response is “yes” to any of these questions please **bring a poem to share or simply come to listen** at the Rensselaerville Library's 14th Annual Favorite Poem Celebration. Enjoy an afternoon of poetry, light refreshments, and good company. **Readers may sign up at the Library beginning at 2:45 pm.**

### Job Opportunity!

Rensselaerville Library is seeking an enthusiastic and energetic person to join our team. The primary responsibility of the Youth Services Coordinator position is to plan, promote, implement and evaluate youth literacy and STEAM related programming. This person should have experience working with children of all ages and a strong background in children's literature, media, and technology. The coordinator will also staff the circulation desk and handle routine customer service tasks. This is a flexible six hour per week position at a rate of \$13.50/hour. Please submit letter of interest, resume and application by April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [www.rensseleavillelibrary.org/staff.html](http://www.rensseleavillelibrary.org/staff.html) for the position description and application process. Or call the Library at 518.797.3949 and speak with Kim.

# Rensselaerville Library

**NEW  
HOURS  
4/2/19**

## Hours

**FINE  
FREE**

### **TUESDAY**

10:00am – 1:00pm  
3:00pm - 8:00pm

### **WEDNESDAY**

10:00am – 1:00pm  
3:00pm - 6:00pm

### **THURSDAY**

10:00am – 1:00pm  
3:00pm - 8:00pm

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24/7**

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### **FRIDAY**

3:00pm - 7:00pm

### **SATURDAY**

10:00am - 2:00pm

**1459 CR 351  
Rensselaerville**

Closed on Sunday, Monday and Holidays.  
We look forward to seeing you!

# RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY'S

## 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATION

### OF NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

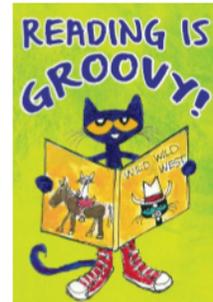
#### TODAY'S POEM ON THE WEB

Now in its third year, the Poem-A-Day Project, hosted by the Rensselaerville Library in celebration of National Poetry Month, showcases a poem for each of the 30 days of April by a local or not-so-local poet. After the poem features, it will remain online for the rest of the month. Visit the Library's website throughout the month to view a new poem each day.

#### SCHEDULED EVENTS

#### Kids Meet Pete the Cat - 3:30 pm Wednesday, April 10

The book character Pete the Cat will be visiting. Kids come meet Pete and have your photo taken. Amongst the many activities, kids will create their own poetry with inspiration from Pete the Cat. This is a drop-in program between 3:30pm and 5:30pm.



#### Poetry Open Mic - 2:00-4:00 pm Saturday, April 13

**I READ MY POEM AT  
RENSSELAERVILLE  
LIBRARY'S  
POETRY DAY 2019**

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Rensselaerville Library Poetry Group will host a Community Open Mic. Readers of all ages are invited to read their poem(s) & will receive a rare, much-sought-after refrigerator magnet in recognition of their participation!

#### Favorite Poem Project - 3:00-5:00pm Saturday, April 27

We invite EVERYONE to bring a favorite poem to read. Do you remember a poem sent to you by a friend or lover, or read in a book or magazine? Or are you a poet with a favorite original poem to share? Or would you just enjoy the pleasure of getting to know your neighbors in new ways as they read aloud their favorite and/or original poems? If your response is "yes" to any of these questions please **bring a poem to share or simply come to listen** at the Rensselaerville Library's 14th Annual Favorite Poem Celebration. Enjoy an afternoon of poetry, light refreshments, and good company.

**Readers may sign up at the Library beginning at 2:45 pm.**

United States Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky began the Favorite Poem Project back in 1998. It was designed to bring communities together by celebrating, documenting and encouraging poetry's role in our lives. As a result, in small towns and cities across America, firemen, teachers, farmers, nurses, doctors, carpenters, plumbers, factory workers, children, policemen, vets, seniors, etc - poets and non-poets alike - come together every April to share their favorite poems.



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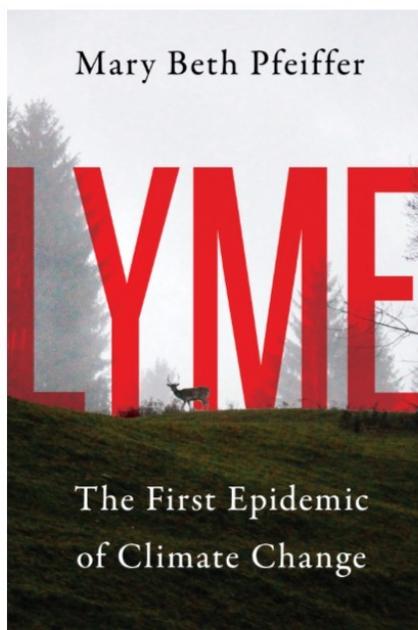
For More Poetry Information:

[www.renssealaervillelibrary.org/poetry-month.html](http://www.renssealaervillelibrary.org/poetry-month.html)

# Rensselaerville Library Learn About Lyme Disease

With Author **Mary Beth Pfeiffer**

**Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6pm**



Lyme disease is spreading rapidly around the globe as ticks move into places they could not survive before. The first epidemic to emerge in the age of climate change, the disease infects half a million people around the world.

Learn how we have contributed to this growing menace, and how modern medicine has underestimated its danger.

Pfeiffer also warns of the emergence of other tick-borne illnesses that make Lyme more difficult to treat and pose their own grave risks.

Mary Beth Pfeiffer has been a journalist for four decades. Since 2012, Pfeiffer has emerged as the nation's leading investigative reporter on Lyme disease, attracting national and international attention and garnering seven awards for her groundbreaking articles on this tick-borne scourge. Pfeiffer reported for 30 years for the Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal, where her Lyme articles were first published. She resides in the Hudson Valley of New York. Her Lyme disease articles have also appeared in Scientific American, the Toronto Globe and Mail, Aeon magazine, Newsday, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Newark Star Ledger.



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# RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

## Is Going Fine Free!

Come start a new chapter with us!



**Starting April 2, 2019**

The Rensselaerville Library is adopting a fine free policy for late items. Fees for lost and damaged items will continue to apply.

### **What does fine free mean?**

We are eliminating late fees.

### **What about other fines and fees?**

We will still charge fees for lost & damaged items.

### **Are there any restrictions on borrowing if items are "lost"?**

New items will be listed as "lost" earlier. Items currently go into lost at 31 days this will now be 7 days for new items. Old items will be listed as "lost"

at 14 days. Patron's cards will be blocked and you will not be able to borrow items until these lost items are returned.

### **What cardholders are impacted by the fine free policy**

Items checked out from Rensselaerville will be fine free for all UHLS cardholders, regardless of which Library owns the items or where the items are returned.

If a Rensselaerville card holder checks out items at another Library they will be responsible for that Library's lending policy.

**Donations are welcome.**

Fine Free ensures that libraries are for everyone resulting in a strong community.

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## effective communication strategies



### an education program by the alzheimer's association

Communication is more than just talking and listening—it's also about sending and receiving messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language. As people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias progress in their journey and the ability to use words is lost, other need new ways to connect. Join us to explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral

**DATE: Wednesday, May 1, 2019**

**TIME: 3 - 4pm**

**LOCATION: Rensselaerville Library, 1459 County Route 351, Rensselaerville, NY 12147**

To register, please call Victor Coles at 518.867.4999 ext. 200 or e-mail: [vicoles@alz.org](mailto:vicoles@alz.org) or go to <http://www.communityresourcefinder.org/> Click on Alzheimer's Association Programs and Events

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This program is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

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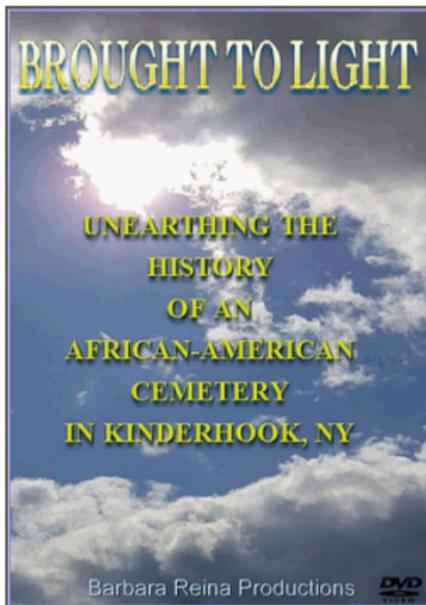
## ***BROUGHT TO LIGHT***

### **Video Viewing & Discussion**

with **Barbara Reina**

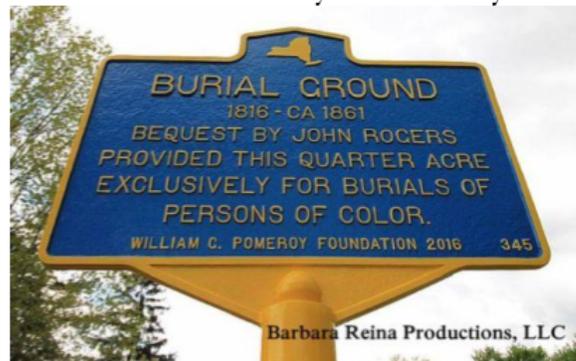
**Sunday, May 5, 2019**

**Conkling Hall @ 3pm**



The Rensselaerville Historical Society, Rensselaerville Library and Conkling Hall are sponsoring the viewing of the documentary *BROUGHT TO LIGHT*.

Filmmaker Barbara Reina, the content writer, photographer and videographer of *Brought To Light* will provide background on the documentary and answer questions. The documentary is about unearthing the history of an African-American Cemetery. It is a story of rediscovery, respect and change in Kinderhook, NY where a few villager's efforts



to clean up some stone markers in an overgrown field leads to the rediscovery of a forgotten, "slaves cemetery" in which hundreds of African-Americans were buried in the 1800s. The Documentary is a portal to the past on the lives of Kinderhook's lesser-known non-white population.

**Copies of the DVD will be available for purchase.**

**Conkling Hall is located at 8 Methodist Hill Road, Rensselaerville, NY 12147**



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Barbara Reina has a background in print and broadcast journalism. More information can be found at [www.barbarareina.com](http://www.barbarareina.com)

# Rensselaerville Library

## FEELING STUCK IN A DEAD- END JOB?



Marsha Lazarus  
Rensselaerville Library  
5/16/19 | 6:00pm

Learn a different, more effective approach to getting your foot in the door and finding a position that matches you. Discover job-seeking strategies to enable you to uncover career/job opportunities that match your interests, talents, and goals, and to connect with potential "door openers." Leave with greater clarity about your goals and begin to identify and take those next steps!



This program is supported by funds from the New York State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services Program, in partnership with the Capital Region Workforce Development Board.



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Marsha Lazarus brings a wealth of career readiness and workplace training experience. Marsha will assist individuals to recognize their strengths and find positions that match these qualities/values. She has an excellent track record of connecting job seekers to well-matched job opportunities. A longtime Director of Workforce Development with the Mental Health Association in N.Y.S. (MHANYS), she now devotes herself full-time to career coaching and training through her organization, "Your Career Fit Matters."

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MARSHA LAZARUS | RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

# RESUME CRITIQUING

5/30/19 | 4:00pm - 7:00 pm

Please contact the library to register for a 30 minute time slot with Marsha.

Marsha Lazarus will provide Resume-Critiquing (30-minute slots): This is helpful to individuals who have resumes that they would like strengthened or updated. Participants must register for a 30 minute slot. Please call the Library at 518.797.3949



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**A Special Message for Town of Rensselaerville Students**



April 19



April 15



April 21



April 22

### 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.**

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

#### Lego Fun!

**Ages 3 & Up Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00**

**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!



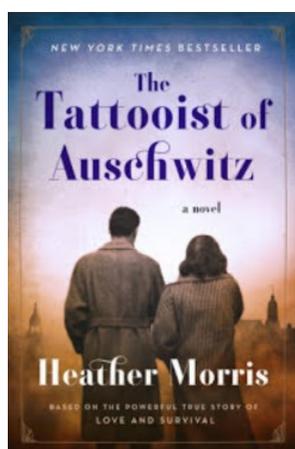
## Library News - Greenville Library

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

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

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



Greenville Public Library Book Club April 17th 6:30-7:30 pm in the Library. April's book will be *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris. Discussion will be led by Melissa Palmer, Greenville HS English Teacher. People should come having already read the book.

### Greenville Local History Group

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

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

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

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

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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

**4/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 10:45 AM - Drop-in Storytime** - This fun and interactive program is meant for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers, although older siblings are always welcome! We read books, sing songs, play games, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. *No registration required.*

**4/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 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.

**4/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 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.

**4/3, 17 - 11:00 AM - Storytime with Miss Doreen -**

**4/3** - Water & Bubbles

**4/17** - The cutest baby animals!

**4/3 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - "Black Klansman" ( R )** - Ron Stallworth, an African American police officer from Colorado Springs, CO, successfully manages to infiltrate the local Ku Klux Klan branch with the help of a Jewish surrogate who eventually becomes its leader. Based on actual events. *No registration required. Free popcorn!*

**4/4, 11, 18, 25 - 10:30 AM - Library Moon Walk - Indoor Walking Workout - Continued through April** - During this time of year when the weather is unpredictable, walking outside can be a challenge. Why not walk with us inside the library as we work through Leslie Sansone's **Walk at Home** workout videos. These "Walking" workouts burn more calories than a stroll around the park because they focus on a series of multi-muscle moves. A higher muscle engagement leads to higher calorie burn and of course more muscle tone all while being easy on the joints! Walking is the most natural and effective way to health and wellness, and works for anyone, any age, any size and anywhere. Classes will be 30 - 40 minutes long with time for cool down and conversation and will be led by our resident yoga instructor Vicki Degroff. Please wear loose fitting and comfortable clothing. **Registration is required.**

**4/5, 19 - 10:00-11:00 - Tai Chi with Earl O'Bryan** - Tai Chi and Qigong, from China, is the cultivation of human energy. Gentle slow movements, strengthen the body and calm the mind. These practices have been used for agility, balance, cognition and longevity.

Join us on Fridays 10-11:00 am. Suggested donation, \$5.00. Please use back entrance as the library is closed on Fridays.

**4/5, 19 - 11:00-1:00 - Home Educators of Schoharie County** - HEGS (Home Educators Group of Schoharie County) is a group of homeschooling families with a wide variety of backgrounds, approaches to education, and religious affiliations. We exist to provide secular support for homeschooling families, offer information about homeschooling, and to allow for the sharing of educational opportunities. We hope to increase public awareness, acceptance, and support of home education in Schoharie County. Please check out our Facebook page. Or contact Rebecca at [veggiemamma@yahoo.com](mailto:veggiemamma@yahoo.com) for more information. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 11 - 1.

**4/8 - 6:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - The public is welcome.**

**4/11 - 1:00-3:00 PM - Book Discussion - "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller** - The Crucible is a 1953 play by American playwright Arthur Miller. It is a dramatized and partially fictionalized story of the Salem witch trials that took place in the Massachusetts Bay Colony during 1692-1693.

## Library News - - Middleburgh Library

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**4/12, 26- 10:00-11:00 AM - Qigong with Debbie Krol** - Tai Chi and Qigong, from China, is the cultivation of human energy. Gentle slow movements, strengthen the body and calm the mind. These practices have been used for agility, balance, cognition and longevity.

Join us on Fridays 10-11:00 am. Suggested donation, \$5.00. Please use back entrance as the library is closed on Fridays.

**4/12 - 7:00 PM - "Was That Bigfoot I Saw?"** - Field Researcher, Gary Robusto, head of the New York Bigfoot Society based in Albany NY, will be discussing the topics of the possible existence of Bigfoot living in NY. He will go over potential evidence gathered from field cases (even some here in Schoharie County), equipment that is used along with talk about sighting report claims throughout NY. If you have a interest in all things Bigfoot and monsters then this will be the event for you! **Registration is suggested. Refreshments will be served.**

**4/13 - 1:00 PM - Volunteer Open House at the Dr. Best House** - Have you always wondered what it would be like to volunteer at the Dr. Best House? Join us on Saturday for some food and fun and find out how you can get involved! **Please call (518) 827-7200 or register online.** The Dr. Best House and Medical Exhibit is located at 1568 Clauverwie Rd. Middleburgh, New York 12122. *Sponsored by The Dr. Best House & Medical Museum.*

**4/14 - 7:00 PM - Concert - "Nancy Tucker"** - Nancy Tucker blends outrageous squeaky clean comedy, spirited guitar instrumentals and moving songs of human experience in her shows for people of all ages. Her music and comedy center around a passion for life and laughter. Her guitar instrumentals have been compared to those of Michael Hedges and Leo Kottke, with a flair for unusual and kinetic compositions using every part of the guitar, including a guitar attachment of her own invention. No matter what the venue, Nancy captures each audience's imagination and heart with gentle invitation and contagious lunacy.

No registration required. Tickets are available at the door. A \$10.00 donation is suggested. Please use back entrance.

**4/15 - 7:00 PM - Adventures in Relaxation and Mindfulness** - Join us in this interactive workshop to guide you in the process of getting more mindful and deeply relaxed so you have the tools to navigate life in a more holistic and balanced way. Open to both men and women. *This workshop is taught by energy healer Eileen Knott.* **Registration is required.**

**4/16 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "Nine Perfect Strangers" by Liane Moriarty** - Nine people gather at a remote health resort. Some are here to lose weight, some are here to get a reboot on life, some are here for reasons they can't even admit to themselves. Amidst all of the luxury and pampering, the mindfulness and meditation, they know these ten days might involve some real work. But none of them could imagine just how challenging the next ten days are going to be.

**Please Note: Time and location may change as we are trying out different venues for our discussion.**

**4/17 - 1:00 PM - Lunch & a Movie - "Vice" ( R )** - Our popular night time program during the day! The library will provide pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert or snack to share. This month's movie will be **Vice** starring Christian Bale and Amy Adams. Governor George W. Bush of Texas picks Dick Cheney, the CEO of Halliburton Co, to be his Republican running mate in the 2000 presidential election. No stranger to politics, Cheney's impressive resume includes stints as White House chief of staff, House Minority Whip and defense secretary. When Bush wins by a narrow margin, Cheney begins to use his newfound power to help reshape the country and the world. **Registration is limited and required.**

### Library News - Middleburgh Library

**4/25 - 1:00-2:00 PM - For The Birds - This program is for kids in preschool through 6th grade.** Join us while we learn about birds in this hands-on program! We will talk about birds, be birds and experiment why all types of birds have different beaks and claws. Make a bird feeder to take home and a bird treat to leave for the birds at the libraries new bird space! **Registration is required.**

**4/25 - 4:00 PM - Angora Wool Spinning - For kids in Kindergarten on up.** Angora rabbits provide the softest fiber for spinning, and enjoy being groomed to remove their long continuously growing coats. After making their very own drop spindle, kids get to brush rabbits to collect fiber. Then they can spin the softest yarn for themselves and bring it home. Learn proper rabbit care and maintenance, along with information on how to manage your own angora rabbit farm. **Registration is required.**

**4/26 - 1:00-4:00 PM - Hearthstone Fireside Gathering - This program is for kids ages 12-18. Registration is required, please call, sign up online, or stop at the circulation desk.** Hey Teens! Do you love Hearthstone? Looking for other worthy opponents to challenge? Want to just enjoy the game with likeminded Hearthstone players in our area? Then Fireside Gatherings are exactly what you're looking for! No worries if you haven't played. Get the app and bring your device to the program. All experience levels are welcome! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

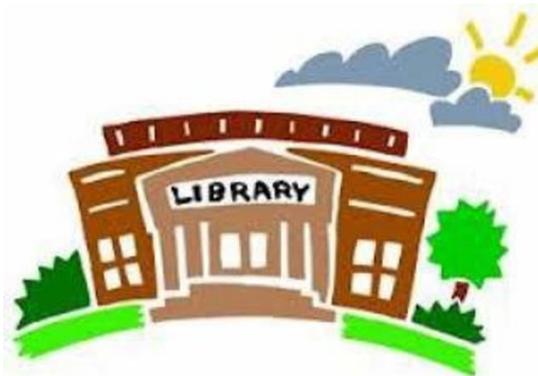
**4/27 - 1:00 PM - Woven Blooms - For kids 7 and up.** What better way to celebrate Spring than to create some colorful flowers using simple materials! Children will color a pre-cut flower using markers or crayons, then learn to weave in a circle to fill in the center of the flower. Fringes and beads will finish off the center of these beautiful blooms. **Registration is required.**

**4/30 - 6:20-7:30 PM - Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group - This program is open to anyone caring for a Alzheimer's patient.**

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

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



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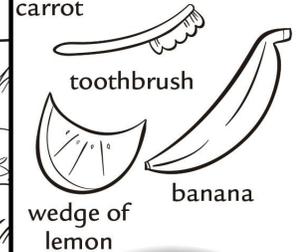
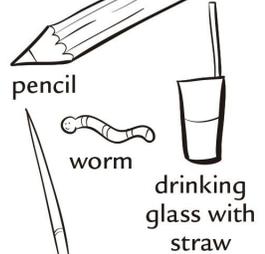
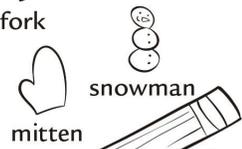
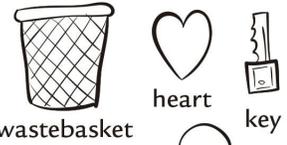
# Hidden Pictures®

## "This Way, Hikers!"

By Jennifer Harney



Can you find these  
**Hidden Pictures®**



**BONUS!**

Can you also find the rabbit, magnifying glass, mushroom, and pushpin?

In this big picture, find the wastebasket, ice-cream cone, heart, fork, pencil, key, mitten, book, slice of bread, carrot, banana, wedge of lemon, artist's brush, drinking glass with straw, toothbrush, feather, worm, and snowman.



**Rensselaerville Historical Society, et al****Hudson Valley Documentary Uncovers Black History**

**SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY, MAY 5 at 3pm  
Conkling Hall, 8 Methodist Hill Rd, Rensselaerville**

The Rensselaerville Historical Society, Rensselaerville Library, and Conkling Hall are sponsoring the viewing of the documentary **BROUGHT TO LIGHT**. Filmmaker Barbara Reina, the content writer, photographer and videographer of *Brought To Light* will provide background on the documentary and answer questions. The documentary is about unearthing the history of an African-American Cemetery. It is a story of rediscovery, respect, and change in Kinderhook, NY where a few villagers' efforts to clean up some stone markers in an overgrown field leads to the rediscovery of a forgotten, "slaves cemetery" in which hundreds of African-Americans were buried in the 1800s. The Documentary is a portal to the past on the lives of Kinderhook's lesser-known non-white population.

This documentary has brought to light the interest in rediscovery of slaves in the Town of Rensselaerville. Not much is known about this local population and we are hoping you can help us to identify: How many slaves were in Rensselaerville? Do you know of any families that had slaves? Have any stories been passed down through your family? If so, would you please share any information with the Historical Society?

**Looking for Artists**

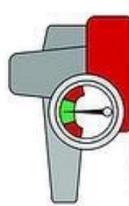
The last two years the Rensselaerville Historical Society has hosted an Art Show for two weekends during the summer at the Historic Grist Mill on Main Street in Rensselaerville. We are again looking for artists who would like to display one or more pieces of their work. The Historical Society would like to have artists that represent the whole township including Preston Hollow, Medusa and Potters Hollow, Cooksburg as well as Rensselaerville. Amateurs and professions are welcome plus we are looking for middle and high school students. The only requirement to participate is to live in the town of Rensselaerville now or sometime in the past. Relatives or friends are encouraged to honor artists who are no longer with us by submitting their work. All medium are welcome. Last year we had paintings and sketches, carvings, needle work, large metal sculptures, photographs and more. This year's show is planned to take place July 19 - 28 and will be open two weekends. Please share this information with Rensselaerville artists. We need contact information from all interested artists. More details will follow later in the spring.

Please send artist name, email, telephone number and mailing address to the following email or post office address.

[Rensselaervillesitoricalsoc@gmail.com](mailto:Rensselaervillesitoricalsoc@gmail.com)

Rensselaerville Historical Society  
P.O. Box 8  
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

# Using The Correct Fire Extinguisher



**Water**

For use on



Wood, Paper, Textiles etc



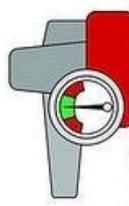
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Flammable liquid



Live electrical equipment



**Dry Powder**

For use on



Wood, Paper, Textiles etc



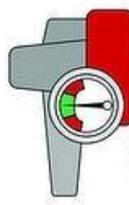
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Gaseous fires



Live electrical equipment



**Foam**

For use on



Wood, Paper, Textiles etc



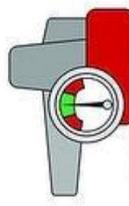
Flammable liquids



**Do not use on**



Live electrical equipment



**CO2**

For use on



Flammable liquids



Live electrical equipment



**Do not use on**

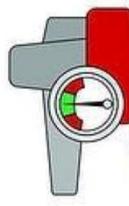


Wood, paper and textiles



Flammable metal fires

Do not use in a confined space



**Wet Chemical**

For use on



Cooking oil fires



Wood, Paper, Textiles etc.

Discharge entire contents on to fire from at least 1 metre distance

# FESTIVAL AT THE FINISH



## WHEN

**8th Annual Middleburgh  
Slughter Canoe/Kayak Regatta  
Saturday, April 13  
11 am - 3pm**

## WHERE

**Timothy Murphy Park  
Rt. 145/Rt. 30S, Middleburgh**

**FEATURING • High on the Hog • ARC Hot Dog Cart •  
Red Wagon Trio, with sets from Plupen and David  
Jenkins • NY Wildlife Rescue Birds of Prey Exhibit • Girl  
Scout Cookie Sales • Schoharie River Center Activities •  
MCS Envirothon American Chestnut Activities  
• Under the Nose Sweets and Treats**

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RACERS  
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ROTARY'S WWII/  
KOREAN CONFLICT  
MONUMENT FUND**

**THIS MONUMENT  
WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO  
OUR LOCAL SOLDIERS  
WHO SERVED DURING  
WWII & THE KOREAN  
CONFLICT**

**Join us for a  
fun day!**

# 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*



## CAREY INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL GOOD

### Upcoming Events

Event: Ascending Afghanistan Film Screening with live Q&A

Date: Sunday, March 31 Time: 7pm-10pm

Location: Guggenheim Performance Hall, at the Carey Institute Address: 63 Huyck Rd. Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Description: View this incredible film, meet Ascend Executive Director Marina LeGree and Special Projects Manager Sarah Kuehl, and engage in a live Q&A with Ascend program participants from Kabul via Skype. Ascend - Leadership Through Athletics is an American nonprofit organization providing leadership development programs to women in Afghanistan.

Event: Featured Artist for April/May: Amy DiGi

Date: April 1-May 31 Time: 9am-5pm

Location: Guggenheim Performance Hall, at the Carey Institute Address: 63 Huyck Rd. Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Description: While spending time in the Catskills, Amy DiGi discovers beautiful scenes which are timelessly captured on canvas. Working "en plein air" allows her to physically paint in her surroundings using her senses to collect information. This data becomes the inspiration for each painting.

Event: Carey On Tap Presents: 977 Days Captive on the Somali Pirate Coast

Date: Saturday, April 6 Time: 7pm-10pm

Location: Helderberg Brewery Taproom Address: 26 County Rt. 353, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Description: Join us for an evening with Michael Scott Moore, author of "Sweetness and Blood" and "The Desert and the Sea" as he recounts his three-year captivity by Somali pirates. Moore examines the intricacies of foreign policy, religious extremism and the costs of survival. In January 2012 Moore traveled to the Horn of Africa to write about piracy and ways to end it. In a terrible twist of fate, Moore himself was kidnapped and subsequently held captive by Somali pirates for 977 days.

Event: Artist Reception: Amy DiGi

Date: Saturday, April 13 Time: 2pm-4pm

Location: Guggenheim Performance Hall, at the Carey Institute Address: 63 Huyck Rd. Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Description: "En plein air" painting fosters unique experiences. Sometimes there are exchanges with people driving past as she paints on the side of the road or with people attending an event like the hot air balloons festival in Cairo and sometimes she is painting in a pasture keeping company with little critters like birds and squirrels. Since each day is unique, there is no formula for her work; only a constant search to translate each experience into art and life.



The Carey Institute for Global Good is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2012 by Wm. Polk Carey and is dedicated to building a strong, educated and just society. We provide education, tools and resources to practitioners of the global good to help them succeed. We put practitioners first—teachers, journalists, farmers—because we know that they have the power to change their communities and inspire others to do the same.

## Quiet life in Rensselaerville or Expansive Gun Range?

*[Editor's Note: This information comes directly from the home page of Hilltown Strong.]*

**Hilltown Strong** is a community-based organization focused on keeping our rural life safe and peaceful.

The NYS Park Police are intent on re-opening and expanding a very large shooting facility on a very small property.

The intense shooting from the Park Police range built in 2017:

- ruined the existing tranquility of the area
- endangered our groundwater
- endangered trout streams
- devastated property values

In response, we sued them under Article 78. Use of the range was ended by the 2018 lawsuit settlement, but now the

**Park Police want to reopen the range and add a Shoot House.**

### What can I do?

Look at the extensive documentation at Hilltown Strong - including the PARKS EIS Scope document - and decide if a new shooting range is a good fit in the existing community. Consider the effects the range may have on the local community, housing, land use, aesthetics, and cultural values.

Email or send your comments to PARKS before April 12, 2019.

Email or call State Assembly and Senate members and let them know what you think about this range. They need to hear from you.

Whether you help through monetary donations, contacting our State politicians, volunteering your time, or spreading the word, thank you.

We can't accomplish our goals without your help!

<https://hilltownstrong.org/>

Check out the website for up-to-date information regarding this matter.



Painting by Susan Story, [www.susanmstory.com](http://www.susanmstory.com)



**BLOOD DRIVES**

**Saturday, April 13, 2019**

**Rensselaerville Public Safety Building**

380 Fox Creek Rd  
Medusa, NY 12120

6.2 mi | 07:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**More Details**

Power Red Blood

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

**Middleburgh Reformed Church**

178 River St  
Middleburgh, NY 12122

0.0 mi | 02:00 PM - 07:00 PM

**More Details**

Power Red Blood



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



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

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Town Councilman	Brian Wood	bwood@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilwoman	Margaret Sedlmeir	msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com
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Highway Superintendent Clerk	Kim Welsch	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Assessors Clerk Hours: M-Th: 9am-12pm Assessor Hours: Th: 6:30pm-8:30pm	Donna Kropp Jeffry Pine Kathryn Wank	assessors@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer Office Hours: Th: 8am-10am	Edwin Lawson	codeenforcement@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
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Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings: 1st Th @ 6:30pm	Anthony Guadagno	spfleging@rensselaerville.com
Board of Ethics	Mary Anne Overbaugh	ethicsboard@rensselaerville.com
Dog Control Officer	Cheryl Tefft-Baitsholts	Phone: 728-8082
Refuse/Recycling Coordinator Refuse Station Hours: W, Sa: 7am-3:45pm	Jon Whitbeck	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Town Hall		Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798 Fax: 239-6339

**Albany Co. Hwy Dept.**  
239-6715; 239-6710  
  
Town Meetings:  
Work: Tues. preceding  
monthly mtg  
Regular: 2nd Thurs  
@7pm

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## HUYCK PRESERVE

### Now Enrolling for Summer 2019!

Summer Programs like [Nature Study \(K-5\)](#), the [Natural History Day Program \(6-8\)](#), and [Wildlife Ecology Research Day Program \(9-12\)](#) provide unique field-based learning experiences by giving students the opportunity to explore nature, ask questions, and carry out research projects while learning about the various facets of field biology. In the process, students enhance their skills in observation, critical thinking, and collaboration. We at the Huyck Preserve believe that such an approach provides not only an in-depth perspective of how science is done, but builds students' understanding of the environment that surrounds them.

The Huyck Preserve is an excellent place for field-based research learning experiences because of our 80-year history as a research institution. Since 1931 the Preserve has supported research in fields such as behavioral, forest, aquatic, and evolutionary ecology, bringing in researchers from all over the world. In 1938, an official biological research station was started at the Preserve. Visiting researchers continue to help shape our summer programming by giving students the chance to interact with scientists from around the globe and gain authentic hands-on experiences in field research.

To learn more about our summer education programs and to get application forms, follow the links below.

#### [Wildlife Ecology Research](#)

9th-12th grades

#### [Natural History Day Program](#)

6th-8th grades

#### [Nature Study](#)

K-5th grades

Support for our 2019 education program comes from the following:



#### **American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary**

Did you know there is an American Legion Post in the Town of Rensselaerville? There is, Clarke White Post #589 of Preston Hollow. The Post was formed in the late 1930's and named after Clarke White of Preston Hollow who died in France in World War I. In the late 60's and 70's the post owned the school house in Preston Hollow as their meeting place. They held many events there. When they gave up the building they continued to meet in various locations around town. They are still active and meet the first Wednesday of the months of March, April, May, June, September, October, November and December, 7:00pm, at Bell's Hotel in the hamlet of Rensselaerville. Feel free to join this group if you are a veteran and served during the specified times of war.

Alongside the Legion is the American Legion Auxiliary. They do outreach and programs for veterans, children and the community. They meet on the first Monday of March, April, May, June, September, October, November and December at 7:00pm, at Bell's Hotel in the hamlet of Rensselaerville. Females can join through their own service or through a husband, father, grandfather, son, grandson, or brother who served in the military and is a member of an American Legion Post if they are living. If the veteran is deceased, a DD214 is required as proof of dates of service.

## Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run & Walk - 2019

### Race Description

Join us for a 2, 5, or 8 mile trail run/walk on the beautiful E.N. Huyck Preserve trails in the historic village of Rensselaerville, NY. Participants will see a historic race track, vernal ponds, a large lake, and waterfalls as they traverse the grassy and single-track woodlands trail. All proceeds will go to the E.N. Huyck Preserve and Rensselaerville Library. Please consider donating extra funds to either or both of these organizations by clicking on the Donate button.

**Location:** Rensselaerville , NY

**Race Date:** 06/15/2019 09:00 (Saturday)

#### Categories:

- o 2 Mile Turtle Trot
- o 5 Mile Salamander Scamper
- o 8 Mile Rabbit Run
- o 600 meter Wood Duck Dash
- o 2 Mile Turtle Trot - TEAM
- o 5 Mile Salamander Scamper - TEAM
- o 8 Mile Rabbit Run - TEAM

### Contact Information

**Name:** Linda Styer  
**Email:** [ramble@huyckpreserve.org](mailto:ramble@huyckpreserve.org)  
**Website:** <https://RensselaervilleRamble.weebly.com/>



**Register at:**

**<https://www.raceentry.com/races/rensselaervilleramble-trail-run-and-walk/2019/participant>**

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

*A community newsletter **BY** the community **FOR** the community*