

R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, April 9, 2019

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 9th day of April 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, Councilman Brian Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Superintendent Randy Bates and one interested citizen.

MINUTES:

February 14, 2019 – Regular Meeting

March 12, 2019 – Work Meeting

March 14, 2019 – Regular Meeting

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS/TRANSFERS: Budget Modifications and Transfers, if any, will be addressed at the Regular Meeting.

VOUCHERS AND BILLS: Vouchers and bills 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.

OPENING OF BIDS

The opening of the bids for the Highway Materials, Mowing, Port-o-Lets, and Hay Fields commenced at 7:17 pm. Supervisor Dolce opened and read all bids aloud. The winning bids will be awarded at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf gave a brief update on the Solar Energy Committee/Zoning. The Committee has brought Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Lawson on the team and has also asked for input from the Planning Board.

2. Supervisor Dolce received a recommendation from Weston & Sampson Engineering regarding the repair on the dam. They have proposed that the repair to the pipe could be accomplished in-house

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using available staff from the Town Highway and Water Departments. Superintendent Bates stated that it is not a Highway issue, but rather a Water District issue, and wishes not to get the Highway Department involved. It is the consensus of the Board, at this time, to hire a professional to perform the repair. Supervisor Dolce expressed his belief that this would be a perfect time to get the Water Committee involved. He will reach out to Bill Bensen who is serving as the interim Water Committee Chairman to discuss this situation with him.

Further discussion ensued over the downstream exposure insurance coverage, the fire hydrants and alternatives to supplying water to the District.

3. Discussions were had regarding the sexual harassment training. Supervisor Dolce reported that the new payroll company, ADP offers sexual harassment training. Councilwoman Cooke reported that the Fire Companies are responsible for themselves – it falls under their liability insurance.

4. The State has begun its audit. The auditors will be at Town Hall for several weeks.

5. The biggest concern regarding the NYS Park Police firing range appears to be the noise and the fact that the Town and its citizens were blind-sided by the initial construction of the firing range.

6. Supervisor Dolce announced that Catseye Pest Control had prepared an estimate for their services. He would like to see the Town switch from Orkin to Catseye.

Further discussion ensued over a Maintenance/Senior Employee to perform miscellaneous duties in and around Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorization is needed to place an ad in the *Altamont Enterprise* seeking an Alternate Planning Board member.

2. The Assessors have recommended that the Town change to a Sole Assessor.

3. Supervisor Dolce will need authorization to sign and return the Albany County Advanced Life Support and Emergency Medical Technician-Defibrillation contracts.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ernest Kuehl wished to remind everyone of the Middleburgh Central School budget vote on May 21st. The increase this year is 1%.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker

Town Clerk



Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, April 11, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 11th day of April 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 Marion Cooke, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Brian Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Linda Styer representing the Rensselaerville Library, Investigator Amy Kowalski from the Albany County Sheriff's Department and nine interested citizens.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019 – Regular Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019 – Work Meeting; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2019 – Regular Meeting noting that under the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's report, the house which was required to be safed-off was not necessarily hit by a car, but rather involved in an accident of some sort. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS/TRANSFERS: None

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$59,073.42; Highway Fund - \$35,444.54; Lighting District - \$765.68; Sewer Fund - \$89.07; Water Fund - \$32.23; T&A Fund - \$941.95. Total Abstracts - \$96,346.89.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Dolce read a letter submitted by Roger Bechle recognizing and complimenting Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck for his outstanding service to the Town.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Dolce reported that he still has no updates regarding the bill from Cintas.
2. The carpets in Town Hall have not been cleaned in two years. Bennett's Cleaning can provide the service again for approximately \$250.
3. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf authorizing Supervisor Dolce to sign a contract with Catseye Pest Control for \$75.00/month. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

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4. Nolan Propane will be taking over the highway's propane tank as the Town can purchase propane from Nolan for \$1.99.

5. The roofing above the Highway Department has been repaired by Mark Fritz for a cost of \$425.00.

Further discussions on building and general maintenance ensued. Specific concerns were the Senior Bus and Car, lighting and re-striping of the parking lot. Later in the meeting Superintendent Bates noted that the Highway Department does most of maintenance on the Senior Bus and Car; they plow the fire companies and the Public Safety Building; they work on the parks and are willing, able and happy to assist with other items as they come up as well. The Highway Department also did all the work on the lunch room saving thousands of dollars.

6. Supervisor Dolce and Clerk 1/Bookkeeper, Linda McCormick have been working with ADP in an effort to have them take over payroll by May 1st.

7. The State has begun their audit and is expected to be at Town Hall for several weeks.

8. Supervisor Dolce has received notification from Marshall & Sterling Insurance that no one will provide the Town with downstream liability coverage until the dam is repaired. Supervisor Dolce will be speaking with William Bensen who is serving as the interim Chairman of the Water/Sewer Committee.

Further discussion ensued over alternatives to providing water to the District.

9. The Board would like to see a clause added to the Accountant's engagement letter that they provide quarterly reporting to all Board members and the Supervisor.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to retain Pattison, Kosky, Bucci & Howe, CPAs as the Town's Accountant for 2019 which would include the Annual Update Document for 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

10. Supervisor Dolce now has the ability to retrieve former Supervisor Pflieger's emails. He would also like to see I.T.S. create a group email account that would be sent to all the Board members and the Supervisor.

11. Supervisor Dolce will be meeting with the Bank of Greene County to discuss possible consolidation of some accounts and to assure that the Town is getting the best interest rates.

12. The Highway Department's kitchen re-model is almost complete. There have been some additions which may bring the project in a bit over-budget.

13. The generator has been serviced by Sandy Garden of Catskill Mountain Generators.

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

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

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney William Ryan drafted a letter directed to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation summarizing the Town's and the Planning Board's concerns about the proposed firing range project.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce authorizing Attorney Fallati to submit the letter on behalf of the Town and the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

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

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates reported that recently local Highway Superintendents met with Mid-Tel. Mid-Tel will be running fiber-optic cables for broadband internet along Town County and State highways and wished to make local officials aware of the project. The cable will be running along State Route 145 from Schoharie County; up Cheese Hill to Camp Cass; along County Route 359; along Littner, Pond Hill and Bryan Roads; along County Route 353; through the village and out State Route 85 to Westerlo.

2. Superintendent Bates noted that the material bids are an average of 5% higher than last year's.

3. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize Superintendent Bates to attend the Cornell Local Roads Program; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

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

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

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of March as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$597.50; Paid to the Supervisor - \$532.82 – the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$64.82 ; Recycling - \$46.00; Dog Licenses - \$157.00; Building Permits - \$50.00; Title Searches - \$190.00; Zoning - \$25.00. Total - \$532.82.

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$25.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$39.68

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$6,568.87; which includes \$7.57 in penalties

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$2,277.36; which includes \$38.12 in penalties

Town Clerk Kraker reported that the 2019 Property Tax Collection season has come to a close and she will be sending the required paperwork and reports to Albany County.

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Lawson submitted a written report for the month of March as follows: one Solar Panel permit for \$50.00; one RV permit for \$25.00; one Building permit for \$50.00 and \$190.00 in title searches.

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

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

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Assessor's Office has been very busy preparing for the 2019

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Tentative Roll which must be completed by May 1st.

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

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

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Rice submitted numbers for the gallons of water that were filtered and the gallons of waste that were treated. Supervisor Dolce would like to see someone from the Water/Sewer Committee attend the Town Board meetings and will bring this to William Bensen's attention as well.

REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of March as follows: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 5.44 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 47.42 tons; Sierra Fibers: 3.43 tons comingled and 4.72 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 72 gallons; Tires: 6

Councilman Rauf would like to see some numbers on new containers and/or repairs on the ones we already have.

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

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

RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

Linda Styer of the Rensselaerville Library reported the following:

- The Library has gone "Fine-Free". The Library will no longer be charging a fine for late items. There will, however, still be a fee for lost or damaged items.
- The Library has adjusted their hours in an effort to be more accommodating. The new hours are posted on their website. Magnets with the new hours are also available at the Library.
- Several programs are scheduled for May including one on communicating effectively with Alzheimer's patients; a documentary titled *Brought to Light*; and a program on resumes.
- The Annual Book Sale will be held on May 18th – this is held in conjunction with the Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day.
- The Library's Budget Vote is May 21st.
- The Annual Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run & Walk will be June 15th.

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

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

AWARD OF BIDS

1. At the Work Meeting Supervisor Dolce opened and read all bids for the Highway Materials, Mowing, Port-o-Lets, and Mowing of the Hay Fields. The following is a breakdown of the winning bidders and the materials and/or services which they will be providing. All bids were accompanied by a Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the following Highway material bids:

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Carver Sand & Gravel: (per ton unless otherwise noted)

1A Washed – FOB	\$12.45
1A Washed – Delivered to yard	16.65
1A Washed – Delivered to job	17.05
1B Washed – Delivered to yard	13.40
1B washed – Delivered to Job	13.80
1ST Washed – FOB	9.20
1ST Washed – Delivered to yard	13.40
1ST Washed – Delivered to job	13.80
#1 Washed – FOB	9.20
#1 Washed – Delivered to yard	13.40
#1 Washed – Delivered to job	13.80
#2 – Delivered to yard	13.40
#2 – Delivered to job	13.80
#3 – Delivered to yard	13.40
#3 – Delivered to job	13.80
Screenings – Delivered to job	12.65
Crusher Run – Delivered to yard	11.30
Crusher Run – Delivered to job	11.70
Light Stone – Delivered to yard	15.25
Light Stone – Delivered to job	15.75
Medium Stone - Delivered to yard	17.35
Medium Stone - Delivered to job	17.85
Item 4 Gravel – FOB	6.25/cy
ROB Gravel – FOB	4.00/cy
Fine Crusher Run - FOB	8.10
Fine Crusher Run - Delivered to yard	12.30
Fine Crusher Run - Delivered to job	12.70
#1 & #2 Mixed – FOB	8.75
#1 & #2 Mixed – Delivered to yard	12.75
#1 & #2 Mixed – Delivered to job	13.25

Cobleskill Stone: (per ton unless otherwise noted)

Crusher Run in Place w/Paver 600 ton+	21.00
Crusher Run in Place w/Paver 600 ton -	21.00
Type 1 Base - FOB	47.00
Type 1Base - In Place	57.00
Type 3 Binder - FOB	50.00
Type 3 Binder - In Place	57.00
19MM Binder - FOB	50.00
19MM Binder - In Place	57.00
Type 6 Top - FOB	52.50
Type 6 Top - In Place	57.00
Type 7 Top - In Place	63.50
Winter Mix - FOB	90.00

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1B Washed – FOB	7.50
#2 – FOB	9.00
#3 – FOB	9.00
Screenings – FOB	5.25
Screening – Delivered to yard	11.75
Crusher Run – FOB	6.95
Light Stone – FOB	10.25
Medium Stone – FOB	12.25

Gorman Bros.:

Liquid Calcium – Delivered to job	0.94/gal
Dust Oil	3.25/gal
Chip Spreader w/Operator – ½ Day	2,200.00
Chip Spreader w/Operator – Full Day	2,400.00
10T Pneumatic Rlr w/Operator – ½ Day	1,600.00
10T Pneumatic Rlr w/Operator – Full Day	1,800.00
Pavement Reclaimer w/Operator – Full Day	4,900.00
Midland Paver or Equal	3,300.00
Pug Mill	2,000.00
Paver	2,000.00

Peckham:

Grade CMS 2r	2.45/gal
Grade CRS-2 – Delivered to job	2.18/gal
Grade CRS-2P - Delivered to job	2.26/gal
Grade CMS-2 – Delivered to Job	2.39/gal
Tack Coat – Delivered to Job	4.20/gal
Pavement Reclaimer w/Operator ½ Day	4,400.00

Pipes Plus, Chemung Supply Corp. and Core & Main tied for the following: (per linear foot unless otherwise noted)

4" HDPE Pipe Corrugated – Delivered	0.51
6" HDPE Pipe Corrugated – Delivered	1.17
8" HDPE Pipe Corrugated – Delivered	2.16

Lane FOB/DELIVERED: (per linear foot unless otherwise noted)

10" HDPE Pipe Corrugated – Delivered	4.20
12" HDPE Pipe Smooth	4.86/5.01
15" HDPE Pipe Smooth	6.34/6.53
18" HDPE Pipe Smooth	9.30/9.58
24" HDPE Pipe Smooth	14.40/14.85
30" HDPE Pipe Smooth	23.24/23.96
36" HDPE Pipe Smooth	29.73/30.65
42" HDPE Pipe Smooth	41.52/42.80
48" HDPE Pipe Smooth	50.67/52.24

Chemung:

Geotextile Fabric Non-Woven – Delivered	0.54/sy
Geotextile Fabric Woven – Delivered	0.54/sy

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Main Care:

Unleaded Gasoline	J of C Posting
Diesel (Low Sulfur) - Fixed	2.39/gal
Diesel/Kerosene (Winter) - Fixed	2.45/gal
No. 2 Heating Oil – Fixed	2.35/gal
Heating Service Contract	280.00/unit
Additional Labor Rate – Regular Time	125.00/hr.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the bids from Rentals-to-Go as follows:

- Rensselaerville and Medusa Parks from April 15, 2019 to October 15, 2019: one standard toilet with one cleaning per week: \$450.00 each; and
- Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park from April 15, 2019 to October 15, 2019: one standard toilet with one cleaning per week from April 15, 2019 to July 15, 2019; and one handicap toilet with one cleaning per week from May 15, 2019 to October 15, 2019: \$826.00.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the bids from MGS Lawn Care & Landscaping, LLC as follows:

- Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park: \$3,175.00
- Medusa Park: 675.00
- Rensselaerville Park: 1,100.00

The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the bid from Jeffrey Rauf for the mowing of the hay fields for \$60.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

CURRENT EVENTS

Councilwoman Sedlmeir announced that the Town-Wide Picnic has been booked to be held at the Medusa Park. There will be a live band, the Carey Center will be providing the hot dogs and hamburgers once again, the Albany County Sheriff’s Department and the K-9 Unit will be in attendance and the Highway Department will be setting up a horseshoe pit and other activities. The next Picnic meeting will be held on May 13th.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf reported that the Solar Energy Committee has met three times in the past month. They have prepared drafts of their work on both small scale and large scale solar projects and have submitted the drafts to Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Lawson as well as the Planning Board for their recommendations. The drafts will also be forwarded to Attorney Fallati for him to review from a legal standpoint. The Committee hopes to be able to present their findings to the public in the near future.
2. Supervisor Dolce received a recommendation from Weston & Sampson Engineering regarding the repair on the dam. They have proposed that the repair to the pipe could be accomplished in-house using available staff from the Town Highway and Water Departments. The Board feels that the liability on the Town is too high and wishes to hire a professional to perform the repair.

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3. Councilman Wood will be in charge of the sexual harassment training.
4. Councilwoman Cooke has taken the Volunteer of the Year plaque to Catskill Mountain Signs for engraving.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for an alternate Planning Board member and to have letters of interest returned by May 9, 2019. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dolce.

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

2. Attorney Fallati explained that the Law regarding Assessors was amended in 1970 when New York State went to a single Assessor. However, a town could opt-out in order to retain the three elected assessors. In 1971 the Town of Rensselaerville opted-out. The law allows a town to go back and have either a single appointed or single elected assessor. An appointed assessor would not be required to be an elector of the Town. In either case the term is 6-years.

Assessor Kropp reported that the Town's current Assessors are in favor of going to sole assessor status and noted that only about 5% of the towns in New York still have a board of three. She also noted that most of the towns that have sole assessors have assessors that are not residents of the town they assess in.

Discussion ensued over the many questions that arose.

3. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize the Supervisor to sign and return the Albany County Advanced Life Support and Emergency Medical Technician-Defibrillation contracts. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Councilman Rauf wished to take a moment to recognize Ronald "Joey" Bates' service to the Town.
2. Georgette Koenig expressed her concern over her driveway culvert that consistently washes out during heavy rains. The Highway Department is working on a more permanent solution.
3. John Pine expressed many thoughts over accountants for the Town.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



HILLTOWN STRONG



Please join us for our first meeting. This meeting will be mostly informational. We will distribute signage and discuss future goals of Hilltown Strong!

Sunday, May 5th 2019
5pm-7pm

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company
4990 Delaware Turnpike, Rensselaerville, NY 12147



Volunteers Needed!

The Rensselaerville Town Board is seeking letters of interest from town residents wishing to serve as an alternate member to the Planning Board.

Letters of interest are due on or before May 9, 2019 and may be addressed to the Town Clerk, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120.

Anyone seeking additional information can contact the Town Clerk at the above address or call (518) 239-4225/(518) 797-3798, or fax (518) 239-6339.

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



Work Zone Safety

Your actions and attentiveness while driving are critically important to the safety of Central Hudson workers and other people who work along busy roadways. Please be mindful and cautious when driving, especially in the vicinity of roadside crews.

Follow these safety tips when driving near work zones:

- Drive within the posted speed limits and avoid all distracting activities.
- Pay close attention to merge signs and do not change lanes within the work zone.
- Watch out not only for workers in the work zone, but also for their equipment.

The most common type of accidents in work zones are rear-end collisions, so it is important that drivers maintain safe distances from other vehicles.

Source: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/FMfcgxwCgLmnfFWFKTivblMDjNiftgCN>



March 16—May 14

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, 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

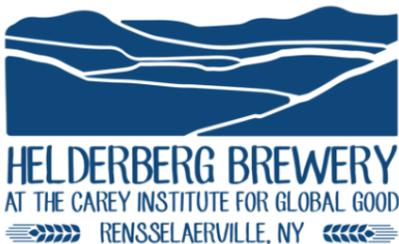


Contributing to a strong,
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The Carey Institute for Global Good is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2012 by Wm. P. Carey and is dedicated to making the world better by contributing to a strong, educated and just society. Through its programs,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

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

Helderberg Brewery Taproom Hours



Now Serving Coffee: MON-FRI 8am-11am

Evening Taproom Hours:

Weds | 5pm-9pm

Friday | 6pm-10pm

Sat | 2pm-8pm

Sun | 1pm-5pm (April-Dec only)

Location: 26 CR 353, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

RSVP/Info URL: <http://careyinstitute.org/programs/sustainable-communities/rgbrewery-taproom/>

Upcoming Events

Event: Featured Artist: Amy Digi

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

Location: Guggenheim Pavilion - 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.

"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.

RSVP/Info URL: <https://careyinstitute.org/blog/event/art-show-amy-digi/>

On the Calendar

May 4	9 am-4 pm	Medusa Fest	
May 5	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
May 5	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
May 7	7:00 pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
May 9	7:00 pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
May 12		HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	
May 12	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
May 12	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
May 18		ARMED FORCES DAY	
May 19	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
May 19	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
May 26	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
May 26	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
May 27		MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	

Looking Ahead:

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



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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
Tuesday
 10-1pm & 3-8pm
Wednesday
 10-1pm & 3-6pm
Thursday
 10-1pm & 3-8pm
Friday
 3-7pm
Saturday
 10-2pm
Closed Sunday & Monday

Rensselaerville Library is **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 Library cards used at Rensselaerville Library. If you use your 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.

1 – 3:00pm – Effective Communication Strategies Program provided 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, families need new ways to connect.

5 – 3pm – Hudson Valley Documentary Brought to Light 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.

9 – 6pm – Writing Group: Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome.

14 – 6pm – Poetry Group: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from

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fellow poets or just share your words.

16 – 6pm – **Feeling Stuck** FEELING STUCK – Out-of-Work or in a Dead-End Job? Can't seem to get your foot in the door? Or in the door elsewhere? Do you regularly scroll through online job boards like Monster.com or Indeed? Submit your resume for job after job, but NEVER HEAR BACK? It does not mean that you don't have valuable skills and talents to contribute. This workshop is about getting unstuck and moving forward, and will introduce you to a different, more effective approach to getting your foot in the door and finding a position that matches you. In this first session, you will begin to clarify the kind of job that you want – and one that will energize you and make use of your strengths and skills. You will also learn about 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." You will leave with greater clarity about your goals and motivated to begin to identify and take those next steps! (Depending on the audience, we might start by looking at the difference between a career and a job.)

18 – 10am – 2pm – **Annual Book Sale.** Books may be dropped off during Library Hours starting on the 14th. If you would like to volunteer to help sort books please stop in during Library hours. During the last hour of the sale fill a bag for a \$1.00.

21 – **School and Library Budget Vote.**

23 – 7pm – **Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees** – public welcome, meeting is on the lower level.

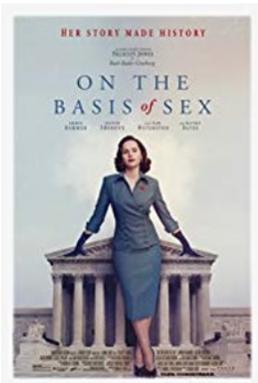
26 – 4-7pm – **Annual Cocktail Party** Fundraiser at the Library.

28 – 6pm – **Poetry Group:** Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

30 – 6pm – **Resume Critiquing** - 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

Save the Date

Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run and Walk
Registration is open, signup now and receive a discount.
rensselaervilleramble.weebly.com



5/2 – **On the Basis of Sex** - The true story of [Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#), her struggles for equal rights, and the early cases of a historic career that lead to her nomination and confirmation as U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice.

RATED: PG-13

LENGTH: 2:00

Information sourced from IMDB.com

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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 or go to <http://www.communityresourcefinder.org/> Click on Alzheimer's Association Programs and Events

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

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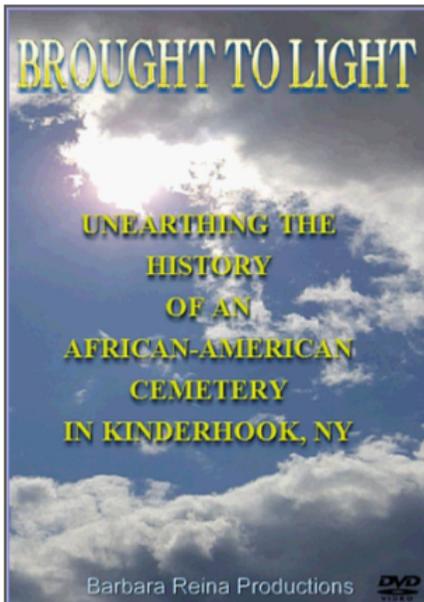
BROUGHT TO LIGHT

Video Viewing & Discussion

with **Barbara Reina**

Sunday, May 5, 2019

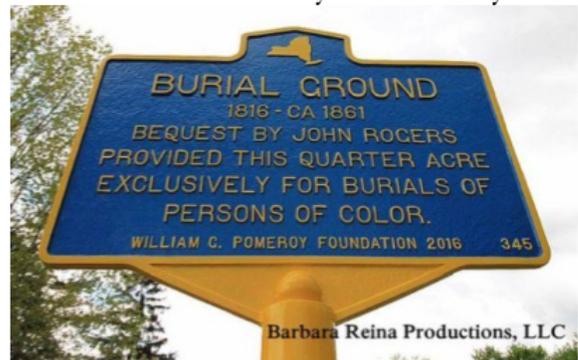
Conkling Hall @ 3pm



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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

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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!



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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."

B O O K S A L E

RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

9am - 2pm

1pm - 2pm: Bring a bag and fill it to the brim with books for \$1.

Each year Rensselaerville Library holds a Used Book Sale in May to coordinate with the Rensselaerville Annual Garage Sale Day. Hundreds of gently used books, both hard covers and paperbacks, fiction and non-fiction, will be for sale.

All proceeds go to benefit the Rensselaerville Library.

Featuring a wide variety of books, movies, and music, the Used Book Sale is a great place to pick up that novel that you've always wanted to read or to browse for that book that you never knew that you wanted.

Donations accepted During Library Hours On:

May 14, 15, 16, & 17

Please NO text books or encyclopedias.

Book Sale Price List

Hard Covers: \$1.00

Paperbacks: 25 cents

Audiobooks: \$1.00

Music CDs: \$1.00

DVD or BlueRay: \$1.00

Special sales area items priced individually.

**Don't Miss the Trustee Treasures on the Sidewalk
in front of the Library.**

Don't forget to check out the Gift Shop area
for local Rensselaerville merchandise.

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RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY
MEMORIAL WEEKEND
PARTY

SUNDAY

MAY 26, 2019

4-7PM

RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

1459 COUNTY ROUTE 351
RENSSELAERVILLE

Enjoy the evening with neighbors in our historic library building. View the work we have done over the past few years and hear about upcoming projects.

TICKETS

\$20 @ THE DOOR

Includes a Drink Ticket & Food
Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

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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.

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RENSSELAERVILLE RAMBLE TRAIL RUN/WALK



SINGLE-TRACK, WOODLAND TRAILS
ENDLESS WATERFALLS, SCENIC VISTAS & UNSPOILED FOREST VIEWS
MULTIPLE DISTANCES!

Come run or walk Albany County's best rural trail ramble in this 2-, 5-, or 8-mile event to benefit the RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY and HUYCK PRESERVE.

Register at:
www.raceentry.com/races/rensselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk/2019/register

Learn More at:
www.rensselaervilleramble.weebly.com

Event takes place at Eldridge Research Station, Rensselaerville, NY

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH | 9AM

Happy Armed Forces Day!



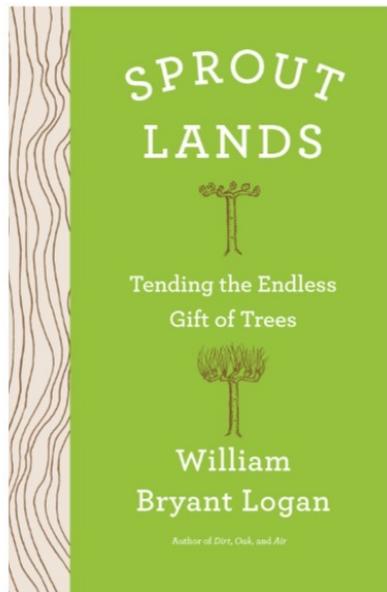
Thank you to all who
have given and served.

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SPROUT LANDS:

Tending the Endless Gift of Trees

With Author **William Logan**
Saturday, June 22, 2019 at Noon



Sprout Lands is Logan's elegant answer to this timeless mystery, and a buoyant journey to discover the ways in which these lost ancient arts created and supported human cultures all over the world, from the English fens to Spain, California, Africa, and Japan. Amidst Logan's quest to understand how we lost our way is a compelling and revelatory celebration of nature's relationship with people, and how we once lived closely as partners with trees, and may one day do so again.

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Bill will also provide a hike at the Huyck Preserve looking at tree architecture and how the woodland we are walking has been influenced by human presence.

William Bryant Logan is a practicing arborist and the author of three acclaimed books on nature, *Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth*, *Oak: The Frame of Civilization*, and *Air: The Restless Shaper of the World*.



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SAVE THE DATE



3rd Annual

BLOCK PARTY

PIG ROAST & LIVE MUSIC

Activities for Kids

Main Street Rensselaerville

6 – 11 PM

Saturday, August 3, 2019

Event co-hosted by Rensselaerville Library and Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

More Information 518-797-3949 www.RensselaervilleLibrary.com/blockparty.html



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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.

May 2019							June 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	27	28	29	30	31								

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

Lego Fun!

**Ages 3 & Up Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00
May 14**

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



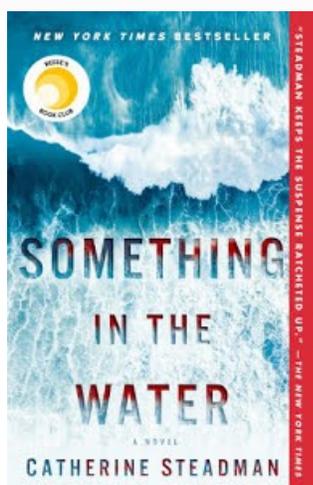
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WANTED: Persons who love fabric arts and quilting...we'd LOVE to meet you! Learn new quilting techniques and meet others with similar interests. Sew and chat! You'll find the support and encouragement invaluable...with no fee! Open to all.

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 May 29th 6:30-7:30 pm in the Library. May's book will be *Something in the Water* by Catherine Steadman. 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).

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

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

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Now until 5/4 - DVD & CD Sale - In foyer of the library. \$1.00 each.

5/1, 15, 29 - 11:00 AM - Storytime with Miss Doreen -

5/1 - We love our Mothers and Grandmothers.

5/15 - May Flowers

5/29 - How about cows.

5/3, 17, 31 - 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.

5/3, 17 - 11:00-1:00 - Home Educators of Schoharie County - HEGS (Home Educators Group of Schoharie County) is a group of homeschooling families with a wide variety of backgrounds, approaches to education, and religious affiliations. We exist to provide secular support for homeschooling families, offer information about homeschooling, and to allow for the sharing of educational opportunities. We hope to increase public awareness, acceptance, and support of home education in Schoharie County. Please check out our Facebook page. Or contact Rebecca at veggiemamma@yahoo.com for more information. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 11 - 1.

5/4 - 2:00-10:00 PM - Board Games for Adults - Stop in and have some fun.

5/6 - 1:00 PM - Growing Citrus in New England - Houseplants are a fun hobby, but most have no food value. What if you could grow citrus plants like lemons, oranges, and limes right in your living room? Learn how to grow citrus, as well as bananas, pomegranates, olives, coffee, and even vanilla orchids and other spices at home. Learn what plants are hardy in your USDA zone, and whether or not they are self-pollinating or require a second plant. Participants take home an exotic plant of their choice. **Registration is required.**

5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 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.**

5/7 - 12:00-8:00 -2019 Middleburgh Library Budget Vote in the Community Room. Come and support your library.

5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 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.

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

5/8 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - Movie to be announced.

5/9 - 1:00-3:00 - Book Discussion - "The Road to Wellville" by T.C. Boyle - Will Lightbody is a man with a stomach ailment whose only sin is loving his wife, Eleanor, too much. Eleanor is a health nut of the first stripe, and when in 1907 she journeys to Dr. John Harvey Kellogg's infamous Battle Creek Spa to live out the vegetarian ethos, poor Will goes too.

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Jane Smiley in The New York Times Book Review called *The Road to Wellville* "a marvel, enjoyable from beginning to end."

5/10, 24- 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.

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5/13 - 6:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - The public is welcome.

5/16 - 7:00 PM - Concert - "The Kennedys" - The Kennedys are an American folk-rock band, consisting of husband and wife Pete and Maura Kennedy. They are recognized for their harmonies and instrumental prowess, blending elements of country music, bluegrass, Western swing and janglepop.

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

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

5/18 - 10:00-12:00 - Deco Patch Picture Frames - Join us in creating a unique picture frame full of pattern and colors! We will be using the beautiful Deco Patch Papers, used to create last year's bracelets, to transform a small, plain, unfinished wooden frame into a fun and colorful border. A great way to show off that special photo, message or small work of art. *For adults and children 12 and up. Material fee is \$5.00 per frame (limit of 2 per person) paid to the instructor at the class.*

Registration is required.

5/22 - 1:00 PM - Lunch & a Movie - Our popular nite time program during the day! The library will provide pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert or snack to share. **Registration is Limited and Required.** Movie to be announced

5/28 - 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 for future programs.



323 Main Street
PO Box 670
Middleburgh, NY 12122
(518) 827-5142
www.middleburghlibrary.info

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

Kids' Activity Page

Mother's Day

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A Special Message for Town of Rensselaerville Students



LOOK TWICE. SAVE A LIFE.



Watch for Motorcycles!

4th FRIDAY STREET FEST

MIDDLEBURGH AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



MAY 24

THE RED WAGON
BECCA & BRIAN
MIKE HERMAN

JUNE 28

MOONROCKA
BOWERY CREEK
MATT DURFEE

JULY 26

PAUL & CHUCK
WILL FOLEY
JAMES HEARNE

AUGUST 23

RED HAIRD STRANGERS
ALYSSA YEAGER
THE INSOLENT WILLIES

ARTWORK BY RAEMA ROTINDO





Can My Dog Eat This?

YES



BLUEBERRIES
High in antioxidants



BANANAS
Rich in potassium and vitamin C



KIWIS
Rich in potassium and vitamin C



PINEAPPLES
High in antioxidants



STRAWBERRIES
High in fibre and antioxidants

YES

BUT...



APPLES
...don't let them eat the seeds!



LEMONS
...he may not like the bitter taste



PEACHES
...remove the pit; it can cause intestinal blockage



ORANGES
...They're high in natural sugar; give in moderation



WATERMELON
...Remove the rind first!



NO



GRAPES/RAISINS
Can cause kidney failure



AVOCADOS
Can cause vomiting



CHERRIES
Can cause cyanide poisoning in large quantities



ONIONS
Can damage red blood cells

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

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

5th Annual Kenneth's Ride

"Get your motor runnin', get out on the highway" - Mars Bonfire

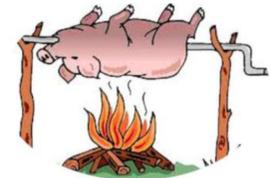
Presented by:
Kenneth's Army



Champions for
Children



SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019 BERNE TOWN PARK



*** Helderberg Trail – State Route 443 between County Route 1 and County Route 9 ***

Door Prizes - Raffles - Photo Booth - Games with Prizes - 50/50

LIVE MUSIC and PIG ROAST

Ride through the Hilltowns with stops at Clapper's Glass Bar in Schoharie and Jonathon's Restaurant in Duanesburg before returning to the park for the HUGE Pig Roast

PRE-REGISTRATION

April 15th - May 18th, 2019

\$20 per Bike or Car

\$30 Bike or Car w/ Passenger

DAY OF EVENT REGISTRATION

9am to 11am

\$25 per Bike or Car

\$35 Bike or Car w/ Passenger

Kids under 12 are FREE

First 100 Registered receive a t-shirt and other goodies

Checks are payable to: Kenneth's Army, P.O. Box 105, Knox, NY 12107

CONTACTS

Claire: (518) 368-9812

Dawn: (518) 603-3625

EMCEE

Tim Drawbridge

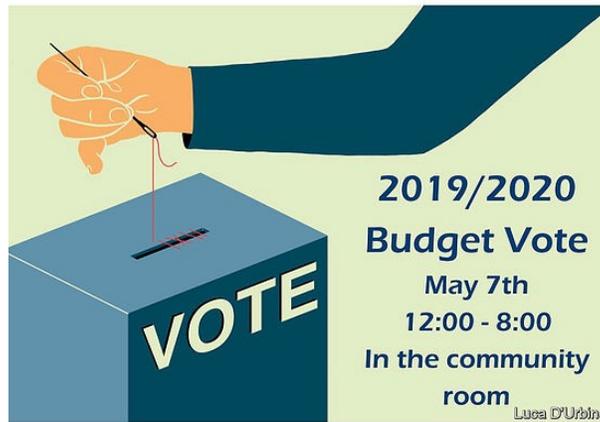
News10abc

All proceeds benefit a scholarship offered to a Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School student who wishes to pursue a career in Social Service, adopting an underprivileged Berne-Knox-Westerlo student, and other charitable donations to ensure Kenneth's memory is kept alive.

NOT ONE MORE CHILD! A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM !!!!

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Middleburgh Library Budget Vote



Ordinary Income	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Proposed
Income			
Genealogy Room Revenue	\$ 100.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 100.00
Interest Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00	
LLSA	\$ -	\$ 1,885.00	
NYS Construction Grant	\$ -	\$ 1,350.00	
Aides / Grants Other	\$ -	\$ 1,565.00	
Total Aid / Grants	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 8,000.00
Fundraisers	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,215.73	\$ 6,000.00
Gifts and Endowments			
Donations	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,130.05	\$ 1,700.00
Gifts and Endowments - Other	\$ -		
Summer Reading Donations	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,915.80	\$ 1,300.00
Total Donations	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,045.85	\$ 3,000.00
Best House Insurance Payment	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00
Misc. Insurance Rider Payments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Library Charges	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,477.94	\$ 4,000.00
Library Tax Funds	\$ 146,630.00	\$ 146,630.00	\$ 152,495.20 (+4%)
Unexpended Balance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,325.90	\$ 2,000.00
Spencer Bequest	\$ 5,470.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,009.80
Total Income	\$ 174,800.00	\$ 184,260.42	\$ 181,605.00

Expense	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Proposed
Fundraiser Expenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 33.18	\$ 400.00
Regular Programs	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00
Summer Reading Programs	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00
Total Programs	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 7,305.95	\$ 6,800.00
Genealogy Room Expenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 18.97	\$ 200.00
Equipment	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 524.00	\$ 4,000.00
Building Operation / Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,929.24	\$ 5,000.00
Bookkeeping /Accounting	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,164.00	\$ 2,500.00
Books, Periodicals & Audio Visu	\$ 17,300.00	\$ 14,596.46	\$ 17,300.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 500.00	\$ 442.18	\$ 500.00
Insurance			
Building/Liability Insurance - Library	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 5,421.48	\$ 5,200.00
Building/Liability Insurance - Best House	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00
Directors and Officers Insurance	\$ 900.00	\$ 878.00	\$ 900.00
Insurance - Flood	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,024.00	\$ 3,400.00
Misc. Insurance Riders	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Total Insurance	\$ 10,600.00	\$ 13,249.08	\$ 13,600.00
Library Supplies			
Office/Library Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,710.26	\$ 5,000.00
Postage and freight	\$ 200.00	\$ 226.70	\$ 250.00
Total Library Supplies	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 3,936.96	\$ 5,200.00
Miscellaneous			
Advertising	\$ 100.00	\$ 73.91	\$ 100.00
Election Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 428.92	\$ 500.00
Licenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 497.35	\$ 500.00
Memberships	\$ 800.00	\$ 224.00	\$ 800.00
Safe Deposit Box	\$ 50.00	\$ 42.80	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous - Other	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,557.25	\$ 500.00
Total Miscellaneous	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,811.05	\$ 2,450.00
Salaries and Wages			
Workers Comp & Disability	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 4,356.00	\$ 4,500.00
J Strauss Professional Fees	\$ 300.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 300.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,046.51	\$ 7,300.00
Total Payroll Expenses	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 11,657.51	\$ 12,100.00
Salaries and Wages - Employees	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 86,697.31	\$ 91,505.00
Total Salaries and Wages	\$ 97,900.00	\$ 98,354.82	\$ 103,605.00
Total Technology/Telecommunications	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 8,036.32	\$ 6,700.00
Utilities			
Electricity	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 6,310.12	\$ 7,500.00
Heating Fuel	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,083.08	\$ 5,000.00
Water & Sewer	\$ 750.00	\$ 807.50	\$ 850.00
Total Utilities	\$ 15,250.00	\$ 12,200.70	\$ 13,350.00
Total Expense	\$ 174,800.00	\$ 184,260.42	\$ 181,605.00

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



Rensselaerville Historical Society

Stop at our table at Medusa Fest Saturday, May 4

Sunday, May 5 at Conkling Hall at 3:00 *Free Program*

A glimpse in the past as we share a documentary on discovery of a Slave Cemetery in Kinderhook.
Were there slaves in Rensselaerville? Could there be a cemetery here?

Plant and Bake Sale Fund Raiser

Saturday, May 25 Memorial Day Weekend from 10-2
At the Historic Grist Mill on Main Street, Rensselaerville

Giant Hogweed

Plant that causes severe burns and even blindness is sweeping across the U.S – here's what you need to know

A walk among wild plants and flowers is such a treat in the spring but now health officials have issued a warning about one wild plant that poses a huge risk to anyone who touches it.

The plant is called giant Hogweed, or *Heracleum mantegazzianum*, and has been spotted growing in a number of states across the U.S.

One touch of this plant's sap can result in serious burns and even permanent blindness.

The giant Hogweed is also known by many other names, such as giant cow parsnip, giant cow parsley, cartwheel-flower, or hogsbane.

The plant is said to be growing in the states of Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington.

It can grow to a height of 14 feet and has dark green leaves that can reach a huge 5 feet in diameter. It has a thick, hollow stem which have white hairs and purple dots and specks, topped with stunningly beautiful white flowers.



But although tempting to touch, this plant produces a sap that contains a chemical known as Photosynthesizing furanocoumarins. The sap makes the plant extremely sensitive to light to help it grow but if it gets onto your skin the same thing happens.

If you get the sap on your skin it can cause dark painful blisters within 48 hours and scars that can last from a few months to six years, according to [CBS News](#). The sap can cause permanent blindness if it gets into your eyes.

Immediate action

If you do come into contact with the sap wash the affected area with cold water immediately and get out of the sun.

Apply sunscreen to the area if you're stuck outside and compresses soaked in an aluminum acetate mixture – available at pharmacies – can provide relief for skin irritations, the [N.Y. Department of Health](#) advises.

If hogweed's sap gets into your eyes, rinse them with water immediately and put on sunglasses.

Source: https://lifeisbeautiful.me/plant-that-causes-severe-burns-and-even-blindness-is-sweeping-across-the-u-s-heres-what-you-need-to-know/?fbclid=IwAR2Qo_qgrpBV1pOj9ic3nkAqH5IK42QImDe0LAXdav3RPj59oN-H95LCLe8



BLOOD DRIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Middleburgh Reformed Church

178 River St
Middleburgh, NY 12122

| 02:00 PM - 07:00 PM

More Details

Power Red Blood

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

St John the Baptist Church

4987 Route 81
Greenville, NY 12083

| 01:00 PM - 06:00 PM

More Details

Power Red Blood



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

SCAM ALERT!

From AARP

Scammers are calling Medicare recipients & claiming they can provide them with a plastic version of their Medicare card. THIS IS NOT TRUE. All Medicare cards are paper. If you receive a call such as this, hang up and call the AARP Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.



Contact Information for Elected Officials & Department Heads

Position	Name	Email Address
Town Supervisor Hours: Mondays 9am-12 noon Other times by appointment	John Dolce	jdolce@rensselaerville.com townsupervisor@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Town Councilwoman	Marion Cooke	mcooke@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	Brian Wood	bwood@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilwoman	Margaret Sedlmeir	msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman/ Deputy Supervisor	Jason Rauf	jrauf@rensselaerville.com
Town Justice Court: Mondays, 7pm	Muriel Frasher	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Supervisor's Clerk	Linda McCormick	clerk1@rensselaerville.com
Town Clerk Hours: M-W: 9am-3:30pm Th: 1:30pm-6:30pm or by appointment F: 9am-12pm	Victoria Kraker	townclerk@rensselaerville.com vkraker@rensselaerville.com
Highway Superintendent	Randy Bates	rbates@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Highway Superintendent Clerk	Kim Welsch	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Assessors Clerk Hours: M-Th: 9am-12pm Assessor Hours: 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
Planning Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Th @ 7:30pm	Richard Amedure	spfleging@rensselaerville.com
Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings: 1st Th @ 6:30pm	Anthony Guadagno	spfleging@rensselaerville.com
Board of Ethics	Mary Anne Overbaugh	ethicsboard@rensselaerville.com
Dog Control Officer	Cheryl Tefft-Baitsholts	Phone: 728-8082
Refuse/Recycling Coordinator Refuse Station Hours: W, Sa: 7am-3:45pm	Jon Whitbeck	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Town Hall		Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798 Fax: 239-6339

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

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

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Amedure@nysenate.gov

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102nd District - Chris Tague
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County Legislator Chris Smith
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Alb Co Office Building
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Albany, NY 12207
447-7168; (H) 447-7117

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
Website: <https://RensselaervilleRamble.weebly.com/>



Register at:

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

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From the Editors:

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



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

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

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

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