

# R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, May 7, 2019

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 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 Superintendent Randy Bates and two interested citizens.

### MINUTES

April 4, 2019 – Emergency Meeting - Appoint Town Justice

April 9, 2019 – Work Meeting

April 11, 2019 – Regular Meeting - Corrections will be made at the 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:** 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.

### HIGHWAY

1. Superintendent Bates reviewed the 2019 Town Highway Agreement and noted that the Town is likely to see a \$35,000 reduction in the Extreme Winter Recovery Program. He also expressed his concern over the fact that this is the last year for the PAVE-NY Program. Between these two programs, the Town would experience an \$80,000 loss in revenue.

2. The Town of Broome has done maintenance work on their end of CCC Road despite the fact that it is a State-owned road. The Highway Superintendent of the Town of Broome has been encouraging

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Superintendent Bates to do the same on the Rensselaerville end of the road. Because CCC Road is a State-owned highway, Superintendent Bates noted that the decision to maintain the road would be placed on the Town Board, not the Highway Department. However, the Board will ask Attorney Fallati to draft a letter to the State expressing the Town's concerns over the condition of their road.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Councilman Rauf will have an update on the Solar Committee on Thursday.
2. Supervisor Dolce has been working closely with Bill Bensen, acting Chairman of the Water & Sewer Committees regarding the Lake Myosotis dam.
3. Supervisor Dolce will discuss the Sexual Harassment training with Councilman Wood at the Regular Meeting. ADP can also provide the required training once they are all set up.
4. The State auditors are still working at Town Hall.
5. There are no updates on the NYS Park Police firing range.
6. Discussion was had among the Board members regarding the pros and cons of a Sole Assessor for the Town. The Town also has the option of going to an elected or appointed assessor. It is the consensus of the Board to schedule a Special Meeting for the purpose of discussing this subject more thoroughly.
7. Attorney Fallati will be asked to address the issue of the sidewalks on Thursday.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Authorization is needed to renew the subscription to the Altamont Enterprise.
2. The 2019 Town Highway Agreement will need to be accepted at the Regular Meeting.
3. The resignation of Court Clerk Sally Lounsbury will need to be accepted.
4. Carolyn Bauer will need to be appointed Court Clerk.
5. The Board discussed the mowing/landscaping of Town Hall and the Public Safety Building. The Town has received a quote from MGS Lawn Care & Landscaping, but according to the Town's Procurement Policy, two quotes are required.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Marie Dermody expressed her dismay that there are events planned in Town and that no one is voluntarily providing her with the information so that she may publish it in her R'Ville Community Newsletter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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



## Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, May 9, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 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, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Ed Lawson, Assessor Donna Kropp, Water/Sewer (acting) Chairman Bill Bensen, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Jeanne Strausman representing the Rensselaerville Library and twelve interested citizens.

### KENNETH'S ARMY

Claire and Dawn, representatives from Kenneth's Army - Champions for Children announced the 5th Annual Kenneth's Ride. The ride will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Berne Town Park. The money raised from the Kenneth's Army Ride provides for a \$1,000 scholarship for a Berne-Knox-Westerlo graduating senior who is pursuing a career in Social Services ; they adopt an underprivileged child that would be in Kenneth's grade providing him/her with a year's worth of school supplies and clothing; they adopt an underprivileged family for Thanksgiving supplying them with an entire meal and all the fixings; and they contribute to the Albany County Sheriff's Department's Christmas fund.

Claire and Dawn will have the pleasure of going to the Albany County Court to witness Kenneth's two sisters being adopted by the foster care mother who has taken care of them since Kenneth's death.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2019 – Emergency Meeting to Appoint a Town Justice; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 – Work Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019 – Regular Meeting noting that the motion to retain Pattison, Kosky, Howe & Bucci, CPAs was contingent upon them providing the Board and the Supervisor with a quarterly report and providing the work for 2019 which would include the Annual Report. Also corrected was the wording under Audience Comments to read that Georgette Koenig has spoken with the Highway Department and she is hoping for a more permanent solution. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

### BUDGET MODIFICATIONS/TRANSFERS None

**ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS:** General Fund - \$38,635.31; Highway Fund - \$42,837.26; Sewer Fund - \$89.77; Water Fund - \$2,671.65; T&A Fund - \$769.39. Total Abstracts - \$85,003.38

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

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

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Supervisor Dolce received a request from Kathy Hallenbeck to distribute poppies at the Recycling Center on May 22nd and 25th on behalf of the Clark White Unit American Legion Auxiliary. The poppies that are distributed are made by Veterans with assistance from unpaid volunteers. The red poppy has become a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since WW1 to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. 100% of the donations collected directly support the needs of Veterans, military and their families.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce to allow Mrs. Hallenbeck to distribute the poppies at the Recycling Center on May 22nd and 25th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

**REPORTS****SUPERVISOR**

1. Supervisor Dolce reported that he still has no updates regarding the bill from Cintas.
2. Clerk 1/Bookkeeper Linda McCormick has been working with ADP to get the payroll set up.
3. Supervisor Dolce received an invoice from the Accountants, but is not completely satisfied with the breakdown.
4. Supervisor Dolce thanked Superintendent Bates for his willingness to assume the responsibilities of the maintenance on the Senior Car & Bus.
5. The Highway Department's kitchen renovations are complete. The cost of materials totaled \$6,286.34. Members of the Highway crew performed all of the labor, saving the Town thousands of dollars.
6. At the June Work Meeting, Supervisor Dolce would like to do a walk-through in an effort to make everyone familiar with the Town's facilities. If time allows, the Board may also take a tour of the Public Safety Building.
7. Alarm & Suppression has performed the annual inspection/update of the fire extinguishers.
8. Supervisor Dolce is investigating options for a new telephone provider.
9. Marshall & Sterling has updated the inventory of the highway equipment. They have also provided a breakdown of the buildings and with the assistance of Assessor Kropp and the Assessor's Office, they will determine if the Town is adequately covered.
10. Supervisor Dolce attended a Shared Services meeting in Westerlo. The idea of a shared health insurance program is promising, but preliminary.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to obtain another quote for the mowing of the Public Safety Building and allow the Supervisor to enter into a contract with the lowest quote. Written quotes must be submitted with a Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

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1. As the auditors continue their work, Attorney Fallati has confirmed with the Town's insurance company that they will keep the claim open.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the Attorney's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.  
*Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)*

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

1. Superintendent Bates reported that the Highway Department has been busy with grading, adding shale where necessary, ditching, patching and replacing culverts. They have cleaned and stored the snow removal equipment and are prepping the paving equipment for the upcoming season.

2. Superintendent Bates predicts the following 2019 Highway work should begin around June 6th.

Town of Rensselaerville  
 2019 Town Highway Agreement

This agreement made by the Town Highway Superintendent and the undersigned members of the Town Board to be effective as of 5/10/19 through 5/14/20.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that monies levied and collected in the Town of Rensselaerville and received from the State of New York as State Aid shall be expended for the repair and improvement of town highways as follows:

General Repairs: The sum of \$185,000.00 shall be set aside to be expended on primary work and general repairs of Town Highways including culverts and bridges having a span of less than five (5) feet.

Permanent Improvements: The sum of \$233,310.95 shall be set aside to be expended on permanent improvements of Town Highways as follows:

1. Cheese Hill Road: 2" moto pave with chip seal placed by Peckham Corp.; 18 feet in width beginning at County Route 359 for a distance of 1.0 mile and ending at Travis Hill Road for a cost of \$87,856.00.
2. Gifford Hollow Road: 1 1/2" hot mix asphalt placed by Cobleskill Stone Products; 18 feet in width beginning at County Route 6 for a distance of 1.77 miles and ending at the town line for a cost of \$85,570.00.
3. Willsey Road: 1 1/4" hot mix asphalt placed by Cobleskill Stone Products; 20 feet in width beginning at County Route 357 for a distance of 2.35 miles and ending at County Route 351 for a cost of \$105,160.00.

End Agreement

Superintendent Bates noted that the projects will exceed the CHIPs funding by about \$45,000 and suggested that the money come from the General Repairs Fund. There is a shortage this year as New York State is no longer funding the Extreme Winter Recovery Program - a reduction of \$35,000. He also noted that next year will be the last year of the PAVE NY Program (a supplemental program for CHIPs funding), reducing the Town's CHIPs funding by an additional \$45,000.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the 2019 Town Highway Agreement; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

3. Superintendent Bates stated that the State took ownership of the CCC Road in the 1930's as part of their reforestation program. CCC Road runs through the Town of Rensselaerville into the Town of Broome and ends at a private residence on a section of the road that is maintained by the Town of

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Broome. The road is in horrible condition due mostly to a logging operation the State performed a few years ago. The homeowner, as well as the Town of Broome, has done some work on the road. The homeowner, the Town of Broome, and others, have asked if the Town of Rensselaerville Highway Department could improve the portion of the road that is within the Town of Rensselaerville. Superintendent Bates cannot make that decision as it is not a Town Highway. Any work would have to be authorized by the Town Board. Superintendent Bates feels that the State should be responsible for the repairs.

Superintendent Bates noted that the main concern is public safety - emergency vehicles being unable to travel across the road. Councilman Rauf suggested sending a letter to the Department of Environmental Conservation expressing the concerns of the Town, the condition of the road, and to formally notify them that the Town would like to see something done. Councilman Wood suggested that all Local, County and State Officials be copied on the letter.

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

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

**TOWN CLERK:** Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of April as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$956.30. Paid to the Supervisor - \$678.48 – the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$22.18; Recycling - \$64.50; Dog Licenses - \$117.00; Building Permits - \$404.80; Title Searches - \$70.00. Total - \$678.48

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$18.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$259.82

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$1,057.24; which includes \$10.44 in penalties.

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$3,061.42; which includes \$33.78 in penalties.

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

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

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Lawson reported for the month of April as follows: one Pool permit for \$50.00; one Home Replacement permit for \$50.00; one Building Repairs permit for \$304.80 and \$70.00 in title searches.

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

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

### **ASSESSORS**

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the 2019 Tentative Roll is complete and notifications of assessment/exemption changes have been mailed.

2. Grievance Day is May 28, 2019 from 3-5 pm and 6-8 pm.

3. Assessor Kropp also reported that all three of the Town's current Assessors are in agreement that moving towards a Sole Assessor is in the best interest of the Town. They feel there is a great deal to learn and it is not a good idea to have a new person, potentially, rotating in or out every two years. It takes 3 years to become certified and another 3-4 years to have a good understanding of the position. In addition

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to the many reports that have to be completed for the State, the State has now developed a new software package which will be another new learning curve. The STAR and Enhanced STAR program rules have changed as well. They feel a Sole Assessor would provide for more consistency and professionalism

Assessor Kropp also noted that 95% of the towns in New York have moved away from the elected board of three to a Sole Assessor and that the Sole Assessor does not live in the municipality in which they serve.

Assessor Wank added that it is often the case where a part-time Assessor has another regular, full-time job and cannot be expected to take time off their full-time job to attend continuing education courses.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to schedule a Special Meeting for June 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of discussing the pros and cons of a Sole Assessor position. The motion also authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

**WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE**

Bill Bensen, acting Chairman of the Water & Sewer Committees, is working on getting up to speed on issues facing the District. He announced that at their last meeting he had divided some of the responsibilities up among the members; someone will be handling the finances, another has been given the task of keeping the lines of communication open with the Huyck Preserve; and Mr. Bensen himself is looking into emergency procedures. He is looking at plant maintenance and what small things can be done by Committee members. The most important issue at this point is the dam.

The Committee had begun replacing the hydrant in front of the firehouse, but ran into a leaking culvert. Bob Tanner will be contacting the State Department of Transportation to see if they can fix their culvert but until then, replacement of the hydrant is on hold.

The most important issue at this point is the dam. Discussion ensued over the condition of the dam, the spillway and the repair of the leaking pipe.

Supervisor Dolce thanked Mr. Bensen for the report and his interest in attending the Town Board meetings.

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

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

**REFUSE/RECYCLING**

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of April as follows: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 3.28 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 71.95 tons; Sierra Fibers: 5.16 tons comingled and 6.36 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 42 gallons; Tires: 18

Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck also announced that he had made the last trip to Rensselaer Iron & Steel and he would be looking for a new vendor to take the metals to. In addition, the Town will now be charged for the cardboard/paper recycles.

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

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

### RENSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

Jeanne Strausman representing the Library reported the following:

- May 21<sup>st</sup> is the Greenville Central School and Library vote.
- The Summer Reading program is opening soon.
- Local author, Bill Logan, has a new book titled Sprout Lands.
- 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.
- On July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm there will be a presentation on cyber security.
- On July 28<sup>th</sup> there is a free movie, American Creed.

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

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

### CURRENT EVENTS

Councilwoman Sedlmeir announced that the Preston Hollow Beautification Committee will be holding their annual Mother's Day Plant & Bake Sale at the greenhouse on Route 145.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf reported that the Solar Committee has met a few more times. Attorneys Fallati and Ryan will be going over the laws and proofing the draft which the Committee has submitted.
2. Councilman Wood will be following through with ADP regarding the sexual harassment training.
3. Supervisor Dolce received a courtesy call from Kathleen Martens, counsel for the NYS Parks, notifying the Town that consultants will be out on Right-of-Ways and Public Lands placing monitors which will be collecting/providing current ambient background noise in the community.
4. Attorney Fallati has researched the issues which towns face regarding sidewalks. Discussion ensued between Board members and a few members of the audience expressing different thoughts and concerns. Attorney Fallati will take these into account and will draft a Local Law that is tailored to meet the Town's needs and desires.
5. The final Annual Update Document has been filed.
6. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to appoint Allyn Wright as the Alternate Planning Board member. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dolce.

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

### NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to renew the Town's subscription to the *Altamont Enterprise*; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Rauf.  
*Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)*
2. A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the resignation of Court Clerk Sally Lounsbury; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Cooke.  
*Motion carried: Ayes (5) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0)*
3. A motion was made by Councilman Wood to appoint Carolyn Bauer to the position of Court Clerk; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Rauf.

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

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**RECOGNITION OF THE 2018 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR**

The Town Board and members of the audience joined in to recognize the hard work, dedication and service of Volunteers of the Year: John (Jack) & Connie Kudlack and Kenneth (Chip) Decker. Each volunteer was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and their names will join the others on the plaque in the hallway.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Rauf.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk



June 25, 2019



## 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

**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

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

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
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	Gregory Bischoff 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
<b>Albany Co. Hwy Dept.</b> 239-6715; 239-6710  Town Meetings: Work: Tues. preceding monthly mtg Regular: 2nd Thurs @7pm	<b>Sen. George Amedure</b> 46th District LOB, Room 802 Albany, NY 12247 455-2350; Fax: 426-6751 Amedure@nysenate.gov	<b>Assemblyman</b> 102nd District - Chris Tague LOB 937 Albany, NY 12248 518-455-5363 <a href="mailto:taguec@nyassembly.gov">taguec@nyassembly.gov</a>
		<b>County Legislator Chris Smith</b> 39th District Alb Co Office Building 112 State Street Albany, NY 12207 447-7168; (H) 447-7117



June 2019

# UPCOMING EVENTS

~~APR 1 - MAY 31: "En Ploin Air" Art Show by Amy DiGi~~  
~~Open Monday through Friday 9AM - 5PM @ Guggenheim Gallery~~

**JUN 22-23: Hilltowns Alive Main Street History Tour**  
2PM @ Helderberg Brewery Taproom, 26 County Route 353

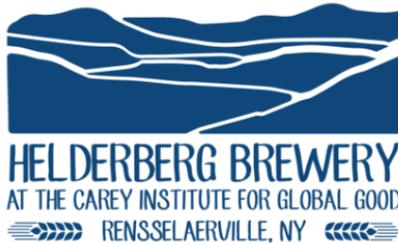
**JUL 6: Hilltowns Alive Anti-Rent Pub Crawl**  
2PM @ Helderberg Brewery Taproom, 26 County Route 353

**JUL 28: "American Creed" Film Screening & Discussion**  
4PM @ Guggenheim Performance Hall, Carey Institute for Global Good

**AUG 3: Rensselaerville Block Party hosted by  
RVFD & The Rensselaerville Library**  
6PM @ Main Street in the village of Rensselaerville

**AUG 17-18: Rensselaerville Ride**  
SAVE THE DATE @ Helderberg Brewery Taproom, 26 County Route 353

Visit [careyinstitute.org/event-calendar](http://careyinstitute.org/event-calendar) for more.



### 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/>

**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](http://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](http://www.careyinstitute.org).

# Save the Date

## THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

IN CONJUNCTION WITH AND SUPPORTED BY ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES  
& RESIDENTS OF OUR TOWNSHIP,  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

### A TOWN-WIDE PICNIC

(A CELEBRATION OF OUR LOCAL HAMLETS)

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019  
2 PM to 4:30 PM

**WHERE:** The Medusa Fire House and Park

**WHY:** TO BRING OUR 5 HAMLETS TOGETHER TO SHARE A MEAL AND  
BUILD COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

- \* There will be lots of good food to enjoy including hamburgers and hot dogs. Condiments, rolls, paper goods, plastic ware, iced tea, lemonade, and water will be provided.
- \* If your last name begins with A through M please bring a salad of any kind to share.
- \* If your last name begins with N through Z please bring a dessert of any kind to share.
- \* Activities include: a playground for young children, horseshoes, possibly a magician, coin search, and more.
- \* Take time to browse the information tables of some organizations and businesses throughout the Township.
- \* Visit with our Fire Departments, the Ambulance, and Albany County Sheriff's Office and K9 Unit.
- \* Music by "Hatchet Man" Dan Ryan and Band.

*There will be a ceremony to honor our service members  
at 4:00 PM around the flag area in the park*

## We Hope To See You There Rain or Shine!

**On the Calendar**

June 2	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
June 2	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
June 2		<b>TOWN-WIDE PICNIC</b>	
June 4	7:00 pm	Town Board Special Meeting Topic: Sole Assessor	Town Hall
June 9	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
June 9	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
June 11	12 noon	Rensselaerville Senior Citizen Luncheon/Meeting	Medusa Firehouse
June 11	7:00 pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
June 13	7:00 pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
June 14		<b>FLAG DAY</b>	
June 16		<b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b>	
June 16	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
June 16	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
June 21		<b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER</b>	
June 23	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
June 23	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
June 25		<b>PRIMARY ELECTIONS</b>	

**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.

**JUNE**

**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.

**Have You Registered?**  
 Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run and Walk  
 June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am  
 Registration is \$30.  
[rensselaevillerramble.weebly.com](http://rensselaevillerramble.weebly.com)

2 – 2:00pm – **Town Picnic at Medusa Fire House** – The Library will have an information table.

11 – 6pm – **Poetry Group:** Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

13 – 6pm – **Writing Group:** Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome.

15 – 9am – **Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run Walk** Registration is \$25 until June 1, and \$30 until race day. All persons registering by June 7th will be guaranteed a race t-shirt. [rensselaevillerramble.weebly.com](http://rensselaevillerramble.weebly.com) During the Ramble meet **Bruce the Bear**. Bruce the Bear is a children's book character from the bestselling Mother Bruce series by Ryan T. Higgins. Bruce will be available for photos as well as encourage kids to read his stories. Bruce will start the kids 600 meter "Wood Duck Dash".

15 – 10am – **Summer Reading Program opens.** This Summer's theme is a Universe of Stories. Set your goals for your summer reading. Visit



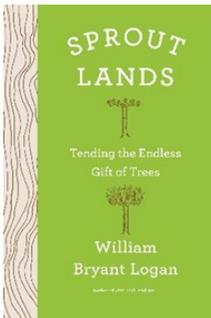
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<http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/summer-reading.html> for more information.

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



22 – 12pm – **Bill Logan** will discuss his new book ***Sprout Lands***. *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.

25 – 6pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

27 – 7pm – **PBS American Experience *Chasing the Moon* FREE Prescreening** event at the Carey Institute for Global Good Guggenheim Auditorium. "Chasing the Moon," a film by Robert Stone, reimagines the race to the moon for a new generation, upending much of the conventional mythology surrounding the effort. The three night series recasts the Space Age as a fascinating stew of scientific innovation, political calculation, media spectacle, visionary impulses and personal drama. For more information <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/chasing-moon/>

## JULY

4 – Closed for the Holiday.

9 – 6pm – **Cyber Safety: Protect Your Data, Protect Your Privacy** – **John Borst from NYS Information Security Office will present how to safely navigate the world wide web and protect your privacy and data**

9 – 6pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

11 - **Writing Group**: is on summer recess.

16 – 7pm – **Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees** – public welcome, meeting is on the lower level.

23 – 6pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

28 – 4pm – ***American Creed*** - a FREE Screening of ***American Creed A*** documentary examining the values and beliefs that hold Americans together, followed by a **Community Conversation, facilitated by Paul Grondahl, Director of the NYS Writers Institute**. The idea for this film grew out of conversations between two Stanford University professors, political scientist and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Pulitzer Prize- winning historian David M. Kennedy. Kennedy was drawn to history in large part to determine whether the United State has a "national character", and if so, what defines it and how it changes over time. The film is an outgrowth of these enduring questions. The screening will be followed by community conversations and refreshments. A FREE event.

### Save the Date

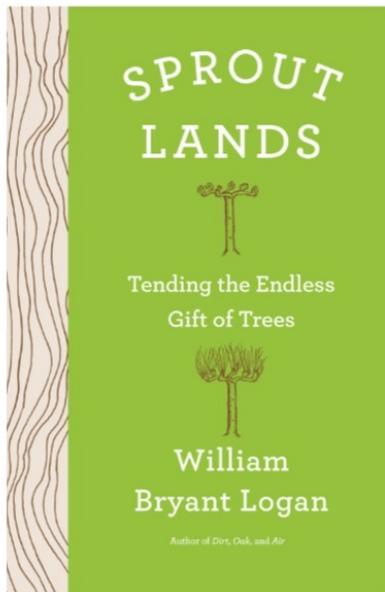
Rensselaerville Block Party  
Saturday, August 3, 2019

# Rensselaerville Library

## 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.

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**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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# Rensselaerville Library

## Cyber Safety:

### Protect Your Data, Protect Your Privacy

With John Borst

**Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:00pm**

The World Wide Web can be a wild, wild world! But you can navigate the web safely and learn how to protect your privacy and data with resources made available from New York State and it's partners.

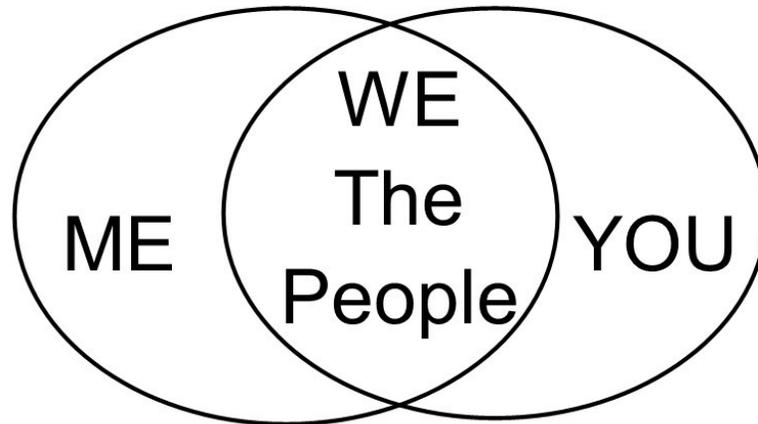
John Borst works for the New York State ITS Chief Information Security Office (CISO) and plays a role in managing and directing activities to increase cyber security awareness across the State of New York. This includes planning and participating in awareness presentations and events, developing avenues for outreach and developing partnerships with State and national work groups, and supporting the annual NYS Cyber Security Conference.



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# Rensselaerville Library



Invites you to a FREE Screening of  
***American Creed***

A documentary examining the values and beliefs that hold Americans together, followed by a Community Conversation facilitated by Paul Grondahl, Director of the NYS Writers Institute

**Sunday, July 28, 2019 from 4:00-6:00 pm**  
 Carey Institute Guggenheim Pavilion

The idea for this film grew out of conversations between two Stanford University professors, political scientist and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David M. Kennedy. Kennedy was drawn to history in large part to determine whether the United State has a “national character”, and if so, what defines it and how it changes over time. The film is an outgrowth of these enduring questions.

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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](http://www.RensselaervilleLibrary.com/blockparty.html)



Photos by JR Delia



R'ville Stage Creations presents

# THEATRE CAMP

July 22nd-26th  
9am-3pm

Learn about the stage  
purposeful movement  
improv  
character development  
audition preparation

Students entering 8th-11th grade  
are welcome!!

Space will be very limited,  
so register now!

**Conkling Hall,  
Rensselaerville**

For information, call Tara @ 518.669.5150  
or email [tara.mccormick.hostash@gmail.com](mailto:tara.mccormick.hostash@gmail.com)

## Robocall scams driving you crazy? Here's how to fight back

Here are the FCC's latest tips and tools for fighting back against the scammers ringing you day and night.

### How to fight back against robocall scams

- Don't answer your phone if you don't recognize a number – even if the number is from your area code or seems close to your own number.
- Tell family members – especially the elderly or others who may be vulnerable – not to take calls from unfamiliar numbers.
- Don't fall for scams in which the caller claims to represent the government or law enforcement asking you for money.
- If you do need to look into an issue that a suspicious caller has discussed with you, hang up and call the agency or company at a number from a recent bill or legitimate website. Do not call the number the caller used or provided to you.
- If you know a call is fraudulent, do not engage with scam artists in any way. Even pushing a button on your phone to supposedly remove yourself from a call list can provide personal information about your phone and identity.
- Scammers also have found ways to collect information to make them seem *legitimate*. *Be aware* – and tell your family members – that just because a caller knows your name or even personal or financial information does not mean they are legitimate.
- Do not provide financial or personal information to unknown callers, ever.
- Do not let anyone pressure you to pay a debt using a gift card or money order.

### Other tools

- √ Wireless carriers have taken big steps recently to address robocalls. Ask your company for their tools and resources for fighting robocalls. Here is where to seek that information from different carriers.
- √ Block spam and other unwanted calls with available security software.
- √ US consumers can file a complaint about a robocall scam with the FCC here.
- √ Register for the FCC's Do Not Call list, or verify that you are already registered here.
- √ Investigate third-party apps that block robocalls here.
- √ Download the full FCC report on robocalls here.
- √ To learn more about robocall issues globally, read this report.

The fight against robocall scams is not futile. In March, the US Federal Trade Commission shut down four separate operations responsible for making billions of robocalls. The robocall operations solicited donations to fake veterans charities, pitched bogus search-engine optimization, and supposedly sold home-security systems, among other scams. In settlements the defendants have agreed to pay more than \$20 million.

Source: <https://blog.avast.com/how-to-fight-robocall-scams>



# 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](http://www.raceentry.com/races/rensselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk/2019/register)

Learn More at:

[www.rensselaervilleramble.weebly.com](http://www.rensselaervilleramble.weebly.com)

Event takes place at Eldridge Research Station, Rensselaerville, NY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH | 9AM**



The Hilltown Summit is a collaboration of the Hilltown communities sharing programs and activities during the year. The towns of Berne, Knox, Rensselaerville and Westerlo will meet on June 1. The Rensselaerville Historical Society will host the spring meeting at the Grist Mill on Main Street with a meet and greet at 9:30 following with a meeting at 10:00 followed by tour of the Mill. Town Historians, Historical Society members, Town Board members, Librarians and anyone interested in sharing our unique history with our neighbors are welcome. Hope to see you there.

**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.**

June 2019						
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

**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!!

**June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 7:00-8:30  
Sponsored by the Greenville Public Library**

**The class will be held at the SRV Retreat Center.**

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

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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 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

**6/2 - 4:00 PM - Concert - Joe Jencks - Joe Jencks** is an 18-year veteran of the international folk circuit, an award-winning songwriter, and celebrated vocalist based in Chicago. Merging conservatory training with his Irish roots and working-class upbringing "You can expect many a gifted artist to move you deeply, but Joe Jencks will change who you are." - **Angela Page – WJFF, Radio Catskill, Jefferson, NY**

**6/4, 11/ 18, 25, - 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.

**6/4, 11/ 18, 25, - 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.

**6/7, 21 - 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.

**6/8 - 11:00-2:30 PM - Mother/Daughter Flower Fairy Tea Party** - Victorian children believed the Fairy Realm held its annual merriment and mischief in June on Midsummer's Eve. Join us for a special celebration of the fairy magic in our 2nd annual Mother/Daughter Flower Fairy Tea. After tea, look for signs of fairy revelry in a scavenger hunt around the lawn, play with bubbles, and have a tour of the house if you like. Fairy wings and elves, often in the guise of boys, are also welcome! Please note that there are two seatings for the day. One at 11:00 and another at 1:00. There are eight tables for each time slot, so seating is limited. Tickets are \$22 for a mother and 1 child and \$8.00 for each additional adult or child at your table. All proceeds benefit the care and upkeep of the Dr. Best House museum. Go to [www.middleburghlibrary.info](http://www.middleburghlibrary.info) and click on Calendar. Click on the June 8 tea and click on "Get your tickets [here](#)." to order your tickets.

**6/10 - 6:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - The public is welcome.**

**6/13 - 1:00-3:00 - Book Discussion - "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens** - Our discussion will be facilitated by Judith Prest. "A painfully beautiful first novel that is at once a murder mystery, a coming-of-age narrative and a celebration of nature....Owens here surveys the desolate marshlands of the North Carolina coast through the eyes of an abandoned child. And in her isolation that child makes us open our own eyes to the secret wonders—and dangers—of her private world."—The New York Times Book Review

**6/20 - 7:00 PM - Cyber Safety Workshop** - The worldwide web can be a wild, wild world! But you can be safe - learn how to protect your privacy and sensitive data. Facilitator: John Borst, Cybersecurity Awareness & Training Unit, NYS Office of Information Technology Services. **Registration required.**

**6/25 - 6:20-7:30 PM - Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group - This program is open to anyone caring for a Alzheimer's patient.**

**6/26 - 6:00 PM - Roses, Roses, Roses (at the Dr. Best House)** - Join Herbalist Betty Fikes Pillsbury as she discusses roses and their medicinal, culinary and craft purposes. Enjoy fruit with rose-scented

### Library News - - Middleburgh Library

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cream, English tea sandwiches with fresh rose petals and rose & herb tea. **A \$5.00 donation is required payable on entering. Registration is required and you can register at the Middleburgh Library.**

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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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



### BLOOD DRIVES

**Tuesday, July 9, 2019**

#### Sanctuary

11693 Route 32  
Greenville, NY 12083

01:00 PM - 06:00 PM

#### More Details

Power Red Blood

**Tuesday, July 16, 2019**

#### First Reformed Church

1663 Helderberg Trail  
Berne, NY 12023

01:00 PM - 06:00 PM

#### More Details

Power Red Blood

**Saturday, July 20, 2019**

#### Rensselaerville Public Safety Building

380 Fox Creek Rd  
Medusa, NY 12120

07:30 AM - 12:30 PM

#### More Details

Power Red Blood

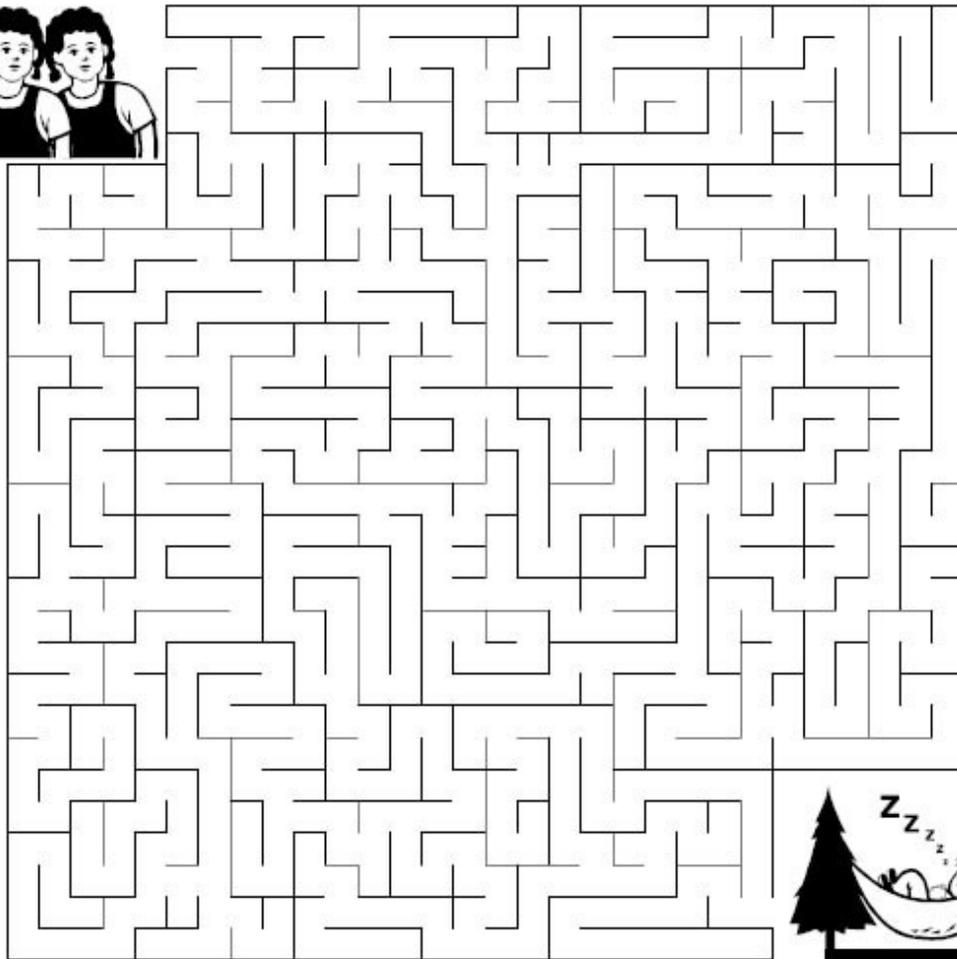


The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.™

Kids' Activity Page

# Happy Father's Day

It's Father's Day and the kids are all trying to find Dad so they can give him a snazzy tie!  
But where is he?



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

**POP'S PLACE**  
**ROUTE 145, PRESTON HOLLOW**

**NEW HOURS**  
**SUN-WED 6AM-2PM**  
**THURS-SAT 6AM-7PM**  
**CLOSED MONDAYS**

**LOOK TWICE. SAVE A LIFE.**



**Watch for Motorcycles!**

# Creature World: An Interdisciplinary Artists' Retreat

Saturday June 8, 12:30 – 4:00 pm

Reading & Visual Arts/Poetry Book Exhibit 4:00 – 5:00, Open to the Public

The Huyck Preserve Eldridge Research Center  
284 Pond Hill Road  
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

In the fast-paced world we live in, endless errands, innumerable emails and relentless to-do lists demand our attention...Finding time to break away...can inspire leaps in creativity...and artist retreats help us not only to enhance our artistry but also work on ourselves, too.  
– C.J. Kent, Artists Magazine



Take part in an afternoon of creative sanctuary on beautiful Lincoln Pond in the 2000-acre Huyck Nature Preserve, facilitated by Creative Arts Therapist and RYT, Nancy DeNicolò, and poets Gail Haines, Linda S. Miller, Katrinka Moore, and Dianne Sefcik. This retreat offers quiet time in an environment particularly suited to appreciating our connection with the land and its creatures.

The facilitators will offer suggested 'prompts' and guidelines for processes. Then participants may walk around the pond, sit on the deck, or find a comfortable spot indoors to work. At the end of the session, those who want to may share impressions, processes, words and images. (Critique is not included in this day's events.)

We will supply paper and some drawing and writing tools, but we encourage you to bring your own favorite tools and notebooks.

#### Registration:

Limited to 20 participants. Cost: \$20 (to cover a donation to the Huyck Preserve and cost of supplies) paid by cash or check upon arrival.

Please register by May 15, 2019 by emailing [wedwritersretreat@gmail.com](mailto:wedwritersretreat@gmail.com).

# 4<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY STREET FEST

MIDDLEBURGH AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Like us on Facebook: Middleburgh NY 4th Fridays

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- May 24** World of Wizardry  
Rotary 5K Run/Walk
- June 28** 50s and 60s Night
- July 26** What's up, Doc? Come as Your Favorite Doctor  
(Fundraiser for the Dr. Best House)
- August 23** Carnival!



## ACTIVITIES

- Live Music
  - Longer Shop Hours
  - Free Kids' Activities
  - Dinner Specials
  - Open-air Market
  - Historical Tours
- Embrace the themes! Costumes encouraged!*

Enjoy a festive night out in the Village of Middleburgh!  
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

## MUSIC

~~**May 24**  
The Red Wagon  
Becca & Brian duo  
Mike Herman~~

**June 28**  
Moonrocka  
Bowery Creek  
Matt Durfee

**July 26**  
Paul & Chuck  
Will Foley  
James Hearne

**August 23**  
Red Haired Strangers  
Alyssa Yeager  
The Insolent Willies

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# SEPSIS

## IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Any Kind of Infection  
Can Lead to Sepsis

Some common infections that can lead to sepsis include:

• Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs) • Strep Throat • Influenza • MRSA

- Sepsis is your body's life-threatening response to an infection.
- Sepsis is usually easy to treat if it is detected early.
- Sepsis kills 258,000 people each year in the U.S.

If you've had an infection or suspect an infection, and develop a combination of these symptoms, seek medical attention right away: fever or chills, extreme pain or discomfort, pale or discolored skin, sleepiness or confusion, shortness of breath, or feeling the worst you've ever felt.



Get involved and join the fight at [sepsis.org](http://sepsis.org)

SEPSIS ALLIANCE

*Suspect Sepsis. Save Lives.*

# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Kenneth's Ride

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

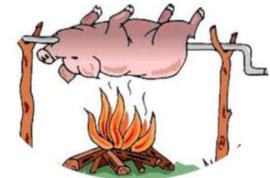
Presented by:  
Kenneth's Army



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 15<sup>th</sup> - May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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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## 2019 SUMMER SERVICES AT RENNELAERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church announces its schedule of summer services every Sunday from June 30 through September 1. Services are held at 11:00 a.m. in the church located on Main Street (County Route 351) in Rensselaerville. Everyone is welcome.

Each year, clergy from different faith traditions are invited to deliver sermons on a common theme. The 2019 theme is "Finding Joy".

June 30 "Finding Joy"

Rev. Stewart Pattison, Moderator, Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church, Rensselaerville, NY

July 7 "The Joy of Healing in Community"

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

July 14 "Make a Joyful Noise"

Rabbi Deborah Gordon, Congregation Berith Sholom, Troy, NY

July 21 "Good Pleasure"

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

July 28 "What Does Jesus Know About Joy?"

Rev. Dr. Rick Spalding, Retired Chaplain, Williams College, Williamstown, MA

August 4 "Discovering Joy in a Root-Shocked World"

Rev. Peter Cook, Executive Director, New York State Council of Churches, Albany, NY

August 11 "Approaching the World"

Rev. Kate Forer, Senior Pastor, Presbyterian-New England Congregational Church, Saratoga Springs, NY

August 18 "You Give Them Something to Eat"

Rev. Dr. Roxanne Jones Booth, Co-Pastor, Riverview Baptist Church, Coeymans, NY

August 25 "Joy Is Different Than Happiness"

Rev. Dr. Donna Schaper, Senior Pastor, Judson Memorial Church, New York, NY

September 1 "Joy, a Firm and Quiet Strength"

Sister Joan Scanlon, O.P., Coordinator of Dominican Ministries, Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT

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

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

More information about each week's guest preacher and the church may be found on its website:

[www.rvillepres.org](http://www.rvillepres.org). Comments and questions may be sent to [rvillepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rvillepreschurch@gmail.com).



# Hilltowns Alive

## Historic Rensselaerville Walking Tour

### WHEN?

Sat. June 22 at 2pm  
Sun. June 23 at 2pm

### WHERE?

Helderberg Brewery  
Taproom  
26 County Route 353  
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

### TICKETS

\$5 At The Door

Historic Rensselaerville Walking Tour with local resident, historic preservationist and Helderberg Brewery Bartender, Gerritt Platel.

The tour will feature:

- The Huyck Felt Mill
- The Rensselaerville National Historic District
- A tour of the Grist Mill

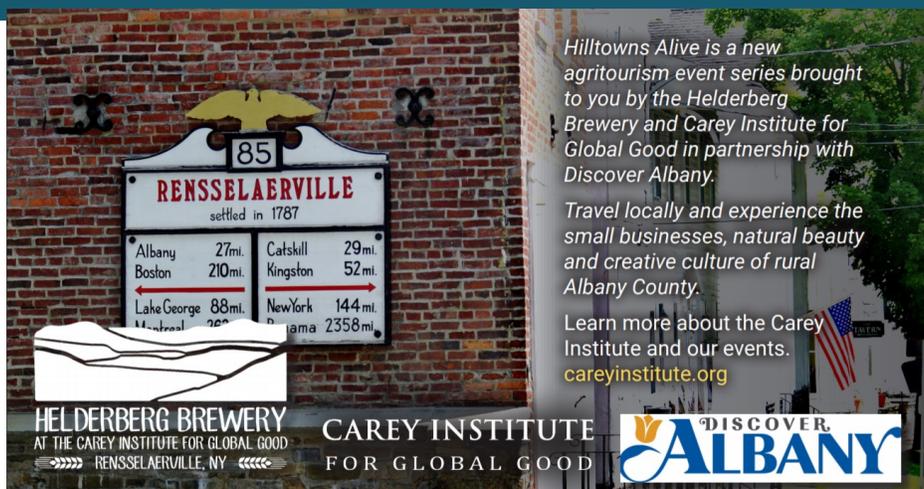
On Saturday Kuhar Family Farm Market & Café is open until 2PM. Arrive early for brunch or lunch.

On Sunday food is available for purchase at the Taproom before and after the tour.

Walk begins and ends at the Helderberg Brewery Taproom both days, 26 County Route 353 in Rensselaerville. The tour is approximately 60-90 minutes and will cover about 1 mile including some trails. Wear appropriate and comfortable footwear.

Cost: \$5/person: Register for your preferred day by visiting our Facebook page, Eventbrite ticketing page or by email/phone to Rebecca Platel at:

[rplatel@careyinstitute.org](mailto:rplatel@careyinstitute.org) or at 518.797.5100



## 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. For further information, call Tom Snyder, President, at 518-239-4376.

We have bus trips in the summer and fall. Anyone wishing to know about upcoming trips are asked to call Janet Nelson at 518-797-3963 for further information.

***Our yearly fundraiser, a raffle, is now underway. Tickets may be purchased from any member of our club as well as at Pop's Place in Preston Hollow.***

Please note that we are always looking for 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



## NOTICE

**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, 6/4/2019  
7:00 PM @ TOWN HALL**

**TOPIC: TO DISCUSS THE TOPTION OF MOVING TOWARDS A  
SOLE ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWN**

## 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:

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



**Attention Community Members  
Help Us Save Lives!!**

**FREE Opioid Overdose Prevention Training**

Jointly sponsored by  
The ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
The ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
and  
PROJECT SAFE POINT

<del>1/8/19</del>	<del>2/5/19</del>	<del>3/5/19</del>	<del>4/2/19</del>	<del>5/7/19</del>	6/4/19
7/2/19	8/6/19	9/3/19	10/1/19	11/12/19	12/3/19

**11:00 am**  
**175 Green Street – Lower Level**  
**(Next to Albany DMV)**

- Training is open to anyone and does not require RSVP
- Learn the signs and symptoms of Opioid Overdose
- Learn how to use Naloxone (Narcan) to respond to an overdose
- Each individual will receive an Intranasal Naloxone kit as part of the training.

For More Information Contact Joseph Filippone at 518-449-3581 Ext 130 or [josephf@ccalbany.org](mailto:josephf@ccalbany.org)



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Albany County Executive

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