Draft Minutes, Town Board Public Hearing, July 11, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Public Hearing on 9th day of July 2019 at 6:30 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The hearing was convened by Supervisor John Dolce and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Attorney Thomas Fallati, Supervisor John Dolce, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Brian Wood *Arrived at 6:32 pm; Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WAS: Councilwoman Marion Cooke

Also present were Assessors Donna Kropp and Kathryn Wank, Assessor’s Clerk Debra Baxter, and one interested citizen.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment on the Town moving towards a Sole Assessor.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to open the Public Hearing at 6:31 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

The proposed Local Law reads as follows:

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW No. 1 of 2019
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE, NEW YORK

A local law to establish a single Assessor for the Town.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Repeal and Amend: Local Law No. 1 of 1971 of the Town Law of the Town of Rensselaerville, codified as Chapter Five of the Town Law of the Town of Rensselaerville, is hereby repealed and the following is adopted in its place.

Section 2. Single Assessor: Pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 328, there shall be a single appointed Assessor for the Town of Rensselaerville, appointed by the Town Board pursuant to the applicable provisions of the New York Real Property Tax Law.

Section 3. Term: The term of office for the initial appointed Assessor shall commence on January 1, 2020 and shall terminate on September 30, 2025. Thereafter, the term of office for the appointed
Draft Minutes, Town Board Special Meeting, June 4, 2019

Assessor shall be six years, commencing October 1 and terminating on September 30, as set for in Section 328 of the New York Real Property Tax Law.

Section 4. Current Assessors: The terms of office of the Town’s current three elected Assessors shall terminate on December 31, 2019.

Section 5. Effective Date: This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

As no comments were introduced, either verbal or written, a motion to close the Public Hearing was entertained.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to close the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2019 at 6:37 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;
Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk

Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, July 11, 2019

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 9th day of July 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, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Brian Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WAS: Councilwoman Marion Cooke

Also present was Assessor Kathryn Wank and two interested citizens.

MINUTES: Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on Thursday:
June 4, 2019 – Special Meeting – Sole Assessor
June 11, 2019 – Work Meeting
June 13, 2019 – Regular Meeting

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS/TRANSFERS: Budget Modifications and/or 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.

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.

SUPERVISOR
1. Supervisor Dolce announced that Nexamp, a community solar company, will do a presentation at the Regular Meeting on Thursday. Supervisor Dolce wished to make a full disclosure that he leases
property to Nexamp and that his solar project is where they would be getting the power from if the Town and/or its residents elected to join Nexamp’s community solar program.

2. ADP Payroll Services has not been able to provide the Town with the services they initially promised. As there was no contract involved and the cost is the same, Supervisor Dolce has dismissed ADP and asked Paychex to take their place.

3. Valerie Lounsbury has agreed to help with the payroll while Bookkeeper/Clerk 1, Linda McCormick, is on vacation.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf will have an update on the progress of the Solar Committee on Thursday.

2. Supervisor Dolce announced that there were still no updates from Weston & Sampson Engineering or the Park Police Training Academy’s Firing Range and wishes not to address these topics until there is something to report on.

3. Councilman Wood is handling the sexual harassment training and is ready to move forward.

4. The State auditors are still at work at Town Hall. They have confirmed that the amount of missing funds is $13,222.27.

5. The Board will vote on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2019 at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

6. Attorney Fallati will address the letter regarding the sidewalks on Thursday.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Dolce has met with Erin Nevins to discuss the upcoming health insurance renewal. He will be confirming that everyone is paying the amounts which they are required to pay.

2. Although Diane DeSanto has resigned, she has offered to serve as the clerk for the Planning Board’s Public Hearing on July 18th. She will need authorization to serve if the Board choses to allow her to.

3. Authorization will be needed to advertise for a new Planning/Zoning Board Clerk.

4. Authorization will be needed for the Town Clerk to place a Legal Notice in the Altamont Enterprise for the 2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.

5. The Application Process for Driveways will be addressed on Thursday.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board members discussed the upcoming budget, salaries, and how and where to cut down on expenses.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

A question was brought up regarding a job description for the Planning/Zoning Board Clerk’s position. Town Clerk Kraker suggested that the set hours for the clerk be the same as the meetings - the first and third Thursday evenings of each month as opposed to the clerk being required to be at the office every Thursday evening.

Kathryn Wank, who served as the Planning/Zoning Board Clerk in the past, is willing to serve as the clerk until a replacement can be found and/or train a new clerk.

ADJOURNMENT
Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, June 11, 2019

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;
Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk

Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, July 13, 2019

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

ABSENT WAS: Councilwoman Marion Cooke

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Ed Lawson, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Paul Kelly representing the Rensselaerville Library and seven interested citizens.

NEXAMP PRESENTATION

Representatives from Nexamp, a Community Solar Company, introduced themselves and their program. They propose to save the Town 10% - an estimated $1,804 - in annual electricity costs. Nexamp would allocate a share of one of their solar farms that serves the Central Hudson Gas & Electric territory.

Supervisor Dolce wished to make a full disclosure that he leases property to Nexamp and that his solar project is where they would be getting the power from if the Town and/or its residents elected to join Nexamp’s community solar program.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2019 – Special Meeting; 2nd by Supervisor Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 – Work Meeting notifying a spelling correction on page 2; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 – Regular Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

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BUDGET MODIFICATIONS/TRANSFERS: None

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - $20,968.21; Highway Fund - $22,220.54; Sewer Fund - $47.78; Water Fund - $47.97; T&A Fund - $690.19. Total Abstracts: $43,974.69

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Dolce announced that he had received an email notifying the Board that there was another hole at the Rensselaerville Park.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Dolce reported that ADP Payroll Services has not been able to provide the Town with the services they initially promised. As there was no contract involved and the cost is the same, Supervisor Dolce has dismissed ADP and asked Paychex to take their place. Paychex expects to be set up by the end of July.

2. Supervisor Dolce has been checking into the charges on the Magna-5 phone bill. There is an extra line that does not show any usage and also a charge for “mileage” which is attached to the “797” exchange.

3. There is a pay-phone at the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park which costs the Town about $90/month. PTS has agreed to lower the monthly fee to $70 starting in August. It is believed that the pay phone was initially placed there for baseball games in the event that someone got injured, as there is no cell service in that area.

4. Supervisor Dolce wished to thank Cooksburg Lumber for the sawdust they donated to the Town-Wide Picnic. Councilwoman Sedlmeir will send a thank you note.

5. The New York State auditors have confirmed the missing funds to be $13,222.27. Attorney Fallati will reach out to the District Attorney’s office and the insurance company to provide them with this information.

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

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

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Fallati has sent out the letters to the solar developers regarding the Westerlo property that borders the Town of Rensselaerville as well as the letter to the Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the CCC Road, as was discussed at last month’s meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce to accept the Attorney’s report; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates reported that the Highway Department has completed two out of the three paving projects: Gifford Hollow and Willsey Roads. The third, Cheese Hill Road, is slated to begin around July 23rd.

2. The Highway Department is reconstructing Saybrook Valley Road, adding crusher-run and geotextile fabric, in preparation for paving next year.

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3. The Town’s paver will be used on Knowles Road, Bates Hollow Road and Gerard Road.

4. Superintendent Bates announced that the New York State Legislature has approved an additional $35,526.05 in C.H.I.P.s funding under the Extreme Winter Recovery Program. Originally, Superintendent Bates proposed using all the C.H.I.P.s and PAVE-NY funding and using an additional $45,000 from the Highway’s General Repair Fund to complete the projects listed on the 2019 Town Highway Agreement. Now, with this additional C.H.I.P.s funding, only about $10,000 will have to be taken from the General Repair Fund.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to amend the 2019 Highway Agreement; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

5. $8,700 was the final bid on the Hyundai excavator.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the $8,700 bid; 2nd by Supervisor Dolce.

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

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

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

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of June as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected $1,038.20. Paid to the Supervisor - $845.25 – the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - $168.80; Recycling - $38.00; Dog Licenses - $135.00; Building Permits - $398.45; Title Searches - $105.00. Total: $845.25

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the ‘Animal Population Control Program’ aka ‘dog surcharge’: $24.00

Fees paid to NYS Department of Health for one marriage license: $22.50

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk’s checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: $146.45

No Water or Sewer Rents were collected for the month.

Town Clerk Kraker noted that Deputy Town Clerk Michelle Cotter has been working on researching the phone charges from Magna-5 and the pay phone bills for the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park.

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Lawson reported two New Home Construction permits for the month of June totaling $398.45 and $105.00 in Title Searches.

Discussion was had over how many times the Building Department would allow a permit to be extended.

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

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

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ASSESSORS
Assessor Kropp submitted a written report noting that the Final Roll for 2019 has been completed. She also reported that the Assessors continue to work with the New York State auditors and update photos into the database as well.

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

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

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE: No report

REFUSE/RECYCLING
1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of June as follows: Steel: 8.2 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 60.63 tons; Sierra Fibers: 4.03 tons comingled and 7.49 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 48 gallons; Tires: 9

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

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

RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY
Paul Kelley, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Rensselaerville Library, reported the following:
In honor of the 50th anniversary of man landing on the moon there will be a retired NASA scientist speaking at the Library at the end of the month.

The Library encourages members of the community, not just children, to sign up for the Summer Reading Program which goes through the end of August.

The Library has hired a new Youth Services Coordinator, Judy Crilley. To start, she will be at the Library on Thursdays mornings at 10:30.

A family STEAM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Mathematics) program is held on Fridays at 3:00 pm.

The Annual Block party will be held on August 3rd. The Block Party is a fund-raiser for both the Library and the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company.

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

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

CURRENT EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS
1. Councilman Rauf, reporting on behalf of the Solar Energy Committee, announced that Attorney Fallati is working on a draft which will be circulated when it is complete.

2. There are no updates on the repair of the dam. The subject will not be on the agenda until there is something more to report.

3. The Sexual Harassment training is all set to move forward. Councilman Wood will work with Superintendent Bates to get the Highway employees together as a group to attend the training. Councilman Wood will also host another one or two group sessions at mutually convenient times.

4. The State auditors are still working at Town Hall and have confirmed the missing funds to be $13,222.27.
5. There are no updates on the NYS Park Police firing range. This subject, also, will not be on the agenda until there is something to report.

6. Attorney Fallati read the Resolution regarding Local Law No. 1 of 2019 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town Board is considering a change from the current system of three elected Assessors to a single appointed Assessor, pursuant to Section 328 of the New York Real Property Tax Law;

WHEREAS, the attached proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2019 would effectuate such a change;

WHEREAS, the Town Board conducted a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2019 on July 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Town to adopt a single appointed Assessor;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2019 is hereby enacted and adopted.

By motion made by Jason Rauf and seconded by Brian Wood, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 11th day of July 2019 as follows:

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END RESOLUTION

7. Attorney Fallati read the letter he drafted regarding the sidewalks in Town. He will make a few amendments to the letter and it will be mailed to all homeowners whose property borders any portion of a sidewalk.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Dolce met with Erin Nevins of Nevins Insurance Agency to discuss options regarding the upcoming health insurance renewal. Mrs. Nevins will make a presentation to the Town Board in August.

2. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize Diane DeSanto to serve as the Planning/Zoning Board Clerk for the July 18, 2019 meeting and to include time for minutes and other necessary follow-up responsibilities. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

3. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for a new Planning/Zoning Board Clerk and to have letters of interest turned in by August 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

4. A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce authorizing the Town Clerk to place a Legal Notice in the Altamont Enterprise noticing that the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2018 is available. The
motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.
   *Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

5. Attorney Fallati confirmed that to amend or add any fees to the Town’s Fee Schedule, the current Local Law would have to be updated. With that in mind, the Board will have to hold off moving forward with the Application Process for Driveways.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

1. Robert Tanner of the Albany County Highway Department announced that the County would be milling the surface of the bridge by the Geldner farm on Monday July 15th; County Routes 359 & 360 will be closed for paving on Tuesday & Wednesday; and beginning the first week in August, the bridge over 10 Mile Creek in the hamlet of Rensselaerville will be closed for approximately three months.

2. Mr. Tanner also announced that there will be a dedication service at the Rensselaerville Rod & Gun Club on Saturday July 13th for Al Bates. Mr. Bates was instrumental in getting the Rod & Gun Club Trap Range up and running – they are leaps and bounds ahead of where they used to be thanks to Mr. Bates.

3. A proposal was made by Bob Tanner to make the front of the Rensselaerville Library a “loading/unloading only zone” due to the handicap access and fire hydrant in that same area. He noted that cars frequently park there and are sometimes parked for extended periods of time. Albany County would provide the signage and the paint. He asked that the Board take this into consideration and move forward with getting it enacted.

4. Mr. Tanner also suggested the Town establish a “Snow Emergency Route” in the hamlet of Rensselaerville.

5. Robert Scardamalia, a resident and representative from the Census Bureau, wished to make everyone aware of the importance of the upcoming 2020 Census. He is working with local governments to make sure everyone gets counted and offered to speak with Supervisor Dolce and the Board at a mutually convenient time to discuss details and answer any questions.

6. Marie Dermody wished to reiterate her suggestion to eliminate the monthly Work Meeting and instead, hold two regular meetings, two weeks apart.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.
   *Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Rauf, Sedlmeir and Wood; Nays (0); Absent (1) Cooke*

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**
Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk
Rensselaerville Historical Society

Grist Mill Tours – Sundays August 4 through September 8 from 1-3 PM
Research Room at the Grist Mill will be staffed from 11-2 for assistance for individuals
Notice the bridge next to the Mill will be closed during this period and to get to the mill use Main Street, (C.R. 351)

A special thanks to 25 artists who participated in our July Art Show at the Grist Mill. Over 75 people attended the Opening on July 19. This show highlighted Rensselaerville Artists. The show highlighted present artists as well as artists from the past. For the first time we had an Emerging Artist Room with seven up-and-coming artists from our communities.

The Rensselaerville Historical Society has art raffles donated by local artists: Joyce Chase, Bente Hirsch, Jimmy Walker, George Dudley, and an unknown artist. The drawings for 5 art pieces will the evening of August 3 at the Rensselaerville Block Party in Rensselaerville. Raffle tickets are $5 each or 5 tickets for $20. Tickets may be purchased Wednesday, July 30, at the Mill 11-2, or at the Block Party which starts at 6 pm.

Move Breathe Relax

YOGA: Tue. & Thu. 9-10:15 am
PILATES: Wed. 5:45-6:15 pm & Sat. 9-10 am
Classes Open to All at Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville

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

Fees: Wed Pilates—$7.00
All Others—$12.00
10 Classes—$100.00
Attention Community Members
Help Us Save Lives!!

FREE Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

Jointly sponsored by
The ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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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

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

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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.

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

**Sen. George Amedure**<br>46th District<br>LOB, Room 802<br>Albany, NY 12247<br>455-2350; Fax: 426-6751<br>Amedure@nysenate.gov

**Assemblyman**<br>102nd District - Chris Tague<br>LOB 937<br>Albany, NY 12248<br>518-455-5363<br>taguec@nyassembly.gov

**County Legislator Chris Smith**<br>39th District<br>Alb Co Office Building<br>112 State Street<br>Albany, NY 12207<br>447-7168; (H) 447-7117
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.
August events:
August 1 - 31: Marvin Bolotsky Collection Art Show
   Monday - Friday, 9AM—5PM @ Guggenheim Gallery
August 3: Funky Fermentation Brewing Workshop
   10AM - 4PM @ Helderberg Brewery, 63 Huyck Road
August 3: Rensselaerville Block Party
   6 PM @ Main Street in the village of Rensselaerville
   Hosted by the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department & the Rensselaerville Library
August 18: Rensselaerville Ride - Ride the Five!

COUNTY ROAD WORK
Department of Public Works—CURRENT & UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURES

- CR404 (Bear Swamp Rd.) Culvert Replacement Project, 7/23–8/20:
  Closed to ALL TRAFFIC between CR401 and CR402 starting at 7:00am on July 23, 2019. We expect the roadway to re-open by August 20, 2019.

- CR353 (Delaware Turnpike Rd.) Bridge Deck Replacement Project, 8/5–11/1:
  Closed to ALL TRAFFIC between CR351 and CR359 starting at 7:00am on August 5, 2019. We expect the roadway to re-open by November 1, 2019.
  Signed detours will be in use during the closures. Thank you for your patience during these important projects.

If you have any questions please call the Project Manager, Bill Anslow at (518) 655-7920.
On the Calendar

Aug 4 10:00 am  Medusa United Church of Christ Services  Medusa
Aug 4 11:00 am  Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services  Rensselaerville
Aug 4 11:00 am  Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church Services  Rensselaerville
Aug 6  7:00 pm  Town Board Work Meeting  Town Hall
Aug 8  7:00 pm  Town Board Regular Meeting  Town Hall
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Aug 13 11:00 am  Rensselaerville Senior Citizen Picnic  Westerlo Park
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Looking Ahead:
- We have a trip to Holyoke Mass to the Log Cabin for a lobster fest and music to tribute Jimmy Buffet on Aug. 15th. Cost: $55 for members, $60 for non-members. For info contact Janet Nelson. 797-3963
- On Oct. 3rd, we have a trip to Westchester Theater for a show (“An American in Paris”) and dinner. Cost: $55 for members, $60 for non-members. For info contact Janet Nelson. 797-3963

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

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

Don't forget we have museum passes and fishing poles to loan!

Youth Drop-In Programs

STORYTIME: Thursday Mornings at 10:30
FAMILY STEAM: Friday Afternoons at 3:00
Check our calendar for upcoming movies.

June 15 through August 31:
Summer Reading Program - This Summer’s theme is a Universe of Stories.
Visit https://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/summer-reading.html

AUGUST


8 – 6pm – Writing Group: Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome.

10 – 12pm – Author Talk with Suzannah Lessard THE ABSENT HAND REIMAGINING OUR AMERICAN LANDSCAPE is an exploration of the meaning of place in our new era: the digital era, the era of climate change, the era of global finance combined with intense nationalism. This is a literary book yet also deeply reported, is personal and yet focused on what we share. The intention is to reimagine our environment as a pathway to political re-invention. Rensselaerville, where much of this book was

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written, has a starring role.

13 – 6pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

20 – 7pm – **Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees** – public welcome, meeting is on the lower level.

24 – 12pm **Author Talk with John Gordon** *Liberty’s Flight* as a fictional tale based on historical events provides the reader with period authenticity as well as fast paced action. Historical events and personages include Culloden, Lord Glenbucket, Big John Chattan, the wild geese, colonial America, slavery, Ben Franklin, The Albany Plan, the Grand Council of the Iroquois Confederacy, Sir William Johnson and others.

27 – 6pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

27 – 6:30pm – **Author Talk with Kirsten DeLeo** *Present Through The End: A Caring Companion’s Guide to Caring for the Dying* Join author and former resident of R’ville Kirsten DeLeo for a special evening to celebrate her new book! Inspired by decades of experience caring for dying people and teaching, Kirsten will share stories and practical tools to help us be present even when we feel utterly helpless and respond to the dying person’s needs and concerns.

31 – 4pm – **Lawn Party** annual fundraiser at 1440 County Route 351, Rensselaerville. Tickets are $20 at the gate and please bring a dish to share.

**SEPTEMBER**

7 – 10-2pm – **Discover the Hilltowns Farms and Artisan Tour**: The Library will be a stop on the tour.

10 – 6pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

12 – 6pm – **Writing Group**: Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome.

17 – 7pm – **Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees** – public welcome, meeting is on the lower level.

21 – 2pm – **Living Room Conversations** follow up from the screening and discussion of *American Creed*.

24 – 6pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.
Request for Quote
Rensselaerville Library
1459 County Route 351
Rensselaerville, NY 12147
518-797-3949

Project: Enhance Electrical Service and Lighting
Location: Rensselaerville Library

Project Details:
Remove 100 amp service and replace electrical panel to 200 amp service to accommodate additional load from AC, etc. Include grounding, surge protector, connecting sub panels and inspections.

Enhance lighting along bookcases upstairs and on main floor with LED track lighting.

Remove and replace existing ceiling fan on down rod with LED lighting. Fan sized to fit room.

Install 4 pendant lighting and install electrical/USB outlets to new laptop bar to be created in the upstairs front window.

Install electrical line to AC condenser unit that will be installed in 2020.

Additional Details to Include:
- Please break out labor from cost of materials.
- Please include information on insurance coverage or ability to provide proof of insurance.
- Please include length of time that the quote is valid for.

Due By: 8/16/19
Submit to: Rensselaerville Library, Attn: Building Committee, PO Box 188, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

QUESTIONS: Please contact Kim if you would like to schedule an appointment to review the space and discuss the project details.

Posted 7/26/2019
Request for Quote

Rensselaerville Library
1459 County Route 351
Rensselaerville, NY 12147
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Project: Design, Build and Install Custom Free standing Laptop Bar

Location: Rensselaerville Library, Second Floor

Project Details:
Work with Director and Building Committee to Design a new Laptop Bar for installation at the front window upstairs.
Design must fit with current interior design/existing bookcases and accommodate electric and USB ports for four work stations.
Build laptop bar, deliver and complete installation.
Work with electrician to accommodate the electrical and tech needs for project.

Additional Details to Include:
Please break out labor from cost of materials.
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Posted 7/26/2019
Rensselaerville Library
2019 Job Opening
Library Page

Job Description: This position involves performing routine library clerical duties necessary for the proper organization and distribution of library materials and providing direct services to the public while maintaining confidentiality. Library Pages routinely participate in the following activities: customer service at library circulation desk, handling routine circulation functions, collection of fees, searching and updating patron records, stack maintenance, and a variety of other activities. On the job training is provided under the supervision of higher-level personnel. This position is designed for high school students looking for work experience.

Required Skills and Abilities: This position requires strong interpersonal skills, particularly tact and courtesy in dealing with the public and coworkers, a working knowledge of general office procedures, the ability to handle money, strong computer skills and familiarity with other types of technology, the ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions, a good sense of humor, and a positive work attitude.

Qualifications:
Must be 14 years of age or older. Must provide proof of age if under 18.
Must possess or be able to obtain a Student General Employment Certificate (Working Papers) - known as AT-18 (ages 14-15) or AT-19 (ages 16-17).

Work Schedule:
This position requires working 1-2 evening hours while the Library is open and as permitted by NYS Child Labor Laws. The position includes the possibility of more hours on the evenings and weekends to accommodate the needs of the Library.

Pay Rate: minimum wage

Application information:
Applications for this position are available online and at the Library. Applications and a cover letter reflecting your interest to work at the Library will be accepted until August 16, 2019 and can be submitted in person at the Library.

Submit your completed application to:
Kim Graff Zimmer
Rensselaerville Library
P.O. Box 188
1459 County Route 351
Rensselaerville, NY 12147
(518)797-3949
director@rensselaervillelibrary.org
www.RensselaervilleLibrary.org
The Rensselaerville Library & Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department present:

3rd Annual

STREET PARADE & BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, August 3rd at 6PM
Main Street, Rensselaerville, NY
Between Methodist Hill Rd & Rt. 85

Parade | Kids Activities
Live Music | Food & Drinks

For more information & tickets visit:
Rensselaerville Library

THE ABSENT HAND

REIMAGINING OUR AMERICAN LANDSCAPE

With Author Suzannah Lessard

Saturday, August 10, 2019 at Noon

*The Absent Hand: Reimagining Our American Landscape* is an exploration of the meaning of place in our new era: the digital era, the era of climate change, the era of global finance combined with intense nationalism. This is a literary book yet also deeply reported, is personal and yet focused on what we share. The intention is to reimagine our environment as a pathway to political reinvention. Rensselaerville, where much of this book was written, has a starring role.

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Suzannah Lessard is also the author of “The Architect of Desire: Beauty and Danger in the Stanford White Family” a memoir. A founding writer for The Washington Monthly, she was also on the writing staff of the New Yorker for many years and is a recipient of the Whiting and Lukas Awards. She teaches at The New School.

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Author Talk
With John Gordon II
Saturday, August 24, 2019 at Noon

“Liberty’s Flight” marks John Hamlin Gordon’s debut into the company of contemporary active authors. A fictional tale based on historical events provides the reader with period authenticity as well as fast paced action. Historical events and personages include Culloden, Lord Glenbucket, Big John Chattan, the wild geese, colonial America, slavery, Ben Franklin, The Albany Plan, the Grand Council of the Iroquois Confederacy, Sir William Johnson and others.

Three separate but related pieces remain to be told. Liberty’s Seedling and Liberty’s Crucible trace the English domination of North America and the seeds of discord which resulted in the American Revolution. In Gordon’s opinion, the great victory at Yorktown was the first battle of the Civil war prompting Liberty Forged. Four score and seven years after the ratification of the Constitution liberty was secured for all immigrants and their progeny, our Republic was secured.

Born in upstate Schoharie County, to John Worth Gordon and Muriel MacHaffie Gordon and upon graduating from Middleburgh Central School he enlisted in the US Coast Guard where he spent most of his time at sea on board USCGC Kukui and USCGC Westwind. This completes the mariner’s square knot. Semper Paratus! John married Deborah Melville Seaman and they have two accomplished sons and a crop of two granddaughters is springing up.

Post military was spent at SUNY Cobleskill Fish and Wildlife, RPI’s Fresh Water Institute at Lake George, BS from Cornell University earned while assistant to Professor at Avian and Aquatic Medicine Veterinary College.

Microsoft has driven the career of our new author. Starting with Dots 2.1 in retail computer sales, to industrial automation and control to IT operations for NYSDOCCS. Volunteering also was a major part of family life including years of firefighting with Medusa Volunteer Fire Company, the majority of the time as chief. Currently our aspiring author is completing his third term on the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees.

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Present Through The End:
A Caring Companion’s Guide to Caring for the Dying

With Author Kirsten DeLeo
Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:30

Join author and former resident of R’ville Kirsten DeLeo for a special evening to celebrate her new book! Inspired by decades of experience caring for dying people and teaching, Kirsten will share stories and practical tools to help us be present even when we feel utterly helpless and respond to the dying person's needs and concerns.

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Kirsten DeLeo has been teaching in the field of contemplative care for more than twenty-five years. She is lead faculty of Authentic Presence, a professional certificate in contemplative end-of-life care. She is a member of the Buddhist Ministry Work group, an initiative of Harvard School of Divinity. Kirsten lives with her husband Jeff in West Cork, Ireland.

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Annual Lawn Party
Saturday, August 31, 2019
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The Board of Trustees of the Rensselaerville Library cordially invite you and your friends to attend the benefit.

Tickets are $20 at the Gate
Tickets include one drink Cash Bar
children 12 & under Free
Please Bring An Appetizer or Dessert To Share.

Eli Hutchinson House
White House Above the Town Park
(Under the Tent)
1440 County Route 351
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Please Enter the Property through the Driveway.

Please Park at the Town Park/Play Ground

A Special Thanks To Name & Victor Schrager for Providing Their Lawn.
HEAT EXHAUSTION OR HEAT STROKE?

HEAT EXHAUSTION SYMPTOMS
1. Faint or dizzy
2. Excessive sweating
3. Cool, pale, clammy skin
4. Nausea, vomiting
5. Rapid, weak pulse
6. Muscle cramps

HEAT STROKE SYMPTOMS
1. Throbbing headache
2. No sweating
3. Body temp above 103° Red, hot, dry skin
4. Nausea, vomiting
5. Rapid, strong pulse
6. May lose consciousness

HOW TO TREAT IT
1. Move to cooler location
2. Drink water
3. Take a cool shower or use cold compresses

HOW TO TREAT IT
1. Get emergency help
2. Keep cool until treated

Summer
**Library News - Middleburgh Library**

8/3 - 1:00-3:00 PM - Crafts in the Carriage House: Homemade Journals - At Dr. Best House
Keeping personal diaries and journals dates as far back as the Middle Ages. Throughout the 19th
century scrapbooking as we know it, began to emerge. First put together by adults, scrapbooks were
created as a way of organizing their collections, ranging from pressed flowers to art prints and from
shells to insects.

Join us in this 2 hour workshop to create a small handmade book that can be used as a garden journal,
scrapbook, personal journal, photo album, or whatever your creative mind chooses. Class cost: $10.00.
Limit: 10 (ages 12-adult) Sponsored by The Dr. Best House & Medical Museum. 1568 Clauverwie Rd.

8/5, 12, 19, 26 - 1:30-5:00 - 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.

8/6, 13, 20, 27 - 5:15 PM - Insight Meditation - What do you want most deeply? Seeing your life
calmly and clearly helps answer this. Insight Meditation is a simple way to steady your mind, stop
wandering in day-dreams, and end the suffering of troubling thoughts. Our group is a place to sit quietly
in safety, supported by others; to allow understanding and compassion to arise; to encourage loving
kindness and patience. We welcome those with no experience to advanced mediators', teens to
seniors. Give it a try. No registration is required. There is no fee. All are welcome.

8/8 - 1:00 PM - Book Discussion - "In The Midst of Winter" by Isabel Allende - Facilitated by
Susannah Risley as part of the Pen and Ink: Life and Literature Series. Amid the biggest Brooklyn
snowstorm in living memory, an unexpected friendship grows between three people thrown together by
circumstance. Richard Bowmaster, a lonely university professor in his sixties, slides on the ice and hits
the car driven by Evelyn Ortega, a young undocumented migrant from Guatemala. What at first seems
just a small inconvenience takes an unforeseen and far more serious turn when Evelyn arrives at
Richard's house, desperately seeking help. At a loss, he asks his tenant Lucia Maraz, a sixty-two-year-
old lecturer from Chile, for advice. And in the deep winter of their lives, an unlikely love affair begins to
blossom between the two... No registration required.

8/12 - 6:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - The public is welcome.

8/21 - 8:00 PM - Concert - "Windborne" - Internationally acclaimed vocal ensemble Windborne is a
group of vocal chameleons who specialize in close harmony singing, shifting effortlessly between
dramatically different styles of traditional music within the same concert. Their musical knowledge spans
many continents and cultures, but they remain deeply rooted in American folk singing traditions. Lynn
Mahoney Rowan, Will Thomas Rowan, Lauren Breunig, and Jeremy Carter-Gordon share a vibrant
energy onstage

This event is made possible (in part) with public funds from the Decentralization Program and the New
York State Council on the Arts, administered through the Community Arts Grants Program by the Greene
County Council on the Arts.

Tickets are available at the door. A $10.00 donation is suggested. Please use back entrance.

8/27 - 6:20-7:30 PM - Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group - This program is open to anyone car-
ing for a Alzheimer's patient.

**SUMMER READING PROGRAMS - "A UNIVERSE OF STORIES"**

**FAMILY**

8/14 - 5:30-7:00 PM - Collections Museum - Family and friends this museum is for you! Do you collect
things? Bottle caps, sticks, rocks, buttons, matchbox cars or maybe something totally different. Come
display your collection and answer questions other people may have. We will provide tables and chairs.
Space is limited. This program is for children and families. Registration is Required.

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8/1 - 11:00 AM - There's No Place Like Space Storytime - Join Miss Terry in this special storytime about space! We'll read books, sing songs and have some parachute play all about outer space. We'll conclude by stuffing our very own purple alien friend (think build-a-bear) for you to take home. This program is for kids going into preschool through first grade. Registration is required and space is limited.

8/1 - 7:00 PM - Personal Planetariums - Join environmental educator, George Steele, as we learn all about the night sky and make a personal planetarium to be able to see several well-known constellations. This program is for kids going into grades 2-5. Registration is required.

8/6 - 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 is required!

8/6 - 1:00 PM - Solar Oven S'mores - Stop by the library and create a real live solar oven using a pizza box! If it's sunny out, we'll go outside and make s'mores with your creations. If not, you'll get to take the ingredients home and make s'more when the sun shines! Registration is required. This program is for kids going into grades 3-5.

8/7 - 11:00 AM - Preschool Cooking & Storytime - Bee Bim Bop! - In this fun program, we will learn all about Bee Bim Bop, a traditional Korean dish with rice and vegetables. We will read the book Bee-bim Bop!, play some games and make and eat some Bee Bim Bop! This program is for kids ages 2-6. Registration is required!

8/7 - 3:00 PM - Spy School - You're invited to a program where you will learn to become an amazing spy. Learn how to make your way through a laser field, practice becoming a sharp shooter, and try to figure out some cryptography. This program is for kids going into 3rd - 5th grade. Registration is Required.

8/8 - 1:00 PM - Mother/Daughter American Girl Tea Party - Step back in time as we explore the world of American Girl Samantha Parkington! Bring your dolls (It does NOT have to be an American Girl Doll) and your Mom to the library where we'll talk about what it was like to be a girl in 1904. You'll make a Victorian calling card to bring to the Best House where we'll have our tea party. Girls and Moms will meet "Mrs. Best," enjoy lemonade and cookies and have a personal tour of the house. Each girl will go home with a goodie bag! Registration is required. For kids going into grades 2-6.

8/13 - 10:45 AM - Winnie the Pooh Party - What a fun way to end our Summer Reading adventure! We'll have craft stations, games, treats & lots of fun. This program is part of our A Universe of Stories Summer Reading Program and is for kids going into PreK - 1st.

8/13 - 1:00 PM - Galaxy Stones - Create beautiful painted stones that look like stars in the night sky using paint pens and river rocks. Registration is required. This program is for kids going into grades 2-5.

8/14 - 1:00 PM - All About Honeybees - Learn what bees are, identify their body parts, and discuss their senses of smell, how they find nectar and turn it into honey, and what colors they can see. See actual beekeeping and honey-extraction equipment, which kids can handle during and after the program, as well as beeswax candles and honey sticks for you to try. Finally, kids will participate in a "bee dance" to find honey, and look at live bees in a glass terrarium. This program is for kids going into kindergarten on up. Registration is required.

8/15 - 1:00 PM - May the Force Be with You - Jedi Academy - Young Jedi's will have a chance to make their own light sabers, play games, go on a scavenger hunt and compete in Star Wars
Trivia. Of course, Star Wars themed snacks will be consumed. *This program is for kids going into 2nd - 5th grade. Registration is required.*

**TEENS**

8/5 - 5:30 PM - **Teen Anime Movie & Japanese & Korean snacks** - We will be watching Spirited Away and enjoying some snacks from Japan and Korea! *This program is for Teens going into 6th grade and up Registration is Required*

8/16 - 1:00 PM - **Teen Iron Chef** - Do you have what it takes to become the next Iron Chef? Come show off your culinary skills. We will break off into teams of two, the mystery box item will be revealed, there will be 3 categories which will be judged by a serious panel of judges. Trivia and a few surprises will be thrown into the mix! This program is for Teens. *Registration is required!*

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**Library News - Middleburgh Library**

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**BLOOD DRIVES**

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Kids’ Activity Page

**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE**

Can you find the 20 things that are different in these two pictures?
This summer the Greenville Library will be offering a variety of programs for children. Activities will range from workshops and programs for elementary, middle schoolers and teens. Visit the library this summer and let your child discover the adventure and fun of choosing books from the library’s collections and at the same time have fun participating in all of the activities we have planned for them. Reading folders for the summer reading program will be available in the Children’s Room at the Library. The reading program runs from July 8 – August 31. We’ll also have the Guessing Jar, candy to pick for books added to your reading folder and prizes for points collected. We’ll also have a reading program for Teens & Tweens.

Kids and Coding
(Entering) Second – Fifth Graders
(Kids 7-11)
July 29 – Aug. 1
Cornell Cooperative Extension 4H
10:30 – 11:30

Just like real-world engineers, youth will work in teams to plan, build, test and modify their own robotic creations. They will Lego, Mouse Robots and Tumble to experience three different coding methods that mirror programming language used by engineers and scientists. Youth will leave with a better knowledge of robotics, computer programming and teamwork. Registration required.

Bicycling
Ken Hardin
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27
5:30-7:00

This Spring/Summer there will be a weekly bike program at the Greenville Library, weather permitting. The Spring Group will meet every Friday starting May 17, and runs through July 5. The Summer Group will meet every Friday starting August 2, and run through September 27. It starts at 5:30 pm and ends around 7:00 pm. The instructor’s goal is to Promote Bicycling within our community. Any age is welcome. If you’re looking to get yourself or your child using a bike or are just looking for a few tips this is the program for you! Weekly agendas & activities will be based on participation. For more information and to sign-up for the first meeting please contact Ken at (518) 364-9162.

Summer Toddler Time
Devon Balta
Aug. 2
Infants ~ Toddlers ~ Pre-Schoolers
9:00 – 9:45

Calling all infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers, Devon Balta will be hosting a summer Toddler Time! This is a fun time for parents and their child/ren to engage with each other through stories, songs, games and the amazing parachute! Come to one class or all eight! Parents of children with pre-school experience are welcomed to drop off their child/ren for this class. Just Drop In!

Kids Get Active!
Aug. 7, 14, 21
Ages: Open to kids who have completed kindergarten or kids who have completed second grade
9:00 – 12:00

Get Active teaches kids to exercise and maintain a healthy lifestyle during the summer through fun outdoor activities. During our 3 hours we will rotate between different outdoor games, reading time and snack time. Where: Drop off and pick up will be at the Greenville Library. For any questions please contact us! Sydney Smith: smiths@greenvillecsd.org or (518) 728-8268 Khalifah Tracey: traceyk@greenvillecsd.org or (203) 260-6686 OPEN TO THE FIRST 20 THAT SUBMIT THEIR PERMISSION SLIP

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<td>Stories with mustaches! Make a mustache for your face and mustache crafts. Selfies welcome! Enjoy games, stories, crafts &amp; snacks. Fun for all! <strong>Registration required.</strong></td>
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| Save Our Earth-Recycled Crafts| Aug 6  | 10:00 – 11:30| Carolyn Travers    |
| Ages 8 & up                   |        |              |                    |
| Make recycled crafts from objects we don’t need. Find out about ways to recycle things. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.** |

| Painting Sunflowers After Vincent | Aug 8  | 6:00 – 8:00  | Alice Tunison      |
| Ages 7 – Adults                 |        |              |                    |
| Vincent van Gogh wrote: “I cannot help it if my paintings do not sell. But the time will come when people realize that they are worth more than the cost of the paint.” His years were 1853-1890. This art class will focus on recreating the theme of sunflowers, van Gogh’s favorite flower, with acrylic paints on canvas. All materials will be provided. The class will delight in a palette of sunny yellows, bright oranges and vivid greens to create a unique and valued work of art. **Registration required.** |

| Movie Matinee: Wonder Park     | Aug 12 | 4:00         | Library Staff     |
| All Ages                      |        |              |                    |
| Beat the summer heat and enjoy a cool movie matinee. Wonder Park tells the story of a magnificent amusement park where the imagination of a wildly creative girl named June comes alive. We’ll provide the popcorn … you don’t even have to buy tickets! What could be better? Bring a warm blanket or sleeping bag and curl up to watch the film. See you at the movies! Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. **Just Drop In!** |

| Summer Snow Fun               | Aug 13 | 1:00 – 2:30  | Carolyn Travers    |
| Ages 8 & up                   |        |              |                    |
| Create a snow globe with clay figures that you make in the class. You will also enjoy games, stories & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.** |

| Riveting Robots               | Aug 14 | 10:00 – 11:30| Carolyn Travers    |
| Ages 5 - 8                    |        |              |                    |
| Robots rock, right? In this class Carolyn will read books all about robots. She will also show you how to make a robot to play with. You will also enjoy games & snacks. Fun for all! **Registration required.** |

| Climbing Wall & Bounce House  | Aug 14 | Just Drop In!| Just Drop In!      |
| All Ages                      |        |              |                    |
| Come to the library and have some fun! Come climb the massive 24’ rock wall. It has 4 sides and offers 16 different climbing routes, of varying difficulty. It’s great for all abilities and all ages. You can also enjoy the bounce house. Kids love to jump around and have fun. The Library is now open until 8:00 Wednesday evenings for your convenience. |

| Count Down to Kindergarten    | Aug 17 | 10:30 – 11:30| Kelly Fagan        |
| All Ages                      |        |              |                    |
| Make a paper countdown chain to count the days until the first day of Kindergarten! Ease fears and gain excitement by listening to stories and participating in activities to gear up for THE BIG DAY! **Registration required.** |
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Barbie Party Aug 19 Kristen Prayto
Ages 3 & up Barbara Flach
2:00 – 3:30

It’s time for you and your Barbie doll to put on your favorite party dresses. Come and enjoy games, snacks and other fun activities. Play with other girls. Fun for all! Registration required.

Self Portrait With Acrylic on Canvas Aug 19 Alice Tunison
Ages 7 – Adults 6:00 – 8:00

"Look into my eyes and hear what I’m not saying, for my eyes speak louder than my voice ever will." Study your reflection in the mirror and create what you see, your unique self portrait. The art materials provided will encourage individual expression for each self portrait. Registration required.

Seahorses and Octopuses Aug 20 Carolyn Travers
Ages 5 – 8 10:00 – 11:30

Seahorses are tiny fishes that are named for the shape of their head, which looks like the head of a tiny horse. Octopuses are sea animals famous for their rounded bodies, bulging eyes, and eight long arms. Enjoy tales, facts, crafts and snacks of these sea creatures. Fun for all! Registration required.

Watermelon Wackiness Aug 21 Carolyn Travers
Ages 8 & up 1:00 – 2:30

Did you know that watermelons are almost entirely water, which makes them a refreshing treat on a hot day! Make watermelon crafts, enjoy games, listen to stories and of course have some watermelon treats. Fun for all! Registration required.

Jeopardy Aug 23 Lisa Ahrberg & Family
Ages 10 & up Class held on main floor of library

A game where you’ll respond to answers with the question – just like the hit game show! What is this library program? Registration required.

Mini Manicures Aug 27 Pick a time slot!
Ages 4 & Up Begins 1:00

After a busy summer of fun it’s time to have your nails painted. Bring a friend and have your nails done. Pick from a variety of colors to make your nails pretty. Choose a nail polish to take with you to treat yourself to a manicure at home. Make an afternoon of it and stop for an ice cream afterwards. Have fun! Registration required.
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](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](mailto:dteator@gmail.com) 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](http://www.dteator.com/zResort/resortweb.htm)
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2019 SUMMER SERVICES AT RENSSELAERVILLE 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”.

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 19th 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 20th 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. Comments and questions may be sent to rvillepreschurch@gmail.com.
# 4th Friday Street Fest

**Middleburgh Area Business Association**

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## Special Events

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

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## Activities

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

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*No class 6/26 or 8/7

Contact Karen Haseley, 443-745-1596, agkarenh@gmail.com
Senior Citizens Info

The Town offers car service Mon-Fri by appointment only. Contact Town Hall at 518-239-4225 or 518-797-3798 for doctor appointments. The Senior bus also goes shopping on Thursday either to Cobleskill or Catskill. Call Ruth & Tom Snyder (518-239-4376) 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.

- We have a trip to Holyoke Mass to the Log Cabin for a lobster fest and music to tribute Jimmy Buffet on Aug. 15th. Cost: $55 for members, $60 for non-members. For info contact Janet Nelson. 518-797-3963

- On Oct. 3rd, we have a trip to Westchester Theater for a show (“An American in Paris”) and dinner. Cost: $55 for members, $60 for non-members. For info contact Janet Nelson @ 518-797-3963.

Rensselaerville Senior Club picnic at Westerlo Town Park on Aug. 13th at 11 am

*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. All raffle tickets and dues must be paid by Aug. 5th.*
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.

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

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

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

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