

# R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Town Board Work Meeting, Draft Minutes: February 9, 2016

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 9th day of February 2016 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman Kevin McGrath, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were two interested citizens.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**MINUTES:** Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on February 11, 2016:

- December 30, 2015 – Final Meeting
- January 1, 2016 – Organizational Meeting
- January 12, 2016 – Work Meeting
- January 14, 2016 – Regular Meeting
- January 12, 2016 – Public Hearing Rescinding the Tax Cap Override
- January 19, 2016 – Public Hearing – Zoning Law

**TRANSFERS, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS:** To be addressed at the Regular Meeting on February 11, 2016

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. Supervisor Lounsbury addressed Councilwoman Sedlmeir's concern over the fact that Senator George Amedore's questionnaire was only being addressed to certain individuals of a household instead of the entire household. *[Editor's Note: This matter was brought to the attention of Councilwoman Sedlmeir by a Town resident due to the fact that the questionnaires were apparently addressed only to male heads of household.]* Supervisor Lounsbury called Senator Amedore's office. He was unaware of the error, but after researching the situation, it turned out that there was a glitch in the internal mailing system. A letter was sent from Senator Amedore's office which Supervisor Lounsbury will have included in the next Town of Rensselaerville Newsletter.
2. The insurance is due to be renewed in March. Nolan Pazin from Marshall & Sterling will present any changes/updates at the March meeting.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Another Public Hearing will need to be scheduled for the proposed zoning law as the most recent version of the proposed law was not the one that was posted on the Town's website.
2. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that I.T.S. is in receipt of the server. The update should be able to be performed within the next 2-3 weeks providing that I.T.S. can coordinate with B.A.S. and O.R.P.S.
3. Supervisor Lounsbury also announced that Attorney Tom Fallati continues to do research on the issue before the Ethics Board. Also, the Board of Ethics should be able to meet with Attorney Fallati before the next Town Board meeting in March, as Attorney Fallati has offered four different dates/opportunities to attend their meeting, all of which are before March 8th.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Scott Kunkler, who served as a member of the Planning Board, has resigned due to his relocation outside of the boundaries of the Town of Rensselaerville. His resignation will need to be accepted and authorization to advertise for a replacement will be addressed at the Regular meeting.
2. Supervisor Lounsbury will need authorization to send a letter requesting an extension for the 2015 A.U.D.
3. Councilwoman Cooke has performed the annual audit on the Justice accounts and has found everything to be in order.
4. Supervisor Lounsbury read the resignation letter submitted by Court Clerk Emileigh Tanner. Justice Cooke would like to appoint Kim Welsch as his new clerk. Acceptance of Ms. Tanner's resignation and the appointment of Kim Welsch will be addressed at the Regular meeting.
5. Authorization is needed to advertise the bidding of highway materials, and also for the mowing and port-a-pots for the three parks.
6. Supervisor Lounsbury is in receipt of the resignation of Barry Kuhar from the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee. [**Editor's Note:** *At the time of this meeting, the Supervisor had not yet received a letter of resignation from Barry Kuhar. The Supervisor reported that she understood such a letter would be forthcoming.*] The resignation will need to be accepted and the authorization to appoint a new member will be addressed on Thursday.

Jack Long, also a member of the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee, is in poor health and will be unable to attend the Water/Sewer meetings. The Committee has made a recommendation to appoint William Bensen and Timothy Miller to fill both of these voids.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Robert Bolte inquired into how long the Board of Ethics' issue will linger. Supervisor Lounsbury explained that Attorney Fallati has offered four different time slots in which he would be available to attend a meeting of the Board of Ethics. All four of these options are before the next Town Board meeting in March. It is up to the Board of Ethics to choose one of the four dates.

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**ADJOURNMENT** A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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



## Town Board Regular Meeting, Draft Minutes: February 11, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 11th day of February 2016 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Attorney Tom Fallati, Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WAS: Councilman Kevin McGrath

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh, Assessor Donna Kropp, Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Doug Story, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Investigator Amy Kowalski, and fourteen interested citizens.

Supervisor Lounsbury introduced Investigator Amy Kowalski from the Albany County Sheriff's Department, as the new Community Liaison.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

1. Marie Dermody stated her concern over the fact that Town Clerk Kraker had termed Mrs. Dermody's request to have her comment made at the December 30th Final Meeting included in the minutes, as an "addition". She felt it should not be called an 'addition' but rather that her comments should have been included and the content should have been noted for both minutes, not just the minutes where the amendment was made. She acknowledged that the revisions were made, but made a recommendation that there should have been more of a cross-reference for the sake of clarity.
2. Mrs. Dermody also questioned the validity of some of the Oaths of Office. Mrs. Dermody will share her notes and concerns with Town Clerk Kraker. **[Editor's Note: A properly executed Oath of Office is a legal requirement (Public Officers Law Section 10) for all newly elected officials and those appointed by the Town Board annually and must be done within 30 days of the appointment. Each document requires the signature of the official/appointee and the signature of the person who administered the oath. At this meeting, it was brought to the attention of the Town Board that the following irregularities existed with several of the Oaths of Office: 1 had no signature at all, 7 were signed by the official/appointee and by a third party who did not administer the oath; 3 were signed by the official/appointee only; and 4 Oaths of Office were not administered at all. 17 were properly executed out of the 29 documents reviewed.]**

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

December 30, 2015 – Final Meeting

January 1, 2016 – Organizational Meeting

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The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

### **TRANSFERS:** None

**ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS:** General Fund - \$ 51,907.13; Highway Fund - \$56,482.87; Lighting District - \$690.35; Sewer Fund -\$28,385.84; Water Fund - \$70.00; T&A Fund -\$782.15; Total Abstracts -\$138,318.34

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

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **REPORTS**

#### **SUPERVISOR**

1. Supervisor Lounsbury received a letter from Senator Amedore's office regarding the glitch in the internal mailing system which sent questionnaires out to only certain members of households instead of the entire household. [*Editor's Note: This matter was brought to the attention of Councilwoman Sedlmeir by a Town resident due to the fact that the questionnaires were apparently addressed only to male heads of household.*] Supervisor Lounsbury read the letter in its entirety. Please see last page of minutes.
2. The insurance is due to be renewed in March. Nolan Pazin from Marshall & Sterling will present any changes/updates at the March meeting.

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

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

#### **ATTORNEY**

1. Attorney Fallati will present his report in conjunction with topics which are addressed later in the meeting.

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

1. Highway Superintendent Bates reported that his department continues to trim trees. Arnold Road has been completed and Niles Road is well on its way to completion.
2. The Highway Department has been able to use the plow and spreader from Truck #9 (which will be sold at auction) on the new Ford 1-ton dump truck, saving the Town approximately \$10,000.
3. Everything is in good order for any snow and ice removal.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

#### **TOWN CLERK**

Town Clerk Kraker gave the Annual Report for 2015 as follows:

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Total Collected/Deposited	\$22,330.11
Total Paid to the Supervisor:	
Clerk Fees	2,073.02
Recycling	1,179.00
Dog Licenses	1,400.00
Kennel Boarding	91.00
Building Permits	3,599.60
Zoning	1,770.01
Senior/Youth Bus Donations	110.00
Paid to NYS Agriculture & Markets (Dog Licenses)	239.00
Paid to NYS DEC (Sporting Licenses)	9,300.98
Paid to NYS Department of Health (Marriage Licenses)	157.50
Plus Mid-Hudson Franchise Fees	2,410.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$22,330.11</b>

Number of Marriage Licenses Issued: 7  
 Number of Death Certificates Issued: 6  
 Number of Birth Certificates Issued: 2

Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of January as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$636.69; Paid to the Supervisor - \$614.69 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$97.00; Recycling - \$47.00; Dog Licenses - \$154.00; Building Permits - \$261.69; Zoning - \$55.00. Total - \$614.69

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the ‘Animal Population Control Program’ aka ‘dog surcharge’: \$22.00

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$7,764.79 and Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$7,683.18.

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

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

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR**

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported two Home Replacements and one Woodstove Permit for the month of January.
2. Officer Overbaugh reported that R.V. Permits have been mailed and are coming in slowly.

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

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

**ASSESSORS**

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Assessor’s office continues to process exemptions and remind anyone who will be turning 65 years of age by December 31, 2016 that they may be eligible for the Enhanced Star program.
2. Assessor Kropp also wanted to remind everyone that any exemption paperwork must be turned in by March 1, 2016.
3. Additional Assessor’s hours are Mondays from 1 to 3 PM.

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4. The Assessor's Office is also preparing for the 2016 Tax Roll.

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

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

### **WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE**

1. Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Story reported that for the month of January 422,900 gallons of water was filtered (an average of 13,642 gallons/day); and 214,000 gallons of sewage was pumped (an average of 6,933 gallons/day).

2. Officer Story reported that a recent major leak had drained all the water in the tank, leaving many without service. The source of the leak was a hose that had been left running. Another event was a leak in a home where the furnace had failed causing pipes to freeze. This led Officer Story to confirm his belief that it would be beneficial for the District to have equipment which would notify him of excessive usage long before it became a major problem to District users, not to mention homeowners who may suffer significant losses in the event of frozen pipes, for instance.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the Water/Sewer Treatment Officer's report; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

### **REFUSE/RECYCLING**

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of January: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 3.51 tons; Tires: 29 (8 authorized and 21 which were found dumped on Gulf Road Extension); City of Albany Landfill: 52.95 tons; Sierra Fibers: 4.24 tons – comingled & 4.88 tons – old cardboard container; Oil: 10 gallons

Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck stated that when residents recycle their aluminum cans by rinsing them, removing the labels, and placing them in the metal bin; it helps add to the tonnage, which in turn helps the Town.

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

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

### **CURRENT EVENTS**

Kim Graff from the Rensselaerville Library announced that there will be a representative from the New York State Tax Department available at the library on February 24th to assist residents who intend to file their taxes electronically and report an income of \$62,000 or less. She advises anyone who may be interested to call ahead for an appointment.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Supervisor Lounsbury reported that another Public Hearing will need to be scheduled for the proposed zoning law as the most recent version of the proposed zoning law was not the one that was on the Town's website. Notices will need to be sent to all neighboring Towns and Counties.

Attorney Fallati read the Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE  
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE  
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town of Rensselaerville has determined that its zoning law should be amended

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to better reflect the Town’s needs and vision for future growth; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has prepared a proposed revised zoning law to reflect these changes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and the General Municipal Law, a public hearing shall be conducted at the Town Hall on March 8, 2016 at 6:45 PM on the attached proposed Local Law, and notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published on or before March 3, 2016 in a newspaper circulation in the Town.

By motion made by Valerie Lounsbury, and seconded by Margaret Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 11th day of February, 2016 as follows:

Valerie Lounsbury, Supervisor	Yes
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	Yes
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	Yes
Gerald Wood, Councilman	Yes
Kevin McGrath, Councilman	Absent

**END RESOLUTION**

2. The server has been delivered to I.T.S. and installation should be completed within the next two to three weeks depending on their ability to coordinate with B.A.S. and O.R.P.S.
3. Discussion regarding the Board of Ethics matter will be tabled until the March meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Supervisor Lounsbury received the resignation of Planning Board member, Scott Kunkler on January 8, 2016, due to his relocation outside the boundaries of the Town of Rensselaerville.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the resignation of Scott Kunkler; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for a new Planning Board member in both the Altamont Enterprise and the Greenville Pioneer, and stipulating that resumes be submitted by March 11, 2016; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

2. Supervisor Lounsbury needs authorization to send a letter requesting an extension for the 2015 A.U.D.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke authorizing Supervisor Lounsbury to submit a letter requesting an extension of the 2015 A.U.D.; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

3. Councilwoman Cooke has performed the annual audit on the Justice accounts and has found everything to be in order. Supervisor Lounsbury reported that Justice Bates approached her with the idea of purchasing a program that would allow the Justices to have all of their cases together in a State-wide program. The State would furnish the computers and provide for the installation and training. There will be an annual fee for the updates. The Town of Rensselaerville is one of a handful of Towns in the State that does not have the program.

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4. Supervisor Lounsbury read Court Clerk Emileigh Tanner's resignation.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept Ms. Tanner's resignation; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

Town Justice Cooke requested that Kim Welsch be appointed Court Clerk.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to appoint Kim Welsch as Court Clerk; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

5. Authorization is needed to advertise the bidding of highway materials, and also for the mowing and port-a-lets for the three parks.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent to advertise the bidding of highway materials and the mowing and port-a-lets for the three parks with the stipulation that bids be submitted in time to be opened at April's Work Meeting and awarded at April's Regular Meeting; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

6. Supervisor Lounsbury is in receipt of the resignation of Barry Kuhar from the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the resignation of Mr. Kuhar; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

Jack Long, also a member of the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee, is in poor health and will be unable to attend the Water/Sewer meetings.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury that although she is not in receipt of an official resignation letter from Jack Long, she would like to accept his condition and the fact that he will be unable to attend any further meetings as sufficient; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

The Water/Sewer Advisory Committee has made a recommendation to appoint William Bensen and Timothy Miller to fill out the terms of Barry Kuhar and Jack Long.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to appoint William Bensen as a member of the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee; term to run 2/11/2016 through 12/31/2016; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to appoint Timothy Miller as a member of the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee; term to run 2/11/2016 through 12/31/2019; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

1. Kathy Hallenbeck wished to thank the Highway Department for the fine job they did cleaning up the tree that fell across Hale Road.
2. Investigator Amy Kowalski wanted to remind everyone of the "yellow dot" program, especially with

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the extreme cold weather predicted for the upcoming weekend. The “yellow dot” program is where the elderly or disabled (or anyone who may need to be checked in on) places a yellow dot on their door or front window. The authorities, as they perform their routine duties, will check in on anyone who displays a yellow dot.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Before adjourning the meeting, Supervisor Lounsbury invited everyone to stay and join the Board to present Bob Bolte with a plaque honoring his dedication and service to the Town.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM; 2nd by Supervisor Lounsbury.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk

***Please Help Our Recycling Efforts***

With a little additional effort on our part, we can further reduce the waste stream for the Town of Rensselaerville and increase our revenue. How?

Simply rinse out and remove the labels from all your metal/aluminum cans & place them in the metal bin **outside** the recycling building. **DO NOT** include bags of any kind!

The Town receives a monthly payment for the metal/aluminum materials in this bin. And, as we all know, every little bit helps!





**News from Helderberg Brewery**

You're Invited

**HELDERBERG BREWERY GRAND OPENING WEEKEND**

**Friday, March 11, 2016** from 6pm to 9pm  
Beer \* Food \* Music Growler Club Launch

**Sunday, March 13, 2016** from 2pm to 5pm  
Walk/Run/Beer with Helderberg Outdoor

The brewery is located on our campus next to Stonecrop Estate Home, Carey Institute for Global Good, 63 Huyck Road, Rensselaerville.

Contact Rebecca Platel at [rplatel@careyinstitute.org](mailto:rplatel@careyinstitute.org) or call 518-797-5100 for more information.

**Come enjoy locally grown and brewed beer and learn about what we'll be up to this year, including:**

- \*Growler Club
- \*Weekly Tap Room Hours
- \*Monthly events with Helderberg Outdoor
- \*SMASH Beers

(Limited release beers made by regional brewers using only “state malt and state hops”)

***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](mailto:savitrisarah@gmail.com), 518.817.8720

Fees: Wed Pilates—\$7.00  
All Others—\$12.00  
10 Classes—\$100.00

## New York State Sheriffs Association Yellow Dot Program



**Yellow Dot** is a free program designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention during that first "golden hour" after a crash or other emergency. A **Yellow Dot** in the driver's-side rear window of your vehicle will alert first responders that vital medical information is stored in the glove compartment.

### How Yellow Dot Works

The **Yellow Dot** kit contains a personal information card and a **Yellow Dot** decal.

1. Complete both sides of the personal information card as fully as possible, in pencil. Attach a recent photo of yourself and place it in a visible location in your car's glove compartment.
2. Complete one card for each person who regularly occupies the vehicle. See below to request additional medical information forms.
3. Place the **Yellow Dot** decal on the rear driver's side window to alert first responders to look in the glove compartment for your medical information.
4. Update the card annually yourself or bring it to your annual medical check-up. If you sell your car, remove the **Yellow Dot** sticker.

### Use Yellow Dot at Home

A **Yellow Dot** kit can also be used to alert those who respond to an emergency in your home. Simply place a **Yellow Dot** decal on or beside your front door and place a completed card for each occupant in a clear plastic freezer bag and place in a visible location in the freezer compartment of your refrigerator.

Yellow Dot kits are available for free. To request a kit, fill out the form that is available at the link below:  
<http://www.nysheriffs.org/yellowdot>

Your Yellow Dot kit will be sent to you in the mail.



## IRS Urges Public to Stay Alert for Scam Phone Calls

**(Editor's Note:** This article comes directly from the IRS website: <https://www.irs.gov/uac/IRS-Urges-Public-to-Stay-Alert-for-Scam-Phone-Calls>)

The IRS continues to warn consumers to guard against scam phone calls from thieves intent on stealing their money or their identity. Criminals pose as the IRS to trick victims out of their money or personal information. Here are several tips to help you avoid being a victim of these scams:

- \* Scammers make unsolicited calls. Thieves call taxpayers claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They con the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may also leave "urgent" callback requests through phone "robo-calls," or via phishing email.
- \* Callers try to scare their victims. Many phone scams use threats to intimidate and bully a victim into paying. They may even threaten to arrest, deport or revoke the license of their victim if they don't get the money.
- \* Scams use caller ID spoofing. Scammers often alter caller ID to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear legitimate. They may use the victim's name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.
- \* Cons try new tricks all the time. Some schemes provide an actual IRS address where they tell the victim to mail a receipt for the payment they make. Others use emails that contain a fake IRS document with a phone number or an email address for a reply. These scams often use official IRS letterhead in emails or regular mail that they send to their victims. They try these ploys to make the ruse look official.
- \* Scams cost victims over \$23 million. The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, or TIGTA, has received reports of about 736,000 scam contacts since October 2013. Nearly 4,550 victims have collectively paid over \$23 million as a result of the scam.

The IRS will not:

- \* Call you to demand immediate payment. The IRS will not call you if you owe taxes without first sending you a bill in the mail.
- \* Demand that you pay taxes and not allow you to question or appeal the amount you owe.
- \* Require that you pay your taxes a certain way. For instance, require that you pay with a prepaid debit card.
- \* Ask for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- \* Threaten to bring in police or other agencies to arrest you for not paying.

If you don't owe taxes, or have no reason to think that you do:

- \* Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately. \* Contact TIGTA to report the call. Use their "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting" web page. You can also call 800-366-4484. \* Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on [FTC.gov](http://FTC.gov). Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

If you know you owe, or think you may owe tax:

- Call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you. Phone scams first tried to sting older people, new immigrants to the U.S. and those who speak English as a second language. Now the crooks try to swindle just about anyone. And they've ripped-off people in every state in the nation.

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## IRS Urges Public to Stay Alert for Scam Phone Calls

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Stay alert to scams that use the IRS as a lure. Tax scams can happen any time of year, not just at tax time. For more, visit "Tax Scams and Consumer Alerts" on IRS.gov.

Each and every taxpayer has a set of fundamental rights they should be aware of when dealing with the IRS. These are your Taxpayer Bill of Rights. Explore your rights and our obligations to protect them on IRS.gov.



## RVFD Battalion



**Meetings held 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every  
month @ 7PM at firehouse**

**Join our community of fun loving,  
dedicated volunteers.**

**Call 281 6880 for more information**

**"Volunteers are not paid—not because they are  
worthless, but because they are  
priceless" ....unknown...**

*Rensselaerville Library*



*Adult Coloring Book Club*

*2016 Schedule*

*Third Thursday of each Month*

*Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19*

*7:00 pm*

*Coloring is a great way to relax and give our creativity a boost. Coloring books designed especially for adults have more intricate designs and patterns.*



*WE provide:*

- *Coloring pages*
- *Colored pencils*
- *Markers*
- *Crayons*
- *Or bring your own!*

Rensselaerville Library  
1439 County Route 351  
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

518-797-3949

[www.RensselaervilleLibrary.org](http://www.RensselaervilleLibrary.org)

Friends,

We are looking for a diverse group of poets to come to Rensselaerville as “featured readers” for WILD MINDS: an Afternoon of Nature Poetry, to be held on the grounds of the beautiful Huyck Preserve on April 23 from 3 to 5 pm. This event is part of the Rensselaerville Library’s eleventh annual celebration of National Poetry Month.

If you think some of your poetry fits the bill as described below, please submit a very brief resume (2-3 sentences) and 2-3 poems that you would be willing to read. Or if you know of a fellow poet, student, or colleague from the region whom you think appropriate for this event, please forward this to them ASAP.

We need to receive poems and resumes by 3/15/16, and we will get back to you by 4/1/16. A committee of local poets will work together to select the most diverse and accomplished group of poets as possible.

**Please send poems and bio in a single MS Word document or PDF to poet-rymonthville@gmail.com. and include the word NATURE in the subject line.**

Thank you!

**WILD MINDS: An Afternoon of Nature Poetry**

Huyck Preserve  
Rensselaerville, NY  
April 23, 2016  
3 – 5 pm

In *Writers and the War Against Nature*, Gary Snyder describes the wild side of the human mind as large, deep, complex. He says, “though it cannot be fully known, it can be explored,” and continues:

The explorers of the wild mind are often writers and artists. The “poetic imagination” of which William Blake so eloquently spoke is the territory of wild mind. It has landscapes and creatures within it that will surprise us; it can refresh us and scare us; it reflects the larger truth of our ancient selves, both animal and spiritual.

We humans are part of the natural world, but it can be easy to lose sight of that as we move along our daily rounds. Nature poetry, through its various manifestations, can help us remember our connection to our environment.

Many poets celebrate natural beauty and wonder, such as animals, the seasons, and wilderness, or describe personal responses to experiences in nature. Others confront environmental devastation and injustice. The problems of pollution and climate change have given rise to ecopoetics with its emphasis on the relationship of people to the earth and its myriad inhabitants. Eco-poetics may weave together science, art, and theory, resulting in innovative poetic forms that reflect ecological processes such as cyclical elements of existence.

Possibly the most important reason to read or write — or listen to — poems about nature is that they remind us to pay attention to our surroundings. They call on us to use all our senses and to discover aspects of wildness inside ourselves. As First Nations poet and artist Michael Robinson writes in his poetry book *The Earth and the Dancing Man*:

Where there is no wilderness  
There is no God.

The Huyck Preserve is a logical setting for this event, a peaceful place where readers and audience members can respond to poetic explorations of the natural world.

Friends,

We are looking for a diverse group of poets, to come to Rensselaerville as featured readers for our first Poetry of Courage/Poetry of Witness event (part of the Rensselaerville Library's eleventh annual celebration of National Poetry Month), to be held on the grounds of the beautiful Carey Center for Global Good (formerly the Rensselaerville Institute) on the afternoon of April 30, 3-5 PM.

If you think some of your poetry fits the bill as described below, please submit a very brief resume (2-3 sentences) and 2-3 poems that you would be willing to read. Or if you know of a fellow poet, student, or colleague from the region whom you think appropriate for this event, please forward this to them asap.

We need to receive poems and resumes by 3/15/16, and we will get back to you by 4/1/16. A committee of local poets will work together to select the most diverse and accomplished group of poets as possible.

Please send poems and bio in a single MS Word document or PDF to poet-rymonthville@gmail.com. and include the word COURAGE in the subject line.

Thank you!

**SINGING IN THE DARK  
POETRY OF COURAGE/ POETRY OF WITNESS:  
AN AFTERNOON AT THE CAREY CENTER FOR GLOBAL GOOD  
RENSSELAERVILLE, NY  
April 30, 2016  
3 - 5 PM**

The turbulent issues of the 21st Century (including those related to refugees, terrorism, racism, nationalism, gender, age, free speech, climate and war) have resulted in a particularly fertile time for poetry as well as for other forms of artistic expression. The human spirit seeks release in times of crisis - sometimes as an expression of "witness" (lest terrible events be forgotten); sometimes as a call to action (to "rock the boat" of custom, expectation, complacency, the status quo), other times as a mirror of a soul experiencing these events, or simply as the urgent expression of the human spirit.

Poetry speaks to our deepest fears as well as hopes. Around the world, poets are not only writing in reaction to the issues of the day, but they are also confronting these new times with new poetic forms such as documentary poetry, eco-poetry, spoken word/s I am poetry, multi-genre expression, etc.

The Poetry of Courage/Poetry of Witness event seeks to pack in one-half day an introduction to poets who use both traditional and new forms to address the challenges of living in these uncertain times, as well as to poets who have addressed historical events with similar urgency. You will hear poems by regional poets as well as readings (by guest readers) of poems by well-known poets. The diverse voices of those moved to engage these issues, including the often unfamiliar poetry of indigenous peoples, will be represented in this gathering.

Our hope is that this array of poetry will stimulate thought, nurture souls, offer insights into history and current events in ways that only art can provide.

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In the dark times, will there also be singing?  
Yes, there will be singing.  
About the dark times.

Bertholt Brecht

## In My Opinion

The attempt by this Town board to remove some Board of Ethics members because they took their duties seriously under the Town's ethics law is really wrong and should be shared with the public. The ethics law sets out the duties of this board: Schedule A Section C - to give advisory opinions when requested Schedule A Section D - to respond to written complaints concerning town policy not being followed or it may on its own motion may conduct an inquiry.

You may not like the questions that are being debated by the Ethics Board but their independence is a key to the process. The Town Board asking for some members to resign or removing them from their positions prior to the end of their term of office can be construed as political pressure on a board whose very existence depends on keeping politics out of the deliberations.

At this point the details of this ethics inquiry are now less important than the rather unprofessional reaction by this Town Board. Perhaps this Town Board can redeem itself by working with the Board of Ethics to correct this minor issue regarding exceeding the statutory limits when items are sold to the Town by a Town Board member. Perhaps the Town's legal counsel should have advised the Town Board of New York State's procurement law before this transaction was ever approved or finalized. Better yet, before a Town Board member sells something to the town, run it past the Ethic Board. After all, part of their responsibility is to give advisory opinions. –Jeff Pine



Did you know....

...it has come to our attention via several sources that our current Town Board seems to believe that the public doesn't have to know everything? Apparently certain members of the Town Board are upset that this newsletter published portions of the contract with the Attorneys to the Town with regard to the services for which they bill the Town \$175.00/hour. In addition, certain Town Board members are upset that irregularities with many of the 2016 Oaths of Office, required by law, were made public at the February 11, 2016 Town Board meeting.

Let it be known that we make no apologies for bringing these matters to light. Furthermore, we will continue to advance the goal of open and transparent government with or without the cooperation of our Town officials.



## **Rensselaerville Library Job Opening Youth Services Coordinator**

Rensselaerville Library is looking for an energetic, enthusiastic and engaging Youth Services Coordinator to assist children, young adults and families in the use of library materials, equipment and resources, and to conduct programs. This new position reports to the Library Director, but exercises considerable independence in carrying out the duties of the position.

### **Job Summary:**

Under the supervision of the Library Director, the Youth Service Coordinator creates, coordinates, publicizes, and delivers library programs for children, young adults and families. The coordinator assists with children, tween, teen and parenting collections, reference, reader's advisory, routine computer and internet use questions.

**Qualifications:** A Bachelor's degree with a major or concentration in Education, Library Science, English or related field. One year of professional library experience or other work with children is desired. You will be part of a small staff, so working well with others is critical, be motivated and self-directed enough to work without close supervision. Most importantly, you must be passionate about working with children and their families.

**Work Schedule:** Six hours per week, hours are flexible based on programing and Library service hours for the week.

**Pay Rate:** \$12 - \$13 depending on experience

**Application Information:** Position information and application materials can be found on our web site at [www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/staff.html](http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/staff.html) or at the Library. Submit your completed job application, resume, and a cover letter reflecting your particular strengths for this position by ~~February 12,~~ **EXTENDED TO MARCH 25, 2016.**

Submit to:

Kim Graff

Rensselaerville Library

PO Box 188

1459 County Route 351

Rensselaerville, NY 12157

(518)797-3949

[www.RensselaervilleLibrary.org](http://www.RensselaervilleLibrary.org)



# Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run and Walk

Saturday June 18, 2016 9:00am Start



Co-hosted by the E.N. Huyck Preserve and Rensselaerville Library  
Proceeds will be shared between these organizations



**Location**

Eldridge Research Center, E.N. Huyck Preserve  
284 Pond Hill Road  
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

**Course Description** Join us for a 2, 5, or 8 mile run/walk on the beautiful trails of the E.N. Huyck Preserve in the historic village of Rensselaerville, NY. The 2 mile 'Turtle Trot' is run on trails with easy footing. The 5 mile 'Salamander Scamper' and 8 mile 'Rabbit Run' have some sections with roots, rocks and other obstacles. See course maps at <https://www.raceentry.com/race-maps/renselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk>



**Register by Mail or on Race Day**

Fill out & mail form with check \$20.00 if postmarked by May 31 \$25.00 if postmarked after May 31 or on race day

Free T-Shirts for first 150 registrants

**Packet Pick-Up**

Early Pick-up – Fri 6/17/16, 4-9pm  
Rensselaerville Library 1459 CR 351  
Race Day Pick-Up –Eldridge Research Station – Sat 6/18/16, 7:30-8:45a

**Register Online at RaceEntry.com**  
<https://www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/renselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk>



Stay In Rensselaerville After the Run...  
The Huyck Preserve Forest Festival  
Sat 6/18, 11-3p

**Awards (for each distance)**

Top Male and Female Finisher  
Top 3 Males and Females in each of 7 age groups

Questions? Contact Linda at [cloud9acres@gmail.com](mailto:cloud9acres@gmail.com) (518)-598-9389

**Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run and Walk Registration Form (Submit One Form Per Person)**

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Choose Event: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 mile Turtle Trot  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 before 5/31/16 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 mile Salamander Scamper  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 after 5/31/16 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 mile Rabbit Run  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size (Circle One Adult Size)  
Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ SM MED LG XL XXL  
Please note: t-shirt size only guaranteed for registrations received by 5/31/16. We'll do our best to fulfill desired sizes for registrations received after that date, but we may need to substitute another size, depending on availability.

Additional donation to Rensselaerville Library \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or the E.N. Huyck Preserve \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*I am physically fit to participate in this event. I am participating in this event with the knowledge of the potential hazards involved and hereby agree to accept all risks of injury. I agree that my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians and other legal representatives will not make a claim against or sue for injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, howsoever caused, by an agent or volunteer of the organization as a result of my participation in this event. I hereby release The Rensselaerville Library and the Huyck Preserve and its officers, and all event volunteers and officials from all actions, claims or demands and I, my assignees, heirs, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury resulting from my participation in this event.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (if under 18 parent/guardian must sign)

Please make checks payable to: Rensselaerville Library (Rensselaerville Ramble in memo line)  
Send signed form and payment to: Rensselaerville Library, PO Box 188, 1459 County Route 351, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

### 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 due in June. We collect \$1.00 a month at the meeting for coffee, milk, etc. Please bring a covered dish to share. We eat promptly at noon and the meeting commences afterward. We have a picnic in August; in November, we have a Thanksgiving dinner at a local restaurant; and in December we have a Christmas dinner also. We have bus trips in the summer and fall. For further information, call Tom Snyder, President, at 239-4376.

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

Additional Important Phone Numbers:

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



**POST OFFICE INFORMATION**

<http://www.usps.com>

**MEDUSA POST OFFICE:** Phone 518-239-4826  
(19 COUNTY ROUTE 351 MEDUSA, NY 12120)

**Retail Hours:** Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm; Sat 7:30am - 11:15am  
**Last Collection Hours:** Mon-Fri 4:15pm; Sat 11:15am  
**Lobby Hours:** Mon-Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 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  
**Last Collection Hours:** Mon-Fri 4:15pm Sat 11:15am

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



**WANTED: PLANNING BOARD MEMBER**

The Town of Rensselaerville is seeking letters of interest to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board.

Applicants must be a resident of the Town.  
This is a 7-year term, with meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:30 PM  
As needed.

The Planning Board's primary responsibilities are to review all minor/major subdivision requests and to ensure responsible land use within the Town.



Letters of interest should be addressed to the  
Town of Rensselaerville Town Clerk  
87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120  
and submit no later than March 11, 2016

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## THE RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY'S 11TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

### CALL FOR POETS

The Rensselaerville Library's Poetry Month committee is looking for a diverse group of poets to come to Rensselaerville, NY for the *Poetry of Courage/Poetry of Witness* event and the *Nature Poetry* event. **If you are interested in joining the stellar lineup of poets already enlisted, for either or both events, please send 2-3 poems and a 2-3 sentence bio. in a single MS Word or PDF document for each event at which you'd like to read to: poet-rymonthrville@gmail.com by March 15, 2016.** Please indicate the event(s) (Nature and/or Courage/Witness) in which you are interested on the subject line.

### SCHEDULED EVENTS

#### **COWBOY POETRY AT CONKLING HALL: APRIL 9: (5:00-7:00pm)**

Save the Date - More Details will be coming in March.

The Rensselaerville Fire Department is hosting a take out BBQ Chicken dinner for \$12 from 4-6pm. Please feel free to pick up your dinner at the Fire House and bring it to Conkling Hall.

#### **VISUAL POETRY: ASEMIC WRITING WORKSHOP AT RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY: APRIL 16 (10:30am – 12:30pm)**

This year the visual poetry workshop will focus on asemic writing, wordless writing that appears in a context that suggests meaning. Asemic writing has been called "a sort of drawing that imitates a 'communication format'" and comes out of the tradition of overlapping poetry and art. Practiced by artists Wassily Kandinsky and Cy Twombly, among many others, it is related to concrete poetry and Apollinaire's Calligrammes. Participants will invent their own writing and create broadsides of their work. The workshop will be facilitated by artist Nancy DeNicoloh<sup>http://www.nancydenicolo.com/</sup> and poet Katrinka Moore<sup>http://katrinkamoore.weebly.com/</sup>. Open to beginning and experienced writers and artists. Please register by April 8, 2016 so we can plan accordingly. Limit 15 participants. Please register with the Library at 797-3949.

#### **WILD MINDS: NATURE POETRY AT THE HUYCK PRESERVE: APRIL 23 (3:00-5:00 pm)**

In *Writers and the War Against Nature*, Gary Snyder describes the wild side of the human mind as large, deep, complex...The explorers of the wild mind are often writers and artists."

We humans are part of the natural world, but it can be easy to lose sight of that as we move along our daily rounds. Nature poetry can help us remember our connection to our environment. Many nature poets celebrate natural beauty or describe personal responses to experiences in nature. Others confront environmental devastation and injustice. Possibly the most important reason to read, write or listen to nature poems is that they remind us to pay attention to our world. They call on us to use all our senses to discover aspects of wildness inside ourselves.

The Research Station on Lincoln Pond (284 Pond Hill Rd., Rensselaerville) at the Huyck Preserve is a logical setting for an afternoon of readings of original work by regional poets, as well as readings of well-known poets by guest readers. It is a peaceful place where readers and audience members can respond to poetic explorations of the natural world.

#### **SINGING IN THE DARK: POETRY OF COURAGE/POETRY OF WITNESS AT THE CAREY CENTER FOR GLOBAL GOOD: APRIL 30 (3:00-5:00 pm)**

The turbulent issues of the 21st Century (including those related to refugees, terrorism, racism,

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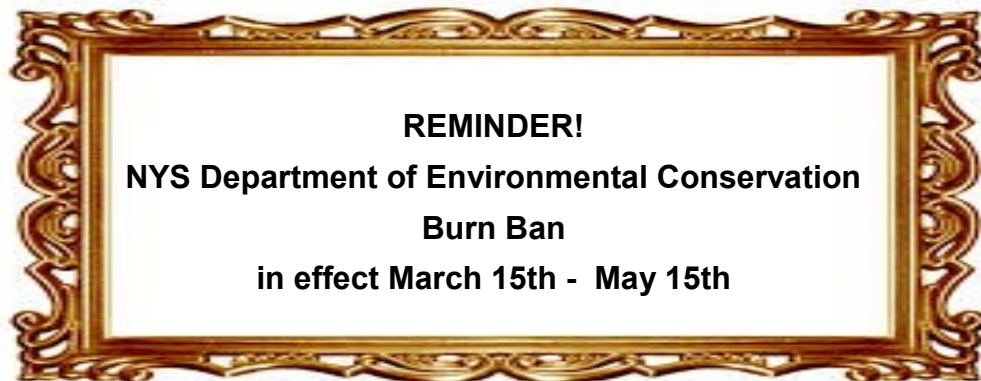


## R'ville Library 11th Annual National Poetry Month

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nationalism, gender, age, free speech, climate and war) have resulted in a particularly fertile time for poetry as well as for other forms of artistic expression. Poetry speaks to our deepest fears as well as hopes. Around the world, poets are not only writing in reaction to the issues of the day, but they are also confronting these new times with new poetic forms such as documentary poetry, eco-poetry, spoken word/slam poetry, multi-genre expression, etc. .

The *Singing in the Dark* event seeks to pack into two-hours an introduction to poets who use both traditional and new forms to address the challenges of living in these uncertain times, as well as to poets who have addressed historical events with similar urgency. You will hear poems by regional poets as well as readings (by guest readers) of poems by well-known poets. The diverse voices of those moved to engage these issues, including the often unfamiliar poetry of indigenous peoples, will be represented in both this event and the Huyck Preserve event.



### RVFD News

NYS DEC Outdoor Burn Ban is in effect from March 15th through May 15th.

Thank you to everyone that supported the Chili Take Out on 2/9.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 15th – **NYS DEC Annual Burn Ban** begins. Burn ban is in effect March 15 through May 15.
- Saturday, March 26th – **Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny** – 2:00 pm. Location to be determined. We will update Facebook and the sign at the fire department.
- Saturday, April 9th – **Annual Battalion Chicken BBQ** 4:00 – 6:00 pm. \$12 Dinner includes ½ chicken, roll with butter, coleslaw, baked beans and brownie. For pre-sale tickets, please contact **Rosie Kuhar at 797-3360 or Kathy Wank at 281-6880**. Quantities are limited so order early! (See pages 27-28 for additional information.)

## Library News



### Library Staff

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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.

## Upcoming Library Events

Poetry group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, March 8 and 22. Come share your work, receive feedback and spend time working on your own project. The Poetry group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month downstairs in the Library.

Thursday, March 10th join the writing group at 7pm to share your work and receive feedback or just spend a few hours working on your own project. The group meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month downstairs in the Library.

Sunday, March 13 from 2-5pm meet Helderberg Outdoor volunteers at the Helderberg Brewery (located on the Carey campus next to Stonecrop Estate) to preview the trails for the **Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run & Walk**. Preserve and Library staff will be available to take early registrations and answer event questions.

The Library Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15 at 7pm. Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except when noted. All Board meetings are held at the Library in the downstairs meeting room and are open to the public.

The Library Coloring Book Club for adults will meet on Thursday, March 17, at 7:00 pm (every third Thursday). Coloring is a great way to relax and give our creativity a boost. Coloring books designed especially for adults have more intricate designs and patterns. Coloring pages, colored pencils, markers and crayons will be available or bring your own.

Thursday, March 17 from 6:30-9 come learn more about Arbonne healthy living with Illia Haggerty. A portion of all proceeds will benefit the Library.

Movie Night at the Library on Thursday, March 24th at 6:30. Visit the Library's web site for more details.

**JOB at the Library** - The Library has extended the application deadline for the Youth Services Coordinator position to March 25th. This is a new position to provide programs for children, tweens, teens and their families. All application information can be found on the Library web site or at the Library. <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/staff.html>

The Library is looking for a volunteer who has a passion for used books. We have a large collection of gently used donated books. In preparation for upcoming used book sales we would love for an individual to volunteer their time to take on the management of these treasures. Please contact Kim if you are interested.

Did you miss out on the IndieGoGo Haiku Project campaign? Our supply of bandannas (\$10) and dish towels (\$25) are here. We also have a special package of all the Haiku items for \$40. You are supporting the Library 100% with every purchase.

Continue to support the Library throughout the year with all of your shop-

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## Library News

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ping on Amazon. Support the Library through Amazon's Smile Program. Visit <http://smile.amazon.com> and select the charity you would like to support. The Amazon Smile Foundation donates 0.5% of the eligible purchase price. Thank you to all who have already selected the Library.

The Board of Trustees of the Rensselaerville Library would like to thank everyone who completed the survey to assist with updating the Library's long-range plan. We are in the process of compiling all of the results and Upper Hudson Library System will hold a focus group meeting in the Spring.

Library card holders you have access to Gale Virtual Reference Library and BookFix an online service for children. Visit our web site and click on the links on the left hand side. Gale Virtual Reference Library provides access to GED, SAT, college resources, 3d printing information, computer programming, history information, diet resources and so much more. BookFlix is an online collection of classic video storybooks with related nonfiction resources. Visit BookFlix to enter a world of knowledge and exploration.

The Library has a Museum Pass to the Clark. The pass is good for one adult admission to the Clark. Check it out with your Library card.

Hilltown Home-School Families - The new home-school group meets every Tuesday from 11-12:30 in the Library's downstairs arts & crafts room. At each meeting, parents are asked to come prepared to lead a fun "activity station" for the children. Just show up on Tuesday with your home-school children.

Save the Date for the Library's Annual Cocktail Party fundraiser on Sunday, May 29th from 4:00-7:00pm at the Carey Institute's Stonecrop Estate.

### **Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run & Walk**

Saturday, June 18th, at 9am

Calling all runners and walkers! The Huyck Preserve and Rensselaerville Library are announcing a collaborative new event – a trail run on the beautiful trails of the E.N. Huyck Preserve in the historic village of Rensselaerville, NY. These 2, 5, or 8 mile run/walk trails will take you through a variety forest habitat, scenic vistas of Lake Myositis and the historic race track. The 2 mile 'Turtle Trot' uses trails with easy footing. The 5 mile 'Salamander Scamper' and 8 mile 'Rabbit Run' have some sections with roots, rocks and other obstacles. To get the details as they are released, follow the Rensselaerville Ramble on Facebook. See course maps at: <https://www.raceentry.com/race-maps/rensselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk> All proceeds will be shared between the Library and the Preserve. Come for the Run and stay for the Huyck Preserve's Forest Festival from 11-3pm with vendors and a variety of programs.

Did you know the Library has a mini gift shop? We have Rensselaerville historical books, tote bags, post cards, note cards, honey, RVFD beer mugs etc.

Did you know that the Rensselaerville Historical Society's Research Team works in the Library during the winter months? You can find them downstairs in the meeting room on Wednesdays from 10:30 – 2pm. Come have a cup of coffee and learn about Rensselaerville history. They return to the Grist Mill on Memorial Day weekend.

Did you know that the Library has an email newsletter? The email provides information on Library services, resources, events and programs. We also include a brief calendar of community events. Not on the Library email list? Sign up here <http://rensselaervillelibrary.us1.list-manage1.com/subscribe?u=ff334a8359a3abb5b1f3342f2&id=14a36c9661>

*Library Hours: Closed Sunday and Monday*

*Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am – Noon & 4– 9pm*

*Thursday & Friday: 4– 9pm*

*Saturday: 9– 1pm*

**Library News**

**Greenville Library**

<b>Mar 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29</b>	<b>Chess Club</b> (Small community room)	<b>11 am-1 pm</b>
<b>Mar 1, 15</b>	<b>Lego Fun! (Ages 4 &amp; Up)</b>	<b>3-4:00 pm</b>
<b>Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29</b>	<b>Toddler Time w/Devon Balta</b> (For infants, toddlers, preschoolers)	<b>11-11:45am</b>
<b>Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30</b> Meet in small community room	<b>Greenville Quilters</b> All welcome. No experience necessary, will teach	<b>1:00-3:00pm</b>
<b>Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31</b>	<b>Tax Filing Help</b> (Call for appointment)	<b>9am-5pm</b>
<b>Mar 4, 11, 18, 25</b>	<b>Toddler Time Two w/Devon Balta</b> (For infants, toddlers, preschoolers)	<b>10-10:45am</b>
<b>Apr 7, 14</b>	<b>Tax Filing Help</b> (Call for appointment)	<b>9am-5pm</b>
<b>Apr 12, 26</b>	<b>Lego Fun! (Ages 4 &amp; Up)</b>	<b>3-4:00 pm</b>
<b>May 3, 17</b>	<b>Lego Fun! (Ages 4 &amp; Up)</b>	<b>3-4:00 pm</b>

Contact Information: Greenville Public Library  
 11177 Route 32  
 PO Box 8 Greenville, NY 12083  
 Phone: 518-966-8205  
 Email: greenvillelibrary@outlook.com

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

**RVFD Battalion Chicken BBQ**  
**April 9, 2016 – 4 PM – 6PM**  
**\$12 per dinner**



RVFD COPY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pick up Time: \_\_\_\_\_ QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

PAID: \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd By: \_\_\_\_\_

**RVFD Battalion Chicken BBQ**  
**\$12 Per dinner**  
**April 9, 2016 4-6 pm TAKE OUT**



CUSTOMER COPY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

P/U Time: \_\_\_\_\_ QTY: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Bring Receipt\*** RVFD 966-0338

PAID: \_\_\_\_\_



The above ticket can be cut out and mailed with payment. Pre Orders should be received no later than Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please mail RVFD portion of ticket with check made payable to RVFD Battalion. Stubs and payments should be mailed to Rosie Kuhar 1364 CR 361 Rensselaerville, NY 12147



**Rensselaerville Volunteer Firehouse Battalion Proudly  
Presents:**

**Annual Chicken BBQ – Take Out**

**BBQ**

 **Saturday, April 9, 2016**   
**4 – 6 PM – Pick Up**

**\$12 Dinner includes: ½ chicken, roll w/butter,  
baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, brownie**



**Pre Sale Tickets ONLY – Quantity is Limited  
To reserve tickets, please contact:**

**Rosie Kuhar @ 797-3360**

**Kathy Wank @ 281-6880**

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





## Library News

### Middleburgh Library

Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Drop-In Story Time	10:45 am
Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Mahjong Mania	1:00 pm
Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Insight Meditation	5:15 pm
Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Chair Yoga (CR)	9:00 am
Mar 2	Reading Chair Raffle	10:00 am
Mar 3	Not So Quiet Concert Series	7:00 pm
Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Beginning Tai Chi	10:00-11:00
Mar 3,10, 17, 24, 31	Advanced Tai Chi	11:00-12:00
Mar 3,10, 17, 24, 31	Knitting Circle	7:00 pm
Mar 4, 18	Homeschool Group	10:00 am
Mar 9, 23	Kundalini Yoga	5:00 pm
Mar 12	Crock Pot Cook-Off	9:00 - 2:30pm
Mar 14	Board of Trustees Meeting	6:30 pm
Mar 15	Book Discussion: Whipping Boy	7:00 pm
Mar 19	Country Classroom	11:00 am
Mar 22	Historical Society Meeting (CR)	6:00-8:30 pm

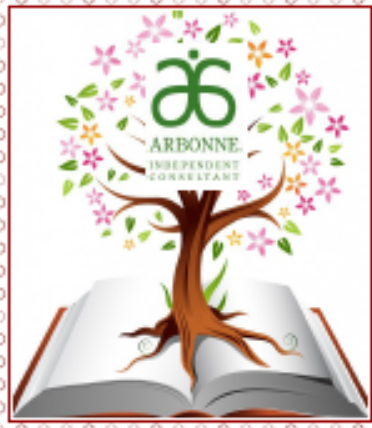
For information about any of the events listed above, please click on the link below. It will take you to the Middleburgh Library events calendar where you will find descriptions of these events.

<http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=8616&thisMonth=1&thisYear=2016>

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

*Hours: Monday 1:30 - 8:30  
Tuesday 10:00 - 5:00 & 6:30 - 8:30  
Wednesday 10:00 - 4:00  
Thursday 10:00 - 4:00 & 6:30 - 8:30  
Friday & Sunday - closed  
Saturday 9:00 - 2:00*





*Healthy Inside and Out with Arbonne*  
**Thursday, March 17th, 2016 - 6:30pm-9pm**  
**Fundraiser Benefitting The Rensselaerville Library**

1459 County Route 351, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

*Arbonne is committed to getting the word out that Healthy Living is all about making right choices. Having more energy, more vitality and being happier starts with what we choose to eat and the products we use on our bodies.*

- **Learn** how our **28 Day Clean Eating Challenge** and **Nutritional Products** can help you achieve your health goals. Brief information sessions will be held at 7pm & 8pm.
  - **Sample** our Skincare, Hair Care, Bath and Body Products.
  - **Cash & Carry** Selection of our Most Popular Items.
- You may **Win** awesome products if you participate in our **Raffle Prize Drawing!**

**A Portion of All Proceeds Will Benefit the Rensselaerville Library.**

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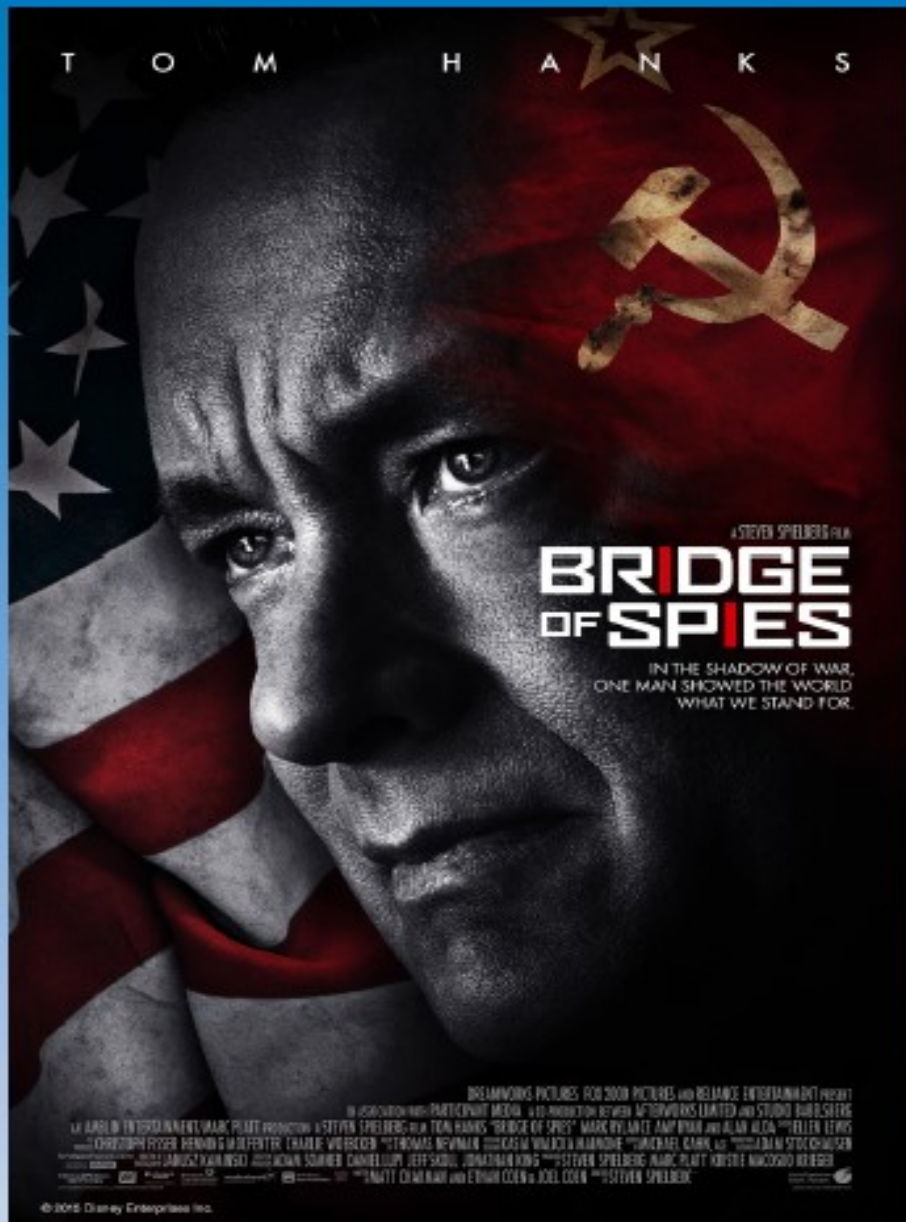
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**Sampler Packet†**  
**Illia Haggerty**  
**(518) 291-0639**  
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**DATE:** March 24, 2016

**TIME:** 6:30pm

**LOCATION:**  
Rensselaerville Library

## On The Calendar

Mar 3	7pm	<b>Board of Ethics Meeting</b>	Town Hall
Mar 5	9am-3pm	<b>Winter/Easter Rummage Sale #1</b>	Medusa Church
Mar 6	11:00am	<b>Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services</b> All are Welcome!	
Mar 8	12 noon	<b>Rensselaerville Seniors Club meeting &amp; lunch</b>	Medusa Firehouse
Mar 8	6:45pm	<b>Public Hearing: Proposed Zoning Law</b>	Town Hall
Mar 8	7:00pm	<b>Town Board Work Meeting</b>	Town Hall
Mar 10	7:00pm	<b>Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting</b>	Town Hall
Mar 13		<b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b> * Check your clocks! * Change smoke & CO detector batteries!	
Mar 13	11:00am	<b>Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services</b> All are Welcome!	
Mar 15		<b>NYS Annual Burn Ban Begins</b>	
Mar 19	7am-11am	<b>Medusa Fire Department Breakfast</b> Free will offering	Medusa Firehouse
Mar 19	8am-12pm	<b>Winter/Easter Rummage Sale #2</b>	Medusa Church
Mar 20	11:00am	<b>Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services</b> All are Welcome!	
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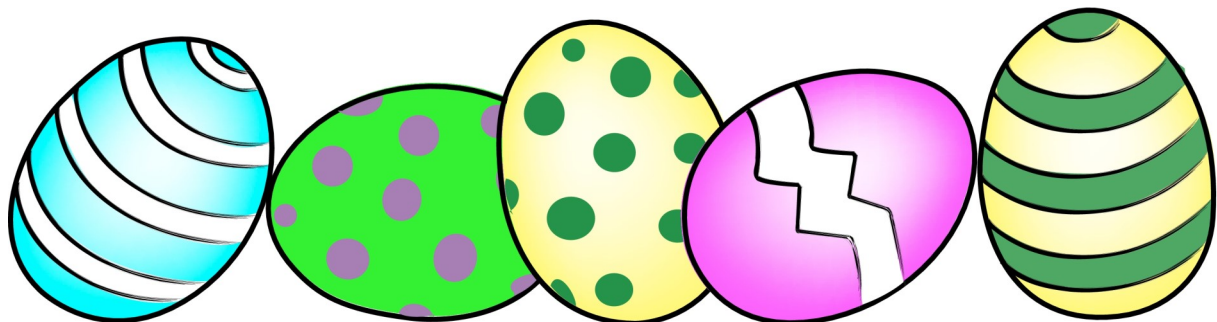
Please get events to Bill Moore by phone – 239-4843; e-mail – [whmoore44@yahoo.com](mailto:whmoore44@yahoo.com) or mail to – 11 CR 351, Medusa, NY 12120





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