

# R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Town Board Work Meeting, Draft Minutes, March 8, 2016

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 8th day of March 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, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker,

**ABSENT WAS:** Councilman Kevin McGrath

Also present were two interested citizens.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Ernest Kuehl inquired about the absence of Councilman Kevin McGrath. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that she will address this matter in her report on Thursday.

### **PRESENTATION FROM NOLAN PAZIN OF MARSHALL & STERLING INS.**

Nolan Pazin presented the Town Board with details of the liability insurance changes that will be taking place. There will be a 4% increase in property value, and taking into account two new trucks, the total increase in premiums amounts to approximately 2%.

### **PRESENTATION FROM TOM LYONS OF THE HUYCK PRESERVE**

Tom Lyons from the Huyck Preserve presented a Draft Stewardship & Management Plan which seeks to 'preserve the natural beauty of the Rensselaerville Falls, the watershed of Lake Myosotis and surrounding lands ... and to conduct long-term research on natural systems...'. He presented many interesting facts about the Preserve and sought to maintain a good relationship with the Town.

**MINUTES:** Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on March 10, 2016: February 9, 2016 – Work Meeting; February 11, 2016 – Regular Meeting

**TRANSFERS, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS:** To be addressed at the Regular Meeting on March 10, 2016

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

1. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that she had received a formal resignation from Jack Long,

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Water/Sewer Committee Member. She will send a letter thanking Jack for his service.

2. Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck recently purchased new front tires for the truck. At the land-fill today, a piece of steel had pierced the side wall of the brand new tire. The tire will be repaired and used as a spare tire for the back. Another new tire was purchased for the front.

**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. Attorney Fallati will be at the meeting on Thursday and will report on the proposed zoning.
2. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that I.T.S. has completed the update on the server and most of the bugs have been worked out.
3. Attorney Fallati will present his findings regarding the issue with the Board of Ethics at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Authorization to accept the resignation of Court Clerk, Lorraine Case, and authorization to appoint a new clerk will be addressed at the Regular Meeting.
2. The Town Clerk will need authorization to attend the NYS Town Clerk's Association Conference April 17th through the 20th, 2016 in Saratoga Springs. The fee is \$125.00 plus travel expenses.
3. The Water/Sewer Committee would like to get another individual certified. Deputy Water/Sewer Treatment Officer, John Rice is willing to get the certification training at Hudson Valley Community College. Authorization will be needed to reimburse John Rice for the training at Hudson Valley at a cost of \$960.00. The Board members concurred that it is a good idea to have a back-up treatment officer in the case of an emergency or illness.
4. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that the Workplace Violence review was coming along well. There are still a few people outstanding, especially those that do not hold meetings regularly. Supervisor Lounsbury expressed her appreciation for Councilman Gerald Wood's assistance.
5. A date will need to be selected for the first meeting regarding the planning for the Town-Wide Picnic.
6. Councilman Wood mentioned that the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park has been damaged again; someone spun up the grass/soil in front of the tennis court, the gate has been ripped off the tennis court and there was garbage left behind. John Wennstrom has offered to install motion lights sometime in the near future. Supervisor Lounsbury will also contact the Albany County Sheriff's Department to see what else can be done.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

*Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk*

### **2016 Budget Vote: Middleburgh Library**

Qualified voters of the Middleburgh School District will vote on the 2016 library budget on Tuesday May 3, 2016 from 12:00 - 8:00 in the Community Room of the Middleburgh Library. Three, 5 year term Trustee seats will also be voted on.

Important Dates:

1. Petitions for Trustee seats are available for pick-up at the Circulation Desk beginning February 27, 2016 and must be returned with required signatures by March 26t, 2016 during regular library hours.
2. Applications for absentee ballots may be picked up at the Circualtion Desk during normal library hours. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the library at least seven (7) days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed or the day before the election if the application is to be handed to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by library staff no later than 4:00 pm on May 3rd, 2016.
3. A Public Hearing on the 2016 proposed budget will be held on Tuesday April 19, 2016 from 7:30 - 8:00 in the library. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

[http://media.wix.com/ugd/115e54\\_e767dc3d604b4a6c88bc351fec81189d.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/115e54_e767dc3d604b4a6c88bc351fec81189d.pdf)

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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 five interested citizens.

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Marie Dermody read a letter she requested to be included in the minutes as follows:

Statement to the Town Board, 3/20/2016

Obviously I have no idea what, if any, action the Board will take this evening regarding the Board of Ethics. However, because I am the only person to have attended all public meetings regarding the recent Board of Ethics inquiry, I am uniquely qualified to make the following comments.

Although an email sent to the Board of Ethics in August 2015 inquiring as to whether the Town's procurement law needed to be amended, an official form was not submitted until December 15, 2015, the same date as the Board of Ethics meeting. According to the Town Board minutes for January 12, 2016, "The individual asked the Ethics Board to look into the Town's procurement laws and Municipal laws and to determine if the Town's policies on conflicts of interest with respect to goods and services should be revised." Because a timeline exists for action on a Board of Ethics complaint or inquiry, the question arises and remains a point of disagreement as to what marks the beginning of the matter—August 2015 when an email was received or December 15, 2015, when the official form was submitted.

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The Board of Ethics meeting was set for December 15, 2015. A legal notice was published in the Town's official newspaper, The Altamont Enterprise, and also posted on the Community Calendar on the Town's website. The Town Board members all reported that they were unaware of this meeting. I was surprised when a Town Board member asked if I had inside information or if I had received a special invitation to attend this meeting. Why aren't Town Board members checking the Community Calendar to be better aware of what's happening in their town?

For the sake of expediency, a FOIL request was submitted on behalf of the Board of Ethics seeking copies of all vouchers submitted to the Town for payment by employees, appointees, and elected officials for the years 2010 through 2015. The supervisor reported that the search for these requested records took many, many hours. The Board of Ethics waited about 2 months for these records to be provided. I propose that if the Town had used its financial software to filter for the vendors they sought, all they had to do was retrieve the vouchers that resulted from their search. Working harder, not smarter should not fall on the shoulders of the Board of Ethics.

At the 12/15/2015 meeting, the Board of Ethics looked over all the vouchers that were provided as a result of their FOIL request. The circumstances of each voucher was discussed. And then the Board of Ethics members proceeded to examine the Town's procurement law as well as NYS's General Municipal Law, Sections 801-802 "Conflicts of Interest of Municipal Officers and Employees." It was at this point that the Board of Ethics agreed that they required legal counsel to help understand/interpret General Municipal Law, Sections 801 and 802.

At the January 12, 2016, Town Board work meeting, Board of Ethics co-chair Diana Hinchcliff updated the Town Board on the Board of Ethics activities to date. No mention was ever made as to the names of the individuals whose vouchers had been reviewed. However, Mr. Robert Bolte took it upon himself to announce that he was one of the individuals "under investigation" even though it was made abundantly clear that no person was under scrutiny, only whether the local law needed to be amended. He has claimed that this is a political vendetta, demanding that the Board of Ethics co-chairs be removed from their positions. And he has continued his rant as an aggrieved person ever since.

At this point, this entire Town Board has lost sight of the original inquiry. "The individual asked the Ethics Board to look into the Town's procurement laws and Municipal laws and to determine if the Town's policies on conflicts of interest with respect to goods and services should be revised." The fact that one individual decided to throw himself into the spotlight and that the Town Board has mounted an all-out condemnation of the Board of Ethics co-chairs because of this is absolutely ludicrous.

It could easily be said that:

- If the Town's legal counsel had advised against this Town purchase of Bolte property due to a violation of Section 801 of General Municipal Law in the first place, we would not be in this contentious position today.
- If Mr. Bolte had not illegally conducted business with the Town Board while holding the position as an elected councilman in violation of General Municipal Law Section 801, we would not be in this contentious position today.
- If Mr. Bolte had allowed the Board of Ethics to proceed naturally with their original inquiry rather than making it personal, we would not be in this contentious position today.

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- If the Board of Ethics had done a better job of adhering to the timelines and having a better way to determine when the clock starts, we would not be in this contentious position today. (As an aside, the Board of Ethics acknowledged their procedural errors at the March 3, 2016 meeting and apologized accordingly.)

Since members of a Board of Ethics are appointed by the Town Board and serve at the pleasure of the Board, we now have a Town Board ready to remove two members of this Board for doing the job for which they were appointed. I'm sure standing somewhere in the wings are others whom the Town Board deems more suitable for this position—someone with their same views, philosophies, political leanings, etc. I can assure you that, should such replacements take place, this will look like a political vendetta of the most extreme. It is vitally important that any appointed committee or board be characterized by diversity in order to be a better representation of all of the residents of the Town. If we start stacking our boards and committees with like-minded individuals, it signals a further demise of representative government in the Town of Rensselaerville!

#### END LETTER

Mr. Bolte wished to comment that 13 rules of the Board of Ethics were not followed from day one. Not following the rules and not following the timeline is what brought this about. Mr. Bolte stated that his name was not mentioned until the last meeting when Diana Hinchcliff was here.

Diana Hinchcliff wished to make a clarification on the law and the timelines. There was much confusion between an advisory opinion and a written complaint. NYS Law addresses only advisory opinions; it does not address written complaints. The Town Law added written complaints to its law; therefore the Town Law addresses both advisory opinions and written complaints. The State law does not define 'advisory opinion'; Town Law does not define either 'advisory opinion' or 'written complaint'. Ms. Hinchcliff proceeded to explain that an advisory opinion is when a request is made to take a look at a particular law to see if any changes need to be made; a written complaint is when someone says an official took a particular action and there is belief that there is a violation: this would call for an investigation of a particular person for a particular action. The Town's Ethics law prescribes a procedure for a written complaint. There is no procedure in the law that deals with an advisory opinion and therefore there is no procedure for the Ethics Board to follow in responding to a request for an advisory opinion, leaving the Board to determine how it should be handled. Ms. Hinchcliff believes that there were no violations of procedure because there were no procedures that apply to an advisory opinion. Ms. Hinchcliff has learned with the assistance of Attorney Fallati that the Board of Ethics is not allowed to render an advisory opinion to anyone other than a municipal official or municipal employee.

#### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the following meetings as corrected:

February 9, 2016 – Work Meeting \*

February 11, 2016 – Regular Meeting

\* Correction –Councilwoman Sedlmeir wished to clarify the "SUPERVISOR'S REPORT" that it was actually a concerned citizen that initially brought the issue to her attention. Councilwoman Sedlmeir, in turn, brought the issue to the Town Board.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

**TRANSFERS:** None

**ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS:** General Fund - \$ 52,202.34; Highway Fund - \$32,923.10; Ambulance Fund - \$20,000.00; Fire Protection Fund - \$147,500.00; Lighting District - \$695.81; Sewer Fund - \$163.41; Water Fund - \$2,771.98; T&A Fund - \$745.29. Total Abstracts - \$257,001.93

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*

Councilwoman Cooke questioned the submission of vouchers. Supervisor Lounsbury explained that it is Town Law to have an original signature on an original voucher in order for payment to be made; faxed or scanned copies are not acceptable. With the electronic age upon us, some changes may need to be made.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **REPORTS**

#### **SUPERVISOR**

1. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that last month the Town Board accepted the resignation of Jack Long. Supervisor Lounsbury, now being in receipt of an official resignation, read Mr. Long's official resignation.
2. Supervisor Lounsbury was granted the extension for the Annual Update Document and announced that the accountant is scheduled to be at Town Hall at some point this month.
3. The annual fire extinguisher inspection was performed; those that were out of date were updated.
4. The Planning Board will conduct their interviews on April 7th in an effort to replace Scott Kunkler who resigned recently due to his relocation outside of the area.

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

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

In addition, Attorney Fallati read the resignation letter submitted by Councilman McGrath.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept Councilman McGrath's resignation; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

#### **ATTORNEY**

1. Upon the request of the Board of Ethics, Attorney Fallati attended their most recent meeting on March 3, 2016. Prior to the meeting he had the opportunity to review correspondence, study background information, and research the law. In conclusion, Attorney Fallati felt that what the Ethics Board had been presented, and had been treated and construed as a request for an advisory opinion; it was more of a general inquiry. State Law, which the State Comptroller's office clarifies and confirms, regarding advisory opinions, is that Ethics Boards are only authorized to issue advisory opinions to employees or officers of the Town. Attorney Fallati's advice to the Eth-

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ics Board is that they were not empowered to issue any kind of advisory opinion to the extent that a question had been raised about the Town's procurement policy, which would be within the purview of the Town Board.

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

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

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

1. Highway Superintendent Bates reported that he attended 'Advocates Day' at the State Capitol where towns and counties Highway Superintendents Associations state-wide meet to lobby the State Legislature to increase funding upstate. It is widely believed that there will be an increase in C.H.I.P.'s funding this year. Currently, there is \$26 billion in funding going towards the Mass Transit Authority downstate with no comparable funding for upstate.
2. The Highway Department has sent out the bid packages. It is expected that due to the fall of oil prices, the price of asphalt products should also be lower this year.
3. The Highway Department has begun spring maintenance – ditching, patching, tree trimming, and repairing and servicing the summer construction equipment.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

**TOWN CLERK:** Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of February as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$448.25. Paid to the Supervisor - \$418.36 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$70.36; Recycling - \$77.00; Dog Licenses - \$71.00; Building Permits - \$150.00; Zoning - \$50.00; Total - \$418.36

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$11.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$18.89

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$11,448.50 and Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$16,806.04 which includes \$6.82 in penalties.

Clerk Kraker stated that a check in the amount of \$1,812.16 had been paid to the Supervisor for penalties/interest in relation to the collection of property taxes.

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

*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 three Solar Panel permits, one of which was the first Solar Hot Water permit.
2. Officer Overbaugh reported that he attended the mandatory 2-day training on the new building code.
3. A discussion ensued over the safety of fire fighters in relation to solar systems. One idea was to assemble a chart depicting the locations of solar systems, either town-wide or by district.

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This would enable emergency responders to be aware of the exact locations of solar systems either at the site of the emergency or nearby. Officer Overbaugh also hoped that in the future, this information would be available when a 911 call was placed.

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

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

### **ASSESSORS**

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Assessor's office is continuing the process in preparing for the 2016 tax roll.
2. Assessor Kropp reported that all the exemptions that have been turned in have been accepted.
3. The Assessor's Office will begin their review of properties.

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

*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 February 370,600 gallons of water was filtered (an average of 12,779 gallons/day); and 176,400 gallons of sewage was pumped (an average of 6,083 gallons/day).
2. Officer Story reported that he may be calling Rural Water in to assist with the discrepancy between what is put into the system vs. what is going out of the system.

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

*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 February: E-Waste: 1.9 tons; Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 4.2 tons; Tires: 23; City of Albany Landfill: 46.67 tons; Sierra Fibers: 3.78 tons – comingled, 4.76 tons – old cardboard container; Oil: 14 gallons

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

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

### **CURRENT EVENTS**

Diana Hinchcliff wished to announce that the Presbyterian Church Relief Fund will hold a fundraising event on April 2, 2016 at 5:30 PM at Conkling Hall.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to pass the revised zoning law for the Town of Rensselaerville as proposed on September 10, 2015 with the changes recommended by the Albany County Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

2. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that I.T.S. has completed the update on the server and most of

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the bugs have been worked out.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Supervisor Lounsbury entertained a motion to renew the insurance which has increased to \$40,398. This is an increase of \$3,222 over last year, but includes two new trucks, which were not on last year's policy. This increase also takes into consideration a 4% increase in property values due to inflation.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to renew the insurance from Marshall & Sterling Insurance Company in the amount of \$40,398. The policy is valid from March 12, 2016 through March 12, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

2. Supervisor Lounsbury read the resignation letter submitted by Court Clerk Lorraine Case.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept Court Clerk Lorraine Case's resignation; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to appoint Sally Lounsbury as Court Clerk; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

3. A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to approve the Town Clerk's attendance at the New York State Town Clerk's Association Conference at a cost of \$125.00 plus travel expenses held April 17th through April 20th; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

4. Deputy Water/Sewer Treatment Officer John Rice is willing to attend the course necessary to become a certified treatment officer. A six-week course is available at Hudson Valley Community College for \$960.00.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to allow John Rice to attend the certification training; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

5. The date of Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 7:00 PM has been set for the initial meeting regarding the Town-Wide Picnic.

### **TOWN SUPERVISOR**

Supervisor Lounsbury noted that due to the resignation of Councilman McGrath, the Town Board can appoint someone to fill the vacancy through December 31, 2016. Someone will need to run for the office in November. Supervisor Lounsbury has spoken to former Councilman Robert Bolte who is willing to fill in until the end of the year.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to appoint Robert Bolte to fill the position of Kevin McGrath effective March 12, 2016 through December 31, 2016; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at

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8:10 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



*April 23, 2016*

***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

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
Between
NYSDOT and Town of Rensselaerville HWY Department

THIS AGREEMENT, dated JANUARY 25 2016 is between the People of the State of New York, hereinafter referred to as "State" or "NYSDOT" and the Town of Rensselaerville HWY Department hereinafter referred to as "Municipality." Pursuant to Section 99-r of the General Municipal Law, the State and the Municipality wish to share services, exchange or lend materials or equipment which shall promote and assist the maintenance of State and Municipal roads and highways and provide a cost savings by maximizing the effective utilization of both parties' resources. The State and the Municipality agree to share services as follows:

- 1. Description and Cost of Services, Materials or Equipment to be shared: Provide details of the services, materials or equipment to be shared in the attached standard Schedule A. The total amount of the agreement shall not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). If applicable, indicate that the return exchange will be determined at a later date.
2. The Provider's employees shall remain under full supervision and control of the Provider. The parties shall remain fully responsible for their own employees for all matters, including but not limited to, salary, insurance, benefits and Workers Compensation.
3. If the borrowed machinery or equipment is damaged or otherwise needs repair arising out of or in connection with the Recipient's use, the Recipient shall be responsible for such repairs.
4. The Municipality agrees to indemnify the State for any and all claims arising out of the Municipality's acts or omissions under this Agreement.
5. The term of this Agreement shall be for one (1) year. The parties will endeavor to provide no less than thirty (30) days' notice of its intent to extend the Agreement. Either party may revoke this Agreement by providing sixty (60) days written notice of such revocation. Upon revocation, any outstanding obligations of the parties must be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of such revocation.

NYSDOT - Region One

MUNICIPALITY

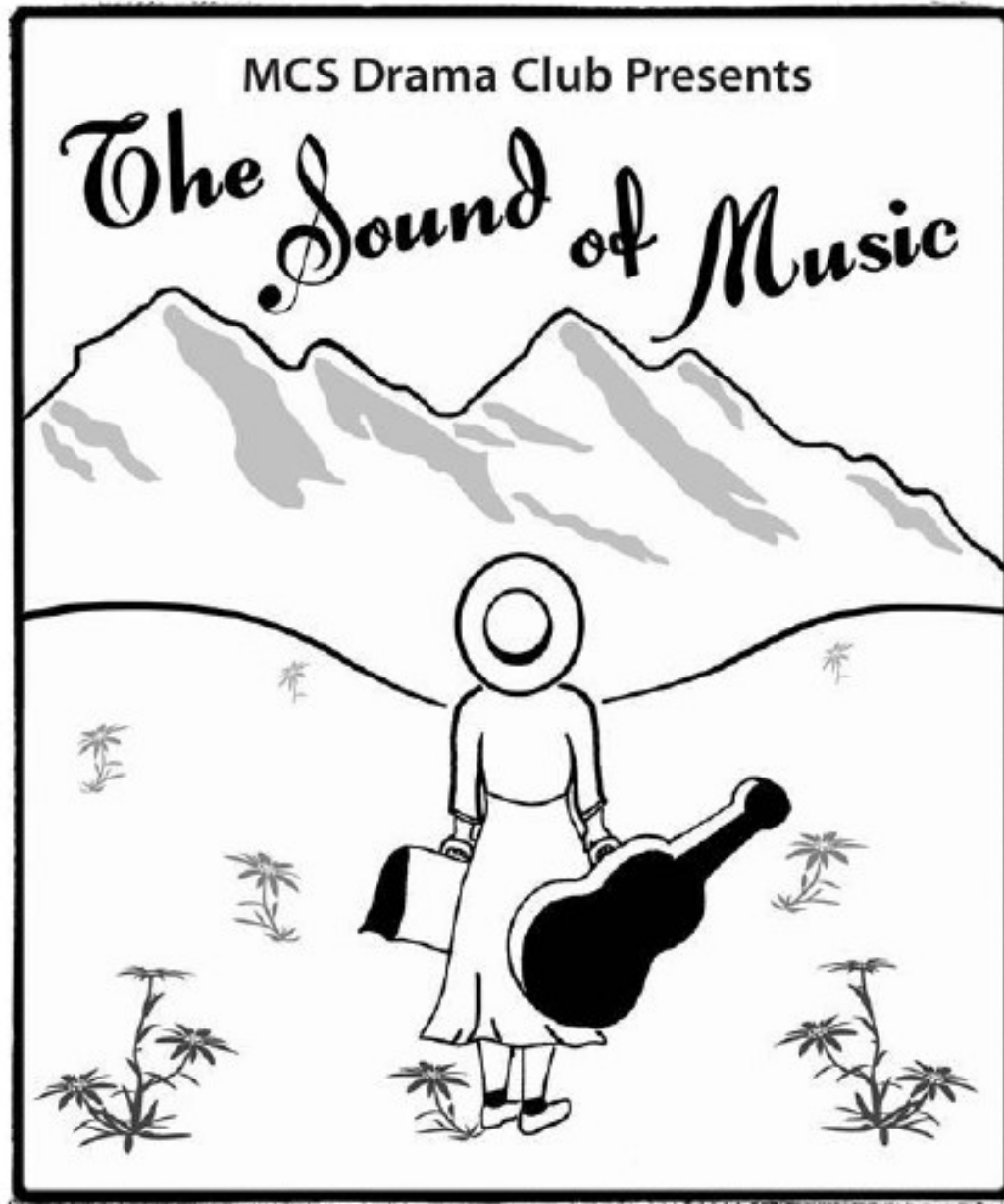
By: [Signature] Date: 3/2/16
Resident Engineer - Albany County

By: [Signature] Date: 1/25/16
Highway Superintendent

NYSDOT - Region 1

By: [Signature] Date: 3/7/16
Regional Director of Operations
Michael Johnson

Editor's Note: This Shared Services Agreement was discussed at the January 2016 Town Board meeting & authorization was given to accept this agreement. However, all signatures were not acquired until March 2016, hence the delay in sharing this document with you.



Music by RICHARD RODGERS, Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II, Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE  
Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp

**Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7pm**  
**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7pm**  
**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2pm**

in the Middleburgh Central High School Auditorium

Adults \$8.00 • Students & Senior Citizens \$5.00

Sponsored by **Carver Sand and Gravel** and **MCS Roundtable**

# Annual Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day Saturday, May 21, 2016

Rain, Snow or Sunshine

Save this notice because it is almost time to sign-up for the Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day. Rensselaerville Fire Company Ladies Battalion sponsors this major fundraiser. The battalion will advertise on cable TV, Craigslist, Capital District newspapers and distribute fliers. Your sale will be listed on a map, which will be available the morning of the sale for \$1.00 at the Firehouse on Route 85. Your sales should be open from 9:00 to 4:00.

**Please send your registration form and \$15 registration fee to**

*Make checks payable to RFVD Battalion*

**RVFD Battalion**

**1364 CR 351**

**Rensselaerville, New York 12147**

If you have any questions, please call Rose Kuhar at 797-3360 Registration must be received by May 14  
Refreshments and maps will refreshment will be available at the firehouse between 9 and 3.  
Week before the sale your number will be emailed or a letter will be sent

**Garage Sale Registration Form**

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

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Site of Sale: Road name or route #, 911 number, miles from village, color of house and anything other descriptive information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Description of items for sale:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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



# 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*

*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)



**MCS ROUNDTABLE, MESPTO and  
GREEN MOUNTAIN DONKEY BASKETBALL**

*PROUDLY PRESENT*

**HIGH SCHOOL VS. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Faculty and Staff**

*Come see your favorite teachers and staff ride donkeys while playing basketball to compete for the win. Sure to be a night full of family fun along with kids' games, food, raffles and more!*

**FRIDAY APRIL 8th, 2016**

**6PM**

**HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

**\$5 PER PERSON**

**PRE ORDER SLIP- Please fill out and return with your money to the Main Office**

Please check here if you would like your tickets held at the door

(Ticket orders received after April 1 will be held at the door automatically)

\_\_\_\_\_ number of tickets \$5 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks or Money Orders Please Make Payable to : **MCS ROUNDTABLE**

The following information comes directly from Middleburgh Central School District's website: <http://middleburghcsd.org/focusschool.cfm>

### **Focus District and School Information**

The New York State Education Department has identified the Middleburgh Central School District as a Focus District for the 2016-17 school year based on the 2014-15 state assessment results and the district's graduation rate. Middleburgh Junior/Senior High School has also been identified as a Focus School.

#### **What happens when a Focus School or Focus District is identified?**

When Focus Districts and Schools are identified by the state, they must undergo an improvement process to address factors affecting student success. MCS will participate in the Diagnostic Tool for School and District Review (DTSDE), which entails a review process to identify the strengths and weaknesses of a district or school in relation to six main areas: district leadership and capacity; school leader practices and decision; curriculum development and support; teacher practices and decisions; student social and emotional developmental health; and family and community engagement. The district will use information gathered from this process to craft a formal improvement plan that it will begin to implement no later than September 2016.

#### **Can the community assist in developing these improvement plans?**

Yes. The formal improvement plans also include feedback from parents and the school community. If you would like to be involved in this process for Middleburgh Junior/Senior High School, please contact Principals Lori Petrosino and Michael Teator at (518) 827-3605. For questions regarding the creation of the districtwide improvement plan, please contact Superintendent Michele R. Weaver at (518) 827-3625.

#### **What about Public School Choice?**

In many cases, parents of students who attend Focus Schools have the right to Public School Choice (PSC), which allows students to transfer to a school within the district that is not identified by the state as a Focus School. Because Middleburgh Junior/Senior High School is the only public school in the district for students in grades 7-12, PSC cannot be offered to students at MCS.

#### **Has Middleburgh Elementary School been identified as a Focus or Priority School?**

No. Middleburgh Elementary School was not identified as a Focus or Priority School by the state.

#### **Resources:**

- [Focus District: Identification, Requirements and Interventions Presentation](#) (PDF)
  - [NYSED's Parent Guide to Understanding Focus District, Focus & Priority School Identification](#) (PDF)
  - [NYSED's Frequently Asked Questions on Focus Districts, Focus Schools and Priority Schools](#) (PDF)
- Additional questions about Middleburgh's identification and improvement plan processes may be directed to the Office of the Superintendent at (518) 827-3625.



## Under 13? **Backseat** **and Buckle up!**

### **What's the issue?**

Car crashes are a leading cause of deaths and injuries among New York State tweens (8 to 12 year olds). Most tweens seriously injured or killed in crashes were not wearing seat belts. They are also more likely to get hurt in crashes when riding in the front seat.

### **What can parents do to keep tweens safe in the car?**

- **Require tweens to ride in the backseat and wear seat belts every time.** No exceptions, even when riding in the car with other drivers or when the trip is short. Most crashes happen close to home. Wearing seat belts is not only for their safety – it's the law.

- **Make sure seat belts fit properly:**

1. The lap belt should be snug and low across the upper thighs/hips.
2. The shoulder belt should cross the chest and collarbone. Never let your tween put the shoulder belt behind the back or under the arm. Serious injuries can occur in a crash.
3. Your child should be tall enough to sit up straight against the vehicle seat back and have legs bend over the edge.

**Your child may need to use an approved booster seat if**



### What You Say Matters

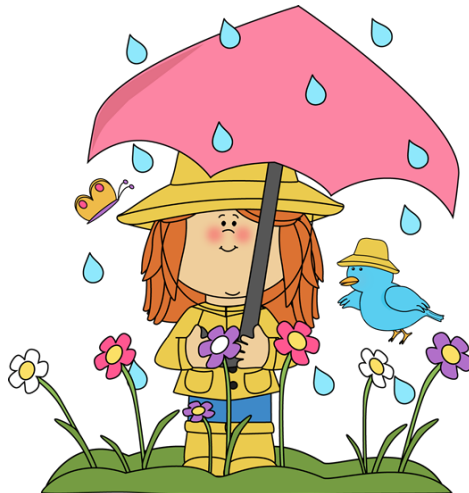
Tween survey results indicate that parents have the most influence.

If your tween resists, insist.

- **Make sure your tween sits up straight.** Seat belts will not work properly if your child is slouching. If your rear seat reclines, keep it upright.
- **Make it easy and a habit.** To encourage buckling up in the backseat, let your tweens pick the radio station or play electronic games. Keep their belongings in the backseat with them.
- **Wait until everyone is buckled up before driving.**
- **Tweens should only ride with adult drivers.** Teen drivers are more likely to be involved in a crash, more likely to let tweens sit in the front seat, and less likely to insist on seat belts.

**For more information, visit [health.ny.gov/backseat](http://health.ny.gov/backseat)**

Funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with a grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.



Rensselaerville  
Presbyterian Church Relief Fund

**Neighbors Helping  
Neighbors**



**Fund-raising Event**

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church Relief Fund is available to provide financial assistance to anyone in our community who suffers a disaster. We would like to ensure this fund remains a viable resource in the future to help our neighbors during times of distress.

**Please join us for Dinner and Music**

**When:** April 2, 2016  
**Where:** Conkling Hall  
8 Methodist Hill Rd., Rensselaerville, NY  
**Dinner Served:** 5:30—7:30 pm  
**Music:** By *The Barefoot Ladies* (Emileigh, Laurie, Sarah)  
Begins at 6:30 pm  
\$15.00 per person advance reservation  
\$20.00 per person at the door  
Donations accepted at bar for wine, beer & hard cider

Call 518-797-3221  
Information/Reserve

To reserve, please contact Mary Jane Schroeder

Make checks payable to:  
Rensselaerville  
Presbyterian Church Relief Fund

Mary Jane Schroeder  
677 Pond Hill Rd.  
Rensselaerville, N. Y.  
12147

Phone: 518-797-3221

Please choose your entrée:

Served with salad and bread

- Lasagna # \_\_\_ @ 15= \$ \_\_\_
- Vegetarian # \_\_\_ @ 15= \$ \_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

Please Note: If reservations are made, people can pay at the door for the advanced price (\$15) instead of the at-door price (\$20). The Relief Fund is for anyone who experiences a disaster, not just Presbyterians.

## 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

## Scho-Burgh My School Color Run-April 30, 2016

Save the date and sign up today. On April 30 at the Schoharie Central Schools campus, the SCS All Sports Booster Club and Middleburgh EPTSO are holding the Scho-Burgh My School Color Run. Participants will walk, jog or run for 1 kilometer (.62 miles) or 5 kilometers (3.2 miles) at their own pace with no time limit, while being doused with safe, colored liquids. The color run is a fundraiser benefiting student activities at both school districts that also will raise awareness of healthy living in a fun way. Check-in is at 10 a.m. and the runs begin at 11 a.m., with a wave start every 15 minutes. All participants must be present at 11 a.m. Registration includes a packet, race bib and, for all who register before April 18, a My School Color Run T-shirt. Water and refreshments are also provided for participants. Until April 8, registration costs \$20 for children and students in grades K-12 and \$25 for adults. After April 8, registration costs \$30 for children and students in grades K-12 and \$35 for adults.

## MCS Roundtable is hosting a 6-hour Defensive Driving Course!

**When:** Wednesday, April 13th & Thursday April 14th, 2016

**Where:** Middleburgh Jr/Sr High School Media Center

**Time:** 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (must attend both meetings)

Save money and sharpen your driving skills!

AAA's six-hour classroom-style defensive driving course enables participants to:

- Receive a 10% insurance discount on collision and liability for a principal driver.
- Reduce up to 4 points on your license for violations occurring within the past 18 months.
- Refresh driving skills and learn techniques for collision prevention.

Six hour course approved by NYS Department of Motor Vehicles.

Students will need to sign up in the Counseling Center.

The cost for students from MCS is: \$10.00 (MCS Roundtable will offset the cost) \$25.00 for Faculty & Staff \$30.00 for all other community members

If you are interested in the program or have any questions, you may contact Lynn Keidong at 827-5044.

## Rep. Tonko Top 10 Tips to Protect Taxpayers from Tax Related Identity Theft

With the tax filing deadline approaching, Rep. Paul Tonko (NY-20) shared 10 tips to protect yourself from tax related identity theft and scams.

The theft of personal information such as your name, Social Security number, address and children's names, can be traumatic and frustrating. In this online era, it's important to always be on guard.

Here are some tips to help protect your financial and tax information:

1. **Be wary of aggressive IRS phone scams:** Scammers are able to alter caller I.D. numbers to make it look like the IRS is calling. They use fake names and bogus IRS badge numbers. They often leave "urgent" callback requests or threaten arrest. Remember that the IRS will never call to demand immediate payment, nor demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe. Another telltale sign is if you are asked to pay with a prepaid debit card. Protect yourself and do not give out your personal information over the phone.
2. **Avoid phishing attempts:** Never reply to emails, texts or pop-up messages asking for your personal, tax or financial information. One common trick by criminals is to impersonate a business such as your financial institution, tax software provider or the IRS, asking you to update your account and providing a link. Never click on links even if they seem to be from organizations you trust. Go directly to the organization's website. And if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. If you see an email that says 'You won a free cruise' or 'The IRS has a refund waiting for you,' odds are high that it is a phishing attempt looking to get your personal information.
3. **Protect your computer: Scammers,** hackers and identity thieves are looking to steal your personal information—and your money. But there are simple steps you can take to help protect yourself, like keeping your computer software up-to-date, using security software and looking for the "S" for encrypted "https" websites when shopping or banking online. This helps ensure your computer is secure when it comes time to file your taxes.
4. **Use Strong Passwords:** New password standards to access tax software will require a minimum of eight characters with upper case, lower case, alpha, numerical and special characters, mixing letters, numbers and special characters. Don't use your name, birth date or common words. Don't use the same password for several accounts. Keep your password list in a secure place or use a password manager. Don't share your password with anyone.
5. **Use secure wireless networks:** A wireless ("Wi-Fi") network sends a signal through the air that allows you to connect to the internet. If your home or business wi-fi is unsecured it also allows any computer within range to access your wireless and steal information from your computer. Always encrypt your wireless. And if you are using public Wi-Fi, tax or financial information you send through websites or mobile apps may be accessed by someone else. If a public Wi-Fi hotspot does not require a password, it probably is not secure.
6. **Review your statements & accounts:** Read your credit card, banking and health statements carefully and often. Look into even small changes that seem suspicious or claims that are unfamiliar to you. Review your annual Social Security income statement for excessive income reported. You can sign up for an electronic account at [www.SSA.gov](http://www.SSA.gov).
7. **Review your credit report annually:** Review each of your three credit reports at least once a year. Visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) to get your free reports. If you are an identity theft victim, you need contact only one of the three to request a fraud alert, which will protect your credit from

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unverified access for at least 90 days. If you want even stronger protections, a credit freeze lets you restrict access to your credit report, which in turn makes it difficult for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. You must contact each of the three credit bureaus to establish a credit freeze.

8. **Don't overshare on social media:** Do a web search of your name and review the results. Mostly likely, the results will turn up your past addresses, the names of people living in the household, as well as social media accounts and your photographs. All of these items are valuable to identity thieves. Even a social media post boasting of a new car can help thieves bypass security verification questions that depend on financial data that only you should know. Think before you post!
9. **Secure your tax returns and remember to shred:** Your federal and state tax forms are important financial documents you may need for many reasons. Print out a copy and keep in a safe place like a locked cabinet. Make an electronic copy in a safe spot as well. If you store sensitive tax and financial records on your computer, use a file encryption program to add an additional layer of security should your computer be compromised. And before you dispose of any old documents or financial information, be sure to shred. Never toss documents with your personally identifiable information, especially your social security number, in the trash.
10. **Review and respond to all notices and correspondence from the IRS:** Warning signs of tax-related identity theft can include IRS notices about tax returns you did not file, income you did not receive or employers you've never heard of.

To learn additional steps you can take to protect your personal and financial data, visit [www.irs.gov/identitytheft](http://www.irs.gov/identitytheft). You also can read more about [Security Awareness for Taxpayers](#).



### 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!



**POST OFFICE INFORMATION**<http://www.usps.com>

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**MEDUSA POST OFFICE:** Phone 518-239-4826

(19 COUNTY ROUTE 351 MEDUSA, NY 12120)

**Retail Hours:** Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm; Sat 7:30am - 11:15am**Last Collection Hours:** Mon-Fri 4:15pm; Sat 11:15am**Lobby Hours:** Mon-Fri 7:30am - 5:00pm; Sat 7:30am - 11:30am**PRESTON HOLLOW POST OFFICE:** Phone 518-239-6111

(2930 ROUTE 145 PRESTON HOLLOW, NY 12469)

**Retail Hours:** Mon-Fri 8:30am - 10:30am; 3:00pm - 5:00pm Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm**Last Collection Hours:** Mon-Fri 5:00pm; Sat 12:00pm**Lobby Hours:** Mon-Sat 12:01am - 11:59pm**RENSSELAERVILLE POST OFFICE:** Phone 518-797-3231

(26 COUNTY ROUTE 353 RENSSELAERVILLE, NY 12147)

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

The Capital Region Caregiver Coalition and Albany Guardian Society, in conjunction with Albany, Rensselaer, and Schenectady Office on Aging, is proud to present the 9th Annual

## TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

Resources You Can Use When a Senior Relies on You

**Saturday, April 16, 2016**

St. Sophia's Church

440 Whitehall Road, Albany, NY 12208

8am - 12 noon **\*\*Sorry, no early birds!!!\*\***

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!** Call Angela at:

**518-248-3807**

or email us at [crccreg@gamil.com](mailto:crccreg@gamil.com)

Workshops, Continental Breakfast, Caregiver Healing Touch and Vendor Resource Fair

This FREE Caregiver event is made possible through the generous support of *The Goldberg Foundation* and



For more information and a listing of the workshops, visit us at [www.capitalregioncaregiver.com](http://www.capitalregioncaregiver.com)

The Rensselaerville Seniors are planning a trip to the Westchester Broadway Theater on April 28, 2016. If interested, please let Janet Nelson know. She can be reached at 797-3963 or [jinelson797@aol.com](mailto:jinelson797@aol.com).

**Man Of La Mancha**  
March 3 to May 1, 2016



Come “*Dream the Impossible Dream*” with this five-time Tony award-winning musical!

Inspired by one of the greatest novels of all time, *Man of La Mancha* features Miguel de Cervantes who channels the power of storytelling to enact his magical tale of the greatest knight of all. Don Quixote – the slayer of dragons, windmills and defender of ladies in distress. On a quest to restore chivalry to the world and to claim his lady love, Don Quixote and his trusty sidekick, Sancho, remind us all to never give up – that miracles can happen – and we can reach the stars.

**THURSDAY – APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> - \$62.00 PER PERSON**  
(HAVE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE SEATS!)

Leave Rensselaerville Town Hall at 7:45am and Greenville at 8:00am



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

### TODAY'S POEM

Visit the Web Site <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/poetry-month.html> throughout the month of April. Click on Today's Poem button to view a new poem each day.

Featured Poets: Peter Boudreaux, Dennis Sullivan, Howard Kogan, Linda Sonia Miller, Dan Wilcox, Katrinka Moore, Tim Verhaegen, Bob Sharkey, Philomena Moriarty, Nancy Dyer, Mark W. Ó Brien, Robert A. Miller, Thomas Bonville, Barbara Hatch Vink, Charlie Rossiter, Mike Burke, Cathy Anderson, Pam Clements, Mimi Moriarty, Alan Casline, Deanne Sefcik, Karen Schoemer, Dawn Maarar, Therese Broderick, Edie Abrams, Ann Lapinski, Charles Burgess, Claire North, Emileigh Tanner, and Tom Corrado.

### SCHEDULED EVENTS

#### LET YOUR YOGA & POET DANCE AT CONKLING HALL: APRIL 9: (10:30-12:00pm)

Yoga dance is joy-filled power dance combining yoga, the breath, and user-friendly dance with fabulous music from all around the world that focuses on the body chakras. It is a funky, sacred, inspirational dance of the multi-dimensional self, bringing tons of fun and healing to body, mind, and spirit. **Let Your Yoga Dance®** is for every single body and wonderful for all ages.

The poetry portion of the program will focus on the body chakras.

Instructor Ann Lapinski has training in Let your Yoga Dance from the Kripalu Yoga Center in Lenox Mass.. Ann is currently teaching Yoga Dance at the Guilderland continuing Education program and has taught several Yoga Dance workshops in the capital district. She has been writing poetry for about 8 years and has participated in several poetry groups and workshops. Inspiration for this program developed from Tom Corrado's poetry group.

Students should come in loose fitting clothing with comfortable shoes and a yoga mat. Registration fee is \$10, payable at the door.

#### 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 DeNicolo <http://www.nancydenicolo.com/> and poet Katrinka Moore <http://katrinkamoore.weebly.com/>. 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. There is a \$5.00 registration fee, payable at the door.

#### COWBOY POETRY AT CONKLING HALL: APRIL 16 (3:00-5:00pm)

We are happy to have Janet Botaish back for an afternoon of Cowboy Poetry...this year we very excited to have special guests Mark Munzert and Kimmy Hudson-Munzert. Mark Munzert considers himself a "green-horn" to the range of writn' and recitin' and says he's as big a fan and promoter as writer and performer. He has been featured in many publications and has performed at venues as distant as Benson, Arizona. "I enjoy relating experiences that shaped me and I truly enjoy making folks smile, chuckle, tear-up and think. I consider it an honor to promote the positive values of cowboy life in doing so." Mark is the current Western Music Association Western Wordsmith's Secretary and also administrates a 'Cowboy Poetry' Facebook page which stands over

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7,000 members. "My saddle is pretty dusty and my trails are usually paved" working as a territory director for an equine nutritional and care products manufacturer. Mark, and wife, western singer, Kimmy (Hudson), live and perform in the Northeast and travel westward for larger Cowboy Gatherings with plans for a westward move in the future.

### **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.

Feature Poet: Barbara Ungar

Poets: Stuart Bartow, Alan Casline, John Couturier, Dawn Marar, Anita Marrone, Linda Miller, Robert Miller, Katrinka Moore, Philomena Moriarty, Claire North, Susan Oringel, Michael Peters, Joan Lauri Poole, Elizabeth Poreba, Dianne Sefcik, Lee Slonimsky, and Emileigh Tanner.

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, 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, ecopoetry, 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.

Featured Poets: Jamaluddin Aram, Nancy Klepsch, Leland Kinsey, Victorio Reyes, Daniel Summerhill, and Dan Wilcox.

Poets: Thomas Bonville, Charlie Burgess, Tom Corrado, Curtis Flach, Christian Matthew Harris, Ian Macks, Cheryl MacNeil, Dawn Marar, Anita Marrone, Marilyn McCabe, Linda Miller, Philomena Moriarty, Robert Nied, Claire North, Marianne Rahn-Erickson, Dianne Sefcik, Bob Sharkey, and Lynda Wisdo.

### **Save the Date RENSSELAERVILLE: REMINISCENCES AND RHYMES AT THE GRIST MILL: MAY 28 (1:00PM)**

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Rensselaerville Historical Society will offer Readings from Rensselaerville: Reminiscences and Rhymes. Books will be available for purchase.

Poetry Month Events were planned by the Poetry Month Committee of the Rensselaerville Library, consisting of poets Tom Corrado, Dawn Marar, Linda Miller, Katrinka Moore, Claire North, and Dianne Sefcik, with the assistance of Kim Graff, and input from poet Charlie Burgess, Dawn O'Neal at the Huyck Preserve, and Sue Shufelt at the Carey Center. Poets Katrinka Moore and Dawn Marar co-chaired the Huyck and Carey Center events with poet Linda Miller, and poet Tom Corrado was the "one man show" who put together the Poem-a-Day on the library's website. We hope you can join us at one or more of the events throughout the month.



## GRIST MILL OPENS FOR SUMMER SEASON

The summer season at the Rensselaerville Grist Mill will open Saturday, May 26, with a bake sale and mill tours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

Future Saturdays until Labor Day weekend the Mill will be open from noon until 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed who can help host the Mill on Saturdays. Training is available. Call Janet Haseley at (cell phone) 252-714-6626 or email her at [janethaseley@gmail.com](mailto:janethaseley@gmail.com) if you can help even one Saturday.

During the summer the Mill will also be open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Research Group meets there on Wednesdays so if people want to have help with family genealogy or town research, there will be several volunteers at the Mill on Wednesdays to help.



Rensselaerville Library's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Poetry Month introduces

# COWBOY POETRY

APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> 3PM - 5PM @ CONKLING HALL

8 Methodist Hill Rd, Rensselaerville, NY 12147



**Please join Janet Botaish with special guests  
Mark Munzert and Kimmy Hudson Munzert**

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Western lifestyle enthusiasts and artists, vocalist Kimmy Hudson-Munzert, and cowboy poet Mark Munzert share an appreciation for cowboy culture. Together they share music and poetry that honors the tradition and down-to-earth ways of cowboy life.

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

518.797.3949

## Library News



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

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

## Upcoming Library Events

Poetry group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, April 12 and 26. 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, April 14th 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, April 24 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, April 19 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, April 21 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.

Movie Night at the Library on Wednesday, April 27th at 6:30. Visit the Library's web site for more details. <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/movie-night.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 shopping 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 RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY'S 11TH ANNUAL  
CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

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Please see the schedule with all event details.

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*

## Communications Tower Update

The following link takes you to a recent article in *The Altamont Enterprise* regarding the proposed communications tower for the Town of Rensselaerville:

<http://www.altamontenterprise.com/03302016/county-squaahes-home-rule-after-scenic-renselaerville-files-suit-against-sheriffs-towers>



## Library News

### Greenville Library

Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	<b>Toddler Time Two w/Devon Balta</b> (For infants, toddlers, preschoolers)	<b>10-10:45am &amp; 11-11:45am</b>
Apr 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28	<b>Chess Club</b> (Small community room)	<b>11 am-1 pm</b>
Apr 5, 12, 19, 26	<b>Toddler Time w/Devon Balta</b> (For infants, toddlers, preschoolers)	<b>10-10:45am &amp; 11-11:45am</b>
Apr 6, 13, 20, 27 Meet in small community room	<b>Greenville Quilters</b> All welcome. No experience necessary, will teach	<b>1:00-3:00pm</b>
Apr 7, 14	<b>Tax Filing Help</b> (Call for appointment)	<b>9am-5pm</b>
Apr 12, 26	<b>Lego Fun! (Ages 4 &amp; Up)</b>	<b>3-4:00 pm</b>
May 3, 17	<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](mailto:greenvillelibrary@outlook.com)

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

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### Middleburgh Library

Apr 1	Homeschool Group	10:00 am
Apr 2	Adult Board Games	2:00 pm
Apr 4, 11, 18	Young Homeschoolers Support	10:00 am
Apr 5, 12, 19	Drop-In Story Time	10:45 am
Apr 5, 12, 19, 26	Mahjong Mania	1:00 pm
Apr 5, 12, 19, 26	Insight Meditation	5:15 pm
Apr 6, 13, 20, 27	Chair Yoga (CR)	9:00 am
Apr 6, 13, 20, 27	Discovery Wednesday	11:00 am
Apr 6	Garden Club	1:00 pm
Apr 6, 20	Kundalini Yoga	5:00 pm
Apr 7, 14, 21, 28	Beginning Tai Chi	10:00-11:00
Apr 7, 14, 21, 28	Advanced Tai Chi	11:00-12:00
Apr 7, 14, 21, 28	Knitting Circle	7:00 pm
Apr 7, 14	Still Life Drawing	7:00 pm
Apr 9	Sons of American Revolution	10:30 am
Apr 9	Cooking by the Vegan Book: Isa Does It by Isa Chandra Moskowitz	5:30 PM
Apr 11	Board of Trustees Meeting	6:30 pm
Apr 13	Not So Quiet Concert Series: Mike Agranoff	7:00 pm
Apr 25	Teen Movie Matinee: Star Wars Episode VII (PG-13)	2:00 pm
Apr 26	Spring Polka Dot Party!	10:45 am
Apr 27	Family Film: The Good Dinosaur (PG)	1:00 pm
Apr 28	Picture Book Bingo	1:00 pm
Apr 28	Book Bingo	2:00 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=4&thisYear=2016>

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

[www.middleburghlibrary.info](http://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*



# 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/rensse-laerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk>

Find us on Facebook  
'Rensselaerville Ramble'  
  


**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/rensse-laerville-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)  
SM MED LG XL XXL  
Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_  
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





**DATE: Wednesday, April 27,**

**TIME: 6:30pm**

**LOCATION:  
Rensselaerville Library**

**RVFD News**

**REMINDER: NYS DEC Outdoor Burn Ban is in effect until May 15th.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **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!
- **Saturday, May 7th** – Firemen’s Dinner at the Carey Institute for Global Good. Tickets \$35/per person and will include dinner, music and a great time. Tickets will be available in April.
- **Saturday, May 21st (9 am – 3 pm)** - Garage Sale Day sponsored by RVFD Battalion. To participate, please complete the enclosed registration form. Make sure you stop by the Fire House for maps, food, beverages, bake sale and restrooms!
- **Sunday, June 19th (8 am – 11 am)** Father’s Day Breakfast sponsored by the RVFD Battalion. Come join us for Glenn’s famous pancakes, eggs and sausage!!

**April Word Search**

Z V A E N I H S N U S N C I G  
 R F K K T U B D M G L S D P X  
 Q P S U R G R E E N Y C V I C  
 V E D I G L P Y R I Z I K T K  
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 P O O F F S A A B D Y F A J A  
 P I G O L F O O L S D A Y U S  
 G S D B I S T C E S N I V P E

**Words List**



green  
 spring  
 flowers  
 April  
 bunnies  
 sunshine  
 rain  
 rainbow  
 foolsday  
 clouds  
 insects



**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**



## On The Calendar

Apr 3 1	1:00am	<b>Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services</b> All are Welcome!	
Apr 6	7:00pm	<b>Planning Meeting: Town-wide Picnic</b>	Town Hall
Apr 9	4-6pm	<b>Chicken BBQ</b> - take out only; presale tickets only (See related information on page 36 & 37)	Rensselaerville Firehouse
Apr 10	11:00am	<b>Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services</b> All are Welcome!	
Apr 12	12 noon	<b>Rensselaerville Seniors Club meeting &amp; lunch</b>	Medusa Firehouse
Apr 12	7:00pm	<b>Town Board Work Meeting</b>	Town Hall
Apr 14	7:00pm	<b>Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting</b>	Town Hall
Apr 16	7:30am	<b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b>	Ambulance Building
Apr 16	7am-11am	<b>Medusa Fire Department Breakfast</b> Free will offering	Medusa Firehouse
Apr 17	11:00am	<b>Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services</b> All are Welcome!	
Apr 24	11:00am	<b>Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services</b> All are Welcome!	
Apr 28		<b>Seniors Club Trip to Westchester Broadway Theater</b> <b>"Man of La Mancha"</b> (See additional information on page 25)	
Apr 30	9am-4pm	<b>Annual Medusa Fest</b> Flea market, live music, chicken BBQ, food Rummage sale, Medusa Museum, small business talks	Medusa Firehouse Medusa Church
May 7		<b>Fireman's Dinner - RVFD</b> (Tickets available in April)	Carey Institute for Global Good
May 21	9am-3pm	<b>Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day</b> (See related information on page 13) Stop by the Rensselaerville Firehouse for maps, food, bake sale, and beverages!	
June 19	8am-11am	<b>Father's Day Breakfast Rensselaerville</b> Sponsored by the RVFD Battalion Firehouse Come join us for Glenn's famous pancakes, eggs, & sausage!	

**Please note** that copies of the Town Newsletter are in box in front of Medusa Fire House.

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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**Editor's Note:** An effort has been made to include school functions & activities to the extent possible for the convenience of our readers. We were able to gather a considerable number of items for the Middleburgh Central School District from its website as well as Facebook postings. However, we were not quite so successful with regards to events & activities within the Greenville Central School District. If anyone has access to this type of information & would like to send it to us at [rvillenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rvillenewsletter@gmail.com), we will happily publish it!

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