

R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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May 2014

Highlights of February 18, 2014 Town Board Special Meeting

PRESENT WERE: Attorney Tom Fallati (arrived late at 7:10 PM); Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury; Councilwoman Marion Cooke; Councilman Gerald Wood; Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir; Councilman Robert Bolte; Town Clerk Victoria Kraker
Also present were four interested citizens.

The purpose of this meeting was only to review proposed changes to the procedures of the Board of Ethics. No audience comments were accepted.

Attorney Fallati has prepared a legal memo which is privileged and confidential and is not subject to disclosure.

However, the following are a few suggestions that should be addressed:

1. Should written complaints be filed with the Board of Ethics within a certain amount of time; either from the date of the event or from discovery of the event?
2. What will be the standard of proof?
3. What is the Board's obligation, if any, to cover a defendant's expenses if a defendant wishes to hire his/her own attorney and would it depend on the outcome of the complaint?
4. Should hearsay be admitted?
5. What record keeping policies should be put in place?
6. Is the attendance of former employees required?

Attorney Fallati will prepare a draft addressing the concerns and suggestions made.

* Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Please note: Full Town Board minutes can be found on the Town's website at www.rensselaerville.com.

From the Editors: Please note that these minutes as approved by the Town Board are incomplete in that they do not reflect contributions to the discussion made by a member of the Board of Ethics in attendance at this meeting. In addition, they do not summarize the discussion about any of the items listed above.

Did you know...

...that, due to the Town's refusal to comply with the Freedom of Information Law, we are unable to inform the public about year-to-date budget activity, or the Albany County feasibility study regarding shared services as it pertains to the Town of Rensselaerville, or the identity of the person who donated a cook stove to the highway department so we could publicly thank him/her for their generosity. This noncompliance with the NYS law does not bode well for open and transparent government.

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Letter from Attorney to the Town to the Editors

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April 11, 2014

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

R'Ville Community Newsletter
c/o Marie Dermody
2703 State Route 145
Potter Hollow, NY 12469

**RE: Demand to Cease and Desist From Use of R'Ville Community Newsletter
Our File No.: 72381**

Dear Ms. Dermody:

We are the Town Attorneys for the Town of Rensselaerville, New York. We write in connection with your publication of a new newsletter on or about March 1, 2014 with the name "R'Ville Community Newsletter".

The use of the name, as well as the accompanying e-mail address, creates a substantial likelihood of confusion and creates the impression that the Town is associated or affiliated with your newsletter. Town residents have already contacted the Town seeking clarification as to whether or not your newsletter is an official newsletter of the Town, published using taxpayer dollars.

We appreciate that your initial edition included language to the effect that the newsletter is published by private citizens, not the Town. The second edition, dated April 1, 2014, however, included only language at the end of the newsletter. Moreover, even that language acknowledged the confusion as to whether the newsletter is published by the Town.

In order to avoid confusion in the future, therefore, a prominent disclaimer on the first page of the newsletter is necessary in each publication. The following disclaimer would be acceptable to the Town: "This newsletter is not a publication of the Town of Rensselaerville. The Town of Rensselaerville has no role in its creation or distribution." The disclaimer should also be included on any website maintained by the newsletter, and on any letterhead that the newsletter staff may use in correspondence.

Please confirm in writing that you intend to include such a disclaimer prominently on the first page of all future publications, as well as any websites and letterhead of the newsletter. If you

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Letter from Attorney to the Town to the Editors

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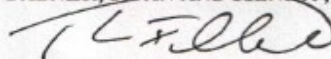
April 11, 2014

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do not agree to such a disclaimer, the Town is compelled to demand that you cease and desist from use, ownership and maintenance of the newsletter name, or any similarly confusing name. The Town reserves all rights and remedies.

Very truly yours,

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From the Editors

A letter from Tabner, Ryan, and Keniry, LLP, Attorney to the Town, was mailed to Editor Marie Dermody. The letter begins on page 2 of this newsletter.

This is a community newsletter **by** the community **for** the community. We are providing this service because the Town can't or won't.

In publishing this newsletter, we are exercising our First Amendment rights. We have spoken with an attorney as well as Robert Freeman, Executive Director of the Committee on Open Government, regarding this matter. The Attorney to the Town (**not** the Town Attorney as erroneously stated in the letter) and this "Demand to Cease and Desist From Use of R'ville Community Newsletter") give us no **legal** justification as to why we must comply. As such, we will continue to include our "disclaimer" where and how we choose to do so. And should such efforts to intimidate continue, we have the option of contacting the American Civil Liberties Union for their assistance. We will not be bullied!

Those with strong opinions about this matter are encouraged to attend the Town Board Work Meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, **AND** the Town Board Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2014, both at 7PM at Town Hall. Let your voices be heard!

The first two issues of the *R'ville Community Newsletter* were sent to Robert Freeman, Executive Director of the Committee on Open Government, so he could become better aware of the situation. In an email dated April 15, 2014, Robert Freeman wrote:

Good morning - -

You are performing a critical public service for your community, and the Newsletter looks professional and terrific. I congratulate you, too, on your courage and for standing up to the effort to censor you and your colleagues. Often the government wants to manage the news, and that is why what you do is so important.

If ever you believe that I can help, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best to all,
Bob

In a response to a request from the editors to publish his email message in the May 2014 newsletter, he wrote on April 16, 2014:

I'm always on the record, so you can use my words as you see fit!

Please keep in touch....and continue to do good deeds!

Bob

Report of the Newsletter Committee to the Town Board

April 8, 2014

Diana Hinchcliff, a member of the Newsletter Committee, presented a report on committee's decision process and recommendations. Members of the committee were Kimberly Graff, Sharon Costello, Ernie Elms, Sandra Varno, and Diana Hinchcliff.

Considerations included Town Board restrictions (no paid ads, no political items, no letters to the editor) and Town Board requirements (electronic version and hard copy, little cost to the Town to produce).

Issues discussed by the Committee: Would readers want to see paid ads, political items, and letters to the editor in a newsletter? How do we create a short newsletter electronically and in hard copy? How would we link the community calendar to the newsletter? What software could be used?

Also, the newsletter needs to be distributed in a timely fashion. Who will take responsibility for the many tasks involved (email list, design, gather information, write/edit the articles, distributing the newsletter via email and on Town's website, print and distribute the hard copies, supervise the entire process).

Options discussed included: the Town webmaster, volunteers, a paid consultant

Recommendations of the Committee to the Town Board:

OPTION A: The Town asks the editors of the volunteer community newsletter to accept minutes of town council meetings and other town-related information for publication in their newsletter.

Advantages: no cost to the town, no need for volunteers or a consultant, no need to provide supervision, no need to worry about publication deadlines.

Disadvantages: There is no hard copy of the newsletter; the Town cannot control the content of the entire newsletter. However, the Town does not control the content of local newspapers in which it places notices and announcements.

Electing Option A would **not** imply that the Town sanctions the community newsletter or agrees with all its content or editorial positions. The Town would merely send information, which is public information, for inclusion in the newsletter.

OPTION B: The Town produces its own newsletter.

Advantages: The town can control the content and timing of issues.

Disadvantages: The Town incurs an expense for sending out a request for subscribers; an expense to produce the newsletter; supervision by a Town Board member or town employee; Town residents may be unhappy that it will not contain all the information that the old newsletter did.

OPTION C: (As added by Councilwoman Cooke after Ms. Hinchcliff's report): No newsletter at all.

NOTE: The full text of this report can be obtained by submitting a FOIL (Freedom of Information Law) request to the Town Clerk.

Move, Breath, Relax

YOGA: Tue. & Thu. 9-10:15 am
PILATES: Wed. 5:45-6:15 pm & Sat. 9-10 am

Sarah Nelson Weiss, CYT
savitrisarah@gmail.com, 518-239-6825

Classes at Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville Open to all, \$10

Highlights of March 13, 2014 Town Board Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Town Attorney Tom Fallati, Deputy Supervisor Marion Cooke, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Building/Code Inspector Mark Overbaugh, Assessor Richard Tollner, Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Doug Story, and six interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Marie Dermody - the timeliness of the Town Board Minutes; missing appointments at the Organizational Meeting; Jost Nickelsberg - the lights on in the Town Hall in the evening

* Approved the minutes of December 30, 2013; January 2, 2014; January 7, 2013; January 9, 2014; February 11, 2014; February 14, 2014

* Heard Rebecca Platel's update on the progress of the Carey Center Grant

* Approved the following transfers: From 'General Medical' A 89060 to 'CDPHP' A4179 in the amount of \$5,000.00 to cover deductibles; From 'Highway Medical' DA 89060 to 'CDPHP' A4179 in the amount of \$5,000.00 to cover deductibles; From 'Assessors Certified' A1355E 12256 to 'Assessor's Chair' A1355E 12230 in the amount of \$3,600.00 to cover Assessor's Chair Payroll; and From 'Assessors Uncertified' A1355E 12255 to 'Assessor's Chair' A1355E 12230 in the amount of \$2,235.00 to cover Assessor's Chair Payroll

* Approved the payment of all signed vouchers: General Fund - \$19,912.45; Highway -\$33,711.73; Lighting District - \$835.03 (Preston Hollow \$390.93; Rensselaerville \$444.10); Sewer District - \$91.22; Water District - \$241.54; Trust Fund - \$4,112.39.

Total Abstracts - \$58,904.36

Adopted the following resolution that conveys a parcel of land in Potter Hollow to the Greenville Central School District

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RENNELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, by resolution dated August 9, 2007, the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, approved the purchase of a parcel of land in Potter Hollow ("Parcel"), more specifically described in the attached proposed deed; and

WHEREAS, the Town subsequently acquired the Parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is in the public interest to convey the Parcel to the Greenville Central School District without consideration, pursuant to Section 72(h) of the General Municipal Law, under the terms set out in the attached deed;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, that (1) the conveyance of the Parcel to the Greenville Central School District is approved; and (2) the Supervisor is authorized to sign the deed and any other documents necessary to effectuate the conveyance.

By motion made by Robert Bolte, 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 13th day of March 2014 as follows:

Councilwoman Cooke Yes; Councilman Bolte Yes; Councilwoman Sedlmeir Yes; Councilman Wood Yes; Supervisor Lounsbury Absent

End Resolution

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Highlights of March 13, 2014 Town Board Regular Meeting

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* Accepted the report from the Highway Superintendent regarding Oshkosh repairs, his meeting with Middleburgh Central School, and materials bids

* Accepted the Town Clerk's report: Total Collected \$582.96; Paid to the Supervisor - \$551.34 (\$151.38 for Clerk fees; \$2.50 for Recycling; \$56.00 for Dog Licenses; \$104.46 for Building Permits; 477.00 for Adoption Fee; \$10.00 for Zoning; \$150.00 for Sub-Division (Planning Board); Paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for spay/neuter program - \$9.00; Paid to NYS Department of Conservation for sporting licenses - \$23.62; Water Rents paid to date: \$22,452.86; Sewer Rents paid to date: \$16,503.04 plus \$1.86 in late fees.

The Town Warrant has been satisfied as of February 5, 2014 and a total of \$500,000.00 has been paid to Albany County Department of Finance thus far. A check has been issued to the Supervisor in the amount of \$1,492.13 for February late fees.

Second Notice reminders have been sent out for all unpaid taxes.

* Accepted the report from the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector: the cost of his upcoming training will be shared with the Town of Greenville; 2 permits were issued in February: one home replacement, one small accessory building; working on RV renewals

* Accepted the Assessor's report: Agricultural Assessments are due annually and a copy of Schedule "S" is required. Also, seniors need to put their phone numbers on their applications and provide a photocopy of page one (1) of their 2012 Federal tax return; have received their magnetic identification stickers for their cars.

* Accepted the report from the Water/Sewer Treatment Officer: the filter needed to be raked two times recently; 445,000 gallons of water was filtered; 182,000 gallons of sewage was pumped; there were no broken pipes.

* Accepted the report from the Recycling Coordinator as read by Deputy Supervisor Cooke: Green Fiber - 9.57 tons; Rensselaer Iron & Steel - 0; Tires - 0; City of Albany Landfill - 40.37 tons; Sierra Fibers - 2.82 tons; Oil - 3 gallons

* Current Events: Community Retirement Party is scheduled for March 30, 2014 from 1:00-4:00 PM at the Medusa Firehouse to celebrate the retirement of Medusa Postmistress Janice Duncan; The 2nd Annual Town-Wide picnic is scheduled for June 1, 2014 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. The next meeting of the planning committee will be held on March 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

* Old Business: The Special Meeting regarding the Board of Ethics will need to be scheduled when all the Board members and the Supervisor are present.

* New Business: advertise for the bids on the port-a-pot rentals and mowing for the Rensselaerville, Medusa, and Bayard Elsbree Parks

* Entered into Executive Session at 7:52 PM to discuss personnel and possible litigation; returned from Executive Session at 8:06 PM; Voted to return Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck to salary

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM

Please note: Full Town Board minutes can be found on the Town's website at www.rensselaerville.com.



You are cordially invited to a reception honoring

STATE SENATOR CECILIA TKACZYK

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2014

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Palmer House Cafe

1462 Main Street

Rensselaerville, New York



For additional information or to RSVP, please contact Jeffrey Pine at (518) 239-4335 or Jeannette Rice at (518) 797-9812.
All donations gratefully appreciated. Suggested donation of \$20 per person for "Rally Food" (Pizza & Hot Dogs). Cash Bar.

YES! I would like to attend the May 1st reception to support the re-election of State Senator Tkaczyk! Please accept my contribution of:

\$20-Guest \$50-Patron \$100-Friend Other \$ _____

For compliance with New York State Election law and campaign guidelines, please complete the following:

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EMAIL: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

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Tkaczyk**
FOR STATE SENATE

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To make a contribution online by credit card, please visit:
<http://www.CeciliaTkaczyk.com/>

FOILed Again

From the Editors: We are saddened to report that our euphoria over a FOIL procedure that appeared to have been straightened out is short-lived. A FOIL request sent to the Town Clerk on 4/13/2014 and received by her on 4/14/2014 is still unfulfilled as of 4/25/2014. Whether she is acting alone or under the direction of someone else, the fact remains that this is a blatant violation of the Freedom of Information Law. According to this law...

3. (a) Each entity subject to the provisions of this article, within five business days of the receipt of a written request for a record reasonably described, shall make such record available to the person requesting it, deny such request in writing or furnish a written acknowledgment of the receipt of such request and a statement of the approximate date, which shall be reasonable under the circumstances of the request, when such request will be granted or denied...

Not only did we not get an acknowledgment of having received the FOIL request (without a subsequent request from us for a status update), we have not received notice of an approximate date for receipt of the requested information. Although the information requested was readily available, there has been no response except that they "are being worked on."

So we ask ... what game is the Town Clerk (and her "handlers") playing? Why are they fearful of information that the public might get? What happened to open and transparent government? Are you as curious as we are?



Rensselaerville Grist Mill Museum to Open May 24

The Grist Mill Museum will open for the summer season on Saturday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a bake sale and free mill tours.

Beginning Saturday, May 31, the hours will be from noon to 2 p.m. each Saturday until Labor Day. The Mill will also be open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until mid-October. Those wishing to do family or town research with the Museum's extensive archive of genealogical information will find several members of the Research Group at the Mill on Wednesdays, so if researchers can come on Wednesdays they will have more time and more people to help them.

The Grist Mill is the only remaining water-powered mill in our area. The flume (penstock) was badly deteriorated and work is underway to replace it. Although the Mill cannot grind grain right now, exhibits demonstrate how it used to work.

The Grist Mill Museum is located at the bridge in the hamlet of Rensselaerville.

Needed are two volunteers each Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. during the summer to greet visitors, explain the workings of the Mill and help researchers. Training is available for the volunteers and if you can help even ONE Saturday this summer, it will be much appreciated. E-mail janethaseley@gmail.com if you can help, or drop her a note at Rensselaerville Historical Society, PO Box 8, Rensselaerville, NY 12147.

Also, donations of baked goods for the Bake Sale will be appreciated. Bring donations to the Mill Saturday morning, May 24, or phone Rosie Kuhar (797-3360) or Irene Olson (239-4345) if you wish to bring donations before May 24.

Amendment to the Open Meeting Law

Amendment to the Open Meetings Law

An amendment to the Open Meetings Law, "Disclosure of Records Scheduled for Discussion at Open Meetings," went into effect on February 2, 2012. The following excerpts (emphasis added) were taken directly from: <http://www.dos.ny.gov/coog/RecordsDiscussedatMeetings.html>

"Members of the public have on many occasions complained that they cannot fully understand discussions among members of public bodies, even though the discussions occur in public. For example, a board member might refer to the second paragraph of page 3 of a record without disclosing its content prior to the meeting. Although the public has the right to be present, the ability to understand or contribute to the decision-making process may be minimal and frustrating.

Effective February 2, 2012, a new section 103(e) is added to the Open Meetings Law. The purpose of the legislation is simple: those interested in the work of public bodies should have the ability, within reasonable limitations, to see the records scheduled to be discussed during open meetings prior to the meetings. The language of the amendment appears in the text of the [Open Meetings Law...](#)

The amendment addresses two types of records: first, those that are required to be made available pursuant to FOIL; and second, proposed resolutions, law, rules, regulations, policies or amendments thereto. **When either is scheduled to be discussed during an open meeting, the law requires that they be made available to the public, to the extent practicable, either prior to or at the meeting...**

It is important to stress that the amendment involves an effort to take advantage of today's information technology to promote transparency and citizens' participation in government, and to reduce waste. **If the agency in which a public body functions (i.e., a state department, a county, city, town, village or school district) "maintains a regularly and routinely updated website and utilizes a high speed internet connection," the records described above that are scheduled to be discussed in public "shall be posted on the website to the extent practicable as determined by the agency..."**

Posting records online can reduce an agency's costs associated with requests made under FOIL. Staff does not have spend time retrieving paper records, photocopying the records, or carrying out the administrative tasks involved with charging fees for copies...

It is emphasized that the potential obligation to make records available on request or online **is limited to records that are "scheduled to be the subject of a discussion" during an open meeting.** If there is a basis for conducting an executive session, a portion of a meeting that may be closed, records scheduled to be discussed during the executive session would not be required to be disclosed. Further, if, for example, a proposed policy offered by the head of an agency, a mayor, a town supervisor or a superintendent of schools was preceded by recommendations or opinions expressed by staff or members of a public body, those recommendations, opinions or similar materials fall outside the coverage of the amendment and (may but) need not be disclosed...

Through the disclosure of records scheduled to be discussed during open meetings, the public can gain the ability to better understand and appreciate the issues faced by government. Interested and civic-minded citizens can offer information and points of view that can assist in improving the operation of government to the benefit of our communities."

For an example of what this would look like, check out what the Town of Greenville does for its residents prior to its Town Board meetings: http://www.townofgreenvillenyny.com/2014-04-21_agenda_and_packet.pdf





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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.

2014 Upcoming Events

Thursday May 1 & 8 Comprehensive Retirement Program 6:30-8pm, please register. Madison Wealth Managers will provide these informational seminars for planning a successful retirement.

Saturday, May 3 Medusa Festival, 9-4pm the Library will be selling used books.

Saturday, May 17th as part of the RVFD Garage Sale Day the Library will hold a Book Sale from 9-3pm. Gently used books can be dropped off during Library hours the week prior.

Saturday, May 24 at 10 am Jeannette Rice will host Storytime for children of all ages. The theme is April Showers Bring May Flowers, we will have stories, songs and crafts all about flowers.

Saturday, May 24, from 4-7pm Annual Library Cocktail Party and raffle at Stonecrop the estate home at the Carey Conference Center. Tickets are \$20 at the door. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share.

Saturday, May 31 *Pontoon* by Garrison Keillor, Community Read Book Discussion at 11 am in the Library.

Sunday, June 1, Annual Town Picnic, 2-4pm at Town Hall, the Library will have an information table.

Thursday, June 5 at 6:30 Sarah Lyons from Albany County Department of Health will provide a presentation on Lyme Disease prevention. Please Register a minimum of 8 registrants is required.

Thursday, June 12 at 3pm Mami Graff will provide a workshop on the Art of Mystery for writers and readers. Mami is self-published and prepares her own marketing and press and will offer some insights into the publishing industry.

Thursday, June 12, 7pm, Mystery Author Mami Graff reading from the third book in the Nora Tierney series the Scarlet Wench.

Summer Reading Program (for all ages) begins Saturday, June 21 and goes through Saturday, August 2. More details to come.

SAVE THE DATE

Festival of Writers – August 15-17, www.festivalofwriters.org

On Going Activities

Writing Group meets the second Thursday at 7pm of every month.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm at the Library on the third Monday of the month unless otherwise posted. Open to the public.

Poetry Group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 7pm of every month.

You have access to ebooks and audio books through the Library and your Library card. Visit http://uhls.org/eMedia_Access.asp to start downloading. You can also find Tumblebooks for kids.

On The Calendar

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| May 1, 2014 | 6pm - 8pm | Cecilia Tkaczyk Reception Palmer House, Rensselaerville
See flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. |
| May 3, 2014 | 9am - 4pm | MEDUSA FEST
Inside and outside the Fire House will be flea-market vendors, small business vendors, chicken BBQ and food, live band music, a Kids Art Lab, and much more. There will be a large Rummage Sale at the Church Hall. Small Business talks will be held in the Church. Also in the Church, the Museum of Medusa History will be open. |
| May 4, 2014 | 1pm | The Greenville Area Interfaith Council's CROP WALK will be held in the Greenville Town Park. This benefits our local food pantry. |
| May 6, 2014 | 7pm | Town Board Work Meeting Town Hall |
| May 8, 2014 | 7pm | Town Board Regular Meeting Town Hall |
| May 11, 2014 | | Mother's Day |
| May 13, 2014 | 12 noon | The Rensselaerville Senior's Club meets in the Medusa Fire House. |
| May 14, 2014 | 7pm | Town Board Special Meeting: Town Hall
Zoning Review - to continue the review of the Zoning Regulations |
| May 17, 2014 | 9am - 4pm | Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day
Sponsored by the RVFD Battalion. Cost \$15. To receive a registration form: email rosekuhar@gmail.com or call Rose Kuhar 797-3360. |
| May 20, 2014 | 7:30PM | Democratic Social Club Meeting Medusa Firehouse |
| May 22, 2014 | 7pm | Town Board Special Meeting: Town Hall
Ethics Review - to continue the review of the Board of Ethics procedures |
| May 24, 2014 | 10am - 2 pm | Grist Mill Museum will open for the summer season; Bake Sale
The Grist Mill Museum will be open every Saturday 10am—2pm until Labor Day |
| May 25, 2014 | 10am | The Legion Veterans Color Guard will honor our departed veterans at the Medusa War Memorial. The Medusa Church usually has its service at 10am but will honor with the veterans and then conduct its Memorial Service. All are invited to attend. |
| May 26, 2014 | | Memorial Day observed |
| June 1, 2014 | 2pm - 4pm | 2nd Annual Town Wide Picnic Town Hall grounds |
| June 4, 2014 | 10am—3pm | The Grist Mill Museum will be open every Wednesday until mid-October. |
| June 15, 2014 | 8am - 11am | Father's Day Breakfast Rensselaerville Fire House
Come and enjoy Glen's famous pancakes! |

Annual Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day Saturday, May 17, 2014

Rain, Snow or Sunshine

Save this notice because it is almost time to sign-up for the Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day. The Rensselaerville Fire Company 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 at the Firehouse on Route 85. Your sales should be open from 9:00 to 4:00.

Please send you registration form and \$15 registration fee to

Make checks payable to RFVD Ladies Battalion

RFVD Ladies 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 11

Refreshments and maps will be available at the firehouse between 9 and 3.

The 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: _____

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

Senior Citizens Info

The Town offers car service Mon-Fri by appointment only. Contact Ann Vogel at 797-3376 for doctor appointments. The Senior bus also goes shopping on Thursday either to Cobleskill or Catskill. Call Ann Vogel 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 Ann Vogel at 797-3376 if you're interested in volunteering as a driver for our senior citizens.

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SAVE THE DATE – The Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department will celebrate our 75th Anniversary on September 6th at the Carey Conference Center. More details to follow.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department wishes to remind everyone of this...

Safety message: NYS Burn Ban in effect March 15th through May 16th.

For more details visit: www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4261.html

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