

# R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Town Board Work Meeting, Draft Minutes, September 6, 2016

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 6th day of September 2016 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

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

**ABSENT WAS:** Councilman Robert Bolte

Also present were two interested citizens.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**MINUTES:** Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on September 8, 2016:

August 9, 2016 – Work Meeting

August 11, 2016 – Regular Meeting

**TRANSFERS, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS:** Vouchers and bills will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Supervisor Lounsbury would like to hold off with putting out a request for proposals (RFP) for an accounting firm. She and Clerk 1, Linda McCormick, along with Albany County, and Nicole from the accounting firm of Pattison, Kosky [sic], Howe and Bucci, CPA's, have worked some of the bugs out of the MUNIS program. In light of this, Supervisor Lounsbury would like to continue working with Nicole at least for another year.

If the Board concurs and wishes to hold off with the RFP, a motion will be needed to rescind the motion made at August's meeting granting Supervisor Lounsbury permission to advertise for the proposals.

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2. Supervisor Lounsbury addressed the on-demand generator. Discussions were had between the Board members and thoughts and suggestions were accepted from the audience. The Town needs to determine what size generator will be needed and what will be needed electrically. Councilman Robert Bolte is very familiar with the electrical setup within the Town building. Councilman Wood and John Dolce from the audience will seek Mr. Bolte's expertise in that regard.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. A request was received from Boy Scout Troop 42 for use of the Senior/Youth bus for a fishing trip to Long Island. The Board is skeptical of authorizing the trip due to the distance, the age of the bus, and the intense traffic, even though the Troop has insurance through the Boy Scouts of America. A vote will be taken at the Regular Meeting.
2. The Town has been served with a proceeding against the Board of Assessment Review and the Assessors. A contract must be signed authorizing Tabner, Ryan, and Keniry to represent the Town; it is not covered in their contract as it is litigation.
3. The Highway's on-line bidding authority will have to be renewed at Thursday's meeting.
4. Supervisor Lounsbury received notification from Councilman Robert Bolte that he will be resigning due to health reasons.
5. The wording in the Zoning Law regarding alternate members for the Zoning Board of Appeals will need to be amended to include both the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. All alternate members must follow the same rules and regulations such as training, attendance, and continuing education as all regular members do.
6. The Tentative Budget must be presented to the Town Clerk by September 30th and to the Town Board by October 5th. Discussions regarding scheduling a Special Meeting for September 29, 2016 for this purpose were had. Also, during the Special Meeting, dates for Budget Workshops will be scheduled as well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk



American  
Red Cross

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Middleburgh Central School**

291 Main Street - Middleburgh, NY 12122

October 6, 2016

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Sponsor Code: 15261nyp**

**Town Board Regular Meeting, Draft Minutes, September 8, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 8th day of September 2016 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

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

**ABSENT WAS:** Councilman Robert Bolte

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Timothy Tulloch from the Altamont Enterprise, and five interested citizens.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2016 – Work Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2016 – Regular Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

**TRANSFERS:** None

**ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS:** General Fund - \$14,728.5; Highway Fund - \$151,127.67; Lighting District - \$684.68; Sewer Fund - \$155.24; Water Fund - \$433.73; T&A Fund - \$6,057.27; Total Abstracts - \$173,187.1. (Figures taken from 'Invoice List by GL Acct')

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORTS****SUPERVISOR**

1. Supervisor Lounsbury reported that she has been working on the Tentative Budget and asked any department head who has not already submitted their budget requests, to please do so as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to schedule a Special Meeting for September 29, 2016 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of presenting the Tentative Budget and setting Budget Workshop dates. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wood.

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

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

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

**ATTORNEY**

1. On the subject of the Communications Tower, Attorney Ryan reported that the motion to dismiss was denied and noted that motions to dismiss were very infrequently granted. The Courts go out of their way to rule in favor of the opposing party, but that will not preclude the Town from mak-

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ing a motion for summary judgment on the various grounds that were raised in the motion to dismiss; it will give the Judge the opportunity to review the record which was developed by the Planning Board. Attorney Ryan felt it was disappointing, but not surprising.

Supervisor Lounsbury questioned the chances of appeal. Attorney Ryan felt that the only way Scenic Rensselaerville could win is if they could prove that the Planning Board acted arbitrarily and capriciously, which is a difficult burden. It is also difficult to have a decision from the Supreme Court reversed; statistically 98% of the decisions that are appealed are affirmed.

Councilman Wood inquired, citing a recent accident involving a mother and two small children who could not reach help due to non-existent cell service, whether the judge could be made aware of this. Attorney Ryan stated that, although this specific case was not cited, similar situations were addressed at the Public Hearings and are already part of the record.

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

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

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

1. Superintendent Bates reported that the last of the CHIPs-funded projects were complete.
2. Superintendent Bates presented an overview of the season: the Highway Department maintained, in various forms, 14 ½ miles of highway; 11 ½ miles were resurfaced (hot asphalt, moto-pave mix, or chip-seal); 1 ½ miles were repaired with millings the Town had purchased from the work performed on Route 357; and 1 ½ miles of roadway were repaired with shale.
3. The Highway has a few small repair projects which they will be using their paver for.
4. The Highway Department has been stock-piling shale in anticipation of springtime repairs.
5. The roller has come back from Finke Equipment – the engine was replaced at no charge to the Town.

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

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

**TOWN CLERK:** Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of August as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected- \$2,471.50. Paid to the Supervisor - \$488.65 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$232.65; Recycling - \$155.00; Dog Licenses - \$91.00; Zoning - \$10.00; Total - \$488.65.

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$13.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$1,969.85

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$1,519.84; no penalties;

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$163.12; no penalties.

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

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

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

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported that due to the computer glitch with last month's report, his figures did not agree with the Town Clerk's figures, but that it will all come out even in the end.
2. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh has been working on Certificates of Compliance and Certificates of Occupancy and will be attending an all-day course on September 14th on the subjects of commercial energy codes and commercial hoods.
3. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh attended a two-day course earlier this year on the new building code which goes into effect on October 3, 2016. There are several changes most of which relate to the energy code.
4. The Medusa Fire House renovations are coming close to completion. Mr. Overbaugh is very proud and pleased with the project and feels that the new building will serve the Community well.

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

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

### **ASSESSORS**

1. Assessor Kropp was pleased to report that the Assessor's Office has not received many phone calls regarding the new STAR Check Program.
2. The Assessor's office is now preparing for the new tax year.
3. Mrs. Kropp wished to thank the Town for allowing the use of the Senior/Youth bus for the Bible Day Camp children to visit and learn about the transfer station.

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

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

**WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE:** No report

### **REFUSE/RECYCLING**

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of August: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 3.69 tons; Tires: 45; City of Albany Landfill: 69.07 tons; Sierra Fibers: 5.2 tons comingled and 5.97 tons old cardboard container; Oil: 20 gallons
2. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck noted that Noah DeGennaro spent several Wednesdays in a row, 4 hours each time, assisting the public with their trash and recycling material at the transfer station. Noah is in the process of completing a school project and each time he completes a piece of the project, he writes a 1-page essay and shares it with others.
3. Also happening at the Recycling Center this month, was a visit from the Bible Day Camp children. Coordinator Whitbeck picked them up from the Trinity Church in Rensselaerville and brought them to the recycling center where he taught them about the process and benefits of recycling. In addition to the learning experience, a good time was had by all.

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

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

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**CURRENT EVENTS:** None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Supervisor Lounsbury and Clerk 1 McCormick have been working with Albany County and the Town's accountant with the MUNIS program. Some bugs have been found and worked out, and so far things have been running much smoother. In light of the recent improvements, Supervisor Lounsbury would like to continue to work with the Town's accounting firm and requested a motion to rescind the motion authorizing her to send out RFPs.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to rescind the motion authorizing Supervisor Lounsbury to send out RFPs for an accounting firm; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

2. Regarding the generator, Councilman Wood has spoken to Councilman Bolte, who knows the wiring and the ins-and-outs of Town Hall well. Councilman Bolte recommended a 25kw generator. The cost would be approximately \$8,000. Councilman Bolte is willing to help with the installation and already has plans drawn up. Councilman Bolte and Councilman Wood will work together on this project. John Dolce will also assist with this project.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. A request was received from Boy Scout Troop 42 for use of the Senior/Youth bus for a fishing trip to Long Island. The Board is skeptical of authorizing the trip due to the distance, the age of the bus and wear-and-tear, and the heavy traffic.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to deny the request for the use of the bus for the Boy Scout's trip to Long Island; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

2. Attorney William Ryan addressed the renewal of the Highway Superintendent's authority to participate in on-line bidding as follows:

#### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, from time-to-time, the Highway Superintendent has requested from the Town Board approval to bid on equipment available in an on-line auction; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has found the auction process to be financially beneficial, allowing the Highway Superintendent to acquire useful equipment at a fraction of the cost of the acquisition of comparable new equipment; and

WHEREAS, Section 142(1) of the Highway Law permits the Town Board to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase equipment, tools and other implements to be used for highway maintenance, construction or reconstruction, snow plows or other devices for the removal of snow from the highways from monies appropriated for that purpose without prior approval of the Town Board, and in an amount or amounts to be fixed, from time to time, by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town board has determined that it is in the public interest to grant the Highway Superintendent such authority;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensse-

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laerville, Albany County, New York, that (1) the Highway Superintendent is authorized to bid on, and to purchase, equipment, tools and other implements to be used for highway maintenance, construction or reconstruction, snow plows or other devices for the removal of snow from the highways from monies appropriated for that purpose without prior approval of the Town Board, through December 31, 2016, up to an amount of \$7,741; (2) this resolution may be reviewed and re-approved quarterly; (3) the Highway Superintendent shall provide the Town Supervisor prompt notice of any bids and purchases made pursuant to this resolution; and (4) nothing in this resolution is intended to limit the Town Board’s authority, by subsequent resolution, to modify or rescind this authority generally or with respect to a particular prospective purchase.

By motion made by Supervisor Lounsbury and seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 8th day of September, 2016 as follows:

| <u>Town Board Member</u>        | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Absent/Abstain</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Valerie Lounsbury, Supervisor   | X          |           |                       |
| Marion Cooke, Councilwoman      | X          |           |                       |
| Robert Bolte, Councilman        |            |           | Absent                |
| Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman | X          |           |                       |
| Gerald Wood, Councilman         | X          |           |                       |

END RESOLUTION

3. Attorney Ryan next addressed the issue of the tax certiorari proceeding commenced against the Town as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE  
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE  
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town, the Board of Assessment Review and the Assessor have been named as Defendants in a tax certiorari proceeding commenced by petitioner Gerald Kirchner and filed in New York State Supreme Court, Albany County (“Proceeding”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to engage Tabner, Ryan, & Keniry, LLP, attorney for the Town, as counsel in the Proceeding;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, that Tabner, Ryan, & Keniry, LLP, attorney for the Town, is hereby engaged to appear and act as counsel for the Town, the Board of Assessment Review and the Assessor in the Proceeding, pursuant to the terms of the Town’s Professional Services Agreement with Tabner, Ryan, & Keniry, LLP.

By motion made by Supervisor Lounsbury and seconded by Councilwoman Cooke, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 8th day of September, 2016 as follows:

| <u>Town Board Member</u>      | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Absent/Abstain</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Valerie Lounsbury, Supervisor | X          |           |                       |
| Marion Cooke, Councilwoman    | X          |           |                       |
| Robert Bolte, Councilman      |            |           | Absent                |

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Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman X  
 Gerald Wood, Councilman X

END RESOLUTION

4. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that Councilman Bolte had been in to see her and expressed his wishes to resign due to health related matters.

Councilman Bolte had been filling out the year for former Councilman Kevin McGrath. John Dolce, who is running for the seat of Councilmember in the November election, is willing to take the council seat for the remainder of the year.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to appoint John Dolce to fill the seat vacated by Kevin McGrath for the remainder of the year; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

5.

RESOLUTION OF THE  
 TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE  
 TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town Board is considering amendments to the Town of Rensselaerville Zoning Law to extend to the Planning Board provisions for an alternate member similar to those in place for the Zoning Board of Appeals;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that pursuant to the Municipal Home rule Law and the General Municipal Law, a public hearing shall be conducted at the Town Hall on October 11, 2016 at 6:30 PM on the attached proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2016 \*, and notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published on or before September 27, 2016 in a newspaper circulating in the Town.

By motion made by Supervisor Lounsbury and seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 8th day of September, 2016 as follows:

| Town Board Member               | Yes | No | Absent/Abstain |
|---------------------------------|-----|----|----------------|
| Valerie Lounsbury, Supervisor   | X   |    |                |
| Marion Cooke, Councilwoman      | X   |    |                |
| Robert Bolte, Councilman        |     |    | Resigned       |
| Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman | X   |    |                |
| Gerald Wood, Councilman         | X   |    |                |

END RESOLUTION

\* A copy of Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2016 is available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office or may be viewed online at [www.rensselaerville.com](http://www.rensselaerville.com).

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 TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE

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**TOWN BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Town of Rensselaerville Town Board (the “Board”) is considering a proposed revision to its Zoning Law to allow for the appointment of an alternate member of the Town’s Planning Board (the “Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) 6 NY-CRR Part 617, and determined that the Action is subject to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has preliminarily determined this to be an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the form Notice annexed hereto, in accordance with the provisions of 6 NY-CRR Part 617, Town of Rensselaerville Town Board intends to serve as Lead Agency for the SEQRA review of this Unlisted Action, and in this capacity, will determine if the proposed action will have a significant effect on the environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby:

- (1) preliminarily declares that the Action is an Unlisted action under SEQRA; and
- (2) declares its intent to serve as Lead Agency for the SEQRA Coordinated Review of this Unlisted Action, and will thus circulate the Lead Agency Notice, a copy of the proposed Zoning Law, and Part 1 of the required Environmental Assessment Form to all Involved and Interested Agencies, who shall be given 30 days from the mailing of the Lead Agency Notice to challenge the Town Board’s Lead Agency Designation; and
- (3) authorizes and directs the Town Clerk to publish and/or mail all notices required under SEQRA of the Board’s intention to declare itself as Lead Agency for the Action to all Involved or Interested Agencies including, pursuant to NY Town Law §264, the clerk of and city, village or town that has a boundary line within 500 feet of the boundary of the Town of Rensselaerville; the clerk of the board of supervisors or other person performing like duties of any county with a boundary line within 500 feet of the boundary line of the Town of Rensselaerville; and also upon the regional state park commission having jurisdiction of any state park or parkway that has a boundary line within 500 feet of the boundary line of the Town of Rensselaerville.

By motion made by Supervisor Lounsbury and seconded by Councilwoman Cooke, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 8th day of September, 2016 as follows:

| <u>Town Board Member</u>        | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Absent/Abstain</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Valerie Lounsbury, Supervisor   | X          |           |                       |
| Marion Cooke, Councilwoman      | X          |           |                       |
| Robert Bolte, Councilman        |            |           | Resigned              |
| Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman | X          |           |                       |
| Gerald Wood, Councilman         | X          |           |                       |

**END RESOLUTION**

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

- 1. Ernest Kuehl suggested, citing his experience with Middleburgh Central School after the flood, inquiring into asking the Senate or Assembly for assistance. Councilwoman Cooke mentioned that

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former Councilman Bolte had already gone that route, but this may be something that could be tried again. Superintendent Bates stated the he had spoken to Bob Bolte and noted that it would be best to have a proposal in writing.

John Dolce contacted a generator company who recommended contacting an electrician first. The electrician would come in to see what would be supplied by the generator and then do a proposal.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

### **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville will hold a Public Hearing on October 11, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Town of Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY on the proposed amendment to the Zoning Law allowing for the appointment of alternate members to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board. All those wishing to comment will be provided with the full opportunity to be heard at such time and place. Communications in writing in relation thereto may be filed with the Town Clerk's Office or at such hearing. A copy of the proposed Law is available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office or may be viewed online at [www.rensseleerville.com](http://www.rensseleerville.com).

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Dated: September 9, 2016

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk

### ***Move Breathe Relax***

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

Classes Open to All at Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville

Sarah Nelson Weiss, CYT  
[savitrisarah@gmail.com](mailto:savitrisarah@gmail.com), 518.817.8720

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 5 pm

# NIGHTMARE ON CLEAVERWIE



## 3rd Annual ZOMBIE RUN

Run Begins at 5 pm,  
Registration at 3

1568 Clauverwie, Middleburgh

Plan your escape!! The infection has spread! We've plotted a new course for our runners and walkers to enjoy while you avoid being Zombie Meat! Each Human wears a health belt along with two Velcro flags. Sign up for this epic event at: [www.ZRSK.com](http://www.ZRSK.com)

Adult Runner: \$20

Student Runner (with ID): \$15

Zombie (age 16+): \$20

Spectators are FREE to watch!!

— Free T-Shirt with registration before 10/1 —

### DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE ZOMBIE RUN!

Food, Vendors, Music and other items available for purchase.

Festive Family Fun for All!

FREE! Right at Dr. Best Museum!

### FEATURING THE HAUNTED SCARRIAGE HOUSE!

Scarrriage House doors squeak open at dusk.

\$2 per victim



Proceeds to benefit Dr. Best Museum & Middleburgh Library

# Rensselaerville Library

Festival of Writers presents

## StoryTelling

Saturday, October 22, 2016

8pm

# Whispering Bones

Conkling Hall  
8 Methodist Hill Rd  
Event is FREE.

A chilling brew of haunted tales for all ages performed by storyteller Kelvin Keraga with guest appearances by Dr. Betterov-Underhill.



There is a deep magic in **ghost stories**, a spell that brews in our wonderfully irrational passion for life. We relish the fear, the terror, the surprise. The supernatural teaches us what is natural: frailty, and strength, loss and recovery. Come join us!

Kelvin Keraga has performed as an actor and storyteller for a number of years. He hosts the annual Community Holiday Breakfast at Hubbard Hall in Cambridge, NY, performing folktales from cultures around the world. He also produces and performs every year in Hubbard Hall's own "Whispering Bones", and is currently working on a book of ghost stories.



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This program is being underwritten in part by the StoryCircle of the Capital District through funds raised by their annual storytelling concert for adults, TELLABRATION.

A limited number of 2016 TELLABRATION tickets will be distributed during this event.

# RENSSELAERVILLE HALLOWEEN



## Costume Swap Shop

Drop off gently used and clean costumes of all sizes during Library hours now through October 18th. We will also accept accessories and decoration.

The Costume Shop will be open **October 19, 20 and 21** from 6-9pm with volunteers to lend a hand picking out the perfect costume. After the 21<sup>st</sup> the Shop will be open during Library hours until October 29 at 1pm when it will close for the season.

## Parade

Meet at the Rensselaerville Fire Department on Route 85 at 5:45 to line up and parade behind the fire truck to Conkling Hall. Parade begins at 6pm.

## Food

Pizza & Beverages will be available at Conkling Hall starting at 6:15pm.

## Haunted Library

6:30-8:30pm the Library will be open for Trick-or-Treating on Halloween.

Interested in helping to decorate the Library? Stop in throughout the month on Wednesday evenings to make decorations. Volunteers will get together on October 30 at 3pm to turn the Library spooky. Sign up in the Library to help out.

## Trick-Or-Treaters

Look for the balloons to indicate the houses with treats.

**Editor's Note:** This is the first in a set of occasional items regarding the NYS Constitutional Convention Referendum set for November 7, **2017**. Although more than a year in the future, it is our attempt to help our readers understand the process as well as the advantages & disadvantages for approving this referendum. Anyone wishing to contribute to this discussion is welcome to do so. Send your items to [rvillenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rvillenewsletter@gmail.com).

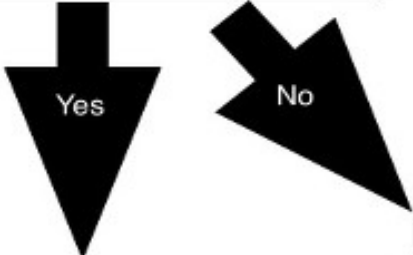
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### New York State: The Road to a Constitutional Convention

**Ballot Question**

November 7, 2017  
• "...the question 'Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?' shall be submitted to and decided by the electors of the state..."

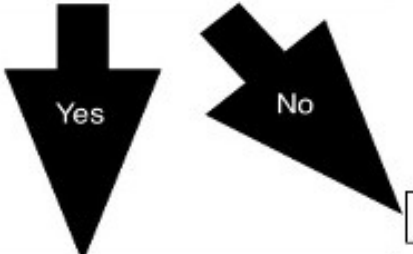
\*Source: New York State Constitution Article XIX



Process Ends

**Convention**

- "...the electors of every senate district of the state...shall elect three delegates at the next ensuing general election..."
- "...and the electors of the state voting in the same election shall elect fifteen delegates-at-large."
- "The delegates so elected shall convene at the capital on the first Tuesday of April next ensuing after the election..."
- "Any proposed constitution or constitutional amendment which shall have been adopted by such convention, shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the state..."



Process Ends

**Ratification**

- "Upon the approval of such constitution or constitutional amendments...such constitution or constitutional amendment, shall go into effect on the first day of January next after such approval."

### 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



# 1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY STREET FEST

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**October 7, 2016**

**POST OFFICE INFORMATION**

<http://www.usps.com>

**MEDUSA POST OFFICE:** Phone 518-239-4826  
(19 COUNTY ROUTE 351 MEDUSA, NY 12120)  
**Retail Hours:** Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm; Sat 7:30am - 11:15am  
**Last Collection Hours:** Mon-Fri 4:15pm; Sat 11:15am  
**Lobby Hours:** Mon-Fri 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

**RENSELAERVILLE POST OFFICE:** Phone 518-797-3231  
(26 COUNTY ROUTE 353 RENSELAERVILLE, 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



Did you know...

...that John Dolce was appointed to the Town Board at the regular monthly meeting on September 8, 2016, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Bob Bolte? We wish John well in his maiden voyage into politics and hope he is motivated by a desire to represent the people of the Town of Rensselaerville rather than by any personal/hidden agenda.

**GRIST MILL NEWS**

*By Janet Haseley*

The Grist Mill Museum will be closed for the winter from mid-October until mid-May because there is no heat in the Mill. After the Mill closes, the Research Group will continue to meet weekly, on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the basement meeting room of the Rensselaerville Library. Inquiries may be sent to the new email address, [rensselaervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com](mailto:rensselaervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com).





**BREAKFAST  
AT THE MEDUSA FIRE HOUSE**

7:00AM TO 11:00AM

~~September 17, 2016~~

October 15, 2016

November 19, 2016

December 17, 2016

January 21, 2017

February 18, 2017

March 18, 2017

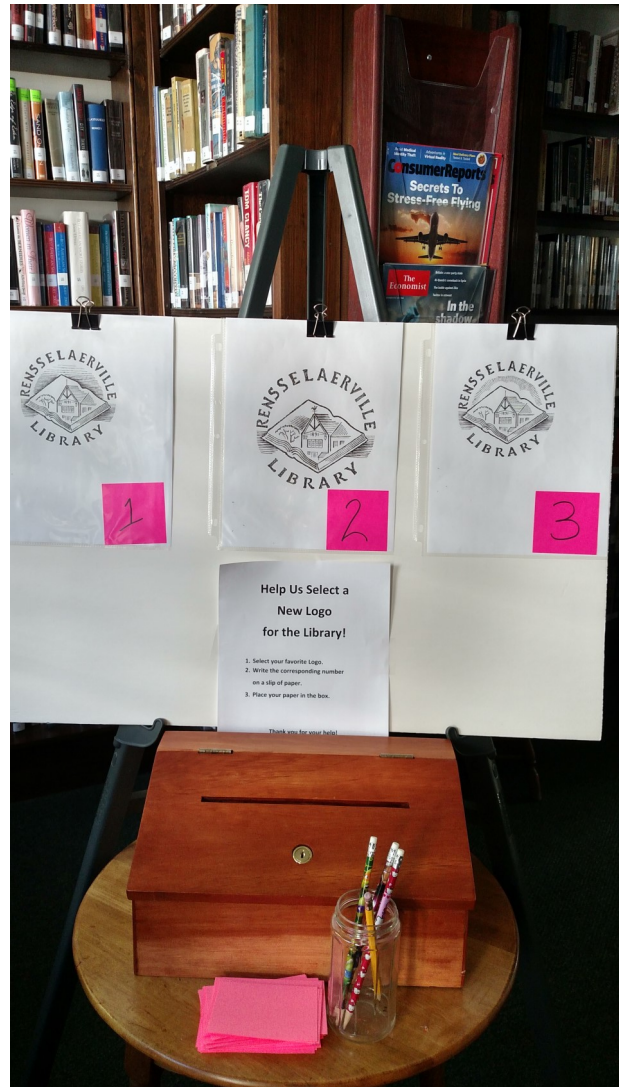
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**PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPT**

*Fresh, hot, all-you-can-eat breakfast made to order*

**Free will offering**






## RVFD News

- **Please support our Calendar Drive!** We encourage you to support our sponsors and help us **THANK THEM** for their continued support!
- **IMPORTANT:** Our social number is: **966-0338**. Please update your records. **In case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.**
- Time to plan for the colder weather. Be sure to start the heating season with a serviced furnace and clean chimneys. While you're at it, test your fire and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors and change the batteries.
- **Is there a fire in you? Please come to a drill or meeting to find out more.**
  - ⇒ Drills are the first two Mondays at 7:00,
  - ⇒ Battalion meeting first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm (no meeting in August), and
  - ⇒ Fire Meeting last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm.





The item below appeared on Facebook, author unknown. It is a fitting tribute to firefighters everywhere, but especially those who volunteer their service without any expectation of compensation. For this we say "Thank you!"

**FIREFIGHTER**

Not many people remember us,  
 Not many people care,  
 Unless a life is saved or lost,  
 While we are fighting there.  
 We learn to respect the fire we fight,  
 And even love it too,  
 In order to end its destructive path,  
 It's what we train to do.  
 There are many who can't comprehend,  
 Why we love the things they fear.  
 We're the first they call in their time of need,  
 It's the reason why we're here.  
 The next alarm might make us proud,  
 And heroes of some kind,  
 Or maybe it will be our last,  
 In service to mankind.  
 But whatever fate may bring us,  
 It doesn't change our hearts.

**We Firefighters to the end. We'll always do our part.**  
 — Author Unknown

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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

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Annual Library Lawn Party on September 3rd. A special thanks to the following:

- Mame and Victor Schrage for providing the use of their lawn.
- Carlsen Gallery for the donation of their tent.
- Ommegang Brewery for the donation of beer.
- Tops Friendly Markets for their donation.
- Bill Bensen for the cheese and fruit display.
- And all our Friends and Neighbors who generously brought hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

The Annual Library Board Meeting was held on September 20th. The Board of Trustees thanked Mary Carney, Sharon Costello, Dale Dorner, Deb Kropp, and Connie Kudlack for their years of service to the Board of Trustees. The Board welcomed the following new Trustees: Carol Ash, Penny Grimes, Holly Hake, and Hans Soderquist.

### October Youth Programs

**STEAM** – Tuesdays, October 4 and 18, 10:30-11:30. Program for all ages.

**StoryTime** – Wednesdays, October 5 and 19, 4:30-5:30pm, stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children as well as opportunities for parents to develop a social support group. Focus on pre-literacy and pre-math skills and school readiness.

**Mommy and Me Arts and Crafts** – Tuesdays, October 11 and 25, 10:30-11:30pm, stories, songs and arts and crafts for parents/caregivers and infants and young toddlers. Also opportunities for parents and caregivers to develop a social support network. Focus on strengthening parent/caregiver-child bonds, pre-literacy activities- simple stories, movement, rhymes and play.

**Mommy and Me Movement** – Wednesdays, October 12 and 26, 4:30-5:30pm, stories, songs and movement activities for parents/caregivers and infants and young toddlers. Also opportunities for parents and caregivers to develop a social support network. Focus on strengthening parent/caregiver-child bonds, pre-literacy activities- simple stories, movement, rhymes and play.

**Monthly Craft Project** – kids stop in and check out the craft table downstairs and discover Halloween crafts to work on your own.

**Family Game Night** – Tuesday nights from 6- 7pm, activities for all ages. Wii, board, or bring your own

**Teen Hang Out** – Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm teens come help create decorations for the Haunted Library.

**Teen Movie Night** - On October 26 there will be a teen movie at 6pm. Visit the web site for more details. <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/movie-night.html>

**Homework Help** - Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Please see Lee Ackerman-Sawyer or email [youth@rensselaervillelibrary.org](mailto:youth@rensselaervillelibrary.org)

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The Library is in the process of selecting a new logo. Stop into the Library and help us decide which one.

Halloween in Rensselaerville – Now until the 19th drop off gently used and clean Halloween costumes (accessories and decorations too) at the Library during regular hours. The Library will open a free costume swap shop from 6-9pm the 19th-21st where volunteers will be on hand to help you select the perfect costume. Volunteers will be decorating the Haunted Library on Sunday, October 30th, contact the Library if you would like to help. Teens be sure to stop into the Library on Wednesday nights and help make some Halloween decorations. The Haunted Library will be open on Halloween from 6:30-8:30pm for trick-or-treaters. The Parade will start at 6pm at the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department to Conkling Hall.

Festival of Writers Presents a FREE storytelling program on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 8pm in Conkling Hall. Whispering Bones is a chilling brew of haunted tales for all ages performed by storyteller Kelvin Keraga with guest appearances by Dr. Betterov-Underhill. Kelvin Keraga has performed as an actor and storyteller for a number of years. He hosts the annual Community Holiday Breakfast at Hubbard Hall in Cambridge, NY, performing folktales from cultures around the world. He also produces and performs every year in Hubbard Hall's own "Whispering Bones", and is currently working on a book of ghost stories. This program is being underwritten in part by the StoryCircle of the Capital District through funds raised by their annual storytelling concert for adults, TELLABRATION. A limited number of 2016 TELLABRATION tickets will be distributed during this event.

The North East Paranormal Society will provide a program on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 7pm in the Library. The dedicated explorers of the paranormal will share their investigations and demonstrate their equipment. You might even see and hear evidence from local places.

The Library monthly Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 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 Writing Group meets on the second Thursday of the month. On October 13th the group will meet at 7pm.

Poetry Group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, October 11 and 25. 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.

There will be no scheduled Library Coloring Book Club in October. However, feel free to stop in anytime and color on your own materials are located in the basement meeting room. 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.

Save the date! Library's Annual Greenery Sale is schedule for December 3, 2016. More details to come.

Are you starting your holiday shopping with Amazon? Consider supporting the Library with smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to the organization of your choice. Support us when you shop for back-to-school items. #StartWithaSmile at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/14-1409657> and Amazon donates.

Did you know that the Library has an email newsletter? The email provides information on Library ser-

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vices, 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





DATE: October 26, 2016

TIME: 6:00pm

LOCATION:  
Rensselaerville Library

## Library News

### Middleburgh Library

**10/1 - 3:00 PM to ? - Board Games for Adults** - Come and join us for some fun and different board games

**10/4, 11, 18, 25 - 10:45 AM - Drop-in Storytime** - Get ready to move in this interactive storytime designed especially for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. No registration required.

**10/4, 11, 18, 25 - 1:00 PM - Mahjong Mania** - Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 a spirited group of people get together in the Community Room to play Mahjong. Don't know how to play? No problem! They will teach you how. No registration required.

**10/4, 11, 18, 25 - 5:15 PM - Insight Meditation** - Join us for a simple group Zen meditation practice. All are welcome. *No registration required.*

**10/5, 12, 19, 26 - 9:00 AM - Chair Yoga** - With Vicki DeGroff. Donation \$5.00. Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair, or standing using a chair for support. Please use back entrance.

**10/5, 12, 19, 26 - 11:00 AM - Discovery Wednesdays** -

10/5 - You never know what Miss Andrea will come up with in her discovery Wednesday! Art, science, stories and more in this interactive program for ages 3 and up and their caregivers.

**Registration Required.**

10/12 - Join Miss Doreen as she welcomes children ages 3-6 to her storytime. Lots of fun with stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft! *No registration required.*

10/19 - You never know what Miss Andrea will come up with in her discovery Wednesday! Art, science, stories and more in this interactive program for ages 3 and up and their caregivers.

**Registration Required.**

10/26 - Join Miss Doreen as she welcomes children ages 3-6 to her storytime. Lots of fun with stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft! *No registration required.*

**10/5, 12, 19, 26 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - Free Popcorn**

10/5 - "Ithaca" (PG)

10/12 - "The Man Who Knew Infinity" (PG-13)

10/19 - "10 Cloverfield Lane" - (PG-13)

10/26 - "The Legend of Tarzan" (PG-13)

**10/5 & 19 - 5:00 PM - Kundalini Yoga** - Kundalini Yoga involves repetitive movements with the breath, building strength, toning the nerves and clearing the adrenal glands. Wear comfortable clothing and bring 2 blankets or a mat and blanket. A \$5.00 donation is requested. *Please use the back entrance when entering the building. No registration required.*

**10/6 - 7:00 PM - Concert - Tom Prasada-Rao** - is a musician's musician - an unassuming presence on the folk scene since the early nineties. His voice belies his musicianship and his extraordinary songs. From *Rishi's Garden* with its homage to Ravi Shankar to the groove of *Sleeping Beauty*, Tom's music is melodic, ambitious, and reverent. He's starting to tour again after being featured last year on the nationally syndicated TV show Troubadour Texas. Suggested donation is \$10.00. Please use back entrance.

**10/6, 13, 20, 27 - 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle** - These friendly ladies (men are welcome, but we haven't seen any yet!) knit and crochet, embroider and quilt, and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others - or just craft in the company of friends. Drop in anytime! *No regis-*

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**10/7 - 7:00 PM - Stroll the Souls of the Middleburgh Cemetery with Wes Laraway** - A town settled over 300 years ago with stories of fallen soldiers, settlers and town's folk as the lands were bitterly fought over for power, the Middleburgh Cemetery holds these and many other souls. Timothy Murphy whose bones lie at rest on these grounds. over looking Vroman's Nose will be explored by lantern-light with local historian, Wes Laraway. Dress warmly, bring a flashlight and your courage. Only \$10 per person! GET YOUR TICKETS:

**10/10 - Columbus Day** - The library will be closed to observe the holiday.

**10/10- 6:30 PM – Board of Trustees Meeting** - Our meetings are open to the public. Please join us! The holiday does not affect the board meeting. Please use back entrance.

**10/15 - 1:00 PM - Book Discussion - "The Nightingale" by Kristen Hannah** - Viann and Isabelle have always been close despite their differences. Younger, bolder sister Isabelle lives in Paris while Viann lives a quiet and content life in the French countryside with her husband Antoine and their daughter.. *Books are available at the circulation desk. No registration is required*

**10/15 - 5:00 PM - 3rd Annual Zombie Run** - We've plotted a new course for our runners and walkers to enjoy while you avoid being Zombie Meat! Each Human wears a health belt along with two Velcro flags. Sign up for this epic event at: <http://www.active.com/middleburgh-ny/running/races/zombie-run-2016?> Registration begins at 3:00 and the run starts at 5:00.

**10/15 - 7:00 PM - Haunted Scariage House** - Directly following the Zombie Run, take a trip through the Haunted Scariage House.....Food, Vendors, Music and other items available for purchase. Festive Family Fun for All! FREE! Right at the Dr. Best Museum!

**10/17 - 2:00 PM - Adult Coloring Club** - Come and experience the latest trend in relaxation, adult coloring books! Studies how coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and helps promote overall wellness. Coloring pages designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils will be provided. This will be a recurring program. We will meet every 3rd Monday of the month at 2pm. **Registration is required.**

**10/20 - 6:30 PM - The Truth About the Salem Witch Trials** - It wasn't about women in black robes, chanting in a circle and then burning victims at the stake. Discover the various social, economic and political theories behind this unusual historic event. Meet the principle teenage girls, their families and the ultimate decisions they made that cemented a town's place in history and the tourism industry. **Registration is required.**

**10/21 - 5:30 - Dinner & A Movie - "Star Trek Beyond" (PG-13)** - Join us for our popular dinner & a movie! The library supplies pizza and drinks and you bring dessert or a snack to share. The USS Enterprise crew explores the furthest reaches of uncharted space, where they encounter a new ruthless enemy who puts them and everything the Federation stands for to the test. **Please note that this film is rated PG-13 and although great for teens and families, it is not appropriate for very young children. Registration is required.**

**10/22 & 29 - 11:00 AM - Poetry as Walking facilitated by James Bellflower** - From Wordsworth to contemporary poet, Lisa Robertson, and others who walked, we will read and write about what we see, hear, smell, taste, and touch. Through walking we'll tie the rhythm of the foot to the measure of our lines and come to understand that writing is an ongoing discovery of what is around and

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within us. Novice and experienced writers are welcome. *Registration is required.*

**10/22 - 1:00 PM - Cooking by the Vegan Book - "The Vegan Zombie"** - The Middleburgh Library is happy to introduce its newest book club, "Cooking by the Vegan Book." We pick the cookbook, you pick and make the recipe! The book club is free and open to the public. How the cookbook club works: Every month, a cookbook will be selected and will be at the circulation desk for you to peak at and we'll print up a recipe of your choice. Sign up online or register at the circulation desk, let us know what you are cooking so we don't have duplicates! Bring your dish to share and a place setting to the club and enjoy! **Registration is required.**

**10/25 - 6:00 PM - "Know the 10 Signs of Alzheimer's" - Early Detection Matters-** The warning signs of Alzheimer's disease are often dismissed as inevitable parts of normal aging. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. **Registration is suggested.**

**10/26 - 5:30 PM - Halloween: Minute to Win it** - Hey Teens! Come on out for an evening of Halloween themed Minute to Win it games, pizza, and laughs! Are you up for the challenge? **This program is open to kids ages 12 and up. Registration is required.**

**10/29 - 11:00 - 1:00 PM - In one Breath - Watercolor with Joanne Resch** - Techniques of traditional watercolor and Chinese Brush painting will be woven together to offer relaxation and release stress. Several small pieces will be completed by each participant as principles of design, composition, color and watercolor will be demonstrated. Beginning or intermediate adults are welcome. **Registration is required.**

*This program series is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. Sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Library System and participating member libraries. All programs are free. Materials will be provided. Participating libraries are accessible for people with disabilities.*

**Please check our Calendar on our website at [www.middleburghlibrary.info](http://www.middleburghlibrary.info) for future programs.**

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

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



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### Greenville Library

**Oct 3, 7, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28**

**Chess Club**  
All Are Welcome!

**12:00 - 2:00pm**

**Oct 4 – 8**

**Creative Writing Class**  
**Instructor – Ronni Miller**

**10:00 - 12:00pm**

Ronni Miller, award winning author will offer a free week-long writing workshop at the Greenville Library Tuesday, October 4th to Saturday, October 8th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Ms. Miller in addition to her published fiction, non-fiction and poetry is the founder and creator of Write it Out, a motivational and expressive writing program since 1992 for individuals of all ages. Her program of expressive writing for wellness has been recognized nationally and she specializes in working with cancer survivors. She teaches throughout the US and Italy. Classes stimulate thoughts, feelings, memories and experiences to produce prose and poetry. Individuals of all ages are welcomed to participate. **Registration required.** Stop in or contact the Greenville Library at 518-966-8205.

**Oct 4, 18**

**Lego Fun!**

**3:00 - 4:00pm**

Do you love to imagine and build? Do you enjoy the rush of satisfaction when you find the perfect piece in a pile of colorful plastic bricks? Do you love the satisfying snap of a well placed Lego? Do you feel little pain when you step on a scattered Lego brick? If you answered yes to these questions then this program is meant for you! Bring your imagination, we'll provide the Legos! Just Drop In!

**Oct 5, 12, 19, 26**

**Greenville Quilters**

**1:00 - 3:00pm**

All welcome. No experience necessary, will teach. Meet in the library's small community room.

**Oct 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28**

**Toddler Time**

**Tuesday from 10–10:45am & 11–11:45am**  
**Friday from 10–10:45am & 11–11:45am**

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their children to our Toddler Time Programs. Infants, toddlers and preschoolers are all welcome. Registration is not required. Drop in on the day(s) you would like to attend.

This activity enriched educational time includes stories, games, singing, marching and socializing. They can also choose books to take home and enjoy during the week. The instructor for these sessions is Devon Balta.

**Oct 13, 27**

**Joy of Coloring**

**12:30 - 2:00pm**

Come and unwind with the latest artistic craze: adult coloring books. Fabulously intricate and creative books have now been published for adults to engage in this calming, creative activity that we loved as children. The library will provide the creative pages and water color pencils. Feel free to bring your own supplies and share with others. Bring your imagination and enjoy the relaxing exercise of coloring. Just Drop In!

**Oct 19**

**Community Partners of Greenville 7:00pm**

Meets in the large conference room. We offer story times and other activities for children, teens, and adults, including a book discussion group.

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

## On The Calendar

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| Oct 1                  | 9am-3pm   | Fall Rummage Sales  | Medusa Church    |
| Oct 2                  | 10:00 am  | Medusa United Church of Christ Services   | Medusa           |
| Oct 2                  | 11:00 am  | Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services<br>All are Welcome!  | Rensselaerville  |
| Oct 9                  | 10:00 am  | Medusa United Church of Christ Services   | Medusa           |
| Oct 9                  | 11:00am   | Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services<br>All are Welcome!  | Rensselaerville  |
| Oct 11                 | 6:30pm    | Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law #3 for 2016<br><a href="http://rensselaerville.com/announcements/DOCProposedLL.PDF">http://rensselaerville.com/announcements/DOCProposedLL.PDF</a> | Town Hall        |
| Oct 11                 | 7:00 pm   | Town Board Work Meeting   | Town Hall        |
| Oct 11                 | 12 noon   | Seniors Meeting/Lunch   | Medusa Firehouse |
| Oct 13                 | 7:00 pm   | Town Board Regular Meeting  | Town Hall        |
| Oct 15                 | 7 - 11 am | Medusa Fire Department Breakfast<br>Free Will offering<br>Come and see the new Dining Room.   | Medusa Firehouse |
| Oct 15                 | 8am-12pm  | 2nd Fall Rummage Sale at the Church in Medusa<br>Eat & Shop in Medusa   | Medusa Church    |
| Oct 16                 | 10:00 am  | Medusa United Church of Christ Services   | Medusa           |
| Oct 16                 | 11:00am   | Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services<br>All are Welcome!  | Rensselaerville  |
| Oct 23                 | 10:00 am  | Medusa United Church of Christ Services   | Medusa           |
| Oct 23                 | 11:00am   | Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services<br>All are Welcome!  | Rensselaerville  |
| Oct 30                 | 10:00 am  | Medusa United Church of Christ Services   | Medusa           |
| Oct 30                 | 11:00am   | Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services<br>All are Welcome!  | Rensselaerville  |
| <b>Planning Ahead:</b> |           |   |                  |
| Nov 8                  |           | No Seniors Meeting  |                  |
| Nov 14                 | 12 noon   | Seniors Holiday Dinner  | Carey Institute  |
| Dec 7                  |           | Seniors Trip to Westchester Theatre<br>Contact Janet Nelson   |                  |

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