

R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Draft Minutes, Town Board Special Meeting, January 31, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 31st day of January 2017 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 John Dolce, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were the following members of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance: Kenneth Decker, Brian Wood, Dennis Wood, Brenda Wood, Barry Cook Jr., Robert Boellner, and Bailey Wood; along with one interested citizen.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss the status of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance.

Kenneth (Chip) Decker, President of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance and one of Rensselaerville's first EMTs, remembered how Supervisor Robert Lansing called him to announce that he had grant money to purchase an ambulance and for training and to ask if Mr. Decker would be interested in doing it. Mr. Decker accepted the opportunity and hence, the birth of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance.

Mr. Decker presented the fact that the number of volunteers on the ambulance has gone down significantly over the course of the past several years. It has become harder and harder to get people to join, despite the Ambulance's efforts and attendance at functions such as the Town-Wide Picnic and the Maple Fest, just to name a few. Mr. Decker also noted that the training involved is very time-consuming. He also mentioned that a lot of the volunteers have other commitments and their availability is limited. The Rensselaerville ambulance is not alone; many other towns are suffering in the same manner.

Mr. Decker, speaking on behalf of the entire ambulance, said the hopes are that the ambulance building becomes a Public Safety building to be utilized by local fire companies, the Sheriff's Department and the State Troopers. The building has an emergency generator and can be used during power outages and for emergencies.

Brian Wood announced that the ambulance would be meeting with an attorney who specializes

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in Fire, EMS, and General Municipal law, to assist with the transition and dissolution of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance. It is the same attorney that represented the Delmar Ambulance with their merger with Bethlehem.

Part of the failure of being able to obtain new volunteers is also partially due to the mandates required to become certified. The leaders in public safety have not made it easy to volunteer: 159 hours are required just for the initial EMT certification and then an additional 72 hours are required every three years to be able to keep the certification. It is a sign of the times where people simply do not have the time to become certified. In addition to the required training and time spent on calls, volunteers give their time to keep the building clean, wash and wax the ambulance, keep it maintained, and keep the supply cabinet stocked, among many, many other tasks.

Also of interest was the fact that General Municipal Law requires a municipality to provide a garbage truck, a police car, and a fire truck, but states nothing about an ambulance.

Mr. Wood's goal is that public safety stays strong in the town and he and the ambulance crew will work very hard to make sure that it does, whether it's through helping the fire departments to get the First Response program off the ground, or by making sure the AEDs and jaws-of-life are up-to-date and in service and maintained for a period of time after the ambulance is gone.

Mr. Wood encouraged the Board to ask questions and provide input. He will keep the Board informed every step of the way and will be available for any and all questions. **Brian also reassured everyone that there will still be ambulance services and First Responders.**

Supervisor Lounsbury and Brian Wood wished to thank all the volunteers throughout the years who have worked so hard and those who were instrumental in getting the ambulance off the ground in the first place.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

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, 518.817.8720

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

Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, February 14, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 14th day of February 2017 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 Thomas Fallati, Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Dolce, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Assessors Donna Kropp and Kathryn Wank, and three interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

An audience member asked for clarification on the issue regarding the funds for the new truck and where the money was coming from. **[Editor's Note:** In response to this question, approximately \$26,000 of unspent funds from the 2016 highway budget was transferred into savings accounts for future purchases, and the money for the new 2017 pick-up truck was a line item in the 2017 highway budget.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 Organizational Meeting; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 Work Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017 Regular Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

TRANSFERS: None

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$ 77,603.73; Highway Fund - \$49,196.88; Ambulance Fund - \$20,000.00; Fire Protection Fund - \$150,500.00; Lighting District Fund - \$707.29; Hydrant District Fund - \$5,425.50; Sewer Fund—\$28,833.75; Water Fund - \$36.18; T&A Fund - \$6,023.79. Total Abstracts:\$338,327.12

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Lounsbury read a letter received by Superintendent Bates from John & Linda Mormile expressing their sincere appreciation for how well their road is maintained by the Highway Department.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Lounsbury thanked the Highway Department for the tremendous amount of overtime they have put in most recently and for their due diligence.
2. Supervisor Lounsbury will be applying for an extension on the Annual Update Document.

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3. The liability insurance will be coming up for renewal in March.

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

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

ATTORNEY

Attorney Fallati reported that the petitioners in the communications tower litigation have decided not to appeal. Plans to begin the construction of the tower were slated for the beginning of February, but have been postponed due to the weather. Once it is started, it is estimated to take about 2 months to complete.

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

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Bates reported that both the equipment and the crew are working at 100% and all is well in the Highway Department.

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

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

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of January as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$148.00; Paid to the Supervisor - \$131.28 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$37.28; Recycling - \$10.00; Dog Licenses - \$84.00. Total - \$131.28

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the Animal Population Control Program, aka 'dog surcharge': \$12.00; Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$4.72; Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$10,519.48; no penalties;

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$10,603.13; no penalties

2. Town Clerk Kraker also reported that the Town's portion of the Warrant has been satisfied as of February 6th in the amount of \$1,303,187.36. Since then, \$400,000.00 has been paid to Albany County.

3. An error in the December 30, 2016 Final Meeting was brought to the attention of the Town Clerk. Under "Abstracts/Vouchers", instead of 'Lighting District' it should have read 'Hydrant District'.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to rescind the motion to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2016 Final Meeting; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2016 Final Meeting as corrected; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported that no permits were issued

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for the month of January.

2. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported that the RV permit renewals have been sent out.
3. The office is still coming along a little bit at a time. Old building plans have been given tax map numbers and the book shelves will be remodeled to be better accommodating.
4. A call has been placed to Steve Elsbree from Pyramid. Attorney Fallati and Officer Overbaugh will need to discuss the requirements regarding the permit for the communications tower.

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

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

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Assessor's office continues their work towards the 2017 tax roll.
2. Assessor Kropp wished to remind everyone that any exemptions are due by March 1st. The second notices have been sent out and next week the Assessor's office will begin making phone calls to those who still have not responded. A copy of the first page of the 2015 Federal Tax return is required.

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

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

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

Town Clerk Kraker read a report submitted by Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Rice as follows: 328,700 gallons of water was filtered – a daily average of 10,603 gallons; and 170,280 gallons of sewage was pumped – a daily average of 5,493 gallons.

Councilman Wood expressed his concern over the fact that there is no representative from the Water/Sewer district present at the meetings to answer questions that may arise. Supervisor Lounsbury responded by stating that this concern will be brought up at the next Water/Sewer meeting to see if a representative from the committee could attend the Town Board meetings in the future.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Water/Sewer Committee report as given; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

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

REFUSE/RECYCLING: Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of January: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 3.92 tons; Tires: 0; City of Albany Landfill: 57.03 tons; Sierra Fibers: 4.63 tons comingled and 4.71 tons old cardboard container; Oil: 7 gallons

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

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

CURRENT EVENTS

Ernest Kuehl wished to announce that the Rensselaerville Library and Huyck Preserve will be hosting the Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run and Forest Fest on June 17, 2017. There will be a choice of 2, 5, and 8-mile runs and a Wood Duck Dash for the kids.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Between the information they gathered from Paul Molloy and their discussions with Central Hudson, Councilman Wood and Councilman Dolce have a good start on the specs needed for the generator. Councilman Dolce sent their list to the Associate District Director from Central Hudson, who reviewed what they had. Central Hudson stated that by not using an engineering design company, a good chunk of money was saved. Councilman Dolce and Councilman Wood will meet again before the next Town Board meeting to fine-tune their list. Also of importance, is that Paul Molloy is no longer assisting with the project.
2. Supervisor Lounsbury will take care of placing Shawn Styer's name on the Volunteer Plaque.
3. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to schedule the date of June 4, 2017 from 2 – 4:30 pm for the Annual Town-Wide Picnic; 2nd by Councilman Wood.
Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Cooke, Dolce, Sedlmeir, and Wood; Nays (0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councilwoman Cooke has audited the Justice Court's records and has found everything in order. She noted that the Court's computerized system has made the audit process much smoother.
Justice Bates reported 59 cases with \$5,200 in revenue and Justice Cooke reported 43 cases with \$2,887 in revenue.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept Justice Bates' report; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

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

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

2. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to authorize Highway Superintendent Bates to advertise for the bidding of highway materials and to authorize Town Clerk Kraker to advertise for the bidding of the park mowing and the port-o-lets. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

It was questioned by a member of the audience if the motion should include a due date for the bids to be received in Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to rescind the above motion; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to authorize Highway Superintendent Bates to advertise for the bidding of highway materials and to authorize Town Clerk Kraker to advertise for the bidding of the park mowing and the port-o-lets, noting that bids are to be received by 6:45 pm on April 11, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

3. The Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector, the Planning/Zoning Board Clerk, and the Assessor's office are scheduled to receive their new computers within the next 10 days or so.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 PM to discuss litigation and employee history; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to return from Executive Session at 9:40 PM; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to reject the proposed settlement and authorize Attorney Fallati to further negotiate the matter before the Town. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

A member of the audience wished to follow through on several items.

1. What happened at the meeting with the Huyck Preserve several months ago – Supervisor Lounsbury will gather the information for the next meeting.
2. Is it still the Town Board's intention to update the fee schedule? Supervisor Lounsbury has started work on the new fee schedule and is hoping to have it in effect by June or July.
3. It was questioned why, at the Organizational Meeting, three positions were filled without opening those positions up for letters of interest to the Town's people. Supervisor Lounsbury explained that she felt the Board of Ethics member should have been from the Rensselaerville area in order to keep a balance within the Committee. **[Editor's Note:** There is nothing in the ethics law that specifies hamlet residency requirements.] As far as the members of Zoning Board of Appeals, at the Organizational Meetings, it has been standard operating procedure to make appointments. Also, one of the newly appointed members showed an interest two years ago, but was not able to serve at that time.
4. Although the Zoning Law had been amended to allow for alternate members, those positions have not yet been filled. Supervisor Lounsbury explained that Thomas Kropp was already selected to be an alternate member. **[Editor's Note:** Regarding alternate Planning Board member, it was discussed that Thomas Kropp would assume the position, but at that time, the zoning law had not been amended to allow an alternate member. To date, there has been no formal motion to appoint him to this position. Regarding alternate ZBA member, the supervisor stated that the ZBA hadn't met in months and therefore has not moved forward regarding this appointment. We'll have to wait to see if it is posted for letters of interest.]

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

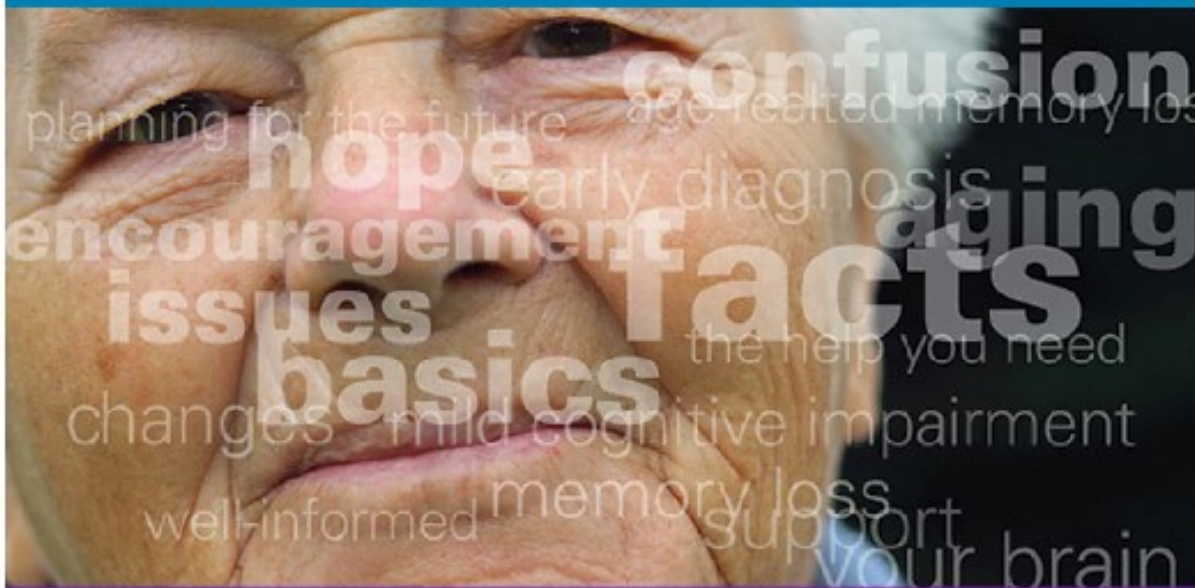
Victoria H. Kraker



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the basics

memory loss, dementia and alzheimer's disease



an education program by the alzheimer's association

Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging.

If you or someone you know is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia, it's time to learn the facts. This program provides information on detection, causes and risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment, and much more.

DATE: April 6, 2017

TIME: 6:00 pm to 7:00pm

**LOCATION: Rensselaerville Public Library
1459 Co Rd 351, Rensselaerville, NY 12147**

Program is FREE, but registration is required.

To register, please call Kimberly Graff at 518.797.3949

This program is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

Public Service" Notice for Residents

"Some people might not realize it, but it is a violation of New York State vehicle and traffic law to start a vehicle and leave it running while it's unattended.

The New York State vehicle and traffic law states "No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key from the vehicle, and effectively setting the brake..." so leaving it unattended for even a short amount of time is a violation of the law.

If you start your car and then stay close by while you brush off the snow and ice and let the defrosters do their job, that is fine, but leaving the vehicle while it's running with the key in the ignition is a no-no. You might wonder if there is a remote car starter installed in your car if you are also breaking the law by starting it up when you're not at the vehicle.

Trooper Jack Keller of the New York State Police said, "The car starter is legal because it shuts the car off if you step on the brake without a key in the ignition. You also can't move the car without the key in place" so even if someone tried to drive the vehicle without your permission, the engine would turn off and the vehicle wouldn't be able to be driven."

Source http://www.syracuse.com/crime/index.ssf/2016/12/did_you_know_its_against_the_law_to_leave_your_car_unattended_while_it_warms_up.html

N.Y. VAT. LAW § 1210 : NY Code - Section 1210: Unattended motor vehicle

- (a) *No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key from the vehicle, and effectively setting the brake thereon and, when standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway, provided, however, the provision for removing the key from the vehicle shall not require the removal of keys hidden from sight about the vehicle for convenience or emergency.*
- (b) *A driver may, for the purpose of getting away from the place of standing, move another vehicle which is so placed he cannot get his vehicle out; provided, however, that immediately thereafter he shall reset the brake and, if on a grade, turn the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway. This privilege is subject to the limitation set forth in subdivision (e) of section twelve hundred two.*
- (c) *Towing agencies, which remove vehicles unlawfully parked on private property at request of the owner of the premises and without the written consent of the owner of the vehicle, shall immediately notify the local police station house having jurisdiction over the area where such vehicle was unlawfully parked, of the description of the car which was removed, and the time of removal.*

NOTE: There is an exception to the law, however. If a remote control starter is installed in a vehicle and is used, it is not a violation because a key is not in the ignition.



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, rensseleervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com.

By Anthony Figliola

NYS Constitutional Convention Is Nothing But a Con

This year, one of the most important legislative issues that will confront Albany legislators will be to approve a ballot proposition slated for November 7, 2017, to hold a constitutional convention.

On its face, a convention makes sense given the many issues that have stalled in Albany's black hole of bureaucracy over the years. The problem with this philosophy is that it ignores the history of past conventions and the powerful role that politics played in the process.

History has shown that a con is nothing more than a carbon copy of a typical legislative session. In short, it's a \$335 million plus workforce development initiative for the politically connected.

Many good-government groups who have pushed for ethics and campaign finance reform in New York are keen to support a convention, because their efforts over the years have been thwarted by the culture of the status quo. Many reformers naively accept the premise that seizing on a possible vote for a New York Constitutional Convention (e.g., vote slated for November 7, 2017) will force the state legislature's hand to pass meaningful reforms. In theory, it makes sense, but the one variable that will dilute this purist approach is politics. The same people who are impotent on the issue of reforms are the same folks who will set the rules, select candidate delegates and ultimately run the convention.

History shows us that while some worthy policies were developed and ratified by the voters, much of the conventions were riddled with rigged agendas and uncontrolled costs. It is important to note that in past conventions, elected officials, including state legislators, have served as delegates at the convention. These pols essentially "double dipped", collecting two salaries that significantly boosted their government pensions.

Let's not forget the lobbyists who love the idea of a conclave, so they can charge their clients another fee to represent them at the convention. The 1967 convention charged taxpayers more than \$45 million (\$335 million in today's dollars) and very little was achieved that could not have been accomplished through a statewide referendum.

Constitutional conventions are not cost-effective. Not only are the politically connected delegates well paid, they get to hire staff. There are 189 delegate spots and they all need help. Administrative, legal, and research are just some of the staffing positions that have been filled in past conventions. Then you add per diems, food, transportation, lodging, and printed materials to the bottom line. You can even hire a special consultant or two.

Historians and legal scholars will point to the 1894 convention that brought us the "Forever Wild" amendment, which protects the Adirondacks from development or the 1938 convention that authorized public funds for low-income housing, all of which were important pieces of legislation. Other conventions in 1915 and 1967 produced nothing for the voters.

Legal scholars have also argued that a conclave could develop critical judicial reforms, such as streamlining the court system and adding an amendment that would guarantee legal aid in civil cases. These proponents have an opportunity every year during a regular legislative session to educate the public, in order to galvanize support for specific constitutional amendments to be brought to the voters.

In developing the convention rules, many supporters have stated that there will be checks and balances in the rule making process that will give the power to the people. History has proven that nothing could be farther from the truth.

It has been almost 80 years since a convention has produced any constitutional amendments, be-

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NYS Constitutional Convention is Nothing But a Con


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cause politics has been the poison pill.


There is a less costly and more effective approach to changing our constitution and that is the public referendum process, which has successfully amended the constitution more than 200 times. In fact, the constitution has been amended seven times in the last few years using this process, which included the voters approving casino gambling.

Voters seeking good government solutions can't afford the luxury of another convention. Source: <http://www.smithtownmatters.com/editorial-op-ed/2017/1/10/op-ed-nys-constitutional-convention-a-con.html>

Editor's Note: If anyone wishes to submit for publication an article that provides a counter-point to the above, we would be happy to receive and publish it. Please send your submission to rvillenewsletter@gmail.com



We are pleased to report on the \$45,000 check presented to the Town of Rensselaerville by the Rensselaerville Ambulance as a result of their Revenue Recovery Program. There is no doubt that the Rensselaerville Ambulance has provided this community with a valuable service to support and safeguard the health and well-being of Town residents. For this, we say "Job well done!" Whatever the future holds for this local service, we owe an incredible debt of gratitude to the volunteers who sacrificed untold hours of their time in service to their town.



To say "Thank You" doesn't seem enough, but it is extended with utmost sincerity.



**SKYPE FOR JOB
INTERVIEWS & BEYOND**

DATE: 4/12/2017

TIME: 7:00 PM

**Rensselaerville
Library**

1459 County Route 351
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Registration Required

Call/Email

(518) 797-3949

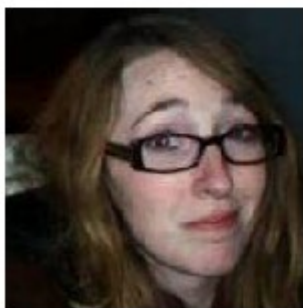
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www.RensselaervilleLibrary.org



Presented by Sarah McFadden, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County

Learn how to set yourself up for successful Skype interviews. Learn and practice the basics of Skype, and get tips for making the long distance interview go as smoothly as possible.

Get a Job! Strengthening Library Partnerships in Workforce Development



This program is supported by funds from the New York State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services Program, in partnership with the Capital Region Workforce Development Board and NYSED's ACCES-VR.



2016 Town Justice Annual Report

Justice Ronald J. Bates

Total Cases:	Vehicle and Traffic	42
	Penal Law	7
	Environmental Conservation	5
	Civil/Small Claims	5
	Public Health Law	0
	<u>TOTAL</u>	59

Total Moneys Collected and Transmitted to Audit and Control

Vehicle and Traffic	\$4,670.00
Penal Law	450.00
Environmental Conservation	0.00
Civil/Small Claims	80.00
Public Health Law	0.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$5,200.00

Justice Dwight Taylor Cooke

Total Cases:	Vehicle and Traffic	27
	Penal Law	6
	Environmental Conservation	2
	Civil/Small Claims	8
	Public Health Law	0
	<u>TOTAL</u>	43

Total Moneys Collected and Transmitted to Audit and Control

Vehicle and Traffic	\$2,707.00
Penal Law	100.00
Environmental Conservation	0.00
Civil/Small Claims	80.00
Public Health Law	0.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$2,887.00

March 2017 Events at the Carey Institute for Global Good

Friday, March 10th: Sensory Evaluation Workshop Part I: Malt Matters! A workshop on malts and malting for brewers. 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Who: Carey Institute for Global Good & Hartwick College

Where: Hartwick College Center for Craft Food & Beverage Lab
1 Hartwick Drive
Oneonta, NY 13820

For directions to campus, [click here](#).

Cost: \$30 and includes food E-mail gback@careyinstitute.org to register.

Sunday, March 12th: Guggenheim Gallery Art Show Reception 1-4 PM

- Five artists will present works illuminating aspects of ancient Irish lore
- Artists include: Charles Burgess, Nora Logan, David Suter, Ann Wlfe, Kae Yamane

Monday, March 20th: Informational meeting on NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program at 7PM

- Carey Institute's Sustainable Communities Program is partnering with Capital District Regional Planning Commission to host an educational and informational meeting on NYSERDA's new Clean Energy Communities Program (CEC)
 - NYSERDA's new CEC program provides communities with tools, resources and technical assistance to implement clean energy actions that help residents save on energy costs, create jobs and improve the environment.
- Robyn Reynolds from the Capital District Regional Planning Commission will give a presentation on the program, how to participate, and related funding opportunities.
- Then, Amy Pokorny will talk about the Town of Knox's experience with the program.
- Event is free and open to local elected officials, community residents, and business owners.

Friday, March 24th: Sensory Evaluation Workshop Part II: Sensory Evaluation & Defect Detection. An exploration of beer flavor and the science behind it. 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Who: Helderberg Brewery Incubator at the Carey Institute for Global Good

Where: Carey Institute for Global Good
63 Huyck Road
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

For directions and a campus map, [click here](#).

Cost: \$30 and includes lunch E-mail gback@careyinstitute.org to register.

Winter Brewery Tap Room Hours: Thursdays & Fridays 6-9PM

- Happy Hour 6-7PM
- Hot food from the Carriage House Restaurant every Friday

About Helderberg Brewery Incubator:

New York State's craft beverage sector is emerging as a driver of local economic development in rural and urban communities across the state. The industry also has the potential to fuel the development of a diversified, value-added small grains system in the Northeast. However, significant investments in research, farmer training and infrastructure are needed to support continued growth of the movement as well as its distinct, place-based quality.

The Carey Institute for Global Good has partnered with the Capital Region's craft beverage community to address these needs. Through educational workshops, local supply chain and market development and the operation of our own farm brewery, we support the development of a farm-to-glass supply chain connecting farmers, malt houses and craft beverage producers across the region.

USED BOOK SALE

RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017

Each year Rensselaerville Library holds a Used Book Sale in May to coordinate with the Rensselaerville Annual Garage Sale Day. Hundreds of gently used books, both hard covers and paperbacks, fiction and non-fiction, will be for sale.

All proceeds go to benefit the Rensselaerville Library.

Featuring a wide variety of books, movies, and music, the Used Book Sale is a great place to pick up that novel that you've always wanted to read or to browse for that book that you never knew that you wanted. Volunteers sort thousands of books by category for easy browsing. Volunteering offers advanced preview of items for sale. Interested in volunteering? Just show up Tuesday through Friday between 4pm and 9pm. Please speak with Kim if you are interested in volunteering the day of the sale.

Tuesday - Friday, May 15-19, from 4pm - 9pm: Volunteers will sort and price items. Donations accepted during these hours. Please NO text books or encyclopedias.

Saturday, May 20th from 9am - 3pm Book Sale.

Saturday, May 20th from 2pm - 3pm Bring a bag and fill it to the brim with books for \$1.

Book Sale Price List

- Adult Hard Covers: \$1.00
- Adult Paperbacks: 50 cents
- Juvenile Hard Covers: \$1.00
- Juvenile Paperbacks: 25 cents
- Audiobooks: \$1.00
- Music CDs: \$1.00
- DVD or BlueRay: \$1.00



Special sales area items priced individually.

Don't forget to check out the Gift Shop area for local Rensselaerville merchandise.

Rensselaerville Library, 1459 County Route 351, Rensselaerville, NY 12147
(518)797-3949



DEALING WITH DIFFICULT COWORKERS

DATE: 5/23/2017

TIME: 7:00 pm

Rensselaerville Library

1459 County Route 351
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Registration Required

Call/Email

(518) 797-3949

Director@

RensselaervilleLibrary.org

for more info

or to register.

www.RensselaervilleLibrary.org



Presented by Evelyn Neale,
Colonie Town Library/Milestones

You got the job, now how do you navigate the personalities in the workplace? It's easy to work with those who are easy to get along with. But how do you treat a difficult person, someone you don't understand or can't relate to? Learn strategies to deal with them and make conflict productive.

Get a Job! Strengthening Library Partnerships in Workforce Development



This program is supported by funds from the New York State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services Program, in partnership with the Capital Region Workforce Development Board and NYSED's ACCES-VR.

Senior Citizens Info

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

The Town of Rensselaerville Senior Citizens meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Medusa Fire House at noon. Anyone 55 years of age and older can join. Dues are \$8.00 a year due in June. We collect \$1.00 a month at the meeting for coffee, milk, etc. Please bring a covered dish to share. We eat promptly at noon and the meeting commences afterward. We have a picnic in August; in November, we have a Thanksgiving dinner at a local restaurant; and in December we have a Christmas dinner also. We have bus trips in the summer and fall. For further information, call Tom Snyder, President, at 239-4376.

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

Additional Important Phone Numbers:

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



POST OFFICE INFORMATION

<http://www.usps.com>

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

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

PRESTON HOLLOW POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-6111
(2930 ROUTE 145 PRESTON HOLLOW, NY 12469)

Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am - 10:30am; 3:00pm - 5:00pm; Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm
Last Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 5:00pm; Sat 12:00pm
Lobby Hours: Mon-Sat 12:01am - 11:59pm

RENSSELAERVILLE POST OFFICE: Phone 518-797-3231
(26 COUNTY ROUTE 353 RENSSELAERVILLE, NY 12147)

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

Questions & Answers Regarding Open Burning

REMINDER!

New York State's ban on open burning is in effect from March 15 to May 15, 2017!

1. Do the regulations on open burning make burning household trash in burn barrels or piles illegal?

Yes. Burning trash is prohibited statewide in all cases. Our existing incinerator rule already prohibits burning household trash in wood stoves, fireplaces, and outdoor wood boilers. DEC recommends that you recycle all appropriate materials (such as newspaper, paper, glass and plastic) and compost your organic kitchen and garden waste.

2. What are the regulations on open burning in New York State?

All open burning is prohibited in New York with several exceptions including the following:

- Campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter are allowed.
- Small cooking fires are allowed.
- Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.
- Only charcoal or clean, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned.
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires are allowed.

In towns with a total population less than 20,000, you may burn tree limbs with attached leaves. The limbs must be less than 6 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length (also referred to as brush). However, this is not allowed from March 16 through May 14 due to the increased risk of wildfires.

4. Can I burn leaves if I live in a rural area?

No, burning leaves is banned in New York State. We encourage you to compost leaves.

5. Your rule says firewood must be untreated, some firewood is heat-treated, is that allowed?

Some firewood is heat treated (kiln dried) to control invasive insect species if it is to be transported over 50 miles. Heat treated firewood is not intended to be prohibited. However, the burning of chemically treated wood such as pressure-treated lumber and plywood is prohibited.

6. Are open fires allowed to control invasive plant and insect species?

Yes. Case-by-case DEC approval is not required.

7. Can agricultural wastes be burned?

Yes, organic agricultural wastes may be burned on-site where they are grown or generated including brush and wood produced by clearing fields and other activities. The fire must be located on contiguous agricultural land larger than 5 acres, and the materials capable of being fully burned within 24 hours.

The burning of pesticides, plastics or other non-organic material is prohibited.

8. Can I burn liquid petroleum fueled smudge pots to prevent frost damage to crops?

Yes. However, burning tires and other wastes for smudge is not allowed.

Source: Taken in part from <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html>



SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL PICNIC

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

TIME: 12 NOON - 5PM

PLACE: PACC – POLISH AMERICAN CITIZEN CLUB
110 COMMERCE AVENUE ALBANY, NEW YORK 12206

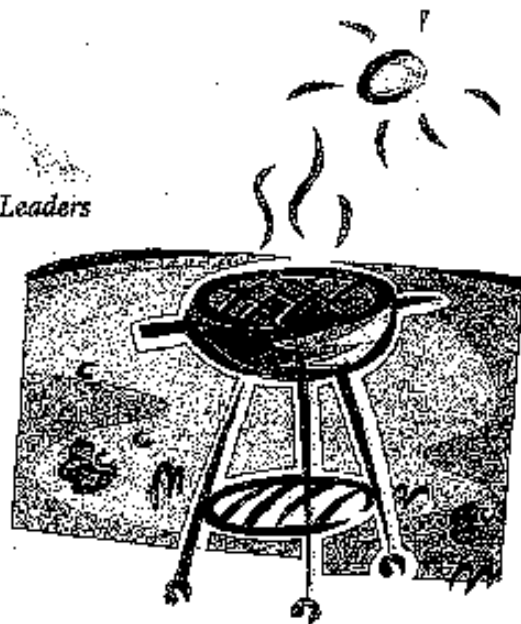
MENU: HOT DOGS, HAMBURGER, CHICKEN WINGS, SAUSAGE AND PEPPERS, FRENCH FRIES, CHOWDER, CORN ON THE COB, POTATOE & PASTA SALADS, BEER AND SODA INCLUDED, SURPRISE DESSERTS.

COST: Adult Ticket - \$20.00
Children (ages 6-12) Ticket - \$10.00
Children (5 and under) - FREE

For Tickets contact your Town Leaders Or Ward Leaders

QUESTIONS: CALL:

ALBANY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC
COMMITTEE OFFICE 438 - 8282
OR COME IN:
MONDAY - SATURDAY 10:00 TO 1:00
10 COLVIN AVENUE SUITE 101



WORD SEARCH!

SPRING CLEANING

FIND AND CIRCLE THE WORDS ON THE LIST...WORDS MAY BE FOUND ACROSS, DOWN, OR DIAGONALLY
 --FORWARDS, BACKWARDS, AND SOMETIMES OVERLAPPING. HAVE FUN!

WORD LIST

- ATTIC
- BACK YARD
- BASEMENT
- BOXES
- BUCKET
- CAR
- CEILING
- CLEAN
- DRYER
- FRONT YARD
- GARAGE
- GARBAGE
- GLOVES
- GUTTERS
- LADDER
- LAUNDRY
- LAWNMOWER
- MIRRORS
- MOP
- ORGANIZE
- PAINTBRUSH
- RAKE
- SHED
- SORT
- SPONGE
- VACUUM
- WATER
- WALLS
- WASH MACHINE
- WINDOW CLEANER

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**HOW NOT TO BLOW
YOUR INTERVIEW**

DATE: 6/28/2017

TIME: 7:00 PM



Presented by Dr. Tom Denham, Careers in Transition

Join us for an interactive discussion on what to do before, during, and after the interview. Participants will realize there are actually eight types of interviews and nine non-verbal interview skills. Come learn about the 13 toughest interview questions.

Don't blow this one; instead, blow them away!

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THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Friday March 3rd 7:30 pm

Saturday March 4th 7:30 pm

Conkling Hall

8 Methodist Hill Road

Rensselaerville, NY 12147

For additional information
and tickets please call

518-669-5150

\$15

ADULT CONTENT

We will be teaming up with local female artist, business owners and Equinox of Albany. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated directly to Equinox.

We will also be accepting new items to help out women in need. Please see Equinoxinc.org for a full list of items needed. Click donate.; click In-Kind giving; click wish list.

RVFD News

- **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 c/o 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.



BREAKFAST AT THE MEDUSA FIRE HOUSE

7:00AM TO 11:00AM

~~September 17, 2016~~

~~October 15, 2016~~

~~November 10, 2016~~

~~December 17, 2016~~

~~January 21, 2017~~

~~February 18, 2017~~

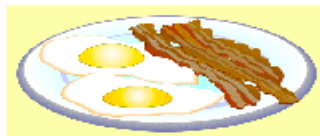
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April 15, 2017

PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPT

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

Free will offering





**RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY'S
12TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION
OF NATIONAL POETRY MONTH**

TODAY'S POEM

Last year, the Rensselaerville Library's Poem-A-Day Project netted 1,250 page views! Again this year, in celebration of National Poetry Month 2017, the Library will feature one poem by a local or not-so-local poet each day for the 30 days of April. After the poem features, it will remain online for the rest of the month. Visit the Library's web site throughout the month to view each new poem.

SCHEDULED EVENTS @ Conkling Hall

Favorite Poem Project – 2-4pm Sunday, April 2

What's YOUR favorite poem? Come read it at the 12th Annual Favorite Poem Project. People of all ages are invited to participate in this Rensselaerville tradition of celebrating Poetry Month. Or just come listen as your friends and neighbors share poems they love. Join in an afternoon of poetry, good company, and refreshments, emceed by Claire North.

Readers may sign up at Conkling Hall beginning at 1:45 pm.
Communities around the country hold Favorite Poem readings as part of the Favorite Poem Project begun by former Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky in 1997.

Conkling Café Open Mic – 7:30pm Friday, April 21

Conkling Café and the Library are collaborating during poetry month so bring out your favorite poems, sonnets, haikus and lyrics to share. All musical genres, spoken word, and performance art are welcome. Equipment is provided.

Come participate watch and listen what your friends and neighbors are creating.

Signup at 7pm to perform.
Open Mic is free with donations accepted.

Rensselaerville Library
PO Box 188
1459 County Route 351
Rensselaerville, NY 12147
518 797 3949
Fax 518.797.5211

For More Poetry Information:
www.rensse-laerville-library.org/poetry-month.html

Conkling Hall is located at
8 Methodist Hill Road
Rensselaerville, NY 12147



The Rensselaerville Library and Huyck Preserve
presents the second annual:



Rensselaerville Ramble

Fun for all
ages!

Age group
awards!

Saturday
June 17,
2017



9:00am
start time

Vendors!
FOREST FESTIVAL
10am-3pm!
Live Animals!

Trail Run and Walk

Starting at Eldridge Research Station

284 Pond Hill Road
Rensselaerville, NY 12147

8 Mile Rabbit Run
5 Mile Salamander Scamper
2 Mile Turtle Trot
600 Meter Wood Duck Dash*
*free for kids under 10



Scan to Register!

Register Online Today!

www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/rensselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk

Learn More: www.facebook.com/RensselaervilleRamble

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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

In 2015 the Library began to prepare for the future and developing a 2017-2020 Long Range Plan. The planning process included community input on library services and facility needs and improvements through a series of planning tools including a survey, focus group and one-on-one discussions. The Library Board of Trustees have completed the plan and it is now available in the Library and on our web site.

We have a new library logo! Thank you to everyone who participated in our survey to help us select the new logo.

Movie Night on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30pm. Please visit the web site for more details. <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/movies.html>

Youth Programs

STEAM – Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am. A multi-level Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math program aimed at a variety of ages. The group/parents will select the next week's topic at the end of each session - the goal is to address the educational needs of children in our community by integrating the disciplines and stimulating young minds.

StoryTime with Movement & Music – Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm, stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This program is designed as an early literacy program aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners. Parents and caregivers this program also provides the opportunity to develop a local social support group.

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

Tween and Teens STEAM Activities – Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm there will be a different program each week of the month.

3/1 – Found object art
3/8 – Writer's Workshop
3/15 – Kitchen Chemistry
3/22 – Cyberbullying
3/29 – Design and Build Projects

Homework Help - Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Please see Lee Ackerman-Sawyer or email youth@rensselaervillelibrary.org

The Library monthly Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21 at 7pm. Board meetings are normally 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 March 9th the group will meet at 7pm in the downstairs meeting room. Come share your work, receive feedback and spend time working on

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your own project.

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*Library Hours: Closed Sunday and Monday
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am – Noon & 4– 9pm
Thursday & Friday: 4– 9pm Saturday: 9– 1pm*



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Middleburgh Library

3/1, 15, 29 - 11:00 AM - Discovery Wednesday's - 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.*

3/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee -

3/1 - "Hacksaw Ridge" (R) - WWII American Army Medic Desmond T. Doss, who served during the Battle of Okinawa, refuses to kill people, and becomes the first man in American history to receive the Medal of Honor without firing a shot. Please be aware that this film is Rated R for intense prolonged realistically graphic sequences of war violence including grisly bloody images. **Free popcorn.**

3/8, 15, 22, 29 - Movies to be announced.

3/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 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 registration required.*

3/4 - 9:00 to 1:00 PM - Essential Oils. Learn more and get started on how to incorporate Essential Oils into your home. We will be covering; Digestive and Respiratory Support, Boosting the Immune System, Balancing Emotions, Natural Skincare, Healthy Ways to Detox and more.

3/7, 14, 21, 28 - 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*

3/7, 14, 21, 28 - 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.*

3/7, 14, 21, 28 - 5:15 PM - Insight Meditation - Join us for a simple group Zazen meditation practice. All are welcome. *No registration required.*

3/8, 22 - 11:00 AM - Discovery Wednesday's - 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.**

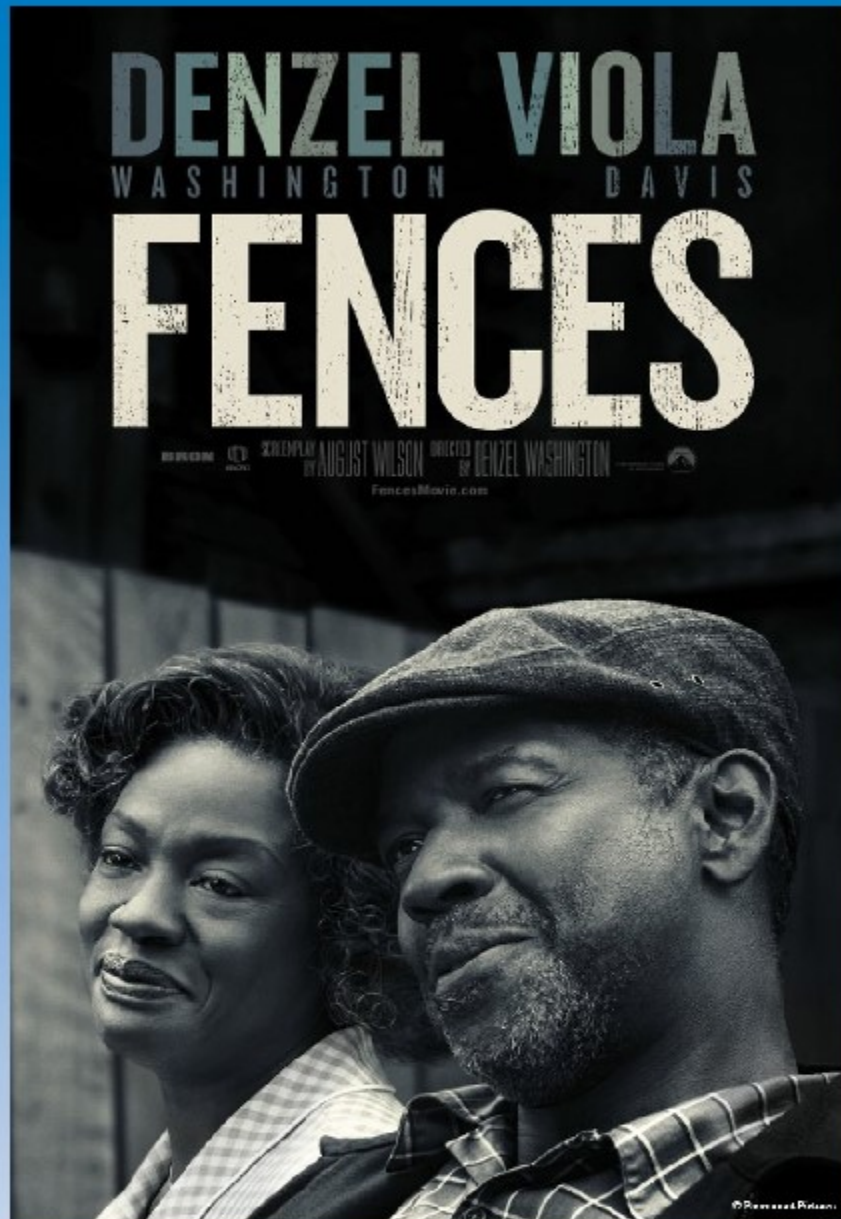
3/8, 22 - 5:00 PM - Kundalini Yoga - Kundalini Yoga involves repetitive movements with the breath, building strength, toning the nerves and clearing the adrenal glands. Wear comfortable clothing and bring 2 blankets or a mat and blanket. A \$5.00 donation is requested. *Please use the back entrance when entering the building. No registration required*

3/11 - 11:00 - 2:00 PM - 8th Annual Crock Pot Cook-Off - Admission - Adults & Children over 5 - \$5.00 Under 5 is free. Beverages 1.00 each. To enter - Free to enter, you must pre-register Setup begins at 10:30 AM (Crock Pot should be hot) Please bring a serving utensil Drawing will be at 2:00 PM. **Prize awarded to each category winner.** Come in and savor the delectable delights prepared by the best cooks in Middleburgh and vote your favorites in each category.

3/13 - 6:30 PM – Board of Trustees Meeting - Our meetings are open to the public. Please join us!

3/14 - 7:00 PM - Concert - Film screening of the Peace Train 2016 with Sharon Katz. Sharon Katz was born in Port Elizabeth, now known as Nelson Mandela Bay, South Africa. In 1993, Sharon rocked the nation with her concert tour, "The Peace Train." "When Voices Meet" had been so successful and so widely publicized that invitations began pouring in from all over the country. To respond to all the re-

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DATE: March 23, 2017

TIME: 6:30 pm

LOCATION:
Rensselaerville Library

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quests, Sharon got sponsors to hire a train – The Peace Train – and took 150 of the performers, her friends Ladysmith Black Mambazo, as well as TV and radio crews on tour throughout the country. At each stop along the route, they performed their concert and encouraged people of all races, cultures, ages and political affiliations to put down their guns and hostilities and to prepare for the country's transition to a peaceful democracy.

3/15 - 7:00 PM - Concert - Sharon Katz & Wendy Quick - Sharon Katz was born in Port Elizabeth, now known as Nelson Mandela Bay, South Africa. As a young teenager during the terrible apartheid era, she used to sneak out to the "Blacks Only" townships by hiding under blankets in the back seat of her friend's car. There, she met with the now-famous actors in Athol Fugard's group, John Kani and Winston Ntshona, and began her lifelong mission of using music to help break down the country's artificially-imposed racial barriers.

Back in 1992, Sharon made history in her home country of South Africa when she formed the country's first-ever, 500-member multi-cultural and multi-lingual performing group and staged the production called "When Voices Meet."

3/18 - 1:00 PM - Cooking by the Vegan Book - "Vegan Bowl Attack" - The Middleburgh Library presents its monthly book club, 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 pick at and we will print up the recipe of your choice. Sign up online or at the circulation desk let us know what you're cooking so we don't have duplicates

3/20 - 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.**

3/21 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion -

Please check our Calendar on our website at 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

Apr 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 28, 31 **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.

Apr 6, 13, 27

Beginner Ballet
Ages 6-8: 4:00–4:30

Ages 3-5: 3:30–4:00

Come learn to dance ballet with Samantha (a teen ballerina). She has been dancing for years and wants to share beginner ballet basics with other little girls. No experience needed. Just Drop in! No registration required. Classes will be held on Thursdays in the large community room.

Supplies: Bring/wear: Any ballet leotard or bodysuit. Optional: ballet slippers (available @ Payless Shoe Store), tights and skirt.

Apr 6, 20

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!

Apr 11, 25

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!

Apr 13 The Greenville Public Library has partnered with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF) to help you file your taxes for free! On April 13, you can schedule an appointment to come to the library and with the guidance of a DTF employee, file your own taxes

Contact Information: Greenville Public Library

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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



Grist Mill News

The Grist Mill Museum will be closed for the winter 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.

On The Calendar

Mar 4 9am-3pm	1st Spring & Easter Rummage Sale	Medusa Church Hall
Mar 5 10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Mar 5 11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Mar 7 7:00pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
Mar 9 7:00pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
Mar 12	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS Spring ahead -- turn clocks ahead	
Mar 12 10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Mar 12 11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Mar 14 12 noon	Senior's Lunch/Meeting	Medusa Fire House
Mar 17	HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY	
Mar 18 7am-11 am	Medusa Fire Company Breakfast All You Can Eat - Free Will Offering	Medusa Fire House
Mar 18 8am-noon	2nd Spring & Easter Rummage Sale • Museum of Medusa History will be open • Eat & Shop in Medusa!	Medusa Church Hall
Mar 19 10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Mar 19 11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Mar 26 10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Mar 26 11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville

Planning Ahead:

May 6 9am-4pm	Medusa Fest • Huge Rummage Sale at the Church Hall • Museum of Medusa History in the Church • Flea market, vendors, BBQ chicken, food & more at the firehouse	
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Please get events to Bill Moore...

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Work: Tues. preceding
monthly mtg
Regular: 2nd Thurs
@7pm

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