

R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, May 9, 2017

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 9th day of May 2017 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WERE: Councilman John Dolce, Councilman Gerald Wood

Also present was Highway Superintendent Randy Bates and one interested citizen.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on May 11, 2017:

April 11, 2017 – Work Meeting

April 13, 2017 – Regular Meeting

TRANSFERS, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS: Transfers, if any, 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. Mirabito sent an email stating that without being considered for the fuel oil, they would be unable to honor the service portion of their bid. Main Care had overlooked the service portion of the bid they submitted, but will honor last year's prices of \$250.00 per unit and an additional labor rate of \$119.0 [sic] /hour (regular time).

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2. The pay increase for the Deputy Water/Sewer Operator will be discussed again at the Regular Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Town Clerk would like to attend the New York State Association of Tax Receivers & Collectors Training Seminar in Lake Placid in June and will need authorization from the Town Board to do so.

2. Town Clerk Kraker has researched the Town's Bulk Mailing Permit and has found that it would be much more cost effective to *not* renew the permit for \$225.00 per year, but to go with the Every Door Direct Mailing service instead, in which no permit is needed. The cost for mailing under the Bulk Mailing Permit is \$225.00 plus \$0.16/piece; the cost for mailing using the EDDM is \$0.17/piece – no permit needed.

3. The deed for the Rensselaerville Park (a.k.a. the "Katherine Huyck Elmore Playground") was never filed when the property was originally donated to the Town. Attorney Fallati will have a Resolution for Thursday's meeting.

HIGHWAY

1. Highway Superintendent Bates reported that the CHIPS funding is \$260,000 this year. The Town had been receiving approximately \$181,000 over the past several years. Last year, approximately \$40,000 was added for the Pave NY Program and this year the Extreme Weather Recovery Program will add another \$40,000.

2. Superintendent Bates also presented the 2017 Highway Agreement which will be addressed again at the Regular Meeting. He noted that the Agreement covers 7.87 miles of roads to be re-surfaced with either moto-pave, hot asphalt and/or chip seal. In order to accomplish resurfacing, preparation work is required. Preparation work usually comes from the general Highway Fund and is performed a year in advance. The following year, CHIPS funding is used to perform the re-surfacing.

The Town has 55 miles of paved roads. Under the rules and regulations of CHIPS funding, the Town is required to have a ten-year life span on each project (with the exception of chip sealing which is five-years). Putting the plan into place, into year number five, and after having to rebuild the bases of some roads because they were in such poor condition, Superintendent Bates said the Town is now well on the way to having each road re-surfaced on the ten-year cycle. The dirt roads will be addressed as needed.

3. Doyle Shaver will be returning as a seasonal, hourly employee again this year, and Lynn Gifford will be joining the force as well. Mr. Gifford is retired, has a Class 'A' CDL license and has experience with construction, trucks, tractor-trailers, and equipment.

OPENING OF BIDS

The opening of the Stand-by Generator re-bids commenced at 7:30 PM. Supervisor Lounsbury opened and read the two bids. The winning bid will be awarded at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

SHARED SERVICES

Supervisor Lounsbury provided the Board with information regarding the proposed County-Wide Shared Services Initiative. A deadline of August 1st has been set for the Town to present their proposals. A Special Meeting should be scheduled to discuss this in more detail.

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Superintendent Bates stated that the Town’s proposals have to be approved by the County, but the State will only fund the savings for one year.

It is also Supervisor Lounsbury’s understanding that if the Town finds it does not want to/or cannot participate in any given section, it would have the opportunity to opt-out of that specific section.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Robert Tanner asked if there could be pressure placed on the Water/Sewer Committee to get the hydrants fixed/replaced.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (3) Lounsbury, Cooke, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (2) Dolce and Wood

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

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The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 11th day of May 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, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WAS: Councilman Gerald Wood

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Albany County Legislator Christopher Smith and ten interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

RONALD HUGHES

Ronald Hughes expressed his concern over a culvert on Kellie Road which he believed the Town is responsible for replacing. Mr. Hughes replaced the culvert himself around 2004, but it has, since then, been filled with stones and silt. The culvert had been there for 30 years without any problems, but he believes that the Town has pitched the road differently now and the culvert can no longer handle the volume of water coming its way. He stated that the water has washed his driveway out and he can no longer get in.

Superintendent Bates responded that he has taken a look at the site and confirmed that there is a 12" pipe there. The 12" pipe is too small to accommodate excessive water flow and during a heavy rain fall it could plug up. In addition, the pipe is 120 feet off of Town property and is the landowner's responsibility.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 Work Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to postpone the approval of the minutes of the April 13, 2017 Regular Meeting due to a discrepancy on the vote (page 5) until the next Town Board Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

TRANSFERS: None

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$55,207.06; Highway Fund - \$29,715.98; Lighting District - \$684.07; Sewer Fund - \$133.01; Water Fund - \$279.23; T&A Fund - \$5,928.02. Total Abstracts - \$91,947.37.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS

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SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Lounsbury reported that the 2016 Annual Update Document was filed and the books are officially closed.
2. A Special Meeting will have to be scheduled to discuss the County Wide Shared Services Initiative.
3. On May 25, 2017 Supervisor Lounsbury and Deputy Supervisor Cooke will be attending a meeting with Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple and Brian Wood to discuss the status of the Emergency Medical Services for the Town. She reminded the Board Members to submit any questions they may have so that they can be addressed at the meeting.
4. Supervisor Lounsbury wished to thank Richard and Ethan Ball of the Schoharie Valley Carrot Barn for donating the flowers for the Veteran's Ring of Honor once again this year.

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

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

ATTORNEY: Any matters will be addressed later in the meeting and during Executive Session.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates stated that he does not want any controversy over the issue with Ronald Hughes, but said there is a right thing and a wrong thing to do and he does not feel that it is in the best interest of the Town to replace Mr. Hughes' culvert. No changes were made to the ditches; the Town simply maintained them.
2. Superintendent Bates has prepared the 2017 Highway Contract which reads as follows:

Town of Rensselaerville
2017 Town Highway Agreement

This agreement made by the Town Highway Superintendent and the undersigned members of the Town Board to be effective as of 5/11/17 through 5/09/18.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that monies levied and collected in the Town of Rensselaerville and received from the State of New York as State Aid shall be expended for the repair and improvement of town highways as follows:

General Repairs: The sum of \$170,000.00 shall be set aside to be expended on primary work and general repairs of Town Highways including culverts and bridges having a span of less than five (5) feet.

Permanent Improvements: The sum of \$259,344.00 shall be set aside to be expended on permanent improvements of Town Highways as follows:

1. Jonesville Road: 2" compacted moto-pave with single chip seal to be placed by Peckham Materials, Corp.; 18 feet in width beginning at Travis Hill Road for a distance of 0.2 miles (Dead End) for a cost of \$10,966.00.
2. Burkhart Road: 2" compacted moto-pave with single chip seal placed by Peckham Materials Corp.; 18 feet in width beginning at State Route 145 for a distance of 0.41 miles and ending at Potter Hollow Road for a cost of \$22,480.00.
3. Smith Road: 2" compacted moto-pave with single chip seal placed by Peckham Materials Corp., 18

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feet in width beginning at Knowles Road for a distance of .055 miles for a cost of \$30,157.00.

4. Kenyon Road: 2" compacted moto-pave with single chip seal placed by Peckham Materials Corp., 18 feet in width beginning at County Route 352 for a distance of 0.6 miles for a cost of \$32,999.00.

5. Arnold Road: 2" compacted hot asphalt placed by Cobleskill Stone Products or Callanan Inc. (*depending on State Contract); 18 feet in width beginning at State Route 145 and ending at State Route 81 for a distance of 1.31 miles for a cost of \$88,677.00

6. Cheese Hill Road: single chip seal placed by Peckham Materials, Corp.; 18 feet in width beginning at State Route 145 and ending at Scutt Road, for a distance of 2.60 miles for a cost of \$27,482.00

7. Smith Road: single chip seal placed by Peckham Materials, Corp.; 18 feet in width beginning at County Route 362 for a distance of 1.70 miles and a cost of \$18,993.00.

Alternate Road: Roney Road: 2" compacted moto-pave with single chip seal placed by Peckham Materials, Corp.; 18 feet in width beginning at mile 0.5 and ending at mile 1.0 (total distance 0.5 miles), for a cost of \$27,415.00.

End of Agreement

*Superintendent Bates noted that if the Town could piggy-back with Albany County, the Town may be able to save approximately \$12,000.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the 2017 Town Highway Agreement as presented by Highway Superintendent Bates; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

3. The Highway Department has almost completed sweeping the roads.

4. Shale has been/or will be placed on Cooley Road, Gulf Road, and the far end of Edwards Hill Road.

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

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

TOWN CLERK

1. Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of April as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$648.50. Paid to the Supervisor - \$414.92 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$15.92; Recycling - \$132.00; Dog Licenses - \$138.00; Building Permits - \$84.00; Zoning - \$45.00. Total: \$414.92

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$21.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$212.58

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$2,821.16 which includes \$45.60 in penalties.

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$866.22 which includes \$8.58 in penalties.

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported one Home Addition Permit for the month of April. (\$10.00 Accessory Building Permit is placed under Zoning Board of Appeals for a Variance/Lot Line Adjustment.)

2. A complaint had been filed regarding trash, tires, and the condition of a mobile home on County Route 354. The owners of the property have been contacted and they have been diligent about cleaning it up. The roof of the mobile home has collapsed and will be dealt with following the clean-up of the grounds.

3. The barn on County Route 354 has finally been taken down.

4. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh wished to thank the Highway Department for obtaining the new road signs for the 911 Emergency System. Also, there are 911 numbers on Chase Lane that are not correct and there is a driveway that needs to be named. Officer Overbaugh added that he has been told through the 911-system that the Town of Rensselaerville is the best in the County for their 911 numbers.

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

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

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Tentative Roll was complete and a copy is available on the website and also at the Town Clerk's Office. Additional Assessor's Office hours are Monday, May 15th and 22nd from 1pm to 3pm; Thursday, May 18th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm; and Saturday, May 20th from 9am to 12pm.

2. Grievance Day is May 23, 2017 from 3pm to 5pm and from 6pm to 8pm.

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

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

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE: None

REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of April: Electronic Waste: 1.18 tons; Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 6.04 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 66.87 tons; Sierra Fibers: 4.76 tons comingled and 5.07 tons old cardboard container; Oil: 21 gallons; Tires: 41

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

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

CURRENT EVENTS

1. The Beautification Committee's Annual Mother's Day Plant & Bake Sale will be held on May 12th from 3pm -7pm, May 13th from 10pm -5pm and May 14th from 9pm -1pm at the Greenhouse in Pres-

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ton Hollow. Hanging baskets, and flower and vegetable plants are available as well as many baked goods.

2. The Rensselaerville Library will host a book sale on May 20th from 9am -3pm to coincide with the Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day; a Cocktail Party will be held at the Carey Center on May 21st from 2pm to 5pm; and the Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run & Walk (co-sponsored by the Library and the Huyck Preserve) will be held on June 17th. They are looking for volunteers and businesses to sponsor the race.

3. The school and library vote will take place on May 16, 2017 from 12pm to 9pm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mirabito sent an email stating that without being considered for the fuel oil, they would be unable to honor the service portion of their bid. Main Care had overlooked the service portion of the bid they submitted, but will honor last year's prices of \$250.00 per unit and an additional labor rate of \$119.00/hour (regular time).

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to accept Main Care's Service Contract and hourly rate; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

2. The Water/Sewer Committee has requested that the Deputy Water/Sewer Operator's pay be raised to \$17.00/hour. After much discussion at the last Board Meeting and Water/Sewer Meeting, it has been agreed upon to accept the Water/Sewer Committee's recommendation.

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to approve the Deputy Water/Sewer Treatment Officer's pay be raised to \$17.00/hour. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

3. At the Work Meeting, Supervisor Lounsbury opened and read the bids for the Stand-by Generator. Both bids were accompanied by a Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate.

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to accept the bid submitted by Joe Hedges Electric for the purchase and installation of the stand-by generator for Town Hall at a cost of \$29,200. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Town Clerk Kraker would like to attend the New York State Association of Tax Receivers & Collectors Training Seminar in Lake Placid in June and will need authorization from the Town Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to authorize Clerk Kraker to attend the training seminar; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

2. Town Clerk Kraker has researched the Town's Bulk Mailing Permit and has found that it would be much more cost effective to *not* renew the permit for \$225.00 per year, but to go with the Every Door Direct Mailing service instead, in which no permit is needed. The cost for mailing under the Bulk Mailing Permit is \$225.00 plus \$0.16/piece; the cost for mailing using the EDDM is \$0.17/piece – no permit needed. There are, however, certain size restrictions, but the limitations are somewhat flexible.

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A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to not renew the Bulk Mailing Permit; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. **[Editor’s Note: No vote was recorded in the minutes.]**

3. Attorney Fallati read the Resolution regarding the Rensselaerville Park Property as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD**

WHEREAS, by deed executed June 5, 1996, the Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve (“Preserve”) conveyed to the Town a parcel of land in the hamlet of Rensselaerville (“Parcel”) for use as a playground, park and for recreational purposes (“Original Deed”); and

WHEREAS, the Original Deed was not recorded in the Albany County Clerk’s Office; and

WHEREAS, the Preserve executed a new copy of the deed on January 3, 2000 (“Second Deed”), set up for counter-signature by the Town Supervisor, which Second Deed was not recorded in the Albany County Clerk’s Office; and

WHEREAS, the Town has continuously utilized the Parcel consistent with the terms of the Original Deed; and

WHEREAS, the Town and the Preserve desire to file with the Albany County Clerk’s Office a properly executed deed for the Parcel;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any deed or related documentation necessary to complete the filing of a properly executed deed for the Parcel with the Albany County Clerk’s Office.

By motion made by Marion Cooke and seconded by Margaret Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 11th day of May 2017 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		
John Dolce, Councilman	X		
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	X		
Gerald Wood, Councilman			Absent

END RESOLUTION

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Jost Nickelsberg wished to express his thoughts on getting money from various bureaucracies within the State that taxpayers pay into and get little out of. Someone, (who could be paid a percentage, for example), could take on the task of trying to get money from the State for specific projects.

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Mr. Nickelsberg also wished to notify the Town that interest rates are going up.

2. Marie Dermody stated that she does not begrudge anyone making good money, but the Town Board has been asking that someone from the Water/Sewer Committee be present for the Regular Meetings, and tonight, there isn't even a report. The wage/salary schedule has already been set at the Organizational Meeting. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that although it has been difficult to get passed, the wage increase has been approved by the Committee and it is money that comes strictly from the Water/Sewer Districts. Also, it has been authorized by the Town Attorney and the Association of Towns as well; it is perfectly legal to do so as it is an hourly position and not a salaried position.

3. Robert Tanner reported that he had spoken to someone from the Water/Sewer Committee and they will be fixing/replacing the hydrants.

4. Linda Styer wished to announce that the Rensselaerville Library will open one hour earlier on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (3:00 pm instead of 4:00 pm) for the months of May and June.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to enter into Executive Session at 8:09 PM for the purpose of discussing litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to authorize the Assessors to carry out the litigation as discussed in Executive Session for both cases. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 9:41PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



June 18, 2017

Rensselaerville Historical Society

The Rensselaerville Historical Society Board of Trustees is pleased to announce our second art show to be held at the Rensselaerville Grist Mill Museum. Doug Riter has volunteered again to curate the show. The theme this year is "Rensselaerville Artists Past and Present". Doug is still in the organizing stage of the show. The opening reception will be July 14 and will run weekends through July 23. Times and artists to be announced at a later time.



NO Party for NY political insiders and special interest groups.

NO Opportunity for Albany insiders to take away our rights & protections.

NO Boondoggle costing hundreds of millions of dollars for no benefit.

NO New York Constitutional Convention!

On Nov. 7, 2017, Vote **NO** NY Constitutional Convention

NoNewYorkConvention.org

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

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

RVFD News

- **IMPORTANT:** Our social number is: **966-0338**. Please update your records. In case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.
- **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.

Update to Town Board Minutes, April 13, 2017

A couple/few years ago, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh had offered to be his own clerk at 50% of the budgeted salary. The Town Board graciously and appreciatively accepted his offer at that time. Relatively recently, however, the Town Board had begun to pressure the CEO/BI to consider hiring a clerk to assist him. He has resisted this move and has not been informed as to why the Board is seeking this change.

At the April 13, 2017, regular Town Board meeting, CEO/BI Overbaugh addressed the Board regarding his accomplishments as serving as his own clerk. The excerpt from his report to the Board as taken from the official minutes of that meeting reads as follows:

“3. Last year there was discussion over Officer Overbaugh serving as his own clerk. He has created a list of duties that he performs in this regard. His [sic] reported that his office has been organized and much has been archived.”

Unfortunately, the minutes do not reflect the contents of the letter that he read to the Board, copies of which he presented to each Board member. Therefore, Mark Overbaugh's letter is reproduced in its entirety on the page 13.

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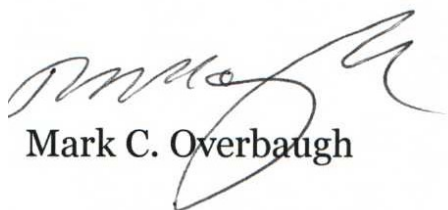
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**Mark C. Overbaugh
New York State Code Enforcement Officer,
Zoning Officer & Building Inspector
Towns of Rensselaerville**

April 13, 2017

To outline some of the duties accomplished serving as my own Clerk within the Building Department at the Town of Rensselaerville:

1. All building design plans for closed permits have been labeled and stored/archived.
2. The binder volumes of parcel histories have been archived.
3. I worked with I.T. concerning 'glitches' with new computer transition.
4. I created inspection check lists for documentation of fire and safety inspections per the new, 2015 updated International Building Code, including necessary research for all new identification numbers for the updated Code.
5. I have given copies, and again, duplicate copies, of all building permits to the Assessor's Department as requested, in addition to the detailed monthly reports distributed.
6. I have loaned all building plans to the Assessor's Department as requested.
7. I organized the bookshelf to the point of redesigning the physical structure of the complete shelving and storage unit.
8. Six file cabinet drawers filled with files of building permits have been organized and sorted into file boxes for permanent storage. (In most cases, this will be considered 'permanent' as records retention for this subject is mandated for 6 years after a building no longer exists).
9. I am still trying to manage the issue of people who do not contact me for final Certificate of Occupancy and Certificate of Compliance inspections.
10. I have brought to completion the fee schedule comparisons of other towns. In addition, I have proposed updated fees for the town of Rensselaerville that would help bring the Town up to date.
11. These activities are in addition to my appointed job title of Code and Zoning Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector. My regular duties are in order and complete.



Mark C. Overbaugh

In My Opinion

To Town of Rensselaerville Residents,

I live on County Route 360 and I mow a lawn on Kellie Road. This spring when it was time to mow, I was unable to get down the driveway because it was washed out. So I went to the town building and asked Highway Superintendent Randy Bates to look at it.

The driveway has been there for 30 years. I replaced the culvert pipe in 2005 or 2006 because the old one was rotted out. All was good until the Town converted Kellie Road from a seasonal road to a year-round road. As a result of this conversion, the Town's highway department pitched the road to the right putting in 6 or 7 run-offs on the right and a 24-inch culvert pipe on the left, halfway down the hill. I absolutely feel that their work on Kellie Road has negatively affected the driveway.

About two weeks went by and I stopped to see if Superintendent Bates looked at it. He said he did and saw what was wrong — my culvert pipe was too small. I have a definite problem with his assessment. It wasn't too small for 30 years until the Town did the work on Kellie Road. Randy Bates told me he didn't see it that way and he was not going to do anything.

So I went to the May 11 Town Board meeting, stated my situation, and got nowhere. No one on the Town Board wants to understand that no problem existed until the highway department's work on Kellie Road. Superintendent Bates arrogantly said that this falls under the authority of his position as highway superintendent and he's made his decision and that's the end of it.

The way I see it now is that the Town can do anything they want to your land in the course of conducting highway work and walk away, forcing you to fix it and deal with the problems they caused. Well, I'm not that guy! I'm not going to settle for that. Superintendent Bates and his highway department made the mess; they need to fix it!

Ron Hughes



Did you know.....

... several Town residents/taxpayers have reported witnessing Town employees helping themselves on a somewhat regular basis to some of the metal that has been left in the metal bin at the Town's transfer station? It is not definitively known whether they are taking this material for their own personal use or to sell it to benefit themselves financially. Nevertheless, if their purpose in doing so is to sell it for personal profit, they are, in effect, stealing from the Town and its taxpayers. The metal items that are deposited in this bin are taken to the Port of Albany to be weighed, resulting in payment back to the Town.

Yes, we strongly believe in recycling and reusing and "repurposing" someone else's trash for one's own occasional personal use; such behavior is commendable. But this practice is unethical if their only purpose in taking this material is to line their own pockets as a result of selling it. We request that Town officials investigate this matter to make sure these persons are not abusing their positions as Town employees at the expense of the taxpayers.



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

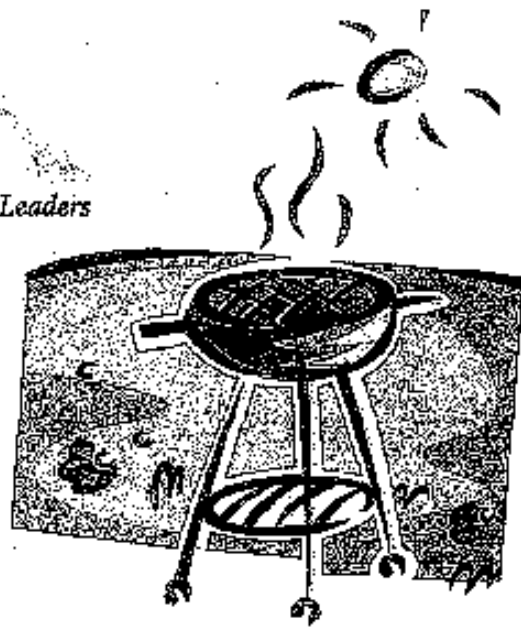
MENU: HOT DOGS, HAMBURGER, CHICKEN WINGS, SAUSAGE AND PEPPERS, FRENCH FRIES, CHOWDER, CORN ON THE COB, POTATOE & PASTA SALADS, BEER AND SODA INCLUDED, SURPRISE DESSERTS.

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



Flag Day

People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. On the same day, the United States Army celebrates its birthday.

Inspired by three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially *established* by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

Check out this website <http://www.military.com/flag-day/flag-etiquette-dos-and-donts.html> for the do's and don'ts associated with Old Glory, the U.S. Flag.



Pastel Society of America Presents: Four Seasons of Trees

with Susan Story, PSA
October 14-15

When trying to capture the beauty of the four seasons, appropriate depiction of trees can greatly enhance our work. The class will explore the graceful gestures of tree trunks and their branches, foliage, colors, textures, shapes, and values. These elements will help to create the mood and seasonal story you are trying to convey. Each participant will paint at least one tree for each of the four seasons. The two-day workshop will include demonstrations and encourage individual attention.

www.susanmstory.com

Contact: psaoffice@pastelsocietyofamerica.org





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Learn to paint more expressively catching the essence of your inspiration. Susan will give demonstrations and give encouraging one on one help to each artist. A materials list will be provided.

*A delicious lunch prepared by Wellington's Tea Room will be included. *Enjoy!*

The Workshop will be **July 21-23th** from 10AM - 4PM

***Please Preregister, fee \$250**

Contact: susanmstory@gmail.com

Wellington's Herbs and Spices

649 Rickard Hill Road, Schoharie, NY 12157, www.wellingtonsherbsandspices.com

Flag Etiquette

When displaying the flag, DO the following:

- Display the U.S. flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaffs in the open. When a patriotic effect is desired the flag may be displayed 24-hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
- When placed on a single staff or lanyard, place the U.S. Flag above all other flags.
- When flags are displayed in a row, the U.S. flag goes to the observer's left. Flags of other nations are flown at same height. State and local flags are traditionally flown lower.
- When used during a marching ceremony or parade with other flags, the U.S. Flag will be to the observer's left.
- On special days, the flag may be flown at half-staff. On Memorial Day it is flown at half-staff until noon and then raised.
- When flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By "half-staff" is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.
- When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union (blue field of stars) to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.
- When placed on a Podium the flag should be placed on the speaker's right or the staging area. Other flags should be placed to the left.
- When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall (or other flat surface), the union (blue field of stars) should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left.
- When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way -- with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.
- When the flag is displayed on a car, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.
- When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.

Quick list of Flag Etiquette Don'ts:

- Don't dip the U.S. Flag for any person, flag, or vessel.
- Don't let the flag touch the ground.
- Don't fly flag upside down unless there is an emergency.
- Don't carry the flag flat, or carry things in it.
- Don't use the flag as clothing.
- Don't store the flag where it can get dirty.
- Don't use it as a cover.
- Don't fasten it or tie it back. Always allow it to fall free.
- Don't draw on, or otherwise mark the flag.
- Don't use the flag for decoration. Use bunting with the blue on top, then white, then red.



Source: <http://www.military.com/flag-day/flag-etiquette-dos-and-donts.html>

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<http://www.usps.com>

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(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

Father's Day Word Find



GIFTS FOR DAD

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Grilling Tools
Hat
Keyring
Mouse Pad
Mug
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Power Tools
Razer
Slippers
Socks
Tie
Wallet
Watch

Kenneth's Army presents the
3rd Annual

Kenneth's Ride

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Music
Door
Prizes

Raffles

BBQ



Registration:

9:00 am Thacher Park
Main Entrance
Pear Orchard

Fees:

\$20 per bike
\$30 with passenger
\$20 walk-ins
\$30 per couple
\$10 ages 13-20
Under 12 FREE

50/50

1st Hundred registered get a free t-shirt
Kickstands up at 11:30 am
Ends at Thacher Park with a BBQ

*** Preregistration from April 1 - May 20 ***

*Ride through the Hilltowns.

Stops at the Voorheesville Road & Gun Club and the Shell Inn.*

Proceeds benefit a Scholarship
Fund for a Berne Knox Westerlo
students furthering their education
in the field of Social Services.

Contact Info:
Claire: 518-368-9812
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Melanie: 518-817-7079

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

Kenneth's Army is a 501 (C)3 organization.

Rensselaerville Ride: From Hill to Hollow

Early bird pricing available now through June 30, 2017!

Sunday, August 20, 2017 — First ride begins at 9:30 AM

Four fully supported rides through the hills and hollows of the Helderbergs:

- 10 mile ride around the hamlet of Rensselaerville
- 24 miles through Rensselaerville and East Berne
- 44 miles through Rensselaerville and Westerlo. Rolling hills and beautiful views of the Catskills
- 64 miles-the ultimate hill to hollow cycle through the Helderbergs

And, a family friendly post-ride festival on the beautiful grounds of the Carey Institute, with live music, BBQ lunch, craft beer and cider, swimming in Lake Myosotis and more!

Hosted by [Helderberg Brewery](#), [Helderberg Outdoor Club](#) and the [Carey Institute for Global Good](#)

Rensselaerville Ride - August 20, 2017



Register for a ride at www.bikereq.com/rensselaervillerride

Library News



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

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

Upcoming Library Events

The **Rensselaerville Ramble: Trail Run and Walk** is planned for Saturday, June 17th. The Ramble is a fundraiser for the Huyck Preserve and the Library. Registration is open and increases after June 7th. For more information, to register, to sponsor or to volunteer follow this link <https://www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/rensselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk>

The Library has a number of **Museum Passes** this year. Borrow the USS Slater Family Pass to tour the USS Slater berthed on the Hudson River in Albany. The American Legion Clarke White Post #589 provided the support to obtain the pass. We also have the Clark, The Old Stone Fort Museum in Schoharie and the Albany Institute of History and Art in Albany. Museum passes are available to check out with your Library card for seven days.

During the months of May and June the Library will be **increasing our hours**. In addition to our morning hours on Tuesday and Wednesday we will be opening at 3:00pm in the evening. We hope that by opening early students will have more access to the resources they need.

Movie Night on Thursday, June 15 and 29 at 6:30pm. Please visit the web site for more details. <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/movies.html>

The Library monthly **Board of Trustees Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20 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 June 8th the group will meet at 7pm in the downstairs meeting room. Come share your work, receive feedback and spend time working on your own project.

Poetry Group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, June 13 and 27. 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.

Job Now! The last workshop in the series to support those looking for a new job or for someone wanting to brush up on their skills.

June 28 at 7pm - **How Not to Blow Your Interview**. 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. Presented by Dr. Tom Denham of Careers in Transition. Literacy Library Services Program, in partnership with the Capital Region Workforce Development Board and NYSED's ACCES-VR.

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Thank you for supporting the Library budget increase and the Book Sale and annual Cocktail Party fundraisers this month.

Youth Programs

Summer Reading Program sign up and activities begin on Saturday, June 17th and will go through Saturday, August 5th. Visit the calendar for the weekly events.

As part of the Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run/Walk on Saturday, June 17th at 10:15am there will be a children's program followed by the free 600 meter Wood Duck Dash at 11am.

Saturday, July 1 children will have the opportunity to visit and read with a local **Therapy Dog**. A good reader takes practice and reading to a therapy dog provides children with a non-judgmental, comforting, furry friend who is attentive to their reading.

Rhyming' Richie at Conkling Hall on Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30pm. Kids will work with Richie Phillips to brainstorm, write, practice and record a song which reinforces positive character traits. Richie Phillips is a veteran radio personality and NYS certified educator/songwriter.

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.

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

Thank you to everyone who supported the Library increase during the recent budget vote.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Sale. If you missed the sale, stop in we still have an assortment of books.

Thank you to everyone for making our Annual Library Cocktail Party fundraiser a success. Special thanks to the Carey Center for Global Good for the hospitality, Jeff and Paul of Medusa Moonshine for the music and everyone who attended and shared an appetizer or dessert.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

June 18, 2017

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Middleburgh Library

Drop-in Storytime - We will not be doing Storytime in June.

6/6, 13, 20, 27 - 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.

6/6, 13, 20, 27 - 5:15 PM - Insight Meditation - Join us for a simple group Zazen meditation practice. All are welcome. *No registration required.*

Discovery Wednesdays - No Discover Wednesdays in June.

6/7, 14, 21, 28 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinees:

6/7 - "The Hunt for the Wilderpeople" PG-13

6/14 - To be determined.

6/21 - "Ghostbusters" PG-13

6/28 - "Allied" (R)

6/12 - 6:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - Public is welcome.

6/14, 28 - 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*

6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 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.*

6/12 - 6:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - Our meetings are open to the public. Please join us!

6/15 - Summer Reading Program Registration Begins. "Build a Better World"

6/17 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM - Summer Reading Program Registration

6/19 - 1:30 to 8:30 PM - Summer Reading Program Registration

6/19 - 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.**

6/22 - 7:00 PM - Concert - "Durham County Poets" - Durham County Poets are from the Chateauguay valley located in Quebec, Canada. Their influences are varied, from blues to folk, from jazz to gospel, with elements of the Band, James Taylor, Jimmy Reed, even some Leon Redbone. Each member brings a different musical background to the band that marries into a sound that has been labeled as soulful folk. Check out their music at their website.

No reservations required. Tickets are available at the door. A \$10.00 donation is suggested.

6/24 - 1:00 PM - Cooking by the Vegan Book - "Vegan Diner" The Middleburgh Library presents its monthly 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 pick at and we will print up the recipe

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of your choice.

Sign up online or at the circulation desk, let us know what you're cooking so we don't have duplicates. **Registration is required.**

Not all of June's programs have been scheduled at time of printing. 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*

Durham County Poets

The Not So Quiet Concert Series

7:00 PM
THURSDAY
June 22

Suggested donation \$10

CLICK FOR MORE INFORMATION

This event is made possible (in part) with public funds from the Decentralization Program and the MYS Council on the Arts, administered through the Community Arts Grants Program by the Greene County Council on the Arts.



Grist Mill News

Grist Mill Open for Summer
The Grist Mill Museum will be open on Wednesdays
from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.
until mid-October.

Library News

Greenville Library

June 2, 6, 9

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.

June 1, 8, 15

Beginner Ballet

Ages 3-5: 3:30–4:00
Ages 6-8: 4:00–4:30

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.

June 7

Book Club

6:30-7:30pm

To be held in the Large Community Room. June's book will be *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. Discussion will be led by Melissa Palmer, Greenville HS English Teacher. People should come having already read the book.

June 13, 20, 27

Yoga/Meditation

7:00-8:30pm

July 11, 18

The class will be held at the SRV Retreat Center. Instructor for this class, Bruce Hilliger, has been studying and practicing many styles of Yoga since 1968. He teaches a form called Ananta Yoga, a combination of meditation and yoga postures. This yoga is filled with slow and sustained poses that help both stretch and loosen tightness in the body and facilitates easy breathing and meditation. This class is meant for people of all types of body descriptions, the young and old, and varying degrees of physical health. Some restrictions are there though. Contact Bruce if you have any questions please. Call the Greenville Library at 518-966-8205 or stop in to Register

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

Hours: Monday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Wednesday: 9:00am - 8:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am - 6:00pm
Friday: 12:00pm - 5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday: Closed



DATE: Thur. June 29, 2017

TIME: 6:30 pm

**LOCATION:
Rensselaerville Library**

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DATE: Thur. June 15, 2017

TIME: 6:30 pm

**LOCATION:
Rensselaerville Library**

Rensselaerville Library New Hours For May and June 2017

In an effort to make the library more accessible to students after school, the Rensselaerville Library will be opening one hour earlier on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for the months of May and June. Our new hours for Tuesday and Wednesday will be: 10:00am-Noon and 3pm-9pm. The new library hours are listed below.

This change is currently only for the months of May and June of this year. The Library Board will look at the impact of this change as it makes future decisions regarding library hours.

We look forward to seeing you!

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

10:00am - Noon

3:00pm - 9:00pm

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

4:00pm - 9:00pm

SATURDAY

9:00am - 1:00pm

Closed on Sunday, Monday and Holidays



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**Registration
Required**

Call/Email

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for more info

or to register.

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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!

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.

Race or pace through the woods

During the Rensselaerville Ramble and Forest Festival on June 17

WHAT: Second Annual Rensselaerville Ramble and Forest Festival

WHEN: Saturday, June 17

WHERE: Eldridge Research Center 284 Pond Hill Rd., Rensselaerville, NY

Email: Ramble@huyckpreserve.org

Call: Huyck Preserve 518-797-3440; Rensselaerville Library 518-797-3949

RENSSELAERVILLE, NY - Hike the Huyck at the speed you like during the Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run and Walk on Saturday June 17. Then party the day away at the Huyck Preserve's second annual Forest Festival.

"The Ramble is a fun run. There are awards for the best times, but it's not super-competitive," says Emileigh Tanner, race coordinator for the Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve. Participants walk or run for 2, 5 or 8 miles along the Partridge Path trails, the newest section of wooded nature trails at the Preserve. The \$25 entry fee includes a race t-shirt, ramble bag, and swimming privileges in the preserve's pristine lake the day of the event, and will also be entered into a raffle to win prizes from local businesses. Register online at Race Entry or by picking up a paper form at the Rensselaerville Library. Registration fees increase to \$30 after June 7. The Ramble begins at 9 a.m. at 284 Pond Hill Road. Proper attire for the weather and sturdy footwear are recommended. Food will be available to ramblers and volunteers.

Children ages 10 and under can run for free in the 600-meter Wood Duck Dash. Kids can also participate in the Rensselaerville Library's kids program and see live wild animals during the Forest Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 284 Pond Hill Road. The festival includes: vendors, local farm-fresh food and local craft brew samples, and live music by [Red Haired Strangers](#). Then, from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m., a bonfire is planned at Lake Myosotis on Pond Hill Road, with s'mores. Guests are invited to bring their own picnic (limited charcoal grills available).

This is the Second Annual Rensselaerville Ramble and Forest Festival. Last year's race drew 100 ramblers from all over the Capital Region. It raised more than \$1,500 for the Huyck Preserve and the Rensselaerville Library. Ramble director and library board member Linda Styer came up with the idea for the joint fundraiser in 2016. "The Partridge Path trails at the Huyck Preserve are perfect for trail running. I often thought that 'someone should organize a trail run on these trails'. When I became a library board member and we were discussing new fundraisers, I knew that 'someone' should be me. I have been very lucky to work closely with staff at the library and the preserve to put this event together. We are working hard to make this year's event even better than last year"

Learn more at: www.facebook.com/RensselaervilleRamble Register at: www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/rensselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk

See registration form on page 41.



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

Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run and Walk

Saturday June 17, 2017 9:00am Start



Co-hosted by the Huyck Preserve & Rensselaerville Library
 Proceeds will be shared between these organizations



Location

Eldridge Research Center, 284 Pond Hill Road
 Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Course Description A 2, 5, or 8 mile run/walk on the beautiful trails of the Huyck Preserve in the scenic hamlet of Rensselaerville, NY. The 2 mile course is run on trails with easy footing. The 5 and 8 mile courses have some sections with roots, rocks and other obstacles. Course maps available at <https://www.raceentry.com/race-maps/rensselaerville-ramble-trail-run-and-walk>

Find us on Facebook
 'Rensselaerville Ramble'

Register by Mail or on Race Day

Fill out & mail form with check \$20.00 if postmarked by May 7
 \$25.00 if postmarked by June 7
 \$30.00 after June 7 or on race day

New For 2017: Teams!
 Gather 5-10 people to walk/run the same distance. Pick team name and captain. Register as a 'team' at RaceEntry.com

Packet Pick-Up

Fri 6/16/17, 4-9pm 1459 CR 351 Rensselaerville Library
 Sat 6/17/17, 7:30-8:30am Eldridge Research Center

Register Online at RaceEntry.com

Click on 'Find Races' & search for Rensselaerville Ramble

Race t-shirts provided to all participants registered by 6/7/17.
 Those registering after this date are not guaranteed a t-shirt.

Awards (for each distance)

Top Male & Female Finisher
 Top Males & Females in each age group; Team Awards

Stay After the Run for the...
Huyck Preserve Forest Festival Sat 6/17, 10a-3p
<http://www.huyckpreserve.org/forest-festival--trail-run.html>

FREE 600 meter 'Wood Duck Dash' for kids age 10 and younger. Starts at 11:00am. No registration fee, no T-shirt

Questions? Contact us at ramble@huyckpreserve.org or 518-797-3440 (Huyck Preserve) or 518-797-3949 (Library)

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

I plan to: ___Run___Walk, in the: ___2 mile 'Turtle Trot'___5 mile 'Salamander Scamper'___8 mile 'Rabbit Run'

Name _____ Emergency Contact Name _____

E-mail _____ Emergency Contact Number _____

Address _____ Date of Birth _____ Age on Race Day _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ Adult Shirt Size (Circle One): SM MED LG XL XXL

Phone _____ Gender _____ No shirt please, use the extra \$ to support the library & preserve!

Payment (check one): ___\$20 before 5/7/17, ___\$25 from 5/8/17 to 6/7/17, ___\$30 after 6/7/17

Additional donation to Rensselaerville Library \$ _____ or the Huyck Preserve \$ _____ **Total \$ _____**

Please make checks payable to: Rensselaerville Library (Rensselaerville Ramble in memo line)

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

Signature _____ (if under 18 parent/guardian must sign)

Please return this form and payment to the Rensselaerville Library, PO Box 188, 1459 County Route 351, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

Rensselaerville Library

Sunday, JULY 23

Music Workshop



with **Black Mountain
Symphony**
10:00am - 1:00pm

Three mini workshops with members of the band.

- **Business of Making Music** – How to get gigs, make a recording and sell your music.
- **Storytelling through Music** – How to craft songs that pull at the heart strings.
- **Music and Nature** – Rhythm & harmony in water, wind, bird songs etc.

We hope you plan to stay for all three consecutive workshops but if you can't please indicate which ones you will attend. We expect each will run about 45 minutes. The workshops are FREE for students grades 4-12 and there is a \$10 fee for adults. Registration is required so that we may plan accordingly. There will be breaks between each workshop and refreshments.

Black Mountain Symphony is providing a free concert on Saturday, July 22 at 7pm behind the Library. For more information on the band and members please visit <http://blackmountainsymphony.com/>

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RABIES CLINIC SCHEDULE – 2017

The following series of Rabies Vaccination Clinics for dogs, cats, and ferrets has been arranged by the Albany County Department of Health in cooperation with the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society.

All dogs, cats, and ferrets must be on leashes or in carriers.
A record of prior vaccination will be required for a three-year immunization-certification.
If no record is presented, a one year vaccination certification will be issued.
All clinics are open to any Albany County resident.

Any inquiry can be directed to Division of Environmental Health Services (518) 447-4620 or 447-4625.

Tuesday **June 6, 2017** ** 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Bethlehem Town Park
Elm Avenue - Bethlehem
Times: 4:00 - 5:30 pm for cats and ferrets
5:30 - 7:00 pm for dogs

Saturday **September 9, 2017** 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Village of Colonie Municipal Garage
2 Thunder Road - Colonie
Times: 1:00 - 2:30 pm for cats and ferret
2:30 - 4:00 pm for dogs

Saturday **November 4, 2017** 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Village of Green Island
Public Works Garage
Cohoes Avenue - Green Island
Times: 1:00 - 2:30 pm for cats and ferret
2:30 - 4:00 pm for dogs

DONATION: \$8.00 PER ANIMAL



On the Calendar

June 4	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
June 4	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
June 6	12:45-1:45	Senior Nutrition Program Talk will begin after the 12:00 lunch. Contributions of \$3 for lunch are appreciated, but no one will be turned away due to inability to contribute. Please call Linda at 872-0940 or email at lilwolf54@twc.com the day before. Must be 60+ years old to participate. (Location: Senior Center, 1360 Helderberg Trail, Berne	Berne
June 6	7:00pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
June 8	7:00pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
June 11	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
June 11	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
June 13	12 noon	Seniors Luncheon & Meeting	Medusa Fire House
June 14		FLAG Day	
June 18		HAPPY FATHERS DAY	
June 18	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
June 18	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
June 20	7:00pm	Democratic Social Club Meeting	Shell Inn Rensselaerville
June 21		FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	
June 25	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
June 25	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
June 27	7:00pm	Democratic Caucus	Medusa Fire House
Planning Ahead:			
Aug 5		Medusa Annual Garage Sales Day - Details to follow	

Please get events to Bill Moore...
 by phone – 239-4843;
 by e-mail – whmoore44@yahoo.com; or
 by mail to: 11 CR 351, Medusa, NY 12120



Contact Information for Elected Officials & Department Heads

Position	Name	Email Address	
Town Supervisor Hours: M-F :9a.-12pm	Valerie Lounsbury	vlounsbury@rensselaerville.com townsupervisor@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339	
Town Councilwoman	Marion Cooke	mcooke@rensselaerville.com	
Town Councilman	John Dolce	jdolce@rensselaerville.com	
Town Councilwoman	Margaret Sedlmeir	msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com	
Town Councilman	Gerald Wood	gwood@rensselaerville.com	
Town Justices Court: Mondays, 7pm	Ronald Bates Dwight T. Cooke	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339	
Supervisor's Clerk	Linda McCormick	clerk1@rensselaerville.com	
Town Clerk Hours: M-W: 9am-3:30pm Th: 1:30pm-6:30pm or by appointment F: 9am-12pm	Victoria Kraker	townclerk@rensselaerville.com vkraker@rensselaerville.com	
Highway Superintendent	Randy Bates	rbates@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339	
Highway Superintendent Clerk	Kim Welsch	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339	
Assessors Clerk Hours: M-Th: 9am-12pm Assessor Hours: M: 1pm-3pm Th: 6:30pm-8:30pm	Donna Kropp Jeffry Pine Kathryn Wank	assessors@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339	
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer Office Hours: Th: 8am-10am Th: 7pm-9pm	Mark Overbaugh	codeenforcement@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339	
Planning Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Th @ 7:30pm	Richard Amedure	spfleging@rensselaerville.com	
Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings: 1st Th @ 6:30pm	Anthony Guadagno	spfleging@rensselaerville.com	
Board of Ethics	Mary Anne Overbaugh	ethicsboard@rensselaerville.com	
Dog Control Officer	Cheryl Baitsholts	Phone: 728-8082	
Refuse/Recycling Coordinator Refuse Station Hours: W, Sa: 7am-3:45pm	Jon Whitbeck	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339	
Town Hall		Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798 Fax: 239-6339	
Albany Co. Hwy Dept. 239-6715; 239-6710 Town Meetings: Work: Tues. preceding monthly mtg Regular: 2nd Thurs @7pm	Sen. George Amedure 46th District LOB, Room 802 Albany, NY 12247 455-2350; Fax: 426-6751 Amedure@nysenate.gov	Assemblyman Peter Lopez 102nd District LOB, Room 402 Albany, NY 12248 455-5363 LopezP@nyassembly.gov	County Legislator Chris Smith 39th District Alb Co Office Building 112 State Street Albany, NY 12207 447-7168; (H) 447-7117

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As always, we ask that you make a copy or two of this newsletter to share with friends and neighbors who may not have Internet access. Our readership continues to grow, but we invite others to sign on by sending their email address to rvillenewsletter@gmail.com. We look forward to getting your feedback.



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