

# R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, August 10, 2017

### DRAFT MINUTES THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 10, 2017 7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 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, Investigator Amy Kowalski from the Albany County Sheriff's Department, and eight interested citizens.

#### AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Mary Pacey read a letter she had written to the Town Board as follows:

"Dear Supervisor Lounsbury and Members of the Rensselaerville Town Council:

I am writing to follow up on my letter to you of September 19, 2016. I wrote to you with a petition signed by approximately 40 Preston Hollow residents requesting your assistance and support for a move to get the speed limit reduced from 40 to 30 mph through the village. I have not received a response to my letter although I saw in the minutes from the October meeting that it was discussed and that there was a recommendation that the Supervisor look into the matter. I have not seen any further mention of the issue in subsequent council minutes.

I spelled out the rationale for a speed reduction and refer you to my original letter and the one I sent to the DOT which I attached last September, but it primarily comes down to safety issues. 40mph is excessive for a Main Street/residential area anywhere in the country. It does seem that there has been some increase in highway patrol presence but it does not appear that this has produced results. I spoke to an officer this morning who stated that he was stationed at Arnold Road yesterday for about

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an hour and stopped 5 vehicles going just under 50mph. He issued a warning but no tickets. This is consistent with the last DOT study which found the majority of motorists were exceeding the 40mph limit.

I believe that a speed reduction with strict enforcement is necessary and that if the Town Council would take an active role this could be accomplished. Thank you.

Sincerely, Mary Pacey

End Letter

Discussion ensued over different experiences residents have had with vehicles exceeding the speed limit. The poor condition of the sidewalks also poses a problem and will, on occasion, be cause for individuals to walk in the road.

Ms. Pacey feels that with the support of the Board, something can be done.

Superintendent Bates has offered to repair the sidewalks, but they must be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. He feels most of the sidewalk can be improved. He will look into the project and report his findings at the next meeting.

2. Investigator Amy Kowalski announced that an event to raise awareness of the heroin epidemic is being sponsored by the Albany County Sheriff's Department in conjunction with Catholic Charities of Albany and will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Voorheesville High School from 6-8 PM.

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 Work Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2017 Regular Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

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

**TRANSFERS:** None

**ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS:** General Fund - \$70,122.70; Highway Fund - \$48,987.23; Lighting District - \$692.12; Sewer Fund - \$172.27; Water Fund - \$126.85; T&A Fund - \$5,891.51; Total Abstracts - \$125,992.68

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Covered above

### **REPORTS**

#### **SUPERVISOR**

1. Supervisor Lounsbury reported that the 2018 budget request letters have been sent out and some have already been returned.
2. Clerk I, Bookkeeper, Linda McCormick has been working on setting up the Direct Deposit and hopes to have it up and running in September.

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A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the Supervisor's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

**ATTORNEY:** No report, but Attorney Fallati has matters to discuss later in the meeting.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

1. The Highway Department will be chip-sealing 6.3 miles of road next week. That will conclude the work performed using the CHIPs funding. This year a total of 7.6 miles of highway will have had substantial improvements made – all with the CHIPs Program funding of \$260,000.

2. The Highway had trued and leveled all of Miller Road and 3/10 of a mile of Gifford Hollow Road and will continue truing & leveling roads in preparation for next year.

3. Pond Hill will be paved from Route 85 up to the Carey Center.

4. Superintendent Bates has chosen Dusty (Charles) Welsch to perform the duties of the Deputy Highway Superintendent, filling the shoes of retired Deputy E. David Potter.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to appoint Charles Welsch to the position of Deputy Highway Superintendent; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

*(Superintendent Bates wishes to discuss the position of Time-Keeper during the upcoming Union Contract negotiations.)*

5. Superintendent Bates noted that Richard Rooney has served the Town well as a seasonal employee for four summers and he would like to hire him as a full-time employee.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to hire Richard Rooney for the position of Operator to fill the vacancy created by E. David Potter's retirement. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Highway Superintendent's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 July as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$1,072.51. Paid to the Supervisor - \$1,000.67- the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$73.41; Recycling - \$171.50; Dog Licenses - \$147.00; Building Permits - \$588.76; Zoning - \$20.00. Total - \$1,000.67

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

Fees paid to NYS Department of Health for one Marriage License: \$22.50

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$28.34

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$1,169.98 which includes \$13.22 in penalties.

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$639.28 which includes \$9.19 in penalties.

2. Town Clerk Kraker reported that the Town Clerk's Office has been updating the Town website's Business Directory and asked that if anyone knew of a business owned by a Town of Rensselaerville .

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taxpayer who may wish to have that business added to the website, to please contact the Town Clerk's office

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

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

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

1. As Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh was not in attendance, Supervisor Lounsbury read the written report he submitted as follows:

Two Accessory Building Permits; one Deck Permit; one Home Addition Permit; one New Home Construction Permit; and one Home Replacement Permit were issued. \$588.76 was collected.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's written report; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 is working on completing the sales report so it is up-to-date and can be submitted for the upcoming school taxes.

2. The Assessor's Office is working on their budget request and will begin preparing for the 2018 tax roll.

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

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

### **WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE**

Town Clerk Kraker summarized a written report submitted by Water/Sewer Operator John Rice as follows:

The sand in the slow-sand filter was replaced on June 1<sup>st</sup>. A 6" layer of activated carbon was added to form a 'carbon sandwich'. The previous sand depth was measured to be only about 24". Now along with the activated carbon, a depth of 36" was achieved.

THM and HHA levels, (both by-products of chlorination), look encouraging.

Councilwoman Cooke further explained, gathering information from Operator Rice's report, that the maximum contaminant level for THM is set at 80 parts-per-billion and the level for HHA is set at 60. The latest reading in June for THMs and HHAs came in at 25 and 10.5 respectively; while in April of 2016, the readings were 40.6 and 63, respectively.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to accept the Water/Sewer Committee's written report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

### **REFUSE/RECYCLING**

1. As Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck was not in attendance, Supervisor Lounsbury read his written report as follows: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 3.8 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 69.42 tons; Sierra Fibers: 5.3 tons comingled; 5.2 tons old cardboard container; Oil: 22 gallons; Tires: 50

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

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

**CURRENT EVENTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Councilman Dolce updated the Board regarding the standby generator. The Highway Department performed the excavation work for the tank and pad. The generator is here and is being stored in the garage; the concrete pad has been poured and the propane tank is scheduled to arrive next week. There was some miscommunication regarding the trenching, therefore, Central Hudson will be coming out to clarify the work order. It is still estimated that the generator will be operational by the end of next week.

2. It is going to take some time to get the fee schedule updated and passed. The Zoning portion of the fee schedule was done by Local Law, but the Town Clerk and Recycling fees were not. Attorney Fallati will be looking into this. In the meantime, it is the consensus of the Board members to review the proposed fee schedule when Code Enforcement/Building Inspector Overbaugh is present and can participate in the discussions.

3. A lengthy discussion ensued over the County-Wide Shared Services Initiative. Neither Supervisor Lounsbury, Deputy Supervisor Cooke, nor Superintendent Bates, who have all attended meetings in this regard, is clear on what is going to happen. There are many questions such as how to handle, and what the consequences would be, with opting-in vs. opting-out, for example. There are many, many other questions Supervisor Lounsbury and Superintendent Bates have, but the Draft of the Initiative is very ambiguous and if things are open to interpretation, anything could happen. Unfortunately, no one at the Rockefeller Institute of Government or otherwise is able to offer any answers to any of the questions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. The Highway Department has asked that they be compensated for the \$300 increase (from \$6,850/\$13,700 to \$7,150/\$14,300) in the maximum out-of-pocket expenses that has come with the health insurance renewal for the upcoming year. The Board does not feel obliged to cover this increase as the Town already pays the high deductibles of \$5,000/\$10,000 per employee.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to not give the extra \$300 for the increase in the out-of-pocket expenses; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Wood.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to renew the MVP Liberty Bronze II health insurance policy which will become effective September 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wood.

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

2. The Town of Westerlo has requested the use of the Senior Bus on October 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM to transport individuals from the Westerlo Town Park to the Town of Westerlo's Heritage Museum and back again for the grand-opening of the museum.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to loan the Senior Bus to the Town of Westerlo pending a volunteer driver to transport individuals from the Westerlo Town Park to the Town of Westerlo's Heritage Museum for their grand opening on October 6, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

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### AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Ernie Kuehl questioned if health insurance was covered in the Shared Services Initiative. Supervisor Lounsbury noted that the different Union Contracts may pose a problem and Councilwoman Cooke noted that as it stands now, municipalities and school districts must have 50 or more employees.
2. Councilwoman Sedlmeir wished to comment on how beautiful Arnold and Kenyon Roads are now.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to enter into Executive Session at 8:22 PM for the purpose of litigation and an employee matter. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to return from Executive Session at 8:54 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Wood.

*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

**BREAKFAST  
AT THE MEDUSA FIRE HOUSE**

7:00AM TO 11:00AM



**September 16, 2017**

**October 21, 2017**

**November 18, 2017**

**December 16, 2017**

**January 20, 2018**

**February 17, 2018**

**March 17, 2018**

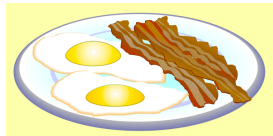
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PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT YOUR  
LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

**Free will offering**



## 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.

Our senior picnic will be AUG.8TH at Westerlo Town Park, Sign up by Aug 1 and dues must be paid.

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

Hello,  
September!

## Grist Mill News

The Grist Mill Museum will be open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until the middle of October. Then the Research Group will move to the basement of the Library for winter months. You can get help on research questions by emailing [rensselaervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com](mailto:rensselaervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com).





**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](http://www.susanmstory.com)

Contact: [psaoffice@pastelsocietyofamerica.org](mailto:psaoffice@pastelsocietyofamerica.org)



**POST OFFICE INFORMATION**

<http://www.usps.com>

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

**Retail Hours:** Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm; Sat 7:30am - 11:15am

**Last Collection Hours:** Mon-Fri 4:15pm; Sat 11:15am

**Lobby Hours:** Mon-Fri 7:30am - 5:00pm; Sat 7:30am - 11:30am

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

**Retail Hours:** Mon-Fri 8:30am - 10:30am; 3:00pm - 5:00pm; Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm

**Last Collection Hours:** Mon-Fri 5:00pm; Sat 12:00pm

**Lobby Hours:** Mon-Sat 12:01am - 11:59pm

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

**Retail Hours:** Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 11:00am

**Last Collection Hours:** Mon-Fri 4:15pm; Sat 11:30am

**Lobby Hours:** Mon-Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 11:30am



## 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.

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**



## 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.

# 4th Friday Street Festival

**Festival Activities Held Throughout the Village**

Live open-air music • Farmers' market • Free kids' activities  
Dinner specials • Tap room specials • Longer shop hours • Live animals

**May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22**  
**5:30pm until Dark**

## **Dr. Best Museum** **CRUISE-IN**

**Cars, Trucks, Bikes, Vintage, Rat-Rods, Custom, Muscle ...**

**If it has wheels, it's got  
a place at this cruise-in!**



**FREE admission**  
**No registration**  
**Prize drawings each event—**  
**All participants bringing a cruise-in**  
**vehicle entered for FREE!**

**DR. BEST**  
**HOUSE & MEDICAL MUSEUM**

1568 Clauverwie, Middleburgh, NY 12122  
(518) 827-7200



## 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
<b>Albany Co. Hwy Dept.</b> 239-6715; 239-6710  Town Meetings: Work: Tues. preceding monthly mtg Regular: 2nd Thurs @7pm	<b>Sen. George Amedure</b> 46th District LOB, Room 802 Albany, NY 12247 455-2350; Fax: 426-6751 Amedure@nysenate.gov	<b>Assemblyman Peter Lopez</b> 102nd District LOB, Room 402 Albany, NY 12248 455-5363 LopezP@nyassembly.gov
		<b>County Legislator Chris Smith</b> 39th District Alb Co Office Building 112 State Street Albany, NY 12207 447-7168; (H) 447-7117

# Town of Rensselaerville Democratic Social Club Annual Picnic

*Sunday ~ September 10, 2017*  
*Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park Pavilion*  
*Preston Hollow, NY*  
*1:00 PM - 4:00 PM*



- Invited guests include:
- Craig Apple, Sheriff
  - Bruce Hidley, County Clerk
  - Dan McCoy, County Exec.

**Please bring a covered dish to share.**

*Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, & camaraderie!*

**Everyone is welcome, regardless of party affiliation!**



## 2017 NYS Constitutional Convention

### Broad, diverse and unprecedented coalition of more than 100 organizations announces opposition to a constitutional convention

***Coalition asserts that a convention would be a boondoggle that only benefits corrupt Albany insiders while hurting everyday New Yorkers***

**Albany, New York** – A coalition of organizations, broad and diverse in both its geography and ideology, today announced a new coalition, New Yorkers Against Corruption (NYAC). The coalition will run a multifaceted campaign to educate voters about the potentially destructive impact that a Constitutional Convention would have on New Yorkers.

New Yorkers Against Corruption (NYAC) is an unprecedented alliance of progressive activists, conservatives, environmentalists and labor organizations. It is likely the first time in state history that these groups have galvanized their grassroots advocates for the same cause. This fact is emblematic of how disastrous the referendum's passage would be to New York.

"The prospect of a constitutional convention touted by idealists is a complete fraud. We know nothing about the framework of a convention – How much will it cost? What are the rules to run as delegates? Which issues will be considered? How will Albany insiders ensure transparency? There is a total lack of information," said **Jordan Marks, Campaign Manager for NYAC**. "That is why over 100 organizations – representing millions of people from throughout New York – formed NYAC. We, the people of New York, have zero interest in writing a blank check for corrupt Albany insiders to throw themselves a multi-year party."

**For more information: [NYAgainstCorruption.com](http://NYAgainstCorruption.com) | [NoNewYorkConvention.org](http://NoNewYorkConvention.org)**

"Women have struggled for decades to have a seat at the table and this process will not be inclusive, making it vulnerable to powerful special interests that do not stand for the people of New York, especially those already underrepresented," said **Robin Chappelle Golston, CEO of Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts**.

"A constitutional convention will be a taxpayer funded, \$300 million boondoggle that will only award corrupt Albany insiders, not hardworking, everyday New Yorkers," said **Tom King, President of New York State Rifle and Pistol Association**. "Corrupt politicians and their friends and family members will end up being elected as delegates. I am sure their first goal will be to attack our rights."

"I have a responsibility to advance policies that protect the rights of 2.5 million working people and their families," said **Mario Cilento, President of New York State AFL-CIO**. "A Constitutional Convention would give well-funded special interests the ability to control a process that can negatively impact those rights including the right to organize, funding for education, and care for injured workers. Our teachers, firefighters, nurses and all hard working New Yorkers deserve better."

"I experienced the Constitutional Convention in 1967 and it was a disaster. Establishment politicians and Albany insiders will hijack the process and abuse their power as delegates," said **Michael Long, Chairman of the New York State Conservative Party**. "Further, a constitutional convention will cost New Yorkers hundreds of millions of tax dollars. There is already a process in place to change the New York State constitution. That is why we have four new casinos coming to New York State. If any legislative issue needs change, we all know the course."

"Right now, the nation needs New York to champion policies that will protect our health and environment. Our constitution is the bedrock on which our safeguards are built," said **Peter Iwanowicz, Executive Director of Environmental Advocates**. "Through a constitutional convention we could lose everything we worked so hard for and the nation would lose our leadership."

"For generations, we have worked to defend and preserve the rights and liberties that are guaranteed by the New York state constitution," said **Donna Lieberman, Executive Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union**. "A constitutional convention endangers that work by exposing our cherished constitutional values – and the rights of all New Yorkers – to tinkering, horse-trading, and compromise. The NYCLU will stand alongside the members of this coalition to educate voters about the risks a convention poses."

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Turn over your ballot in November and vote NO on the “Politicians’ Convention”!

Source: <https://www.nysut.org/news/2017/june/broad-coalition-announces-opposition-to-a-constitutional-convention>

**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](mailto:rvillenewsletter@gmail.com).

**Color Me!**





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**Sunday, September 3rd**  
**Serving from 11|until sold out**

**Drive thru pick up**

**\$7.00 chicken half**

**\$10.00 dinner**

**Dinner includes: ½ chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob,  
coleslaw, roll, cookie, and ice tea or lemonade**

**~ seating available in our hall for family dining~**

**See you there!**



## White Hickory Tussock Moth Caterpillar



The White Hickory Tussock Moth Caterpillar, which is native in Canada from Nova Scotia to Ontario and in the U.S. from the northeast to the south central part of the country, appears between June and September and munches its way through the leaves of deciduous trees (it prefers nut-bearing trees, but will settle for willow, ash, aspen, apple, oak, and even raspberry plants and corn stalks). While it does make rather a feast of the leaves it dines on, it does not tend to cause lasting damage to the trees themselves.

The hairs on the caterpillar are long and bristle-like and spread out in tufts down the sides. Two long, sharp, black pencil-like hairs protrude near the front and rear of the creature, and these hairs are connected to poison glands, which excrete a type of chemical defense upon contact (which is more 'allergenic' than 'poisonous').

Contact with the venom does not generally cause too much of a problem. Most people who handle these critters will experience a burning, nettle-type, itchy rash which can range from mild with slight reddening of the skin, to burning, swelling and pain, and washing the affected area with soap and water, then applying ammonia or calamine lotion and icing the area should set things to rights. Hypersensitive individuals may, of course, experience more severe symptoms that could include swelling and nausea. Washing the infected area with soap and water, taking antihistamines, or using ammonia, calamine lotion, or an ice pack can help to alleviate most minor symptoms fairly quickly. People who do experience more severe reactions, however, should seek expert medical advice as soon as possible.



Source: <http://www.snopes.com/horrors/insects/tussock.asp>

Kids' Activity Page



# Back to School

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## Artillery Fungus

(submitted by Marie Dermody)

Those annoying black spots that creep up your siding or splash along the side of your car may not be mud spatters but artillery fungus. What is artillery fungus? It is *Sphaerobolus*, a common fungus that sticks firmly to light or white colored surfaces and resembles spots of tar. Its adhesion properties are legendary and the spots can be difficult or even impossible to remove without damaging the surface.

This common fungus is often found in bark mulch, especially hardwood mulch, too. There is some suggestion that artillery fungus in mulch such as cedar and pine bark nuggets may occur less frequently than hardwood. It is most prevalent on the north side of a building and shoots spores towards bright light.

This fungus produces a cup-shaped peridiole which contains fruiting bodies. When the cup fills with water, it inverts and shoots out the fruiting bodies. These are most obvious when attached to a light colored surface, such as white housing siding. Once they attach, the fungus is very difficult to get off. Is artillery fungus harmful? It does no real damage to surfaces and is not a toxic mold. It is, however, unsightly and difficult to remove.

The best conditions for the formation of the spores are cool, moist and shady conditions. This is why the spores are more noticeable on the north side of a house. They are more prevalent on light colored structures because the peridiole shoots the fruiting bodies towards light and light reflects best off of these lighter surfaces.

Source: <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/fungus-lichen/artillery-fungus-treatment.htm>

**[Editor's Note:** Our Cooksburg property has been in the family for almost 60 years, and my husband and I have lived here for the past 36 years. This is the first time we have ever experienced this situation. Apparently, one section of the landscape mulch was contaminated with this fungus and the havoc it has wreaked on our siding and my new vehicle is astonishing ... and aggravating. Several contraindications made identification a bit confusing. (Prevalent in spring and fall; our issue happened in the summer. Prevalent on the north side; our issue is in the southwest corner of the house. More likely to "attack" light-colored surfaces; my car is brown, siding is green. Claims no real damage to surfaces; tell that to my car's paint job!) Just know what to look for ... and act quickly to remove it. Time is not on your side in this battle!]



On siding



On vehicles



On plants

**On the Calendar**

Sept 3	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 3	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Sept 10	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 10	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Sept 10	1 - 4pm	Democratic Social Club Annual Picnic (See page 13 for additional information.)	Bayard Elsbree Park Preston Hollow
Sept 12	12:00pm	Senior's Club Meeting	Medusa Firehouse
Sept 12	7:00pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
Sept 14	7:00pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
Sept 16	7- 11am	Medusa VFD Breakfast (See page 7 for additional information.)	Medusa Firehouse
Sept 17	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 17	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Sept 24	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 24	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville

**Planning Ahead:**

Oct 7	9am-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Fall Rummage Sale ( <u>NO</u> Lunch Served)	Medusa Church from
Oct 10	12:00pm	Senior's Club Meeting	Medusa Firehouse
Oct 21	8am-12pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fall Rummage Sale	Medusa Church
Oct 21	7am-11am	Medusa VFD Breakfast <b>EAT &amp; SHOP IN MEDUSA</b>	Medusa Firehouse

Please get events to Bill Moore...  
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## Upcoming Library Events

The annual Lawn Party fundraiser is on Saturday, September 2, from 4-7pm at 1440 County Route 351, Rensselaerville. Tickets are \$20 at the gate and includes food and a drink. Cash bar.

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Alzheimer's Disease Education Program – Effective Communication Strategies September 7, 2017 at 5pm. Communication is more than just talking and listening - it's also about sending and receiving messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language. As people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias progress in their journey and the ability to use words is lost, families need new ways to connect. Join us to explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. An education program by the Alzheimer's association. **Please Register** for this program at 518.867.4999 ext 200 We need at least 5 participants.

Fine Amnesty is scheduled for August 26 through September 2. Please return any overdue Library items. If possible please also consider making a donation of school supplies or nonperishable items to the Hilltown Resource Center. Amnesty will not apply to lost or missing items. Look for the Hilltown Resource Center donation bin in the Library.

The Library Annual meeting and monthly Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19 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.

Poetry Group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, September 12 and 26. Come share your work, receive feedback and spend time working on your own project. The Poetry group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month downstairs in the Library.

The Writing Group meets on the second Thursday of the month. On September 14th 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.

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On your own project.

Youth Programs - Visit the online calendar for all of the weekly events at <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/calendar.html>

Every Wednesday at 4:30 is StoryTime with Ms. Lee. StoryTime includes stories, music and movement, designed as early literacy instruction aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

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

Homework Help - Please see Lee Ackerman-Sawyer or email [youth@rensselaervillelibrary.org](mailto:youth@rensselaervillelibrary.org)

Movie Night on Friday, September 29 and Friday, October 27 at 6:30pm. Please visit the web site for more details. <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/movies.html>

The Library has fishing poles that you can take out with your Library Card. Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> is a free fishing day, no license required for more information visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/89821.html>

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. 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.

For the rest of the 2017, in addition to our morning hours on Tuesday and Wednesday we will be opening at 3:00pm in the evening.

**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.

October 4 at 7pm – **Get LinkedIn or Get Left Behind.** Every 12 days, 1 million people join LinkedIn. It is your electronic resume, Rolodex and your Club of Professionals. LinkedIn can help you learn about and reach out to clients, partners and employers. You may be saying to yourself, “I have LinkedIn, but I don’t really do much with it.” LI is an enormously powerful tool for establishing your brand, enhancing your visibility, building credibility and managing your career. Having a static and dull profile is not the online reputation you want to project. If you are not leveraging LI, it’s guaranteed your competition is. This seminar will demonstrate the features of LI and how to use it as your professional Internet image. If you are serious about building your business, you must be serious about LinkedIn. Presented by Dr. Tom Denham of Careers in Transition. **Registration is Required** for the workshop. These programs are 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.

Wednesday, October 25 at 7pm mystery author Marni Graff returns to the Library to read from her third book in the Nora Tierney series *Golden Hour*.

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**ELI HUTCHINSON HOUSE**  
WHITE HOUSE ABOVE  
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PLEASE ENTER THE PROPERTY THROUGH  
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PLEASE PARK AT THE  
TOWN PARK/PLAY GROUND

*Annual Lawn Party*  
*Saturday, September 2, 2017*  
*4:00 pm to 7:00 pm*

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PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER  
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A SPECIAL THANKS TO  
MAME & VICTOR SCHRAGER  
FOR PROVIDING THEIR LAWN.

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Library Annual Meeting  
September 19, 2017  
7pm  
Regular meeting to follow.

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## an education program by the alzheimer's association

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**DATE: Thursday September 7, 2017****TIME: 5-6pm****LOCATION: Rensselaerville Public Library, 1459 Co Rd 351  
Rensselaerville, NY 12147****To register, please call Tonya at 518-867-4999 ext. 200**

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



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August 25, 2017

CLIMATE SCIENCE PROGRAM AT RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

(Rensselaerville, NY) The Rensselaerville Library, one of 44 libraries across the country, is teaming up with the Albany National Weather Service to provide programs on climate science. The programs described as Science Café meets a Book Club are an effort to make science technology engineering and math (or STEM) programs available for adults. The program encourages anyone with an interest in climate change or extreme weather to read books on the topic and discuss issues facing our area.

The “Pushing the Limits” grant program provides Rensselaerville Library with books and discussion materials. Participants from the community will be provided with books to read and then attend Science Café discussions on September 18, October 23 and November 8 at 7pm. The grant also provides support for National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) professionals to moderate the discussions and answer questions.

Climate change is a sensitive topic with different viewpoints and this program offers the opportunity to come together, discuss the changes and mitigation to build resilient communities. Kim Graff, Rensselaerville Library Director, “we are excited to offer this type of programing at the Library.”

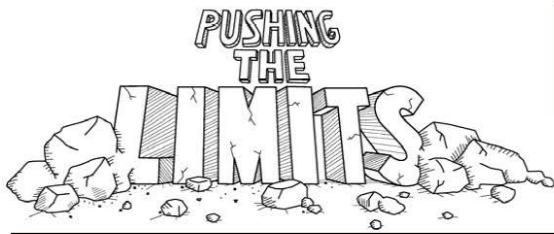
Please contact the Library to register for the program. The first ten participants will receive a free copy of the books. The selected titles are also available from the catalog and can be found in Overdrive. Additional information on the program and the book titles can be found on the Library’s web site at <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/pushing-the-limits.html>

Rensselaerville Library would also like to mention that Berne and Watervliet libraries have also received support.

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# PLACE

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ADVANCING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**WHAT:** A FREE reading, viewing and discussion series for adults. Each 90-minute facilitated program has a science café/book group format - participants read the selected books prior, view short videos followed by an open discussion on climate change.

**WHO:** Anyone interested in discussing accessible strategies for adapting to a new climate and building community resiliency.

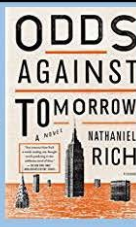
**FACILITATORS:** Scientists from Albany's National Weather Service Forecast Office

**WHERE:** Rensselaerville Library, 1459 County Route 351, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

**REGISTER & RECEIVE BOOKS:** [director@rensselaervillelibrary.org](mailto:director@rensselaervillelibrary.org) or 518.797.3949



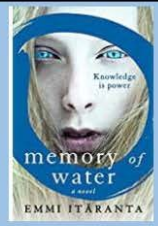
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Preparation for Impacts –Communities & Families Working Together  
**SEPTEMBER 18 • 7PM**



**BOOK DISCUSSION ON "ODDS AGAINST TOMORROW" BY NATHANIEL RICH**



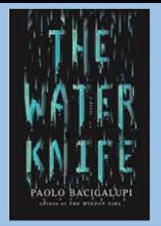
**PUSHING THE LIMITS OF CHANGE**  
Climate Change Impacts on Your Community  
**OCTOBER 23 • 7PM**



**BOOK DISCUSSION ON "MEMORY OF WATER" BY EMMI ITARANTA**



**PUSHING THE LIMITS OF STRATEGY**  
Building Community Resilience  
**NOVEMBER 8 • 7PM**



**BOOK DISCUSSION ON "THE WATER KNIFE" BY PAOLO BACIGALUPI**



*Pushing the Limits: PLACE* is a library hosted reading, viewing and discussion program for adults in underserved and rural communities, made possible by grants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Science Foundation.



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DATE: Fri., September 29, 2017

TIME: 6:30 pm

LOCATION:  
Rensselaerville Library

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## Get LinkedIn or Get Left Behind

**DATE: 10/4/2017**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**



Presented by Dr. Tom Denham, Careers in Transition

Every 12 days, 1 million people join LinkedIn. It is your electronic resume, Rolodex and your Club of Professionals. LinkedIn can help you learn about and reach out to clients, partners and employers. You may be saying to yourself, *"I have LinkedIn, but I don't really do much with it."* LI is an enormously powerful tool for establishing your brand, enhancing your visibility, building credibility and managing your career. Having a static and dull profile is not the online reputation you want to project. If you are not leveraging LI, it's guaranteed your competition is. This seminar will demonstrate the features of LI and how to use it as your professional Internet image. If you are serious about building your business, you must be serious about LinkedIn.

Get a Job! Strengthening Library Partnerships in Workforce Development



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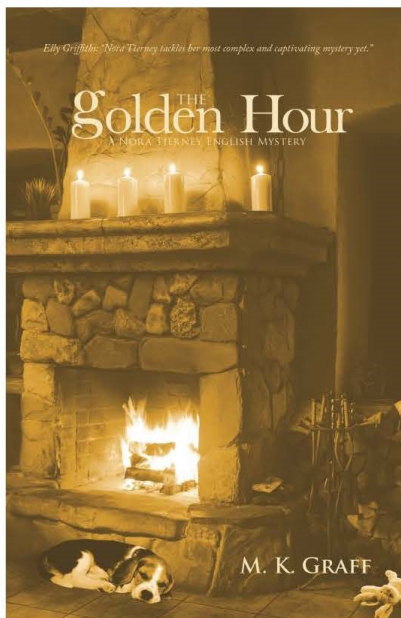
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# Rensselaerville Library Author Reading

## Marni Graff

### Wednesday, October 25

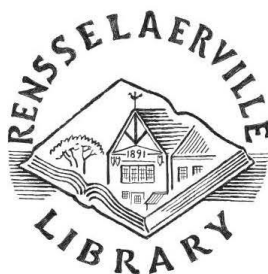
### 7:00 pm



The award-winning author of three previous Nora Tierney English Mysteries will read from her most chilling novel to date.

Nora Tierney's move from Cumbria back to Oxford means house-hunting with her partner, DI Declan Barnes, but she can't shake the feeling she has a stalker. Declan's case, the death of an art conservator, brings international concerns. How these overlap when Nora heads to Bath for her first bookstore event will find her fighting to save her child and the family she's trying to create.

Marni Graff writes *The Nora Tierney English Mysteries*, featuring an American writer living in England with a nose for murder, as well as *The Trudy Genova Manhattan Mysteries*, based on Graff's real work as a medical consultant for a movie studio. She is Managing Editor of Bridle Path Press, a member of Sisters in Crime, and writes crime book reviews at [www.auntiemwrites.com](http://www.auntiemwrites.com).



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**DATE: Fri., October 27, 2017**

**TIME: 6:30 pm**

**LOCATION:  
Rensselaerville Library**

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### Middleburgh Library

**9/5, 12, 19, 26 - 1:00 - 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.

**9/5, 12, 19, 26 - 5:15 PM - Insight Meditation** - Join us for a simple group Zazen meditation practice. All are welcome. No registration required.

**9/11 - 6:30 PM - Library Board of Trustees Meeting - Public is welcome**

**9/12, 19, 26 - 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.

**9/13, 27 - 5:00-6:15 PM - Kundalini Yoga** - Join us for 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 two blankets or a mat and blanket. A \$5 donation is requested. *Please use the back entrance when entering the building. No registration is required.*

**9/12 - 7:00 PM - Concert - Sharon Katz - Screening of the Peace Train 2016** - 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.

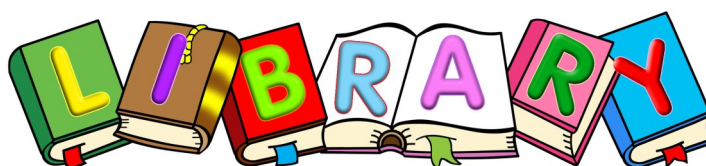
**9/13 - 7:00 PM - Concert - Sharon Katz & Wendy Quick** - Sharon was born in Port Elizabeth, now known as Nelson Mandela Bay, South Africa. As a young teenager during the terrible apartheid era, she used to sneak out to the "Blacks Only" townships by hiding under blankets in the back seat of her friend's 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. *No registration required. Tickets are available at the door. A \$10.00 donation is suggested.*

**9/26 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion: "Hillbilly Elegy" by J. D. Vance** From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, a probing look at the struggles of America's white working class through the author's own story of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town. *No registration required.*

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

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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



**Library News**

**Greenville Library**

*Toddler Time*

The library’s Toddler Program is held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 – 9:45 & 10:00 – 10:45 for Infants, Toddlers & Preschoolers.

The program helps to foster early literacy development and play skills. Children and their parents enjoy stories, games, singing, marching and socializing. They can also choose books to take home and enjoy during the week. The instructor is Devon Balta. **For a full listing of the Toddler Time Program see the link below.**

– if Greenville Schools are closed, running on a 1 or 2 hour delay, we will not meet.

The following Tuesday and Friday dates in red are the days we will be meeting.

Please remember we follow the Greenville School District calendar **If Greenville Schools are closed due to weather or running on a 2 hour delay, we will not meet.**

September 2017						
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October 2017						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

November 2017						
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26	27	28	29	30		

**Health & Safety Policy:** Please do not bring your child to group if he/she has been ill with fever, vomiting, diarrhea, flu like symptoms, pink eye, unexplained rash or skin infection, croup, any childhood contagious diseases. Children should not attend if they have exhibited any of the symptoms within 24 hrs of group. Children must be fever free without the use of Tylenol or Motrin for 24 hrs prior to coming to group. THANK YOU!!

*Beginner Ballet at the Library*

**Instructor: Madeline Balta**

Come join Miss Madeline for beginner ballet classes! This class is for 1st-6th grade children. Each student should wear a leotard or shorts (no jeans) and each must bring ballet slippers or socks. Madeline is currently a senior academy student at the School of the Albany Berkshire Ballet and has also taught at Redemption Dance Institute. No experience needed. **Just Drop In!**

**Classes will be held in the large community room on the following dates:**

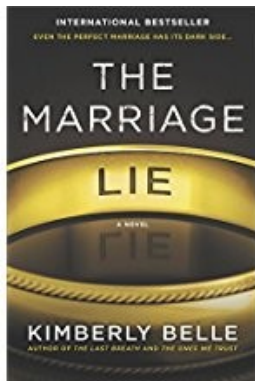
**Sept. 12, 26, Oct. 3, 17, 31, Nov. 7, 21, 3:00 – 4:00**



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### Greenville Public Library Book Club



September 20th 6:30-7:30 pm In the Library.

September's book will be *The Marriage Lie* by Kimberly Belle. Discussion will be led by Melissa Palmer, Greenville HS English Teacher. People should come having already read the book.

### Book Club In A Bag Program



Brought to you by participating libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System  
**Everything you need to help you run your own book discussion group.**  
**Just add people!**

#### What is the Book Club In A Bag Program (BCB)?

A book club kit that contains:

- ✓ 10 copies of a book title
- ✓ Discussion questions
- ✓ Discussion leader tips
- ✓ Book sign-up sheet – to help you keep track of the books!

#### How can I borrow a BCB kit?

To borrow a BCB kit all you need is a valid Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) library card & PIN.

#### How long can I keep a BCB kit?

Loan periods are for 6 weeks.

#### How long in advance can I reserve a BCB kit?

Kits can be reserved up to a year in advance. You can schedule up to 6 kits at a time.

#### How many BCB kits can I have at once?

No more than 2 kits can be checked out to your card at once.

#### How can I browse, schedule, & reserve a BCB kit?

You can browse titles, view book descriptions, download questions, and search for availability by kit or by date using the [reservation system](#). Just log in using your library card number and PIN.

#### How can I see a list of my BCB kit reservations? Cancel BCB kit reservations?

Log in to **My Kits** located in the [reservation system](#) to see a list of your reservations or to cancel them. (Log in with your library card number and PIN)

**Have more questions?** Check out our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) page.

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