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Happy Anniversary to Us!



It is with great pleasure that we announce that this issue, #49 for March 2018, marks the first issue of our fifth year of publication of the *R'ville Community Newsletter*. We continue to stand by our motto, "A community newsletter **BY** the community **FOR** the community." We continue to strive to provide meaningful, useful information for Town residents.

Our readership and our services continue to grow, and for that we are extremely grateful. Subscribers can now choose to receive the newsletter in their email, or on Facebook in the group "R'ville Community Newsletter" or both. We make available audio recordings of 99% of Town Board meetings and public hearings. We continue to welcome suggestions for improving this document. We welcome articles of opposing viewpoints and letters of opinion.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our subscribers for their support of and loyalty to our efforts. It wouldn't be possible without you! Thank you!

Nancy, Georgette, & Marie

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Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, February 6, 2018

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 6th day of February 2018 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Steven Pflieger and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Steven Pflieger, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Dolce, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on February 8, 2018:

January 9, 2018 – Work Meeting

January 11, 2018 – Regular Meeting *

January 11, 2018 – Public Hearing – Cold War Veterans Exemption

*A correction is needed on page 11 to note that it was the date on the Resolution that was incorrect.

TRANSFERS, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS: Transfers will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

CORRESPONDENCE: Any correspondence will be presented on Thursday.

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. The Board will discuss the minutes that were tabled.
2. The Annual Town Justice Audits will need to be approved at the Regular meeting.
3. Councilwoman Cooke will present her disclosure statement on Thursday.
4. Authorization to place a notice in the paper seeking letters of interest for the Town Justice vacancy will be needed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board will be appointing a Planning Board Secretary at Thursday's meeting.
2. Authorization is needed to place the Highway Materials, Park Mowing, and Port-o-Lets out for bid.
3. Highway Superintendent Bates would like to see temporary "Weight Limit" signs posted on several Town roads. Kenyon Road has suffered significant damage due to a logging operation. Superintendent Bates has done research and has found that the Town Board has the authority to limit the weight on any given Town road. The purpose of limiting weight is to prevent damage to the roads especially when the ground is unstable i.e. during the spring thaw and/or excessive periods of rain. The issue will be presented to the attorney.

In the meantime, to allow the logging operation to continue, Superintendent Bates has made an agreement with the logger to have the Highway plow the seasonal portion of Kenyon Road. The logger would then only run loaded trucks out the upper/seasonal end of the road towards County Route 358.

4. Supervisor Pflieger addressed the minimum charge for "Phase II" of the Sewer District. There has been an error in the billing of the 18 residents who are in Phase II.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

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TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Rauf wished to see a list created for those who wish to view the Draft minutes of the meetings. Further discussion will be needed on this topic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Supervisor Pflieger to enter into Executive Session at 7:37 PM for the purpose of discussion employee history and possible litigation; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0);

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to return from Executive Session at 8:28 PM; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0);

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0);

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, February 8, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 8th day of February 2018 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Steven Pflieger and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Attorney William Ryan, Supervisor Steven Pflieger, Councilman John Dolce
Councilman Jason Rauf, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WAS: Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Kim Graff from the Rensselaerville Library and seven interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Marie Dermody wished to have the following letter read into the minutes:

First, I take issue with the fact that Supervisor Pflieger never responded to any of my questions that were in my statement from last month, despite his promise to do so and after two additional email reminders. This avoidance is not what we should expect from our elected officials. Will I ever get the answers I seek? Would you like me to send you the questions again? Would you like me to read them to you now?

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Secondly, this is what I know about Town Board minutes:

1. **§106. Minutes of the Open Meetings Law.** "1. Minutes shall be taken at all open meetings of a public body which shall consist of a record or summary of all motions, proposals, resolutions and any other matter formally voted upon and the vote thereon."

2. It is within the Town Clerk's purview to write as much or as little as she wants in the minutes as long as it follows Section 106 above.

3. Minutes do not have to be approved by the Town Board.

With this being said, I have given long and serious thought to the somewhat "animated" discussion that took place at last month's Town Board meeting. This statement is intended to put an end to this so-called controversy. And please know that none of the comments that follow are an indictment against the Town Clerk; her responsibility in this situation is simply to record the actions of the Town Board.

After a rather heated discussion had quieted, I expressed my frustration that I seemed to be the only one to find errors in the minutes. Councilwoman Cooke stated that many, many papers cross their desk and it's difficult to remember everything that happens during the course of the meeting. While I agree with what she says, the fact of the matter remains that it is the Town Board's absolute responsibility to make sure that the official records of Town Board meetings are accurate and correct.

Councilman Dolce brought up that Town Board minutes, by law, do NOT need to be approved. And he is absolutely correct. But that does not mean that the Town Board can or should allow misinformation be memorialized in an official Town document. These minutes serve as a reference in the future when a fact-check is needed. If it's this Town Board's position to lower the standards to allow an "anything goes" stance, we're headed for serious problems down the road.

I was also told that certain Town Board members take issue with my personality. It is a sorry state of affairs when a significant and valid message is diminished by someone's like or dislike of the messenger. I've tried to present the facts in a straight-forward, unemotional manner. But it's difficult when you have your government representatives mumbling under their breath, shuffling papers, and making facial contortions while you're speaking. If you don't like the message, ask yourselves what needs to be done to change it. And if I am ever in error, I expect you to let me know so I can do the same.

In the end, it was requested that I notify Town Board members of errors in the minutes during the work meeting so they had an opportunity to investigate the matter. And, at first, I agreed. However, Councilman Dolce had also said that if I wanted to have such significant input into Town Board meetings, I should run for office and win. And he's right again. By advising the Town Board of errors in the minutes at the work meeting, I fear that they will feel absolved of the due diligence required of them as town board members.

Since I didn't win the election, I have no right to do your job for you. So, I politely and respectfully refuse your request. Do your job and examine the minutes for accuracy. However, should I find errors, I reserve the right to inform the subscribers to the *R'ville Community Newsletter* of these errors, simply because they have the right to know.

Also, please note that my refusal to comply with this request does not mean I relinquish my right to address the Town Board during the regularly scheduled Audience Comments segments of the meetings on other matters of interest or concern. After all, I am still a tax-paying resident of this Town.

Thank you.

End Letter

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A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 – Work Meeting; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to rescind the motion made by Councilwoman Cooke at the January 11, 2018 Regular Meeting correcting the date of the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 2 of 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

Supervisor Pflieger made a motion to correct the wording to read ‘...the date of the Public Hearing on the Resolution on Local Law No. 2 of 2018 to December 14, 2017...’; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 Regular meeting as corrected; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 – Public Hearing; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to approve all transfers; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

[Editor’s Note: The nature of these transfers were never read in public as has been prior practice and possibly required by law. I FOILED this information, but it hadn’t been received by the time this newsletter was ready for distribution.]

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$146,799.01; Highway Fund - \$128,092.91; Fire Protection Fund - \$179,600.00; Lighting District - \$754.72; Sewer Fund - \$29,939.72; Water Fund - \$2,476.23; T&A Fund - \$7,737.12. Total Abstracts - \$495,399.71. T&A Fund – 2017: \$2,236.00

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Pflieger received a letter from Mid-Hudson Cable which stated that they are in the midst of restructuring and have decided to establish an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) Trust. This will make it possible for employees to participate in ownership. “...Mid-Hudson will continue to provide advanced telecommunication services to customers and will remain the franchisee under the Franchise Agreement.”

REPORTS**SUPERVISOR**

1. Supervisor Pflieger requested a motion to authorize an extension for the Annual Update Document from the State Comptroller’s Office as the books will not be closed until February 28, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf authorizing Supervisor Pflieger to file an extension for the

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AUD; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.
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Motion carried: Ayes (3) Pflieger, Dolce, and Rauf; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Sedlmeir

2. Supervisor Pflieger addressed some of Mrs. Dermody's questions.

1. Supervisor Pflieger was not privy to the contents of the Union Contract. He will, however, have discussions with the attorney in an attempt to answer some of her legal questions.

2. Supervisor Pflieger did not discuss Valerie Lounsbury's position with anyone until he was certain he would be in the Supervisor's position. He did not get an answer from her until 2 days before as she was not certain she would accept the offer.

3. Supervisor Pflieger asked Mrs. Lounsbury to stay on to assist in the transition as well as for training purposes.

4. The office hours are 8-11am Monday through Friday. Mrs. Lounsbury's hours do not overlap, unless Supervisor Pflieger has asked her to stay on. **[Editor's Note: In speaking with the supervisor, we agreed that this is not what he meant. In fact, their hours do overlap so that they're both in the office at the same time for training purposes]** Supervisor Pflieger noted that as he learns the position, the hours which Mrs. Lounsbury will be needed will decrease.

5. Supervisor Pflieger's hours of 8-11am Monday through Friday are to provide a definite timeframe for those who wish to contact him. He has worked in the office an average of 30 hours per week for the past month.

6. Supervisor Pflieger noted that Clerk I/Bookkeeper, Linda McCormick is doing a phenomenal job.

3. The Albany County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Rensselaerville Library, is sponsoring an opioid awareness program on March 21st from 6-8pm at Town Hall.

4. Supervisor Pflieger has been looking into the phone bill charges in hopes of reducing the amount of money the Town pays for its phone lines.

5. There will be a Special Election on April 24, 2018 to fill a vacancy for the position of Member of the Assembly, 102nd Assembly District.

6. Supervisor Pflieger requested a motion allowing him to transfer \$9.05 from the USDA Grant Account into the General Fund Account, thus closing out the USDA account as it is no longer being utilized.

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce authorizing the transfer of the \$9.05; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

7. The general liability insurance is up for renewal in March. Supervisor Pflieger has requested that Marshall & Sterling obtain quotes from Trident Insurance as well as NYMIR so that comparisons can be made.

8. The New York State Unified Court System has purchased all rights and ownership of the courtroom program from SEi. There will no longer be licensing fees for software and customer support. This will save the Town approximately \$1,200/year.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Supervisor's report; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Ryan read the Resolution for the dissolution of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance

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as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town of Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance, Inc. (“Volunteer Ambulance”) has provided the Town with a draft Plan of Dissolution and Distribution of Assets that it intends to submit to the New York State Attorney General’s Office (“Plan”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Plan, the Volunteer Ambulance is to distribute substantially all of its assets to the Town of Rensselaerville, subject to certain restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is in agreement with the proposed Plan; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the intended submission of the Plan, the Town Supervisor is to submit an affidavit to the New York State Attorney General’s Office in the form provided by the Volunteer Ambulance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that (1) the Town accepts the terms of the Plan, including, but not limited to , those terms pertaining to the distribution of assets to the Town; (2) the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign the requested affidavit to the New York Attorney General in support of the Plan; and (3) the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign any deeds or other documentation necessary to effectuate the terms of the Plan.

By motion made by Jason Rauf and seconded by John Dolce the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 8th day of February 2018 as follows:

<u>Town Board Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/Abstain</u>
Steven Pflieger, Supervisor	X		
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman			Absent
John Dolce, Councilman	X		
Jason Rauf, Councilman	X		
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman			Absent
End Resolution			

2. Supervisor Pflieger received a telephone call from New York State Agriculture & Markets stating that the Town of Rensselaerville’s dog shelter facility has received an ‘unsatisfactory’ rating only because the Town of Berne and the Town of Knox utilize the Town of Rensselaerville’s facility without an agreement.

Attorney Ryan read the Resolution relating to the lease between the Towns of Berne and Knox and the Town of Rensselaerville’s dog shelter as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town of Rensselaerville maintains a shelter for dogs, cats and other animals pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law Article 7; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rensselaerville has agreed to provide access to the shelter to the

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WHEREAS, the Town of Rensselaerville prepared leases with the Town of Berne and the Town of Knox to govern such access to the shelter ("Leases");

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign the Leases and any other documentation necessary to effectuate them.

By motion made by Jason Rauf and seconded by John Dolce the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 8th day of February 2018 as follows:

Town Board Member	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Steven Pflaging, Supervisor	X		
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman			Absent
John Dolce, Councilman	X		
Jason Rauf, Councilman	X		
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman			Absent
End Resolution			

3. Attorney Ryan read the Resolution for Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2018 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, Section 487(8) of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, permits local government to opt out of the exemption from taxation with respect to any solar, wind energy or farm waste energy system through adoption of a local law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been presented with the attached proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2018, entitled "Local Law Opting Out of Exemptions for Certain Energy Systems Provided by New York State Real Property Tax Law §487," which would amend Chapter 194 of the current Code of the Town of Rensselaerville to opt out of the exemption under Section 487(8);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, that pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and the General Municipal Law, a public hearing shall be conducted at the Town Hall on March 8, 2018 at 6:45pm on the attached proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2018, and notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published on or before February 22, 2018 in a newspaper circulating in the Town.

By motion made by Jason Rauf and seconded by John Dolce the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 8th day of February 2018 as follows:

Town Board Member	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Steven Pflaging, Supervisor	X		
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman			Absent
John Dolce, Councilman	X		
Jason Rauf, Councilman	X		
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman			Absent
End Resolution			

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to accept the attorney's report; 2nd by Councilman Rauf. Motion carried: Ayes (3) Pflaging, Dolce, and Rauf; Nays (0); Absent (2) Cooke and Sedlmeir

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates reported that all the Highway's equipment and crew are in good condition and they are well-supplied.

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

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

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of January as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$688.50. Paid to the Supervisor - \$627.26 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees: \$9.76; Recycling: \$383.50; Dog Licenses: \$98.00; Building Permits: \$36.00; Zoning: \$100.00. Total: \$ 627.26

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$14.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$47.24

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$8,820.49; no penalties

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$9,314.65; no penalties

Town Clerk Kraker noted that the Property Tax collection has been running smoothly and that the Town's warrant was satisfied as of February 6th. Any money the Town collects from this point forward will be paid to Albany County.

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

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported one New Home Construction permit for the month of January.

2. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh wished to report and have it reflected in the minutes that he donated his mileage for 2017 which amounted to approximately \$1,200.

3. Also submitted was the Annual Report:

PERMIT REPORT FOR 2017: Renewed permits - 3; Deck - 5; Solar - 4; New Home - 5; Additions - 8; Wood Stove/Chimney - 2; Accessory Structure - 13; Septic - 1; Renovation/repairs - 4

IN MY POSITION SINCE JANUARY OF 1998:

1. Issued approximately 1,100 permits ranging from \$400 swimming pools to million dollar homes.

2. Approximately 680 hours of State approved training.

3. Worked on the new Zoning Law for approximately 3 years, serving as Chair for part of that time.

4. The current Town Supervisor is the 6th since I started in this role;

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5. There have been more Clerk I/Supervisor's Clerks than I can count on 2 hands;
 6. There have been 6 Clerks in my office;
 7. There have been 2 Town Clerks and at least 3 Deputy Town Clerks.
- I have over 20 years of keeping this Town and its people safe.

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

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

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Pine reported that the STAR relief credit checks had begun being issued in November.
[Editor's Note: Please see page 14 for additional information.]
2. The Assessor's Office has been processing exemption applications and the deadline to submit an application is March 1st.

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

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

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

Town Clerk Kraker read a written report submitted by John Rice, Water/Sewer Treatment Officer, as follows:

- The Water Treatment plant filtered 355,500 gallons – a daily average of 11,468 gallons.
- The Sewer Treatment plant pumped 165,960 gallons – a daily average of 5,354 gallons.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Water/Sewer Committee's written report; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of January: City of Albany Landfill: 54.68 tons; Sierra Fibers: Old Cardboard Container 5.58 tons and Comingled 5.93 tons' Oil: 23 gallons; Tires: 46

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

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

RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

1. Kim Graff thanked the Board for adding the Library to the Agenda. The Library is currently working on their fundraiser schedule, scheduling programs and writing grants. Ms. Graff hopes to have the Library's yearly statistics available for next month's meeting.
2. Ms. Graff also wished to thank the Medusa Volunteer Fire Company for allowing the Library trustees to attend the monthly breakfasts and promote events at the Library. She specifically thanked Steve Pflieger for his efforts and assistance in hosting the opioid educational program at Town Hall.
3. The third annual Trail Run – Rensselaerville Ramble, will be held on June 16th. This is a collaborative effort between the Huyck Preserve and the Library and serves as a fundraiser for both.
4. There will be a program held on March 22nd at 7:00pm called 'Living a Life of Balance'.
5. The Library's Children's program is every Wednesday from 3:30 – 7pm.

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6. Albany Medical Center's Schaffer Library had a staff member who received a grant allowing him/her to go to local communities to train librarians how to become Community Health Information Specialists. Ms. Graff is currently working to establish the Rensselaerville Library as a registered site; she would be the local Community Health Information Specialist.

A member of the Schaffer Library will be coming out on April 19th at 7:00pm to present a program titled 'Talking with Your Doctor'.

CURRENT EVENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding the minutes from the December 14th and December 28th meetings will be tabled.
2. Councilwoman Cooke performed the annual Town Justice audits. **[Editor's Note: Please see page 15 for additional information.]**

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept Justice Bates' annual report prepared by Court Clerk Sally Lounsbury; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept Justice Cooke's annual report prepared by Court Clerk Kim Welsch; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

[Editor's Note: The data from the two justice reports read at this meeting were not read into the minutes as has been past practice for many years.]

3. Councilwoman Cooke's disclosure statement will be tabled.
4. A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the vacancy of the position of Town Justice; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Planning Board has made a recommendation to appoint Tracy Ricci as Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board and to hire Tracy Ricci as their Secretary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

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

2. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for the bidding of Highway Materials, and for the mowing and port-o-lets for the Town parks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

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

3. The temporary weight limit signs issue is being researched by the attorneys.
4. Supervisor Pflieger received a letter from Diana Hinchcliff expressing her concerns over the minimum charge for the 'Phase II' sewer district. Upon further examination, an error was discovered in the billing for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. The total which would be owed to 'Phase II' residents amounts to a total of \$829.16. The Town Clerk's office has presented two options in which to compensate these residents. The Board would like some time to review the possibilities before making a decision.

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Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, February 8, 2018

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Ernest Kuehl noted that transfers should be announced so that taxpayers know exactly where money is coming from and where it is going to.
2. Marie Dermody questioned the date the bids are due to be submitted.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to amend the original motion which authorized the advertising of bids, adding that bids must be returnable by April 10, 2018 at 6:45pm. and be in a sealed envelope addressed to the Town Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

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

3. Marie Dermody questioned the due date of letters of interest for the Town Justice vacancy. Supervisor Pflieger explained that a 'due by' date cannot be determined because the Board has not been informed of the exact dates in which training will be held.
4. Marie Dermody also questioned the Union Contract which was ratified last month. Discussion ensued over the response time which increased from 30 minutes to 1 hour during the winter months in the new contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to enter into Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. for the purpose of discussing employee history; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to return from Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Kudos to Supervisor Steve Pflieger on successfully overriding the suggestion from the attending attorney at the February 8, 2018, Town Board meeting. When making the motion to go into Executive Session, the supervisor stated "employee history" as the reason; the attorney told him a couple/few times that he needed to say "personnel."

Supervisor Pflieger was able to show the attorney the part of the Open Meetings Law that pertained to Executive Sessions to prove that "personnel" was not one of the enumerated reasons for entering into Executive Session. I applaud Supervisor Pflieger taking a stand to do what is right.

It was painfully obvious that the attorney is not knowledgeable about Executive Sessions, despite the ready availability of the law online and the many legal opinions that can be found on the website. This legal firm earns a minimum of \$36,000 a year from Rensselaerville taxpayers. We should expect at least a basic knowledge about such matters.

NYS Burn Ban

DEC: Residential Brush Burning in NYS Prohibited Through May 14
Burn Ban has decreased spring wildfires 35 percent since 2009

Ban reduces wildfire risks, protects lives and property

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) reminds residents that with warming temperatures and dry conditions, residential brush burning is prohibited **March 16 through May 14** across New York State.

Due to the lack of snow cover over much of the state and with rising temperatures forecasted for the coming weeks, conditions for wildfires could be heightened.

"While many people associate wildfires with the western United States, the early start of spring weather, dry conditions, and lack of snow pack increase the risk for wildfires in New York," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "New York prohibits residential burning during the high-risk fire season to reduce wildfires and protect people, property, and natural resources. The ban has been extremely effective in reducing the number of wildfires, and we're encouraging New Yorkers to put safety first."

DEC will post a [Fire Danger Map](#) rating forecast daily for the 2017 fire season on its website and on the [NY Fishing, Hunting & Wildlife App](#) available on DEC's website. Currently, fire conditions in most of the state are low risk.

Open burning of debris is the largest single cause of spring wildfires in New York State. When temperatures are warmer and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily and be further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation.

New York first enacted strict restrictions on open burning in 2009 to help prevent wildfires and reduce air pollution. The regulations allow residential brush fires in towns with fewer than 20,000 residents during most of the year, but prohibit such burning in spring when most wildfires occur.

In the seven-year period since the ban was established, the average number of spring fires per year decreased by 35.5 percent, from 2,925 in 2009 to 1,886 in 2016.

Campfires using charcoal or untreated wood are allowed, but people should never leave such fires unattended and must extinguish them. Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round.

Some towns, primarily in and around the Adirondack and Catskill parks, are designated "fire towns." Open burning is prohibited year-round in these municipalities unless an individual or group has a written permit from DEC. To find out whether a municipality is designated a "fire town" or to obtain a permit, contact the appropriate DEC regional office. A list of [regional offices](#) is available on DEC's website.

Violators of the state's open burning regulation are subject to both criminal and civil enforcement actions, with a minimum fine of \$500 for a first offense. To report environmental law violations call 1-800-TIPP DEC (1-800-847-7332), or report online on DEC's website.

Source: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/109462.html>



March 16 through May 14 , 2018

Rebate check update: Almost all have been sent

ALBANY (February 9, 2018) -- About 1.95 million of the more than 2 million property-tax-rebate checks have gone out to New Yorkers, the state tax department said. And the final ones should be going out over the next several weeks.

The checks [started going out in mid-November](#), and the system has improved, said Nonie Manion, the executive deputy commissioner the state Department of Taxation and Finance.

"We were able to put our system in place this year," Manion said, adding, "Next year, when it's time to roll these relief checks, we're going to be able to just send them out seamlessly. We'll be able to do it much sooner."

The checks succeed the "property-tax freeze" checks that homeowners had received over the prior three years. Those reimbursed homeowners for their annual increase in school and municipal taxes.

More: [Rebate checks: When will yours arrive?](#)

The latest round of checks are [sic] called the property tax relief credit and go to homeowners whose adjusted gross household income is \$275,000 or less. There's another criteria: The local school district had to stay under the property-tax cap.

"The property tax relief credit directly reduces your property tax burden if you are a qualifying homeowner," the state Department of Taxation and Finance said. "If you're eligible for the credit, we'll automatically send you a check."

It's a four-year program started in 2016 that will cost the state about \$1.3 billion. In its first year, it was a flat amount: \$185 for upstate residents and \$130 downstate.

This second year of checks, though, is based on household income and is a percentage of what you get back each year through the STAR rebate program.

If you make under \$75,000, the rebate is 28 percent of your STAR savings. In other words, if you get \$1,000 a year off your school taxes through STAR, your check is \$280.

The higher the income, the lower the rebate: It's a 20.5 percent break for those earning between \$75,000 and \$150,000 and 5.5 percent for between \$200,000 and \$275,000.

The rebate increases in the final two years of the program.

For the checks coming this fall, it will be a 60 percent reimbursement for those earning less than \$75,000 -- growing to 85 percent in 2019.

For homeowners who earn between \$75,000 and \$150,000, the checks grow to 60 percent of the STAR break by 2019.

There is also a check for senior citizens receiving Enhanced STAR: a 12 percent rebate in this round of checks, growing to 34 percent in 2019.

What if I don't get a check?

The tax department is automatically mailing out the checks based on your income and whether the property-tax cap was adhered to by your school district.

For more information, visit: tax.ny.gov/pit/property/property-tax-relief.htm

Separately, if you're a new homeowner, you should have applied and received a check for your total STAR rebate. That's a whole separate program.

That's if you're income eligible and if your school taxes were already due.

But that's only for people who bought their homes after August 1, 2015. Otherwise, existing homeowners will still get the STAR as an upfront savings on their school-tax bills.

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To register or for more information, visit: www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm

For more information, call 518-457-2036.



Opioid Awareness Meeting
 Albany County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Rensselaerville Library
 Will hold an opioid awareness meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 6-8 pm at the Rensselaerville Town Hall
 All are invited to attend

Because the Justice Audits were not made public at the 2/8/2018 Town Board meeting, I FOILed them. Below is a summary of those reports:

Total Cases	Submitted by Kim Welsch	Submitted by Sally Lounsbury
Vehicle & Traffic	43	40
Penal Law	6	11
Environmental Conservation	1	6
Civil/Small Claims	3	2
Public Health Law	0	0
Total Monies Collected & Submitted to Audit & Control		
Vehicle & Traffic	\$4678.00	\$3843.00
Penal Law	0.00	350.00
Environmental Conservation	1002.50	0.00
Civil/Small Claims	50.00	30.00
Public Health Law	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PAID TO STATE	\$5730.50	\$4223.00

Proposed Local Law #3 of 2018**LEGAL NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville has introduced proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2018 entitled, "Local Law Opting Out of Exemptions for Certain Energy Systems Provided by New York State Real Property Tax Law §487."

The Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed law on March 8, 2018, at 6:45PM at the Town of Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY, at which time and place all those wishing to comment will be provided with the full opportunity to be heard. Communications in writing in relation thereto may be filed with the Town Clerk's Office or at such hearing. A copy of the proposed local law is available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office or may be viewed online at www.rensselaerville.com

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Dated: February 8, 2018

Victoria H. Kraker

Town Clerk

Town of Rensselaerville
(PROPOSED) LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2018

A local law to Opt-Out of the exemptions provided by New York State Real Property Tax Law §487.

Section 1. Title:

This law shall be known as the "Local Law Opting out of Exemptions for Certain Energy Systems Provided by New York State Real Property Tax Law §487.

Section 2. Purpose and Intent:

The Town Board has determined that this Local Law is to provide no exemption from taxation as authorized in Real Property Tax Law Section 487. Real Property Tax Law Section 487 (8) allows a municipality to opt-out of the exemption from taxation with respect to any solar, wind energy system or farm waste energy system.

Section 3. Authority:

This local law is enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville pursuant to its authority to adopt local laws under the New York State Property Tax Law Section 487 (8) and the Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10.

Section 4. Opt-Out of Exemption:

Chapter 194 of the Town Code is hereby amended to provide as follows: Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 487 (8), no exemption from taxation shall be applicable with respect to any solar or wind energy system or farm waste energy system, as provided for in Section 487.

Section 5. Severability of Provisions:

Should any section or provision of this local law be declared null, void, voidable, or invalid, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this local law.

Section 6: Effective Date:

This local law shall take effect pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Section 27.

End of Law

Contact Information for Elected Officials & Department Heads

Position	Name	Email Address
Town Supervisor Hours: M-F :8a.-11am	Steve Pflaging	spfleging@rensselaerville.com townsupervisor@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
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Town Councilman	John Dolce	jdolce@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilwoman	Margaret Sedlmeir	msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	Jason Rauf	jrauf@rensselaerville.com
Town Justice Court: Mondays, 7pm	Ronald Bates	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Supervisor's Clerk Assistant to Clerk 1	Linda McCormick Valerie Lounsbury	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 Tefft-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

Rensselaerville Historical Society

The Research group of the Rensselaerville Historical Society will be meeting in the basement of the Library on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until mid-May because there is no heat at the Grist Mill Museum. Persons wanting help with research questions may email rensselaervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER NEEDS HELP

Seeking a couple of people who are willing to learn how to help on the Rensselaerville Historical Society newsletter. Email janethaseley@gmail.com.

MARCH



POST OFFICE INFORMATION

<http://www.usps.com>

MEDUSA POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-4826

(19 COUNTY ROUTE 351 MEDUSA, NY 12120)

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

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

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

PRESTON HOLLOW POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-6111

(2930 ROUTE 145 PRESTON HOLLOW, NY 12469)

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

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

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

RENSSELAERVILLE POST OFFICE: Phone 518-797-3231

(26 COUNTY ROUTE 353 RENSSELAERVILLE, NY 12147)

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

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

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



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 518-447-7179
- HEAP: 518-447-2551



You're Invited!

Hilltown Seniors of the Town of Berne have scheduled two trips which we will open up to the public...if you want to join us, here is the info:

May 23-25 we are off to **Lancaster, Pa...** 3 day/2 night package includes: visit to Longwood Gardens, 2 nights Deluxe Accommodations in Lancaster, 2 full breakfasts, Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre featuring the smash hit "Grease"...then the All New Show at the Sight and Sound Theatre featuring "Jesus", dinner at Bird In Hand Family Restaurant, Tour the Pretzel Factory, Visits to Lancaster Canning and Sweet Shoppe, shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village or Outlets, visit to Bird In Hand Farmers Market...

All applicable taxes, roundtrip luggage handling and meal gratuities included.

Cost: \$400 per double for members/\$420 per double for non-members

THEN IN **SEPTEMBER 17-21** off to **Niagara Falls/Toronto**... 4 nights lodging, 8 meals, guided tours of the Falls and Toronto, a journey to the Falls on a Hornblower Niagara Cruise, gaming at Fallsview Casino, a visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake and Queen Victoria Park, a visit to Casa Loma (Canada's most magnificent castle)

Cost: \$450 per double for members/\$475 per double for non-members

IMPORTANT!!!! You must have a NYS enhanced driver's license or passport to cross the border into Canada

Contact Shirley Slingerland if interested at 518-797-3467. Questions? Call Shirley!

JOIN US FOR THESE TWO FUN-FILLED TRIPS!

Rensselaerville Historical Society



Grist Mill Snow—2011

Rensselaerville Historical Society News

The Rensselaerville Historical Society is announcing its 3rd Art Show. We are looking for artists with a Rensselaerville connection to participate. If you are an artist or know of an artist who is no longer alive or has moved away, we are now creating our artist list for this year's show. The Historical Society is looking for a variety of art work including paintings, drawings, sculptures, photographs, carvings or other media. The show will be in the Grist Mill on Main Street in Rensselaerville for two weeks in mid-July. Since there is limited space, we are now collecting names of interested artists on a first come basis. In the spring, we will get back to you with more information. Please email the RHS with the artist's name/and your name if you are the contact person for a deceased artist, email address, mailing address, telephone number, media of art work to rensseleervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com or mail it to RHS, PO Box 8, Rensselaerville, New York 12147. Any questions may also be emailed to the above address.



Owl Prowl

Saturday, March 3, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

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

Head to the Huyck at dusk and test your auditory and observational skills as we listen for our nocturnal friends! Wildlife rehabilitator, Kelly Martin, will start us off with an indoor show-and-tell with her live, rescued owls and will teach us interesting facts about these wonderful creatures. Next, we'll hit the trail with Kelly to see if we can be lucky enough to hear the owls in the wild.

All ages are welcome! Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear. Bring headlamps or flashlights if you'd like (red lights preferred).

Cost of event: \$5 non-members, members and children under 12 free. Space limited, registration required.



RSVP to these events by calling (518)797-3440 or emailing info@huyckpreserve.org

CAREY INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL GOOD

Contributing to a strong,
educated and just society.



The Carey Institute for Global Good is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2012 by Wm. P. Carey and is dedicated to making the world better by contributing to a strong, educated and just society. Through its programs, the Institute strives to bring together innovative and dynamic people from around the world to seek creative solutions to the most pressing challenges of the day. Learn more at careyinstitute.org.



Black Mountain Symphony will be playing on March 16th from 7pm-10pm at the Carriage House Restaurant on campus for St Patrick's Day.

More info is here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1893834990927364>

For more information about what is happening at the Carey Institute for Global good, read the recent February E-Newsletter by visiting the website at www.careyinstitute.org.





BLOOD DRIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Middleburgh Central School

291 Main St
Middleburgh, NY 12122

10 mi | 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

At this drive, you can give:

Blood Power Red

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

St John the Baptist Church

4987 Route 81
Greenville, NY 12083

8.7 mi | 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

At this drive, you can give:

Blood Power Red



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

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

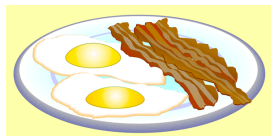
April 21, 2018



PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Free will offering



Breakfast

On the Calendar

Mar 3	9am-3pm	1st Easter & Spring Rummage Sale Museum of Medusa History open in Church (no lunch)	Medusa Church
Mar 4	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services (at Bill Moore's house until the end of March)	Medusa
Mar 4	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Mar 6	7:00pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
Mar 8	6:45 pm	Public Hearing: Local Law #3 of 2018 (See page 14 for more information.)	Town Hall
Mar 8	7:00pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
Mar 11		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	
Mar 11	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services (at Bill Moore's house until the end of March)	Medusa
Mar 11	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Mar 13	12 noon	Seniors Lunch & Meeting	Medusa Firehouse
Mar 17		HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY	
Mar 17	7- 11am	Medusa VFD Breakfast	Medusa Firehouse
Mar 17	8am-12pm	2nd Easter & Spring Rummage Sale Museum Open	Medusa Church
		EAT & SHOP IN MEDUSA	
Mar 18	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services (at Bill Moore's house until the end of March)	Medusa
Mar 18	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Mar 20		FIRST DAY OF SPRING	
Mar 21	6-8 pm	Opioid Awareness Meeting	Town Hall
Mar 25	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services (at Bill Moore's house until the end of March)	Medusa
Mar 25	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Apr 1		EASTER SUNDAY	

Looking Ahead:

May 5 9am-4pm Annual Medusa Festival
More information in the future.
To sign up for a booth indoors or outdoors call
Chris @ 239-6006 or Manny @ 239-4609

For trips contact Janet Nelson @ 797-3963 or Ruth Snyder @ 239-4376

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.



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

Registration is open for the Rensselaerville Ramble Trail Run/Walk scheduled for June 16th at 9am on the trails of the Huyck Preserve. Register at <http://bit.ly/rvillramble> and to learn more visit: www.facebook.com/RensselaervilleRamble

The Library monthly **Board of Trustees Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20th 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, March 13 and 27th. 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 in the downstairs meeting room.

The **Writing Group** meets on the second Thursday of the month. On March 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.

Youth Programs: Visit the online calendar for current weekly events at www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/calendar.html

STEAM Classes on Wednesdays at 3:30pm and 6:00pm

(Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math) STEAM is an instructor led multi-level themed educational program with activities each week to integrate the disciplines and stimulate the creativity of young minds.

March 7: Playing with slime is a great sensory and relaxation activity - and an excellent way to explore scientific concepts of states of matter. We do not use borax in our slimes - these activities are safe for a variety of ages, and fun for everyone from toddlers through adults!

March 14: Corner bookmarks are fun ways to mark your page, express your creativity, and learn a little basic origami

March 21: Friendship bracelets originated in Central America, and are made by a form of macramé - a type of knot tying. Design your own, and make them.

March 28: What can you make with old plastic grocery bags, and empty chip bags? Your imagination is the limit! Come learn how!

StoryTime on Wednesday at 4:30

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.

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Homework Help - Please see Lee Ackerman-Sawyer or email youth@rensselaervillelibrary.org

Programs

Games & Puzzles for all ages Stop in and select a game to play with family and friends. Not into games we have puzzles too. Items are for in Library use and can be found downstairs near the activity room.

Are you interested in learning more about Waste Reduction and Composting? Jeannette Rice will provide an hour long program on **Thursday, March 15 from 7-8pm** to share information on how to reduce waste and save money. Please Register.

Living a Life of Balance: Ayurveda 101 with Emileigh Tanner on Thursday, March 22 from 7-8pm. During this hour long program Emileigh will share information on this ancient medical system and discuss the basics to start living a life of balance. Please Register.

50+ Retirement Reimagined with Dr. Tom Denham on Wednesday, April 18th at 6pm. Are you 50+? Whether you're already retired, about to make the move, or just checking out the possibility, this highly interactive workshop can help with the process. This program is supported by funds from NY State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services program in partnership with the Capital Region Workforce Development Board. Please Register.

Talking With Your Doctor Thursday, April 19 at 7pm. This workshop provided by Albany Medical College's Division of Community Outreach and the Schaffer Library will share tips on how to be an advocate, find health information you can trust and what things to bring to an appointment. Please Register.

Need Help with Long Term Care? Tuesday, April 24 at 3pm the Independent Advocacy Network will provide a presentation on Medicaid and how they can help. Please Register.

Annual Book Sale, Saturday, May 19th from 9-3pm. Please drop off gently used books May 1 through May 16th during Library Hours.

One-on-One Resume-Critiquing 30 minute sessions with Resume Coach Marsha Lazarus on Thursday, May 31 at 6-8pm. We have four spaces available for this opportunity. Please register to reserve your space. You will need to bring your resume with you. This program is supported by funds from NY State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services program in partnership with the Capital Region Workforce Development Board.

Movies

Wonder (2017), Rated: PG, Length: 1:53. Friday, March 2 at 6:30pm. Description: Based on the New York Times bestseller, WONDER tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.

New Resources

Did you know there is a mobile app for the Library? Search for **UHLS Mobile** in your app store. Enter your library card number and have access to your account from anywhere. You can search the catalog or Overdrive, visit the Library's web site and calendar of events right from the app.

Cypress Resume Builder is a new addition to our job resources. <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/job-now.html> this new resource provides assistance to create a new resume or update an old one. Don't forget you can have Marsha Lazarus critique your resume on May 31 but

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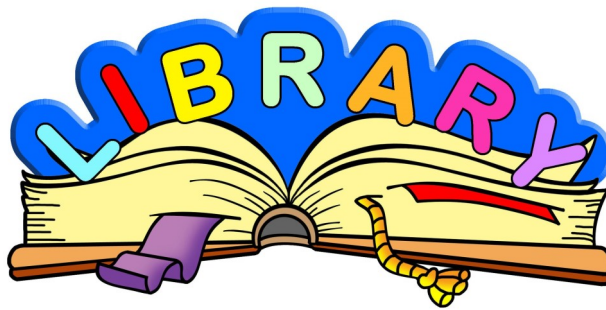
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you must register to secure your time slot.

The Library has a **Museum Pass** for the Clark and Albany Institute of History and Art in Albany. Museum passes are available to check out with your Library card for seven days. The Iroquois Indian Museum Pass will be available April 5th.

HOURS

Sunday and Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10-Noon & 3-9pm
Thursday & Friday: 4-9pm
Saturday: 9-1pm



March 11. 2018



March 17. 2018



March 20. 2018

Rensselaerville Library

WASTE REDUCTION & COMPOSTING

Thursday, March 15, 2018
7:00 pm



In this one hour session Jeannette will cover:

- What is waste and where does it go?
- How can I reduce waste and save money?
- What is compost? How do I make and care for a compost pile or bin?

Please bring your ideas, experiences and questions.

Jeannette Rice, MS Health Education, is a community and environmental activist who cares about people and the Earth. Jeannette is a DIY-er. She enjoys composting and gardening and can be found filling reusable containers at the Co-op.

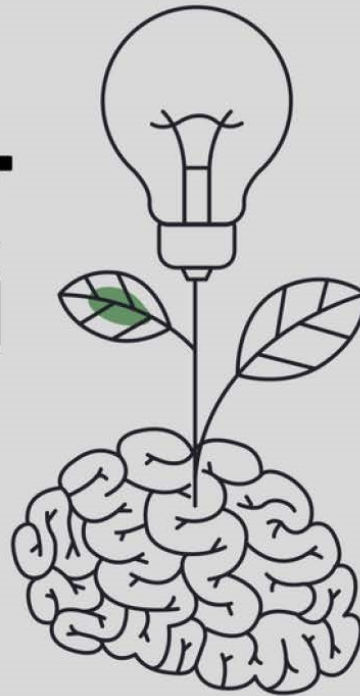


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50+ RETIREMENT REIMAGINED

DR. TOM DENHAM
RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY
4/18/2018 | 6:00 PM



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Are you 50+? Whether you're already retired, about to make the move, or just checking out the possibility, this highly interactive workshop can help with the process by exploring these topics: What retirement means to you; the 9 reasons to retire; key retirement questions. We'll also start to clearly identify values, interests, personality traits, and skills; set your work/life experience and age as an asset for future endeavors; and create an action plan.



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Rensselaerville Library

TALKING WITH YOUR DOCTOR

Thursday, April 19, 2018
7:00 pm

Are you puzzled by confusing health information?
Are you hesitant to ask your doctor questions?



If so, you're not alone! Learn to be an advocate for yourself or a loved one by answering these questions:

- What questions should I ask my doctor?
- How can I find health information I can trust?
- What should I bring to my appointment?

Suitable for everyone, this hands-on workshop is presented by Albany Medical College's Division of Community Outreach and Medical Education and the Schaffer Library of Health Sciences.



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This project has been funded in whole or in part by the National Library of Medicine (NLM), National Institutes of Health (NIH) under cooperative agreement number UG4LM012342 with the University of Pittsburgh, Health Sciences Library System.



Need help with long term care?

Representatives from ICAN are coming to Rensselaerville Library to give a free presentation and answer your questions.

When: April 24, 2018
3:00 pm

Where: Rensselaerville Library
1459 County Route 351
Rensselaerville, NY

Presentation to be conducted by Muriel Miller of Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York.

Call (518) 533-5928 to learn more.



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We will explain what kinds of long term care services Medicaid covers, the different types of plans available, and how we can help.

Community Service Society 633 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017 (212) 254-8900 cssny.org

Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN) is a program of Community Service Society and is funded by the State of New York.

USED BOOK SALE

RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

9am - 3pm

2pm - 3pm

Bring a bag and fill it to the brim with books for \$1.

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

All proceeds go to benefit the Rensselaerville Library.

Featuring a wide variety of books, movies, and music, the Used Book Sale is a great place to pick up that novel that you've always wanted to read or to browse for that book that you never knew that you wanted.

Donations accepted:

May 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, from 4pm - 9pm

May 5 and 12th from 9am-1pm

Please NO text books or encyclopedias.

Book Sale Price List

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



Special sales area items priced individually.

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

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RESUME COACH



MEET ONE-ON-ONE
@ YOUR LIBRARY

MARSHA LAZARUS, MBA
RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY
5/31/2018 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM



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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.

Resume Coach Marsha Lazarus will provide One-on-One Resume-Critiquing. Each one-on-one session will be 30 minutes and requires that registered participants bring their resume. Four spaces are available and you must register for a timeslot: 6:00 pm, 6:30pm, 7:00 pm or 7:30 pm.



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Interested participants must REGISTER for a timeslot.



AIDAN O'CONNOR Jr. FOR 102nd ASSEMBLY SEAT IN SPECIAL ELECTION

DURHAM, NY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018—Aidan O'Connor Jr., a fourth generation resident of Greene

County and minority leader of the Greene County Legislature, announced his candidacy for the NYS 102 nd Assembly District. O'Connor, a Democrat, intends to run in the anticipated special election for the seat.

“I'm running for Assembly because I love upstate New York and I have the energy, enthusiasm and experience needed to help make our communities the best they can be! Over the next few months I look forward to meeting everyone in this great district, I hope you'll get to know me and I'll hope you'll give me the honor of serving you”

O'Connor grew up in Greene County and has worked throughout upstate New York for his entire career as a paramedic both for Greene County EMS and LifeNet of New York, an emergency medical service providing critical care by helicopter to 27 counties including all counties within the 102nd assembly district. He received his paramedic certification at SUNY Cobleskill where he teaches classes training the next generation of first responders.

He was elected to the Greene County legislature in 2015 representing Durham and now serves as chairman of the Health Services Committee and member of the Country Resources and Economic Development & Tourism Committees. O'Connor now works for LifeNet of New York as a Regional Business Development Manager, bringing his leadership and business skills to the company where he once provided critical-care medicine by helicopter.

During his tenure in the legislature, O'Connor has developed a reputation as a 'work across the aisle' legislator best known for his solution oriented approach to critical issues affecting his constituents.

A campaign headquarters is open in Catskill. For additional details go to www.AidanForAssembly.com

MEDIA CONTACT: Dustin Reidy | info@AidanforAssembly.com | [\(518\) 387-9037](tel:(518)387-9037)

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presents:

Living a Life of Balance: Ayurveda 101

Thursday, March 22nd | 7 - 8pm

Rensselaerville Library

Ayurveda (ah-yer-vey-duh), literally translating to the science of life and living, is a time-honored health and healing system providing tools to balance one's mind, body, soul and spirit through simple dietary and lifestyle approaches. Ever wonder how you can attain health and wellbeing while being fully self-empowered and living in accordance to nature? In this hour-long discussion, we will unveil the mystery of this ancient medical system and learn the basics to start living a life of balance.

We will discuss:

- Five Element Theory and how the elements manifest in the body
- The three doshas, or biological mind-body constitutions
- How to identify physical and mental imbalance
 - Simple techniques to manage and avoid imbalance to promote maximum health, mental acuity and longevity

This event is free and open to the public.

Presenter: *Emileigh Tanner*

Emileigh came to discover Ayurveda after years of researching and experimenting with various nutrition systems and a life-long interest in sustainable, holistic lifestyle concepts. Currently training in the Kripalu School of Ayurveda as an Ayurvedic Health Councilor, Emileigh wishes to bring the wisdom of this ancient healing system to her community to deepen ones body-mind connection to promote health of the whole person. She is currently available for informational discussions on Ayurveda, self-care practices, seasonal, nutrition-based cooking demonstrations/classes, and will be offering individual lifestyle and nutritional consultations in the summer of 2018.

For more information on this and other events, or to be added to the email list contact emient.earth.ayurveda@gmail.com, and follow Foothills Yogayurveda on Facebook and Instagram!

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PRESENTS



SPRING EQUINOX YOGAYURVEDA

STIMULATING YOGA ASANA AND AYURVEDIC SELF-CARE TIPS
TO ASSIST YOUR TRANSITION INTO SPRING

Sunday, March 18th, 9-11am | \$20

Conkling Hall, Rensselaerville

MORE INFO AT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FOOTHILLS.YOGAYURVEDA

***To register, email savitrisarah@gmail.com or
emileigh.tanner@gmail.com***

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3/1, 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 is required

3/2, 16 - 10:00 to 12:00 - Home Educators of Schoharie County - HEGS (Home Educators Group of Schoharie County) is a group of homeschooling families with a wide variety of backgrounds, approaches to education, and religious affiliations. We exist to provide secular support for homeschooling families, offer information about homeschooling, and to allow for sharing of educational opportunities. We hope to increase public awareness, acceptance, and support of home education in Schoharie County.

3/3 - 10:00 to 12:00 - Chainsaw Safety - An Introduction - Chainsaws are among the most useful and dangerous outdoor power tools owned and operated by landowners. Severe injuries include deep, jagged lacerations embedding foreign substances resulting from direct contact with the chain saw; strains and sprains from improper handling; and contusions concussions and/or fractures caused by being struck by objects while cutting. Improper long term use may result in loss of hearing and diminished nerve sensitivity. The use, storage, and transportation of potentially hazardous materials necessary for chainsaw operation increases the risk of injury. While all danger cannot be eliminated, training and instruction have proven to be an effective way to mitigate the risk of harm to a chain saw user.

Mike Burns from *Professional Forestry Services* will present an instructional program for the occasional chain saw user on safe operation and risk mitigation. This session is intended to be an introduction to chain saw use and is not adequate preparation for felling standing trees. Participants will not be using a chain saw as part of the workshop. This workshop is free and is underwritten by New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health. **Registration is required.**

3/6, 13, 20, 27 - 10:45 AM - Drop-in Storytime - Get ready to move in this interactive storytime designed especially for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. *No registration required.*

3/6, 13, 20, 27 - 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.

3/6, 13, 20, 27 - 5:15 PM - Insight Meditation - What do you want most deeply? Seeing your life calmly and clearly helps answer this. Insight Meditation is a simple way to steady your mind, stop wandering in day-dreams, and end the suffering of troubling thoughts. Our group is a place to sit quietly in safety, supported by others; to allow understanding and compassion to arise; to encourage loving-kindness and patience. We welcome those with no experience to advanced mediators', teens to seniors. give it a try. No registration is required. There is no fee. All are welcome.

3/7, 21 - 11:00 AM - Storytime with Miss Doreen - Join master storyteller, Doreen McCoy, for a fun storytime. Stories, fingerplays, songs and a craft for little ones two years old and up with their caregivers. *No registration required.*

3/7, 14, 21, 28 - Wednesday Matinee - Free Popcorn -

3/7 - "Darkest Hour" (PG-13)

3/14 - "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" (R)

3/21 - "Wonder" (PG)

3/28 - "Hidden Figures" (PG)

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3/9 - 5:30 PM - Dinner & a Movie - "Wonder" (PG) - Based on the New York Times bestseller, WONDER tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to discover their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.

Join us for a fun evening as we watch the acclaimed film **Wonder**. The library will provide pizza and drinks and you bring a snack or dessert to share. *Registration is required and space is limited.*

3/10 - 11:00-2:00 - 9th Annual Crockpot Cook-Off - Throw off that cabin fever, get out, connect with friends and neighbors and eat some delicious food at our 9th Annual Crockpot Cook-off! Sample a selection of crockpot goodies in three categories: chili, soups/stews, or other, all for a donation of \$5.00. Drinks and desserts will be available for \$1.00 each. Kids six and under eat free! Vote for your favorites!

Are you a great crockpot cook? Have a killer recipe? Register to participate and you may win a prize for each category: chili, soups, stews or other. **Register at the library by March 8th.** All proceeds benefit the Middleburgh Library.

3/10 - 3:00 to 10:00 PM - Board Games for Adults - Come join us for a night of board games.

3/12 - 6:30 PM - Library Board of Trustees Meeting - Public is welcome.

3/15 - 1:00 PM - Closing the Gap with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York - Closing the Gap is a free program seeking to address the access to justice gap in rural areas. Through the use of technology, attorneys in urban areas like Albany and NYC, volunteer their time to assist low-income people in underserved areas facing consumer debt judgments and housing evictions. This presentation will describe the types of issues that Closing the Gap addresses such as: small claim suits, medical debts, credit card debts, car repossessions, etc. Attendees will learn how they can contact Legal Aid for their civil legal needs and how to navigate courts as a "pro se" defendants with the assistance of Closing the Gap. **Registration is suggested but not required.**

3/17 - 2:00 PM - Cooking by the Vegan Book - "Vegan Brunch" - The Middleburgh Library presents its monthly book club, "Cooking by the Vegan Book." We pick the cookbook, you pick and make the recipe!

How the cookbook club works; Every month, a cookbook will be selected and will be at the circulation desk, for you to look at and we will print up the recipe of your choice. Sign up online or at the circulation desk, let us know what you're cooking so we don't have duplicates. **Registration is required.**

3/18 - 4:00 PM - Concert - Mike Agranoff - He is a master of the little-known English Concertina, applying it anywhere from a haunting and poignant song accompaniment to an unexpected virtuoso transcription of a Bach concerto. A performance might include a song of heart-stopping emotional impact, a Scott Joplin piano rag, an acapella Irish patter song sung to the melody of a mile-a-minute fiddle tune, a riveting recitation in the style of Robert Service, and some of the most horrible parodies ever perpetrated on an unsuspecting audience. *A \$10.00 donation is suggested. Tickets are available at the door.*

3/19 - 2:00 PM - Color Me Calm Adult Coloring Club - Do you need a relaxing activity to melt away stress? Join our **Color Me Calm Adult Coloring Club!** This program allows adults to create wonderful pictures and offers a fun and unique way to unwind and express creativity. Plus, it can actually lower stress! *Please note that this is not a structured program. Drop-in and color at your leisure. Materials will be provided. No registration required.*

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3/20 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by Edgar Wroblewski - David Wroblewski is a master storyteller, and his breathtaking scenes—the elemental north woods, the sweep of seasons, an iconic American barn, a fateful vision rendered in the falling rain—create a riveting family saga, a brilliant exploration of the limits of language, and a compulsively readable modern classic. *No registration required*

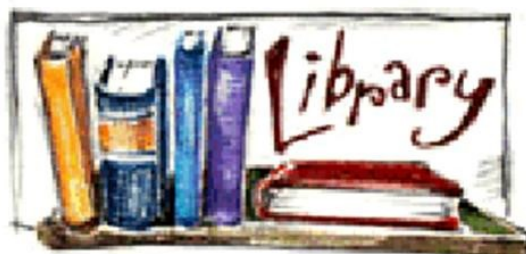
3/24 - 10:00-12:00 - Needle Felted Eggs - Just in time for Easter, join us as we create some colorful needle felted eggs to celebrate Spring. These will look adorable hanging on an egg tree or as an accent with your other Spring decorations. *Appropriate for ages 10 and up. Registration is required and space is limited. A \$5.00 materials fee will be charged for two eggs.*

3/26 - 1:00 PM - Monday Musings: The Fabrics of Their Lives - Shaker Textiles - Join educators from the Shaker Heritage Museum as we learn about the simple, but beautiful textiles produced by the Shakers. While the Shakers were known for their simple garments, they were also recognized for producing high quality fabrics and accessories. View images of textiles from the Shaker Heritage Society collection and examine reproduction garments. Try spinning on a drop spindle and weaving on a loom and take home samples of natural fibers and fabrics. **Registrations is required.**

Please check our Calendar on our website at www.middleburghlibrary.info for future programs.

Contact information: 323 Main Street,
PO Box 670,
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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



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.

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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.

March 2018						
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May 2018						
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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:

Mar. 13, 27, Apr. 17, May 1, 15, 29, June 5
From 3:00 – 4:00

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Lego Fun!

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

Ages 4 & Up 3:00 – 4:00

March 6, 20; April 10, 24; May 8, 22

Greenville Local History Group

Don Teator, Town Historian, invites the public to attend the Greenville Local History Group meetings held in the libraries large community room the second Monday of the month, April thru November, at 7:30.

The Greenville Local History Group newsletter can be found at <http://www.dteator.com/glhg/glhg.htm>

The Town of Greenville Historian's holdings are listed in a nearly 50 page long Word document (as of May 2012). Click [Historian's files](#) to download. For further information, contact Historian Don Teator (dteator@gmail.com).

The Boarding Houses / Resorts of the Greenville, Greene County, NY Area is another document that Don has made available to the public. The purpose is to document the boarding house era establishments, give locations, supply additional information and indicate their fate. <http://www.dteator.com/zResort/resortweb.htm>



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



Wes and his wife Darcy with their three children

**APRIL 24, 2018
SPECIAL ELECTION**

**VOTE: WESLEY D. LARAWAY
FOR NYS ASSEMBLY**

PO Box 686
Middleburgh, NY 12122
Phone: 518-519-0733
Laraway4Assembly@midtel.net
www.Laraway4Assembly.com

Wes Laraway is a long time resident of Schoharie County and has deep ties to the community. He was born in Cobleskill and attended Middleburgh High School. He attended SUNY Oneonta where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in History and his Master's Degree in Reading Education. He currently teaches history at the Middleburgh Central School District, where he has been since graduating from college.

Wes has spent the last thirty years teaching, working, raising a family, running a farm and operating one of the largest privately funded animal rescue facilities in the Northeast while doing community service in his town, including serving as President of the Middleburgh Rotary Club in 2000.

Wes and his wife are known nationally for their efforts in saving animals: both wild and domestic. In 2016 he was presented with the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award and the Mohawk-Hudson Humane Society Hero of the Year Award.

Wes and his wife Darcy teach at Middleburgh Central School. They consider the many other children who often gather at their dinner table their extended family. Wes has taught his children the same values that he was brought up with; hard work, respect, honesty, trust and his motto of "Leave the world a better place than you found it."

In August 2017 Wes and Darcy became grandparents for the first time.

Wes Laraway on running for public office:

"I grew up remembering the Republican BBQs at Nickerson's Campground or the Tator Barn. People did not make a career out of politics as much back then. They worked for 40 years in business or farming and had a good life. They entered politics when they retired so that they could give back and ensure that the next generations would enjoy the good lives that they had.

I may not have attended Harvard but I have been teaching kids how to be productive citizens for the last 30 years. I am not politically entitled, I will fight for your vote regardless of party affiliation and I will earn your trust through hard work and representing YOU to the best of my ability in Albany.

I want to run a true grassroots campaign. I will gladly take your support and your vote and it won't cost either one of us a dime. I will not let you or our kids down."



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I PROMISE EVERY VOTER:

I will do what is right, even if it is unpopular or goes against a political party's orders.

I will support the best interests of every person in Assembly District 102 with bipartisan voting in Albany.

I will never forget for whom I work once elected.

The Assembly District became vacant after former Assemblyman Peter Lopez resigned to become the Region 2 Administrator at the Environmental Protection Agency. Governor Andrew Cuomo has called for a special election to be held on April 24, 2018 to fill 11 vacant seats in the NYS Assembly and Senate.

The Political Parties have chosen a candidate to put on the ballot; without voter input. Wes Laraway is running to give voters a choice. A choice not controlled by the political machine. He will be a voice for the voters.

Wes will fight for these issues in Albany:

Term Limits

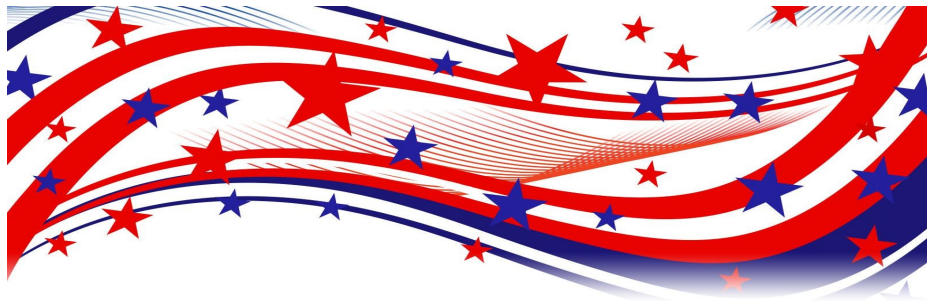
Campaign Finance Reform

Rural Technology - including broadband access

Right to Farm - including protecting property rights and water quality:

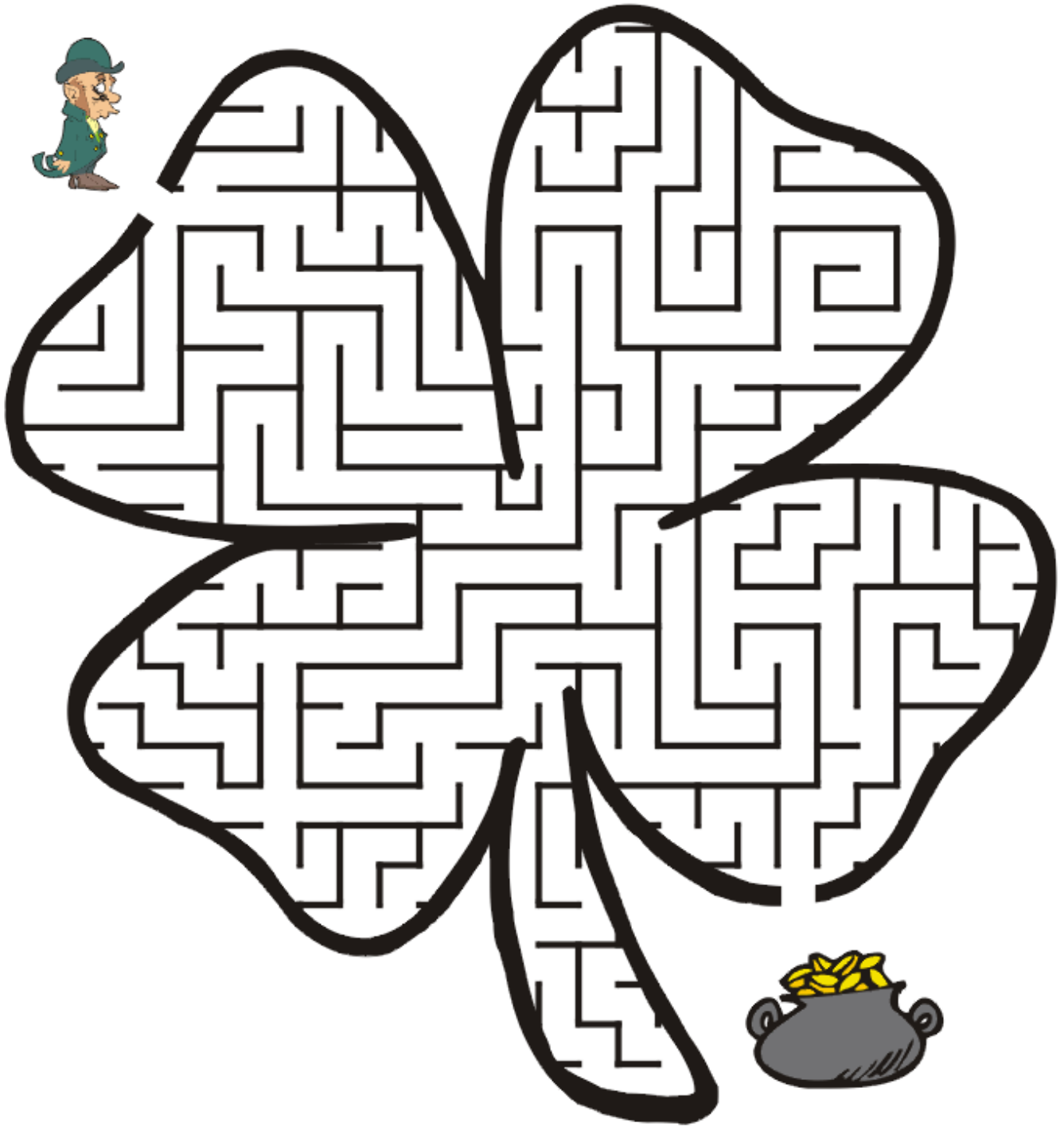
"If it's good for farmers, I vote for it. If it's bad for farmers, I vote against it."

Education - with a focus on vocational training for jobs and adult education



April 24, 2018

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