

# R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, June 12, 2018

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Steven Pflęging and the roll was called with the following results:

**PRESENT WERE:** Supervisor Steven Pflęging, Councilman John Dolce, Councilman Jason Rauf, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

**ABSENT WERE:** Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir

Also present was one interested citizen.

### AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Marie Dermody wished to thank Supervisor Pflęging for opening the meetings with the date and type of meeting being held, noting that it provides clarity and a feeling of professionalism.

**MINUTES:** Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on June 14, 2018:

- April 12, 2018 – Regular Meeting
- May 8, 2018 – Work Meeting
- May 10, 2018 – Regular Meeting \*Although the minutes are correct as presented, Councilman Rauf wishes to make a clarification on the motion made regarding the sidewalks in Preston Hollow at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

**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, Recycling Center, and Library will be given at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Pflęging announced that five citizens had sent in letters showing interest in being on the Solar Energy/Zoning Committee.

Supervisor Pflęging announced that Kathryn Sikule is hosting a "Solar Insights" brunch event on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon at 26 Fox Creek Road.

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2. There will be a Public Hearing on Thursday at 6:45 pm on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2018 – Temporary Weight Limits on Town Roads

3. Discussions will be held on Thursday regarding the sidewalks in Preston Hollow.

4. Supervisor Pflieger announced that no one had come forward to apply for the Planning/Zoning Board Clerk position. Another advertisement will need to be placed in the newspaper. The Town may have to reach out to neighboring Towns.

5. Weston & Sampson Engineering is drafting a letter which will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Conservation following its approval by the Town Board. They would also like to locate the end of the pipe in the lake so that when the diver and the CCTVs are on site, the pipe can be plugged in a timely fashion.

The pool area downstream must be drained prior to the CCTV work. The Highway Department may be able to assist in this process. The Board also inquired as to whether or not the Huyck Preserve would be interested in assisting in some capacity as well.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. The Highway's on-line bidding authority will need to be renewed on Thursday.

2. Supervisor Pflieger announced that during a PERMA conference he learned that the Town will be mandated to provide cancer coverage through NYS Worker's Compensation for members of the Town's fire companies. It is called the New York State Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program and will commence on January 1, 2019. The volunteer would have had to serve at least 5 years as an *interior firefighter* and must still be an active member, whether or not the individual is an interior firefighter at the present time. **[Editor's Note:** The full text of the law can be found at: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/s1411/amendment/b>. An excerpt of the law can be found on page 12.]

3. The Board will discuss the mowing of the parks with the attorney on Thursday.

4. The Board will need to accept the resignation of Deputy Water/Sewer Treatment Officer, Gerritt Patel.

### AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Marie Dermody wished to thank the Board for allowing her to participate in some of the discussions.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

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

### RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk



**Draft Minutes, Town Board Public Hearing, June 14, 2018**

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Public Hearing on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018 at 6:45 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Pflieger and the roll was called with the following results:

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

Also present were 5 interested citizens

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2018 – Imposing Temporary Weight Restrictions for Certain Vehicles Traveling on Town Highways.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to open the Public Hearing at 6:45 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce. *Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0)*

The proposed Local Law reads as follows:

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2018  
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE, NEW YORK**

A local law to permit the imposition of temporarily weight restrictions for vehicles traveling on Town highways:

Section 1: Vehicles with a gross weight of six (6) tons or more are temporarily excluded from Town highways and during any schedule as determined by the Highway Superintendent based upon a determination that any such highway would be materially injured by the operation of any such vehicle thereon. The Highway Superintendent shall inform the Town Clerk and Town Board of any such determination. Such exclusion shall take effect upon the erection of signs on the section of highway from which such vehicles are excluded, and a notice that such vehicles are excluded shall be published in the official newspaper of the Town of Rensselaerville. The exclusion shall remain in effect until the removal of the signs, as directed by the Highway Superintendent or the Town Board.

Section 2: Upon written application by any operator of a vehicle subject to the restrictions of this section, the Highway Superintendent may issue a permit providing an appropriate exemption to such vehicle from any exclusions authorized above, upon a determination that said vehicle is performing essential local pickup or delivery service, or services related to maintenance, repair or installation of public improvements, and that failure to grant such permit would create a hardship. Every such permit may designate the route to be traversed and contain other reasonable restrictions or conditions deemed necessary. Every such permit shall be carried on the vehicle to which it refers and shall be open to inspection of any peace officer, police officer or town highway department officer. Such permits shall be limited to the time periods of the restrictions imposed under this section by the superintendent.

Section 3: The Town Board hereby delegates to the Highway Superintendent, pursuant to Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1603(c), the authority set forth in Section 1 and 2, herein.

Section 4: In addition to injunctive and other relief, violators may be fined up to \$500 for each and every separate violation of the provisions of this law.

Section 5: This Local Law shall not apply to any fire or emergency vehicles, school busses owned by or under contract to a school district or school approved by the State Department of Education.

Section 6: The Highway Superintendent is responsible for erecting weight limit signs on town highways or section of highways from which overweight vehicles are excluded pursuant to this Local Law.

Section 7: If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this local law shall be adjudged by

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any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 8: To the extent that this local law may be found to be inconsistent with any provision of the New York State Town Law, or any special law, the Town Board declares that it is its intent that this local law shall supersede any such inconsistent provision in order to effectuate the purposes of this local law.

Section 9: This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Marie Dermody, referring to Section 4, questioned who decides what the fine is actually going to be. The answer being that the Court would decide the fine.

Also, there was a typographical error in Section 8; "superseded" should read "supersede".

As no other comments were introduced, neither verbal nor written, Supervisor Pflieger entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to close the Public Hearing at 7:00 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Rauf.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

## Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, June 14, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 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 Thomas Fallati, 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, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Assessor Kathryn Wank, and five interested citizens.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

1. Kathryn Wank wished to publicly thank and acknowledge Victoria Kraker for her work on the gardens at Town Hall and the Veteran's Ring of Honor.
2. Valentina Pochilko of County Route 354 stated that she had been complaining for over a year about a hazardous situation on an abandoned property adjacent to hers. The property is laden with what appears to be over a hundred tires and a propane tank. She is concerned about mosquitos and fire. About a year ago, the owner was asked to clean the property up. They did take some things away but never

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returned. Ms. Pochilko had written a letter to Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh and followed up with “before and after” pictures.

Councilman Rauf suggested meeting with Supervisor Pflieger to discuss the matter further.

**MICHAEL SIKULE ON BEHALF OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Michael Sikule, who serves on the Tri-County Services/Catholic Charities Board wished to make citizens aware of all the services which Catholic Charities provides. Catholic Charities/Tri-County Services operates 5 food and outreach centers in the Capital District area; the Hilltowns Community Resource Center is one of them. The Hilltowns Community Resource Center, located in Westerlo and run by Marybeth Peterson and assistant Misty Schafer, has served the communities of Berne, Knox, Westerlo, and Rensselaerville since 1981 and currently serves over 550 families in the Hilltowns. The Resource Center provides information, referral, advocacy and case management services; food pantry; Holiday assistance providing food, clothing, and toys for children and families at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas; back-to-school projects that include clothing and school supplies; emergency assistance to individuals and families experiencing a crisis; and is a satellite office for Albany County Food Stamps in-take. The Resource Center also does luncheons for the “shut-ins” in the winter.

Catholic Charities know that people’s struggles are real and hunger is most often a symptom of a larger issue such as no transportation to get to work, a past due heating bill, or needing back-to-school clothes for growing children. It is their goal to see that no person goes hungry with a larger hope to strengthen their lives and our communities.

Donations are much appreciated as are volunteers.

**[Editor’s Note: Please see related flyer on page 13.]**

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2018 – Regular Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 Work Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2018 Regular Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Rauf.

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

**TRANSFERS:** None

**ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS:** General Fund - \$33,106.65; Highway Fund - \$17,474.11; Lighting District - \$698.88; Sewer Fund - \$957.09; Water Fund - \$499.16; T&A Fund -\$6,134.04. Total Abstracts: \$58,869.93.

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

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

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### CORRESPONDENCE :

Supervisor Pflieger announced that he had received donations from Peter & Deborah McMillan and Ruth Winnie for the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park.

### REPORTS

#### SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Pflieger announced that the EMT-D and ALS agreements had been received, signed and returned to the Town. The EMT-D Program is \$60,000/year and the ALS is \$56,977.60/year for a total of \$116,977.60.
2. Supervisor Pflieger and Bookkeeper/Clerk 1 attended a PERMA conference several weeks ago.
3. Supervisor Pflieger wished to thank everyone who attended the Town-Wide Picnic and all the volunteers as well. The Albany County Sheriff's Department was there; Cooksburg Lumber donated the sawdust and Richard Tollner provided DJ services.

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

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

**ATTORNEY:** Attorney Fallati will address the Board later in the meeting.

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. The Highway Department continues their work repairing winter damage.
2. Moto-paving is due to begin on or about June 25<sup>th</sup>.
3. Reclamation projects are due to begin on or about July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
4. Next week, Superintendent Bates will be meeting with Peckham Bros. to discuss scheduling their work.
5. The fan blade broke on the grader and damaged the radiator, but has since been repaired.

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

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

**TOWN CLERK:** Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of May as follows:

Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$6,362.49. Paid to the Supervisor - \$6,098.57- the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$62.08; Recycling - \$225.00; Dog Licenses - \$155.00; Building Permits - \$4,806.49; Title Searches - \$210.00; Planning - \$350.00; Zoning - \$290.00. Total: \$ 6,098.57

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$23.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$240.92

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$1,200.16; which included \$12.54 in penalties

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$2,701.22; which included \$35.04 in penalties

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

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

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

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1. Supervisor Pflieger read a written report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh as follows: one Home Replacement permit; two Commercial New Construction permits; four Accessory Building permits; one Renovation permit; one Pool permit; one Porch permit; one Septic permit; one Deck permit; and one Home Addition permit.

Approval of the report will be tabled due to an inconsistency in the numbers reported, compared to the numbers reported by the Town Clerk, possibly due to an error in the Building Department's software program.

2. Supervisor Pflieger read a letter written by Mark Overbaugh announcing his resignation from his position as Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector effective June 30, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept Mark Overbaugh's resignation as Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

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

**ASSESSORS**

1. Assessor Pine announced that Grievance Day was quiet and that the Final Roll is all set to go for July 1<sup>st</sup>.

2. Assessor Wank announced that she had completed 3 more courses in the field of assessing: Board of Assessment Review training, Agricultural Issues Facing Assessors, and a webinar on the Income Verification Program (IVP).

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

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

**WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE**

The Board had questioned the numbers which were reported for the month of April. Town Clerk Kraker received an explanation from Water/Sewer Operator John Rice noting that it could be due to seasonal inflow and/or that the pumps were running more than necessary. Operator Rice has a call into someone to have the pumps checked and expects the numbers to be closer to normal in the future.

Town Clerk Kraker did not receive numbers for the month of May, but Water/Sewer Operator Rice reported that the Water Department was making good water and that the clear well was over 9 feet. There is still an issue with the control panel at the Sewer Plant, and he has reached out again for someone to address the issue.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Water/Sewer Committee's report and explanation for the month of April. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

Since no numbers were provided for the month of May, approval of the May report will be tabled.

**REFUSE/RECYCLING**

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of May as follows: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 9.89 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 86.69 tons; Sierra Fibers: 5.07 tons comingled and 6.94 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 100 gallons; Tires: 69

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

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

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### RENSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

Janet Acker, representing the Rensselaerville Library, reported the following:

The Library has put out Requests for Quotes for repairing a stone retaining wall and repairing/replacing an existing patio, both of which are behind the Library and accessed via Bennett Lane. June 16<sup>th</sup> is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rensselaerville Ramble; a joint effort between the Library and the Huyck Preserve. 130 people are expected.

The summer reading program begins on June 16<sup>th</sup>

A number of reading programs for kids are coming up soon as well.

Summer movies start on June 27<sup>th</sup>

On June 6<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Donald will be coming to talk about his book.

Emileigh Tanner, a local, will be speaking on July 13<sup>th</sup> about Living a Life of Balance

July 17<sup>th</sup> – Eileen DePaula will be speaking on pet care

July 27<sup>th</sup> – Author Reading - Eileen Benedict will be coming to speak about her book

Wednesdays at 4:30 is Story Time

August 4<sup>th</sup> is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Midway to Mardi Gras fundraiser

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Library report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

### CURRENT EVENTS

1. The Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company will host a Father's Day Breakfast from 8-11am.
2. Supervisor Pflaging wished to congratulate parents of upcoming graduates.
3. Supervisor Pflaging announced that Kathryn Sikule is hosting a "Solar Insights" brunch event on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon at 26 Fox Creek Road.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Five citizens had submitted letters showing their interest in serving on the Solar Committee. Councilman Dolce recommended that John Mormile and Richard Tollner be selected to serve on the Committee. It is the consensus of the Board that Mr. Mormile and Mr. Tollner be selected. The Board expressed their appreciation to the others who showed interest in serving the Town and thank-you notes will be sent in that regard.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to appoint John Mormile and Richard Tollner to the Town of Rensselaerville Solar Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

2. Attorney Fallati read the Resolution for Local Law No. 3 of 2018 incorporating the correction of the typographical error in paragraph 8 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE  
TOWN OF RENSELAERVILLE  
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been advised that certain Town Highways suffer damage by the operation of certain trucks and similar vehicles of heavy weight during the thawing season and at other times of the year; and

WHEREAS, the Town, pursuant to Section 130(7) of the Town Law and Sections 1603(e) and 1660(a) (11) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York, may enact a local law temporarily restricting the weight of vehicles traveling on Town Highways; and

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WHEREAS, the Town Board has prepared the attached proposed Local Law to permit the imposition of temporary weight restrictions by the Highway Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board conducted a Public Hearing on the attached proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2018 at the Town Hall on June 14, 2018 at 6:45 pm;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, that the attached Local Law No. 3 of 2018, which is incorporated herein, be and hereby is enacted.

By motion made by Marion Cooke and seconded by Margaret Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018 as follows:

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

End Resolution

3. Councilman Rauf noted that it was brought to his attention that the motion he made at the Regular Meeting in May regarding the revamping of the sidewalks in Preston Hollow lacked some specificity. He wished to note that the \$12,000 did not include labor cost which Superintendent Bates estimated would be about \$7,500.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to rescind the motion to authorize the Highway Department to perform the repairs on the sidewalk with a budget not to exceed \$12,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize the Highway Department to repair the existing sidewalk from the Tri-Village Fire Company to the end of Brookside cemetery along State Route 145. The sidewalk shall be repaired and repaved to the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and also to the specifications of the Highway Superintendent. The cost of materials shall not exceed \$12,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

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

4. Supervisor Pflieger announced that thus far no letters of interest in the Planning Board/Zoning Board Clerk position had been received. Supervisor Pflieger will reach out to Debra Baxter, who currently serves as the Assessor's Clerk and the Code Enforcement/Building Inspector's Clerk. In the alternative, he will reach out to neighboring towns for assistance with the search.

5. Weston & Sampson Engineering is drafting a letter which will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Conservation following its approval by the Town Board. They would also like to locate the end of the pipe in the lake so that when the diver and the CCTVs are on site, the pipe can be plugged in a timely fashion.

The pool area will need to be drained prior to the CCTV work as well. Superintendent Bates noted that the beaver dam is abandoned and must be removed as a matter of maintenance. A permit from the Department of Environmental Conservation will be needed to bring in a small excavator via County Route 353 to perform the work. Supervisor Pflieger has been in contact with Adam Caprio from the Huyck Preserve in an effort to see if the Preserve would be willing to obtain a sub-contractor to perform said work. In the meantime, Supervisor Pflieger will move forward with acquiring the necessary permit from DEC.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Supervisor Pflieger read the Resolution to renew the Highway Superintendent’s authority to participate in on-line bidding as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE  
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE  
TOWN BOARD

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, that (1) the Highway Superintendent is authorized to bid on, and to purchase, equipment, tools and other implements to be used for highway maintenance, construction or reconstruction, snow plows or other devices for the removal of snow from the highways from monies appropriated for that purpose without prior approval of the Town Board, through September 30, 2018, up to an amount of \$10,000; (2) this resolution may be reviewed and re-approved quarterly; (3) the Highway Superintendent shall provide the Town Supervisor prompt notice of any bids and purchases made pursuant to this resolution; and (4) nothing in this resolution is intended to limit the Town Board’s authority, by subsequent resolution, to modify or rescind this authority generally or with respect to a particular prospective purchase.

By motion made by John Dolce and seconded by Margaret Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 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	X		
John Dolce, Councilman	X		
Jason Rauf, Councilman	X		
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	X		

End Resolution

2. Supervisor Pflieger announced that during the recent PERMA conference he and Linda McCormick attended, he learned that the Town will be mandated to provide cancer coverage through NYS Worker’s Compensation for members of the Town’s fire companies. It is called the New York State Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program and is a New York State, unfunded mandate, which will commence on January 1, 2019. Eligible volunteer firefighters are covered under the NYS Firefighter Cancer Plan provided that

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the volunteer has served at least 5 years as an *interior firefighter* as evidenced by passage of the mask fit test which is required of all volunteer firefighters with an interior firefighter rating; and upon entrance into the volunteer service, the volunteer firefighter successfully passed an exam which did not reveal any evidence of cancers. It will cost approximately \$250/qualified firefighter, regardless of whether the 5-year service was forty years ago or 5 years ago – as long as the individual is still an active member.

3. Discussion was had regarding the mowing of the parks. Attorney Fallati offered an option that the Board rescind the contract, send a notice of such to the current contractor, and then re-bid the contract. It would be a lengthy process to obtain another contractor, and despite the breach of contract, the Board elected to continue with the current contractor for the remainder of the year.

4. Supervisor Pflieger read the resignation letter submitted by Gerritt Platel as Deputy Water/Sewer Operator.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the resignation of Deputy Water/Sewer Operator Gerritt Platel; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

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

5. Councilwoman Cooke advised the Board that a special meeting should be held to discuss how to move forward with the resignation of Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to hold a Special Meeting on June 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of discussing how to move forward with the Code Enforcement/Building Inspector position. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

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

### AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Jeff Pine offered his thoughts on Mark Overbaugh's resignation and feels his resignation is a loss for the Town. Mr. Pine, currently a code enforcement officer for the Town of New Scotland, offered his assistance with any upcoming interviews.

2. Gerald Wood believes that the intersection of State Route 145 & 81 is a prime location for a Cumberland Farms or Speedway. Supervisor Pflieger noted that he had placed a call into Stewarts, but has not heard back from them. Mr. Wood offered to work with Supervisor Pflieger in this endeavor.

Councilman Rauf suggested offering a PILOT (payment-in-lieu-of-taxes) program as an incentive to bring business into the Town.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Dolce.

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

### **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;**

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk



**NYS Volunteer Firefighter Gap Coverage Cancer Disability Benefits Act**

BILL NO S1411B

**PURPOSE :** To create the New York State Volunteer Firefighter Gap Coverage Cancer Disability Benefits Act to provide volunteer firefighters who contract certain forms of cancer with enhanced disability benefits.

A volunteer firefighter will be eligible for enhanced cancer disability benefits if the following criteria is met: \*The volunteer has served for at least five years as an interior firefighter as evidenced by passage of the mask fit test which is required of all volunteer firefighters with an interior firefighting rating; \*Upon entrance into the volunteer service the volunteer firefighter successfully passed a physical examination; and \*The volunteer firefighter has a disease caused by an uncontrolled division of abnormal cells in any part of the body or a malignant growth or tumor affecting the lymphatic or hematological systems or digestive, urinary, prostate, neurological, breast or reproductive systems or melanoma.

A volunteer who meets the eligibility requirements of the bill shall be eligible for the following disability benefits:

\*For medically serious forms of cancer the volunteer firefighter will be eligible for a lump sum payment of \$25,000 which may be drawn from a pool of \$50,000 which is available if there is more than one negative diagnosis over the volunteer firefighters' lifetime; \*In the case of others medically treatable cancers, a lump sum benefit may be drawn from a pool of \$50,000 which is available if there is more than one negative diagnosis over the volunteer firefighters' lifetime;

\*If the volunteer firefighter is totally disabled, a monthly benefit of \$1,500 per month payable up to 36 consecutive monthly payments; and \*In case of death, the volunteer firefighters' family will be eligible for an accidental death benefit in the amount of \$50,000.

Allows a legally organized fire department to use proceeds from real property taxes for purposes of providing such disability insurance.

Requires that any fire department whose member has received a disability payment under the provisions of this act shall report such payments to the Office of Fire Prevention and Control. Beginning in January 1, 2020 the Office of Fire Prevention and Control shall report yearly to the legislature the number of firefighters who have received benefits under this act.

Authorizes the Office of Fire Prevention and Control to adopt rules and regulations as are reasonably necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

Section 3. Provides that fund received by the volunteer firefighter as insurance payments for cancer benefits shall not be subject to New York State income taxes.

Section 4. This act shall take effective on January 1, 2019.

**EXISTING LAW :** Presently, there are no health or disability protections afforded volunteer firefighters outside of what is currently allowed for under the disability provisions in the volunteer firefighters benefit law.

Under the firefighters' benefit law, a totally disabled firefighter is limited to \$600 per month in disability benefits.

Source: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/s1411/amendment/b>



VINCENT W. COLONNO  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JENN HYDE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Hilltowns Community Resource Center

The Hilltowns Community Resource Center, a program of Catholic Charities Tri-County Services is located in the town of Westerlo, NY and has served the communities of Berne, Knox, Westerlo, and Rensselaerville since 1981. We currently serve over 600 families in the Hilltowns.

The Hilltowns Community Resource Center provides assistance to low-income individuals with a variety of programs and special projects:

- Information, referral, advocacy and case management services
- Food Pantry
- Holiday Assistance: Providing food, clothing and toys for children and families at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Back-to-School Project: School clothing and supplies
- Emergency assistance to individuals and families experiencing a crisis
- Satellite office for Albany County Food Stamps in-take

Amidst the challenges our world is facing today, Catholic Charities meets people where they are. Their struggles are very real and hunger is most often a symptom of a larger issue in their life such as, no transportation to get to work, a past due heating bill, or needing back-to-school clothes for growing children. Our goal is to see that no person goes hungry with a larger hope to strengthen their lives and our communities.

**Hilltowns Community Resource Center**  
**566 State Route 143, PO Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193**  
**Program Coordinator: Marybeth Peterson**  
**(518) 797-5256**

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CAN RESPONDERS FIND YOUR HOME?**

**Contact Information for Elected Officials & Department Heads**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
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 Muriel Frasher	Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Supervisor's Clerk Assistant to Clerk 1	Linda McCormick Valerie Lounsbury	clerk1@rensselaerville.com
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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	Edwin Lawson (temporary BI/COE)	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

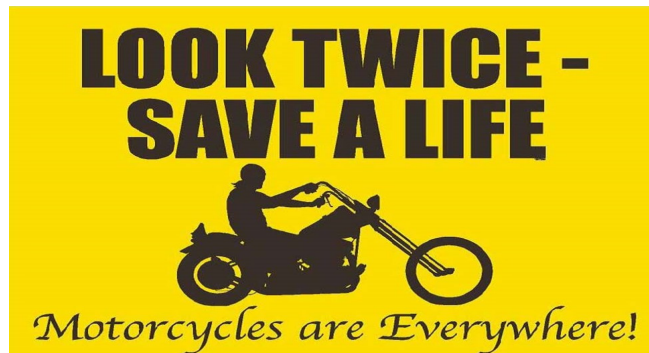
**Sen. George Amedure**  
46th District  
LOB, Room 802  
Albany, NY 12247  
455-2350; Fax: 426-6751  
Amedure@nysenate.gov

**Assemblyman**  
102nd District - Chris Tague  
LOB 937  
Albany, NY 12248  
518-455-5363  
[taguec@nyassembly.gov](mailto:taguec@nyassembly.gov)

**County Legislator Chris Smith**  
39th District  
Alb Co Office Building  
112 State Street  
Albany, NY 12207  
447-7168; (H) 447-7117

## 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.



### **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 RENSSAELERVILLE, 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 and are 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 a trip which we will open up to the public...if you want to join us, here is the info:

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

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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 owns a historic grist mill located on Main Street in the hamlet of Rensselaerville, where Ten Mile Creek crosses under the bridge.

### Grist Mill Tours

July & August, 1-3 Sundays and Wednesdays July- Mid October 11-2

Questions about the history of the Town of Rensselaerville or family genealogy? You can find researchers Joyce Chase and Rose Kuhar at the mill on Wednesdays, or email them at

[Rensselaervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com](mailto:Rensselaervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com)

### ART SHOW

Rensselaerville artists past and present will be part of this year's art show at the Grist Mill. About 20 artists using a variety of media including photography, oil and water colors, wood carvings, and junk medal sculpture will be on display at our third art show sponsored by the Rensselaerville historical Society.

Stop in see what your neighbors have created. All are welcome!

Opening Reception – Friday, July 20, 7:00-8:30

Saturdays and Sundays – July 21-22, 28-29, 1:00-3:00, and Wednesday July 25, 11:00-2:00

### ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting of the Rensselaerville Historical Society will be Saturday, August 18, at the Rensselaerville Firehouse. The public is welcome to come to all or part of the evening.

5:00 Annual Meeting

6:00 Pot Luck Dinner – Bring a dish to share

7:00 Program – Join local Author Jerry Finin as he shares his newly published book– A GOOD AND NOBLE THING –The pioneering Life and Service of Anna Ward Perkins

### NEW ITEMS FOR SALE AT THE MILL

BOOK - 4th Edition of Old Rensselaerville has just been reprinted -\$25

Biography - By Gerard A/ Finin – A GOOD AND NOBLE THING –The pioneering Life and Service of Anna Ward Perkins \$25 PHOTO -Historic 1877 photography of Village of Rensselaerville 7 ¾ " tall X 20 ½ " long \$20

## CAREY INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL GOOD

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For more information about what is happening at the Carey Institute for Global good, read the recent E-Newsletter by visiting the website at [www.careyinstitute.org](http://www.careyinstitute.org).



**63 Huyck Rd, Rensselaerville, NY 12147**  
**(518) 797-5100**

**Hours: Wednesdays 6 - 10pm/Sundays 12 - 5pm**

<https://careyinstitute.org/programs/sustainable-communities/helderberg-brewery-taproom>

**Note:** Helderberg Brewery plans to open an additional taproom next to Kuhar Family Farm Market soon. Stay tuned for more information.

### Events:

- Rensselaerville Ride August 19<sup>th</sup> 7am-4pm - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1749505931804714/>. See pages 56 - 57 for additional information.



**BLOOD DRIVES**

**Tuesday, July 10, 2018**

**Sanctuary**

11693 Route 32  
Greenville, NY 12083

6.2 mi | 01:00 PM - 06:00 PM

**More Details**

Power Red Blood

**Monday, July 30, 2018**

**American Legion Post 291**

132 Maple Ave  
Greenville, NY 12083

6.2 mi | 02:00 PM - 07:00 PM

**More Details**

Power Red Blood

**Saturday, July 21, 2018**

**Rensselaerville Public Safety Building**

380 Fox Creek Rd  
Medusa, NY 12120

0.0 mi | 07:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**More Details**

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**SAVE THE DATE**

*Retirement Reception honoring Mark Overbaugh's 20+ years of service*

*To the Town of Rensselaerville*

*August 5, 2018*

*\* Details to Follow \**



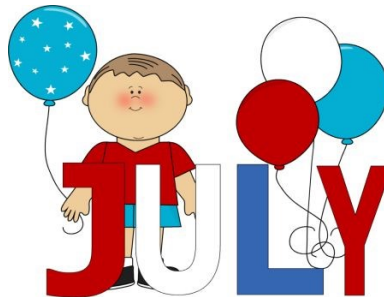


**PLANNING & ZONING BOARD SECRETARY**

The Town of Rensselaerville is seeking letters of interest to fill the position of Planning & Zoning Board Secretary.

Applicants must be a resident of the Town. Applicants will be responsible for scheduling meetings, recording minutes, and tracking processes of all matters before the Planning & Zoning Boards. Applicants must have good inter-personal skills and be knowledgeable in Micro-Soft [sic] Office. Attention to detail a must. Hours are Thursday evenings and occasional regular business hours as needed.

Letters of interest should be addressed to the Town of Rensselaerville Town Clerk  
87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120



***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

**On the Calendar**

July 1	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
July 1	11:00 am	Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church	Rensselaerville
July 1	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
July 4		<b>TOWN OFFICES CLOSED - INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	
July 8	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
July 8	11:00 am	Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church	Rensselaerville
July 8	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
July 10	12 noon	Seniors meeting & luncheon	Rensselaerville Firehouse
July 10	7:00 pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
July 12	7:00 pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
July 15	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
July 15	11:00 am	Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church	Rensselaerville
July 15	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
July 22	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
July 22	11:00 am	Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church	Rensselaerville
July 22	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
July 29	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
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**Looking Ahead:**

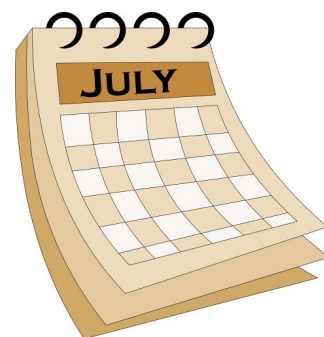
August 4 – Annual Medusa Village-Wide Garage Sales Day. To have a sale, please contact Bill Moore @ 518-239-4843, or [whmoore44@yahoo.com](mailto:whmoore44@yahoo.com), or @ 1 CR 351. Museum of Medusa History will be open.

August 7 – Senior Raffle Tickets & money must be turned in by this date.

August 14 – Senior’s Picnic at Westerlo Town Park.

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](mailto:whmoore44@yahoo.com); or  
 by mail to: 11 CR 351, Medusa, NY 12120.



## Library News



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## Library Staff

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Lee Ackerman-Sawyer  
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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.

## Rensselaerville Library Schedule of Events through September 2018

All events are at the Library unless noted. Events subject to change, please check our online calendar.

### July

**3 – 6:30pm – Family Program:** 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!

**4 – The Library is Closed. Have a Safe and Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**10 – 6:30pm – Family Program:** Kinetic sticks and chain reactions, STEM concepts of gravity, force, and momentum are the focus as kids set up a course of ramps, pendulums, and hammers for a ball to reach a goal box. Using Kinetic Sticks, create a chain reaction!

**10 – 7pm – Poetry Group:** Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

**11 – 4:30pm – StoryTime @ Lake Myosotis picnic area:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners. Bad weather we will meet in the Library.

**11 – 6pm – Music Make and Play Tubaphones:** Kids make your own Tubaphones from 6 to 6:30pm. Community members are invited to come and share their music with kids and other community members. Everyone is welcome to come on down to the craft room for a relaxing evening of sharing music and fellowship!

**13 – 7pm – Living a Life of Balance: Ayurveda 101** with Emileigh Tanner. Ayurveda is a time-honored health and healing system providing tools to balance one's mind. Come learn more about this ancient medical system.

**17 – 6:30pm – Pet Care with Eileen DePaula:** Do have a pet? Hope to get one? Come meet some pets and learn how to care for them! Eileen DePaula is from Cornell Cooperative Extension 4H program.

**17 – 7pm – Library Board of Trustees Meeting** – public welcome

**18 – 10am – Kid's Movie Morning - Early Man:** Rated: PG, Length: 1:29, Description: Set at the dawn of time, when prehistoric creatures and woolly mammoths roamed the earth, Early Man tells the story of Dug, along with sidekick Hog nob as they unite his tribe against a mighty enemy Lord Nooth and his Bronze Age City to save their home.

**18 – 4:30pm – StoryTime:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

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18 – 6pm – **Music Make & Play Percussion** Kids make your own Percussion from 6 to 6:30pm. Community members are invited to come and share their music with kids and other community members. Everyone is welcome to come on down to the craft room for a relaxing evening of sharing music and fellowship!

24 – 6:30pm – **Family Program:** What is Geology? What is a mineral? How are rocks formed? What about crystals? Find out - and have some fun while you learn!

24 – 7pm – **Poetry Group:** Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

25 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime @ Lake Myosotis picnic area:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners. Bad weather we will meet in the Library.

25 – 6pm – **Music Make & Play Rainsticks:** Kids make your own Rainsticks from 6 to 6:30pm. Community members are invited to come and share their music with kids and other community members. Everyone is welcome to come on down to the craft room for a relaxing evening of sharing music and fellowship!

26 – 6:30pm – **Adult Movie Night - *Love, Simon*:** Rated: PG-13, Length: 1:50, Description: Simon Spier keeps a huge secret from his family, his friends, and all of his classmates: he's gay. When that secret is threatened, Simon must face everyone and come to terms with his identity.

27 – 7:00pm – **Author Talk – Helen Benedict** discusses her new book *Wolf Season* set locally.

31 – 6:30pm – **Family Program Papercrafts:** There are all sorts of three dimensional model templates available - from the simple to the extremely complex. Want to make a scary mask? A cute animal? Decorations? Anime figures? Find out where you can get free templates, and try your hand at construction.

## August

1 – 3:30pm – **Family Program:** Pig Out on **Reading with Daisy and Farmer Minor**. The famous pot belly pig Daisy will be visiting the Library to share her favorite books. Make sure to bring a camera for a photo.

1 – 5:30pm – **Music:** Community members are invited to come and share their music with kids and other community members. Everyone is welcome to come on down to the craft room for a relaxing evening of sharing music and fellowship!

4 – **Summer Reading Program ends** – Be sure to stop in and collect your books.

4 – 6-10pm – **Midway to Mardi Gras** fundraiser: A Main Street Block Party for all ages with parade, music, pig roast and buffet. Ticket prices and more information can be found at [www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/mardi-gras.html](http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/mardi-gras.html)

7 – 6:30pm – **Family Program:** Paper Mache is fun and easy to do! Get creative with newspaper, flour, and water! What will you make?

8 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

8 – 6pm – **Music Make & Take Maracas:** Kids make your own Maracas from 6 to 6:30pm. Community members are invited to come and share their music with kids and other community members. Everyone is welcome to come on down to the craft room for a relaxing evening of sharing music and fellowship!

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14 – 6:30pm – **Family Program Robots:** Does your child like Robots? These three 'code and go' kits help kids to learn about how robots and coding work - and have a lot of fun doing it!

14– 7pm – **Poetry Group:** Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

15 – 10am – **Kid's Movie Morning – Tuttle Tale:** Rated: PG, Length: 1:34, Description: Inspired by events that took place at the George C. McGough Nature Park in Largo, Florida - the story of JR the OWL as witnessed and told by the nature park's first inhabitants, 'THE TURTLES'. The turtles, HANK, RAFI and GOLIATH, and their community live in a beautiful pond with nice clean water, lots of food and are witnesses to all the events of the park as they get ready for another busy summer camp season, never suspecting what is about to happen at the park and to themselves.

15 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime @ Lake Myosotis picnic area:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners. Bad weather we will meet in the Library.

15 – 6pm – **Music Make & Play Kalimbas:** Kids make your own Kalimbas from 6 to 6:30pm. Community members are invited to come and share their music with kids and other community members. Everyone is welcome to come on down to the craft room for a relaxing evening of sharing music and fellowship!

21 – 6:30pm – **Family Program:** Build and play with KEVA planks! KEVA Planks let you tap into your inner artist, architect, inventor, engineer while having fun! Come build and explore!

21 – 7pm – **Library Board of Trustees Meeting** – public welcome

22 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

22 – 6pm – **Music Make & Play Pan Pipes:** Kids make your own Pan Pipes from 6 to 6:30pm. Community members are invited to come and share their music with kids and other community members. Everyone is welcome to come on down to the craft room for a relaxing evening of sharing music and fellowship!

28 – 6:30pm – **Family Program:** Play one of our board games - or make your own!

28– 7pm – **Poetry Group** – Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

29 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime @ Lake Myosotis picnic area:** stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners. Bad weather we will meet in the Library.

29 – 6pm – **Music Make & Play Whistle:** Kids make your own Whistle from 6 to 6:30pm. Community members are invited to come and share their music with kids and other community members. Everyone is welcome to come on down to the craft room for a relaxing evening of sharing music and fellowship!

30 – 6:30pm – **Adult Movie Night - Lady Bird:** Rated: R, Length: 1:34, Description: In 2002, an artistically inclined seventeen-year-old girl comes of age in Sacramento, California.

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## Library News

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### September

1 – 4-7pm – **Annual Lawn Party** fundraiser: 1440 County Route 351, \$20 tickets at the gate. More information at [www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/lawn-party.html](http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/lawn-party.html)

5 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime**: stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

11 – 7pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

12 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime**: stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

13 – 7pm – **Writing Group**: Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome.

18 – 7pm – **Annual Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting to follow** – public welcome

19 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime**: stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

**Fine Amnesty August 25 through September 1, does not include lost or missing items.**

25 – 7pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

26 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime**: stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children. This early literacy program is aimed at developing and reinforcing the skills that children need to be successful learners.

## Summer Movies



Wednesday, July 18 at 10am  
**Early Man**

Rated: PG  
 Length: 1:29

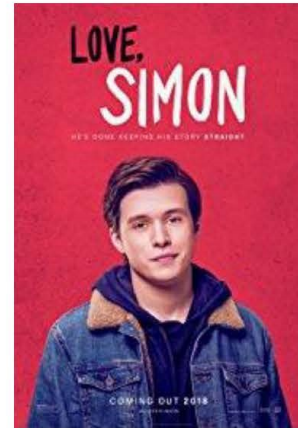
Set at the dawn of time, when prehistoric creatures and woolly mammoths roamed the earth, Early Man tells the story of Dug, along with sidekick Hog nob as they unite his tribe against a mighty enemy Lord Nooth and his Bronze Age City to save their home.

Thursday, July 26 at 6:30pm  
**Love, Simon**

Rated: PG-13

Length: 1:50

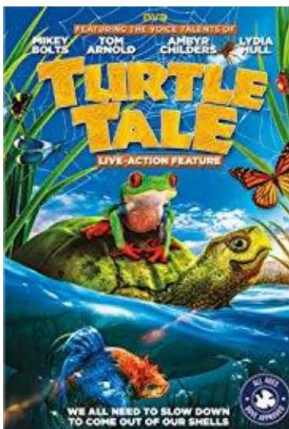
Simon Spier keeps a huge secret from his family, his friends, and all of his classmates: he's gay. When that secret is threatened, Simon must face everyone and come to terms with his identity.



Wednesday, August 15 at  
 10:00am  
**Turtle Tale**

Rated: PG

Length: 1:34



Inspired by events that took place at the George C. McGough Nature Park in Largo, Florida - the story of JR the OWL as witnessed and told by the nature park's first inhabitants, 'THE TURTLES'. The turtles, HANK, RAFI and GOLIATH, and their community live in a beautiful pond with nice clean water, lots of food and are witnesses to all the events of the park as they get ready

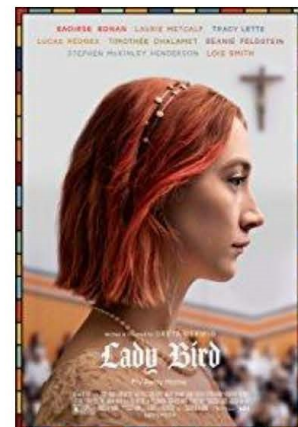
for another busy summer camp season, never suspecting what is about to happen at the park and to themselves.

Thursday, August 30 at  
 6:30pm  
**Lady Bird**

Rated: R

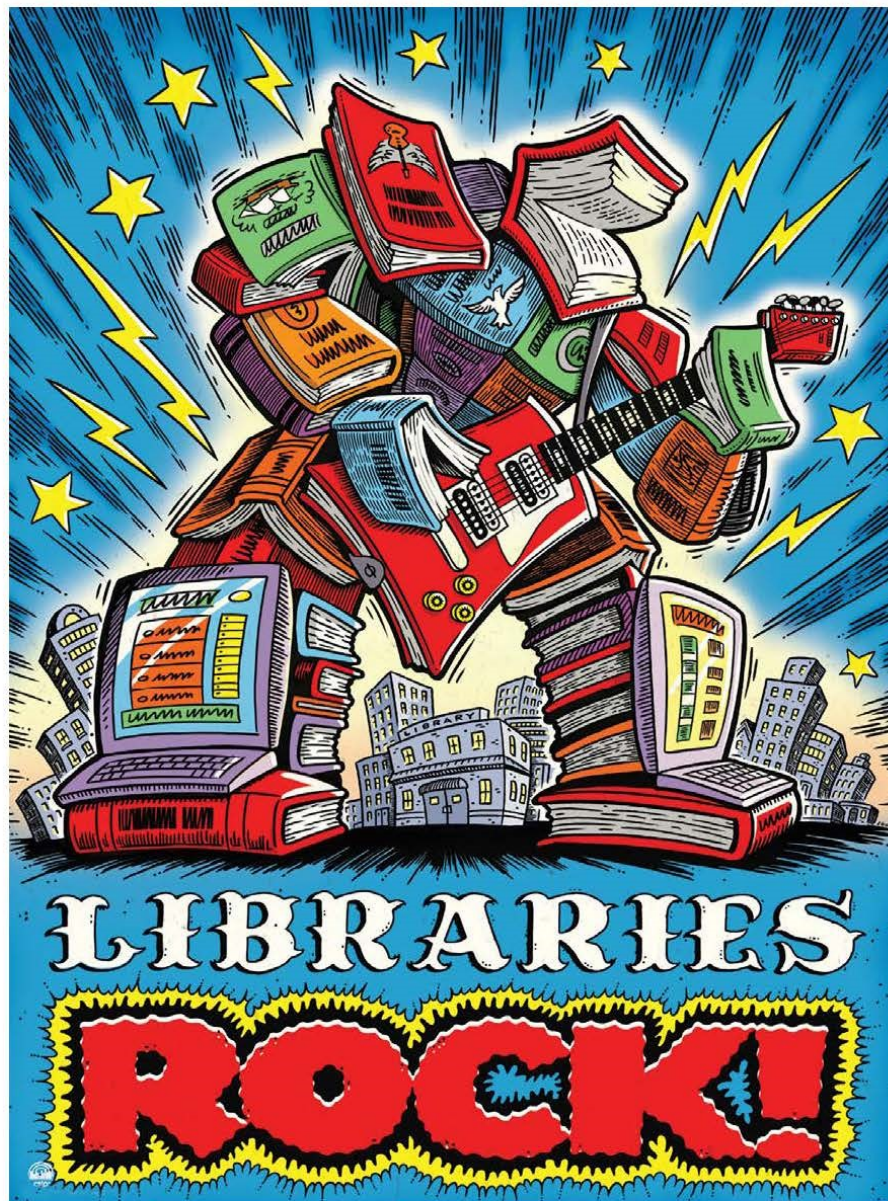
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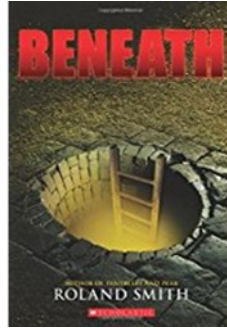
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2018 Summer Reading  
@ Rensselaerville Library  
June 16 through August 4  
Register, Set Goals, Win Books



Teens look for this Summer's Read It Forward Book *Beneath*. Share it with your friends, no need to return it to the Library.

Read the Book, Fill out the Survey and you might win a prize!



Don't forget to download your summer reading with the **Overdrive App**. No late fees and available 24/7 with your library card. Visit <http://digitalcollection.uhls.org> Or Use the **Flipster App** to view a variety of magazines digitally.



# GO FISH!

## Fishing Rod Lending Program

- ➡ Use your library card to borrow a fishing rod!
- ➡ Extra hooks and bobbers are provided with each rod.
- ➡ Never been fishing? No problem! Instructions on casting a fishing rod are included. We'll also throw in some information on local fishing spots.
- ➡ Need bait? Worms can be purchased at many bait shops, gas stations and Stewart's Shops®.
- ➡ Poles may be loaned out for 7 days and can be renewed once.
- ➡ Everyone over the age of 16 must possess a valid NYS Freshwater Fishing License. (Sold at most sporting goods stores, town clerks offices, DEC offices, over the phone or online by visiting [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov).)



Program presented by Rensselaerville Library in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



## Library News

**MUSEUM PASSES**

**Check the following passes out with your Library Card.**

**Don't forget to show your card at the Via Aquarium for a \$2.00 Discount.**

**The Albany Institute of History and Art** located on Washington Ave in Albany. The Library offers two museum passes for free admission for a family and a 10% discount at the museum shop. The museum has a number of exhibitions and programs.

The Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, MA. The Library offers a free museum pass for two adult admissions July through October. Opened to the public in 1955, the Clark has become one of the most beloved and respected art museums in the world, known for its intimate galleries and stunning natural environment. It also houses research and academic programs, including a major art history library, and is a leading international center for research and discussion on the nature of art and art history.

**Iroquois Indian Museum** in Howes Cave on Caverns Rd. The Library offers a museum pass for free admission for two adults and children under 18. The pass provides admission to the museum and the nature trail through the 45 acre Nature Park. The pass can't be used for special events or festivals.

**The Old Stone Fort Museum Complex** located in Schoharie also houses the Schoharie County Historical Society and Research Library. The Library offers three free museum passes for two adults and two children now through October. Passes can't be used for special events. Visitors learn about the first Dutch and German settlers in the Schoharie Valley and their Indian neighbors. Artifacts date back to the early 1700s.

**USS Slater** berthed on the Hudson River in Albany. The Library offers a free museum Family Pass for two adults and two children. Open for Tours: April through November. During World War II, 563 Destroyer Escorts battled Nazi U-boats on the North Atlantic protecting convoys of men and material. In the Pacific they stood in line to defend naval task forces from Japanese submarines and Kamikaze air attacks. The American Legion Clarke White Post #589 provided the support to obtain the pass.

**HOURS**

Tuesday & Wednesday

10-12 and 3-9pm

Thursday & Friday

4-9pm

Saturday

9-1pm

Sunday & Monday

Closed

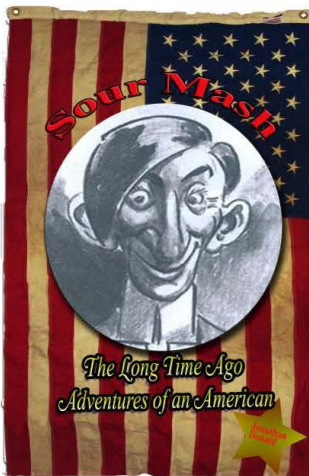
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## Author Reading

With **Jonathan Donald**

Friday, July 6, 2018

@ 7:00 pm

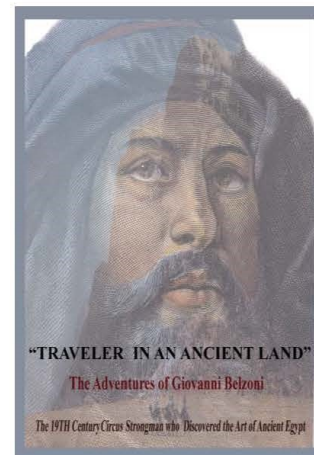


*Sour Mash, The Long Time Ago Adventures of an American*

A novel about a mid 19<sup>th</sup> century rustic American traveling across America, Europe, North Africa, and then across the Indian Ocean to Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Viet Nam.

*Traveler in an Ancient Land.*

A fictionalized biography about the 19<sup>th</sup> century Egyptian explorer Giovanni Belzoni based on his journal. Belzoni was among the earliest explorers of ancient Egypt's Valley of the Kings. He described the monuments at Luxor and Karnak, the Ramesseum mortuary temple and then went on to discover temples at Esna, Edfu, Philoe and Abu Simbel.



**Jonathan Donald** has written and produced over 200 programs for television. Including dramas about the infamous Salem Witch Trials of 1698 and a mysterious early 20<sup>th</sup> century murder and on the lighter side an old Fashioned Christmas. He has produced documentaries about American history, the Vietnam War, American Cowboy Culture, 19<sup>th</sup> Century Railroads, Australian Archaeology, Land Conservation, Japanese Culture, the regional cultures of Brazil, African Politics, Wildlife Adventures including specials on the Great Barrier Reef and Australia's Man-Eating Crocodiles. He produced these programs for CBS, ABC, PBS, Discovery, National Geographic and Reader's Digest Entertainment. He has won an Emmy, an Emmy nomination, two Cine Eagles and other awards.



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# foothills yogāyurveda

*presents:*



## Living a Life of Balance: Ayurveda 101

Friday, July 13, 2018 / 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 imbalance in the body and mind
- 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, and seasonal, nutrition-based cooking, and will be offering individual lifestyle consultations in the summer of 2018.

For more information on this and other events, or to be added to the email list contact [eminent.earth.ayurveda@gmail.com](mailto:eminent.earth.ayurveda@gmail.com), and follow Foothills Yogayurveda on Facebook and Instagram!



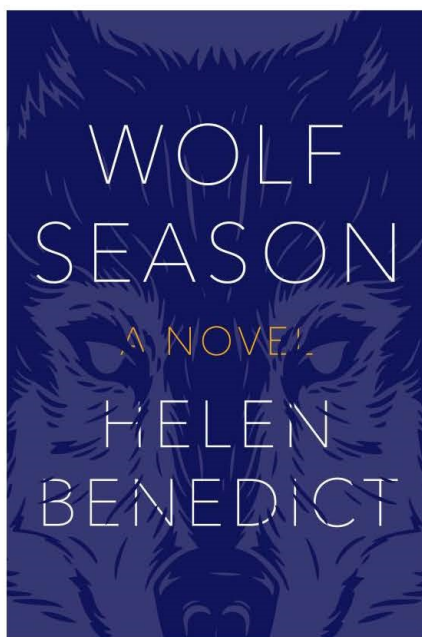
# Rensselaerville Library

## Author Reading

### With **Helen Benedict**

Friday, July 27, 2018

@ 7:00 pm



After a hurricane devastates a small town in upstate NY, the lives of three women and their young children are irrevocably changed. Rin, an Iraq War veteran, tries to protect her blind daughter and the three wolves under her care. Naema, a widowed doctor who fled Iraq with her wounded son, faces life-threatening injuries. Beth, who is raising a troubled son, waits out her marine husband's deployment in Afghanistan, equally afraid of him coming home and of him never returning at all. As they struggle to maintain their humanity and find hope, their war-torn lives collide in a way that will affect their entire community.

**Featured:**

Woodstock Book Talk podcast

<http://woodstockbooktalk.com/episode-182-april-1-2018>

Lit Hub article about Catskill Literature <https://lithub.com/is-there-such-a-thing-as-catskills-lit/>

Wolf Season was also reviewed by Chronogram.

**Helen Benedict**, a professor at Columbia University, is the author of seven novels, including the just published *Wolf Season*, which Elissa Schappell wrote should be “required reading” and which received a starred review in the *Library Journal*; and *Sand Queen*, named a “Best Contemporary War Novel” by *Publishers Weekly* and reviewed by *The Boston Globe* as “*The Things They Carried* for women.” A recipient of both the Ida B. Wells Award for Bravery in Journalism and the James Aronson Award for Social Justice Journalism for her exposure of sexual predation in the military, Benedict is also the author of five works of nonfiction, such as the award-winning, *The Lonely Soldier: The Private War of Women at War Serving in Iraq*, and a widely-performed play, *The Lonely Soldier Monologues*. Her writings inspired a class action suit against the Pentagon on behalf of those sexually assaulted in the military and the 2012 Oscar-nominated documentary, *The Invisible War*. For more information, visit [www.helenbenedict.com](http://www.helenbenedict.com).



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Rensselaerville Library  
**Pig Out on Reading with  
Daisy the Famous Pot Belly  
Pig and Farmer Minor**  
August 1, 2018  
3:30pm



Bring your favorite book and camera for a photo with Daisy.



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## It's Not All Rocket Science

### Working at NASA

With **Dr. Kathleen Fontaine**



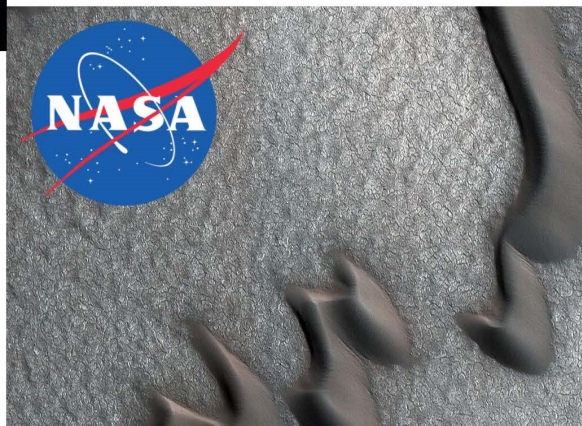
What is it like to be a woman in the sciences? Learn about these and other questions in an exploration of the agency that put the first man on the Moon, and continues to wow the world with images from space.



**Dr. Fontaine** spent over 25 years working with and for NASA, as both a contractor and a civil servant. During this time, she worked in a variety of jobs, from personnel to policy, and even been on stage! Dr. Fontaine holds a B.S. in Physics from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, an MA in Science, Technology, and Public Policy from The George Washington University, and a Ph.D. in Public Policy from Walden University. She is currently an Adjunct Professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy where she teaches a graduate course on Big Data Policy.

Tuesday  
 August 7, 2018  
 @ 7:00 pm

What is it really like to work at NASA? Do you really have to be the proverbial 'rocket scientists' to work there?



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# SAVE THE DATE



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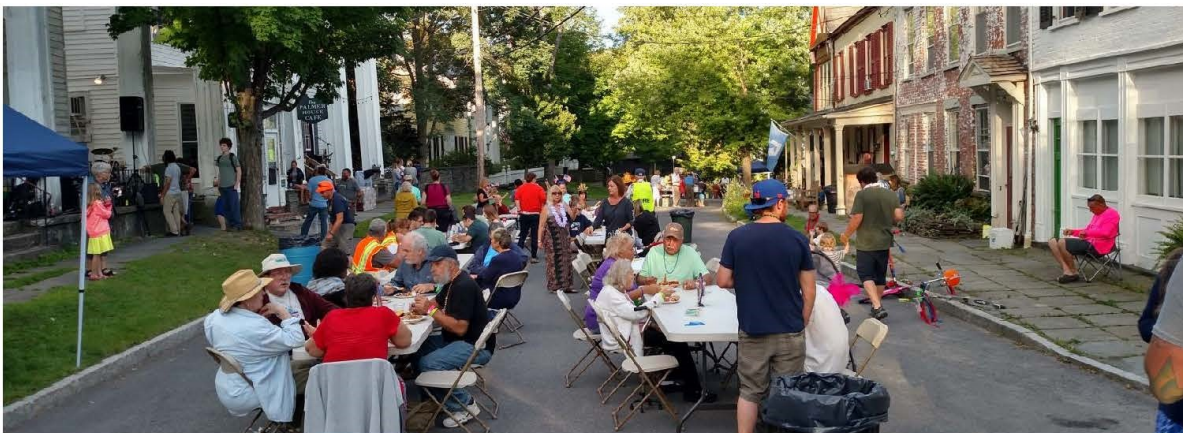
## Midway to Mardi Gras

**PARADE, PIG ROAST & BLOCK PARTY**

Main Street Rensselaerville

6 – 11 PM

**Saturday, August 4, 2018**



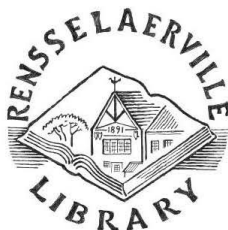
Event co-hosted by Rensselaerville Library and Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department  
More Information 518-797-3949 [www.RensselaervilleLibrary.com/mardi-gras.html](http://www.RensselaervilleLibrary.com/mardi-gras.html)

Rensselaerville Library  
August 8, 2018  
Read with Lefty  
at the Library  
5:30pm

Come read with Lefty, the TDI Therapy Dog, in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Children choose what they would like to read to Lefty, and read in a positive, non-judgmental atmosphere. Programs such as this have been found to improve children's self-esteem, as well as increase their enjoyment of and interest in reading.



Bring your favorite book or select one from the Library's collection.



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## Library News

### Middleburgh Library

**7/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 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.

**7/3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 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.

**7/4 - Happy 4th of July - The library is closed to observe the holiday.**

**7/7 - 3:00-10:00 PM - Board Games for Adults** - Come and join the fun.

**7/9 - 6:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - All are welcome**

**7/17 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - Book to be determined.**

**7/29 - 4:00 PM - Concert - David Roth** - David Roth strikes many chords, hearts, and minds with his unique songs, offbeat observations, moving stories, sense of the hilarious, and powerful singing and subject matter. As singer, songwriter, recording artist, keynote speaker, workshop leader, and instructor, David has earned top honors at premier songwriter competitions – Kerrville (TX) and Falcon Ridge (NY) – and taken his music, experience, and expertise to a wide variety of venues in this and other countries full-time for three decades.

*A \$10.00 donation is suggested. Tickets are available at the door. **Please use back entrance.***

*This event is made possible in part with public funds from the Decentralization Program and the NYS Council on the Arts, administered by the Community Arts Grant Program by the Greene County Council on the Arts.*

### **It's time for Summer Reading Programs - Come Join the Fun \*\*\*\*\* "Libraries Rock"**

#### **FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**7/3 - 1:00 PM - Family Film - "Mary & the Witch's Flower" - (PG)** - From Academy Award nominee Hiro-masa Yonebayashi, director of When Marnie Was There and key animator on Spirited Away, comes a dazzling new adventure about a young girl who discovers a flower that grants her magical powers – but only for one night. *No registration required. Free popcorn!*

**7/13 - 5:30 PM - Libraries Rock - Family Dinner & a Movie - "Sing" (PG)** - Come enjoy a fun meal with friends as we enjoy the movie **Sing!** The library will provide pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert or snack to share. *This program is part of our **Libraries Rock!** Summer Reading Program and is for kids going into kindergarten on up and their families. **Registration is required.***

**7/21 - 11:30 AM - Libraries Rock - Family Film - "E.T."** Beat the heat and join us for "E.T.". We will provide drinks and snacks. Bring your lunch if you'd like and relax and enjoy this favorite family movie!

**7/23 - Libraries Rock - Family Sing-Along Movie Party - "Moana" (G)** - Here's your chance to burst into song in the library! Belt out your favorite songs from Moana and enjoy bags filled with props and treats to interact with the movie. Beach attire encouraged! *This program is part of our **Libraries Rock!** Summer Reading Program and is for kids going into kindergarten on up and their families. **Registration is required.***

**7/27 - 1:00 PM - Families Making Music** - Come make music with us as we make and create our own musical instruments out of new and recycled materials! We'll have stations set up for different instruments and in the end, we can all try them out and see how much noise we can make!!

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### Middleburgh Library

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This program is part of our Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program and is appropriate for kids ages 3 and up and their families. **Registration is required.**

**7/27 - 6:00 PM - Family Dance at the Dr. Best House** - Put on your dancing shoes because Paul Rosenberg and Homespun Occasions are coming to Middleburgh to lead a fun-filled family dance party on the lawn (or barn if it rains!) at the Dr. Best House. Circle dances, squares, line dances and play-party/singing games from the US and around the world will be taught. We'll also learn about the varied traditional instruments and music being played. Fun for young and old! *This program is part of our Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program and is for all ages.* **Registration is suggested.**

#### KIDS PROGRAMS

**7/3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 10:45 AM - Libraries Rock! 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.

**7/11 - 11:00 AM - Libraries Rock - Musical Movie time** - Bring your little one to a special showing of short musical movies that they can sing-along to. We'll start by reading (or singing) a book or two, and then watch our film. Snacks will be provided. *This program is part of our Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program and is for kids in preschool through 1st grade.* **Registration is required.**

**7/12 - 1:00 PM - Libraries Rock! DIY Wind Chimes** - Summer is the perfect time to listen to the sound of wind chimes! We'll make our own out of new and recycled material. *This program is part of our Libraries Rock! summer reading program and is for kids going into grade 2-5.* **Registration is required.**

**7/16 - 7:00 PM - Libraries Rock! Nature Tunes & Tales with George Steele** - Gather around a campfire circle out in back of the library for this group participatory, theater-in-the-round session of songs, stories and activities that will have you singing, moving and laughing as you learn about plants, animals and the environment that we all depend on. **Please bring blankets to sit on.** *This event is part of our Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program and is appropriate for all ages.* **Registration is required.**

**7/17, 18, 24, 25, 26- 4:00 PM - Libraries Rock! Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone Immersion Camp** - We are partnering with Signum University to offer our first fantasy immersion camp as we read and study *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J. K. Rowling. If you've already read the book - great. If you haven't grab yourself a copy! You'll read the book at home and participate in interactive discussions about what you've read online with professors from the University. We'll meet three times a week and talk about the book and participate in some fun, creative activities. This will be a great way to delve deeper into one of our favorite fantasy novels. *This program is part of our Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program and is for kids going into grade 5 - 8.* **Registration is required.**

**7/18 - 11:00 AM = Libraries Rock! Storytime Cooking Tacos** - Join Miss Doreen and Miss Rebecca as we have a fun storytime filled with stories, singing, dancing, and cooking! We'll be reading lots of fun books and making delicious tacos!

This program is part of our Libraries Rock! summer reading program and is for kids going into grade Preschool-1st. **Registration is required.**

**7/18 - 1:00 PM - Libraries Rock - Juggling 101** - Tim Tilstra, the cup stacking guy, is back with an introduction to juggling. He will go over the basics of juggling with one, then two and ultimately three objects. Are you up for the challenge? *This program is part of our Libraries Rock! Summer Reading program and is for kids going into grade 2 and up.* **Registration is required.**

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**7/19 - 2:00 PM - Super Taco Bar** - Join us as we prepare a super taco bar! You will dice, tear, slice, cut, mix and shake things up as we prepare a taco bar and then eat up our hard work!

This program is part of our Libraries Rock! summer reading program and is for kids going into grade 2nd -5th. **Registration is required.**

**7/25 - 1:00 PM - Libraries Rock - Terrific Turtles** - Join the Children's Museum of Science and Technology and meet a turtle from CMOST's living collection. Learn about turtle habitats and make an art project to take home. *This program is part of our **Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program** and is for kids going into kindergarten through 2nd grade. **Registration is required.***

**7/25 - 2:30 PM - Libraries Rock - Rocks Rock** - With the help of educators from the Children's Museum of Science and Technology, children will learn about rock classification (igneous, sedimentary & metamorphic) in the context of the rock cycle. They will have the opportunity to handle rock samples and learn how these rocks are used. For added fun, each child will receive a geode to keep and break open at home. Students use real scientific tests to identify rocks. *This program is part of our **Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program** and is for kids going into grades 3-5. **Registration is required.***

**7/26 - 1:00 PM - Hooting it up with Owls** - This event is part of our Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program and is appropriate for kids going into 2nd grade through 5th grade. **Registration is required.**

### TEEN PROGRAMS

**7/11, 18, 25, - 2:00-3:00 PM - Teem Maker Wednesday** - Create, Make and Explore at Makerspace in the Village. Join us in the tech room every Wednesday starting July 11 through August 15 from 2:30 - 3:30.

\* Take note there will not be a Makerspace held on August 8th,  
*This program is part of our Summer Reading Program, Libraries Rock and is appropriate for teens. **Registration is required.***

**7/19 - 5:30 - Teen Interactive Movie Night: "Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone"** - You may have seen the movie Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone before, but you've never seen it quite like this-- with props and prompts to let you interact with the story along with the rest of the audience! All supplies will be provided. Costumes, wands, and wizarding attire encouraged! Pizza and drinks will be served before the movie starts. *This program is part of our **Libraries Rock Summer Reading Program** and is for kids going into 6th grade and up. **Registration is required.***

**7/24, 26 - 1:00 PM - Handmade Journal** - Come join the fun in creating a one-of-a-kind journal for personal use or as a very special gift. In this two part class you will learn to make a handmade journal/ scrapbook/sketchbook. You will be creating the cover papers using several surface treated paper techniques. The pages will be bound using the Japanese Stab binding method. The pages and covers will be embellished using various materials such as stickers, beads and decorative punches and papers. **Registration required.** *This program is part of our Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program and is for kids going into grade 6 and up.*

**7/30 - 5:00-6:30 PM - Libraries Rock - Board Games for Teens** - Join us for pizza and board games. We'll have Castle Panic, Forbidden Island and others

**Not all of programs have been scheduled at time of printing. Please check our Calendar on our website at [www.middleburghlibrary.info](http://www.middleburghlibrary.info) for future programs.**

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Wednesday 10:00 - 5:00  
Saturday 9:00 - 2:00  
Friday & Sunday Closed



**Library News**

**Greenville Library**

This summer the Greenville Library will be offering a variety of programs. Activities will range from workshops and programs for elementary, middle schoolers, teens and adults. Visit the library this summer and let your child discover the adventure and fun of choosing books from the library's collections and at the same time have fun participating in all of the activities we have planned for them.

The 2018 Summer Reading Program: Libraries Rock! will run from July 9 – August 31. Reading Folders for the Summer Reading Program will be available in the Children's Room at the Library. We'll also have the Guessing Jar, candy to pick for books added to your Reading Folder and prizes for points collected. We'll have a reading program for Teens & Tweens and Adults.

**For a full listing of our upcoming programs and events see the links below.  
Call 518-966-8205 to Register.**

**Greenville Public Library  
2018 Summer Programs  
(966-8205)**

**Drawing Class**

July 9 – 13

Instructor - Susan Story

Students Gr. 6 - Adults  
10:00 – 12:00



A list of supplies is available at the library. The five, two hour workshops will explore the basics of drawing through practical exercises in pencil and charcoal. The exercises will include specific techniques such as circular shading, angular building, crosshatching and blending. The importance of perspective, values, composition, negative and positive space and lighting will also be discussed. The instructor for the classes is Susan M. Story.

Her goal for this class is to teach the students to look critically at what they are observing and capture the image on paper. Registration required.

**Watercolor Class**

July 9 - 13

Instructor - Susan Story  
1:30 – 4:00

Students Gr.6 - Adults

The five, two and a half hour workshops will include; a working knowledge of material, different techniques to manipulate the medium, brush strokes, mixing colors, special effects, learning to look

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at what they are painting (proportions, light, shadow, etc.) and using their imagination to create their own work. The instructor for the class is Susan M. Story. Her goal for this class is to teach basic and intermediate techniques to the students to make them feel comfortable with the medium and inspire them to continue to create. A list of supplies is available at the library. Registration required

**Historical Program:**

July 9

Presenter – Town Historian Don  
7:30

Teator All Ages (No Registration)

Don Teator Town Historian, - Palmer/Dorpfeld presents preserving family records/Dairy Farming in Greene County.

**Yoga/Meditation**

July 10, 17

Instructor – Bruce  
7:00 – 8:30

Hilliger Young Adults (13) – Adults

Held at the SRV Center

Instructor for this class, Bruce Hilliger, has been studying and practicing many styles of Yoga since 1968. He teaches a form called Ananta Yoga, a combination of meditation and yoga postures. This yoga is filled with slow and sustained poses that help both stretch and loosen tightness in the body and facilitates easy breathing and meditation. This class is meant for people of all types of body descriptions, the young and old, and varying degrees of physical health. There are some restrictions.

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Please contact Bruce if you have any questions. The class will be held at the SRV Retreat Center. Registration required.

**Stained Glass – Cardinal** July 12 Instructor – Connie Pruiksmā  
Ages 16 – Adults 6:00 – 8:00

1 person per household The instructor will supply a variety of multi-colored parts for the project for participants to choose from. Each person will be able to foil their own piece. Once the pieces have been foiled everyone will solder their creations together, if anyone is uncomfortable soldering the instructor will do it for you. The instructor will also provide a brief history of stained glass. She will show where glass comes from and have a few examples of different textures and colors of glass. She will also bring stained glass books and stained glass kaleidoscopes for everyone to look at. Registration required

**Summer Themed Cupcake Decorating** July 16 Instructor: Alexis Aloisi Ages  
8 & up 1:00 – 2:30

Learn different techniques to decorate 4 cupcakes. Enjoy a cupcake you made with your own design during the class and take home the remainder of your creations for later. Registration required.

**Movie Matinee: Sherlock Gnomes** July 16 Library Staff  
All ages 4:30

Beat the summer heat and enjoy a cool movie matinee. Get ready for a phe-gnome-nal adventure inside the secret world of garden gnomes! When Gnomeo & Juliet discover their friends and family have gone missing, there's only one gnome to call – the legendary detective Sherlock Gnomes. Working together, the mystery takes them beyond the garden walls and across the city on an unforgettable journey to save the day and bring the gnomes home. We'll provide the popcorn ... you don't even have to buy tickets! What could be better? Bring a warm blanket or sleeping bag and curl up to watch the film. Stuffed animals welcome, but not required. See you at the movies! Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. **Just Drop In!**

**Summer Toddler Time** July 17, 20, 24, 27, 31 (Tuesdays & Fridays)  
Aug. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17(Tuesdays & Fridays)  
Infants ~ Toddlers ~ Pre-Schoolers 9:00 – 9:45 Instructor: Devon Balta

Calling all infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers, Devon Balta will be hosting a summer Toddler Time! This is a fun time for parents and their child/ren to engage with each other through stories, songs, games and the amazing parachute! Come to one class or all ten! Parents of children with preschool experience are welcomed to drop off their child/ren for this class. **Just Drop In!**

**Weaving** July 17, 19, 26, 31 Instructor – Judy Spring  
Young Adults (12) - Adults 6:00 – 8:00

Participants will learn how to weave using various techniques (coiling, slits, shapes and fringe) to create a small wall hanging. They will be able to warp a cardboard loom, choose different textured yarns that compliment their image and be able to finish off the weaving. Registration required

**Beachcombing in The Sand** July 18 Instructor: Carolyn Travers  
Ages 5 – 8 1:00 – 2:30

Stories about the beach. Create a beach critter, play games with sand buckets, and make a sandy snack. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! Registration required.

**Be a Rock Star** July 19 Instructor: Carolyn Travers  
Ages 8 & up 10:00 – 11:30

Create a rocker look with crazy hair, hats and make your own microphone. Listen to music and sing or lip sync along with your air guitar to the others in the program. Music, trivia and more. Enjoy games,

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stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! Registration required.

**Edible Canvas Cookies** July 23 Instructor: Theresa  
Corrigan Ages 8 & up 1:00 – 2:00  
Using cookies as your canvas you'll create stunning works of art using edible watercolors and metallic embellishing. You bring the creativity and cookie cravings we'll supply the rest. "Too pretty to eat but too delicious not to". Registration required.

**Still Life Painting With Fruit** July 23 Instructor – Alice Tunison  
Ages 7 – Adults 6:00 – 8:00  
Using acrylic paint on board we will render a compositional study of fresh fruits. First time painters and experienced artists are sure to enjoy this fun 'still life' class. Registration required.

**Summer Themed Cupcake Decorating** July 24 Instructor: Alexis Aloisi  
Adults 1:30 – 12:00  
Learn different techniques to decorate 4 cupcakes. Enjoy a cupcake you made with your own design during the class & take home the remainder of your creations for later. Registration required.

**Summer Themed Cupcake Decorating** July 24 Instructor: Alexis Aloisi  
Ages 8 & up 1:00 – 2:30  
Learn different techniques to decorate 4 cupcakes. Enjoy a cupcake you made with your own design during the class & take home the remainder of your creations for later. Registration required.

**Stenciled Wood Sign** July 24 Instructor – Beccie Therrien  
Young Adults (13) – Adults 6:30 - 8:30  
1 person per household  
Have some fun with your friends and make a beautiful 18" long wood sign. We will be using acrylic paints and letter and number stencils to paint on the saying you choose. Bring to class the verse or saying you'd like to use or feel free to bring your own pre-printed saying to transfer on to the wood. Registration required.

**Create a Stained Glass Butterfly** July 25 Instructor: Connie Pruiksmā  
Ages 10 - 15 1:00 – 3:00 OR 3:00 – 5:00  
The instructor will supply a variety of multicolored parts to create hearts. Participants will learn to solder them to create their own stained glass piece. If anyone is uncomfortable soldering, the instructor will do it for you. Registration required.

**Cardiosculpt Circuit** July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16 Instructor - Ranita  
Voellm For the Active Older Adult 3:30 - 4:30  
YMCA Using motivation, energetic music, this class is taught in intervals moving between low impact aerobic activity and body sculpting exercises created especially for active older adults. It's easy on the joints and it will burn calories and strengthen your heart and lungs. This class will also tone your muscles and strengthen your bones. Exercises can be done from the chair or standing. You will leave feeling invigorated! Registration required.

**Decorated Cat or Dog in a Painted Flower Pot** July 30 Instructor: Theresa  
Corrigan Ages 8 & up 1:00 – 2:00  
Let's get creative! In this fun workshop you will paint a clay cat or dog and decorate a clay flower pot to sit your new pet in. Makes a nice gift for a cat or dog lover you know. Registration required.

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover** July 30 Library

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Staff      Ages 3 & Up      4:00

Have you ever wondered what happens in the library at night? Well, great news! It's stuffed animal sleepover night at the library. Come to the library and bring your stuffed animal for some fun. You can play a game, listen to stories, have a small snack, and then tuck your friend in for the night. After you leave, the fun really begins! Come back the next day (after 12:00) to pick-up your friend and see what they were up to! We will take special pictures of their exciting adventures and have them ready for you the next day to pickup. Just Drop In!

**Ceramic Workshop**      July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2 (1:00 – 3:30 )      Instructor - Lois Binetsky  
 Young Adults (13) - Adults      Aug. 16, (Glazing) (1:30 – 4:00)

Classes held @ Air Conditioned Studio

Clay is a very flexible material and Lois will teach various hand-building techniques that will explore that flexibility. Participants will learn to use some sculpture and pottery tools to help mold and shape the clay. Students will also work with different kinds of textured surfaces, such as burlap and tree bark. All of the pieces of work will receive a firing in order to prepare the pieces for glazing and one glaze firing. Her goal is for students to enjoy working with clay and to create works from their imagination. "They work at their own speed and level of ability and at the end of the 5 day session they feel a sense of accomplishment and pride." Students only need to bring some type of smock or apron to protect their clothes. Classes will be held at the instructor's studio. Must be able to attend all classes. Registration required.

**Dementia Conversations**      July 30      Alzheimer's Association  
 6:30 – 7:30

This program is designed for adults who have a family member or close friend beginning to experience Alzheimer's or another dementia. This workshop will offer helpful tips on how to have honest and caring conversations with family members including going to the doctor, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans. Registration required.

**Fabric Painting on T-Shirts**      July 31      Instructor: Beccie Therrien Ag-  
 es 7-12      1:00-3:00

Using fabric paints you will paint your own design on to a white or light colored T-Shirt. Draw your favorite character; write your name or your favorite slogan! Be creative! If you want bring your own special design or drawing to class. Bring a white or light colored T-shirt. Registration required.

**Windy Weather!**      Aug 1      Instructor: Carolyn Travers Ages  
 8 & up      1:00 – 2:30

Paint and decorate a small pot using beads, bells and other embellishments to create a wind chime. Talk about the wind and learn how powerful it is. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! Registration required.

**Lovely Lanterns**      Aug 1      Instructor - Carolyn Travers  
 Young Adults (13) - Adults      6:30 - 8:30

Decorate a lantern and create a scene inside or use flowers, candles, leaves, fall décor or holiday sprigs to make a decorative statement. Mini lights and many different supplies provided. Registration required.

**Pizza Celebration!**      Aug 2      Instructor: Carolyn Travers Ag-  
 es 5 - 8      10:00 – 11:30

Listen to pizza stories and talk about its history. Make a game with a pizza box, play food bingo, and make a candy pizza. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! Registration required.

**Coiled Pots – Fiber Art**      Aug. 2, 6, 7, 9      Instructor – Judy Spring  
 Young Adults (12) - Adults      6:00 - 8:00

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This class consists of four 2 hr. sessions and time to work on them at home. Participants will learn the fiber art of coiling around a core with yarn to create a pot. Sizes of pots and designs will vary. All materials will be provided. Registration required.

#### Library Olympics

Aug 3

Instructor: Lisa Ahrberg  
10:00 – 11:30

Ages 10 & Up

Every four years, Olympians have their chance to prove that they are the best in the world at whatever sport or event they compete in. Now, it's your turn to prove you're the best in the library as you compete in challenges that will work your brain and test your skill in book-themed activities. Registration required.

#### Monster Madness

Aug 6

Instructor: Lisa Ahrberg  
10:00 – 11:30

Ages 5 & Up

Not all monsters are scary! Some of them are nice, funny, and cute! We will read books about monsters, do activities about monsters, and make our very own sock monster to take home. Registration required.

#### The Great World of Nature

Aug 6 - 9

Cornell Cooperative Extension  
1:00 – 2:00

4H (Entering) Second – Fifth Graders

Youth will spend time getting to know the outdoors. Even tiny backyards can be filled with plenty of living things. This program uses observation and games as a way for youth to gain an understanding of how the natural world works. From leaf printing to scavenger hunts to games about the plants and animals in our backyard, The Great World of Nature offers participants an exciting chance to explore the outdoors and learn about the importance of our environment. Registration required.

#### In a Library Far, Far Away...

Aug 8

Instructor: Lisa Ahrberg  
10:00 – 11:30

Ages 9 & Up

Have you ever wanted to be a Jedi? How about travel in the Millennium Falcon? Now is your chance as we read Star Wars books, play Star Wars games, and test your knowledge about all things Star Wars. (It's okay if you don't know a lot about Star Wars, as we will be learning a lot while we are there.) Registration required.

#### Climbing Wall & Bounce House

Aug.8

5:00 – 6:30

All Ages

Come to the library and have some fun! Come climb the massive 24' rock wall. It has 4 sides and offers 16 different climbing routes, of varying difficulty. It's great for all abilities and all ages. You can also enjoy the bounce house. Kids love to jump around and have fun. The Library is now open until 8:00 Wednesday evenings for your convenience.

#### Beads, Beads, Beads, Galore!

Aug 13

Instructors: Kristen Prayto  
Barbara

&

Flach Ages 5 & up

2:00 –

3:30

Don't worry bead happy! Join us for an afternoon of creative fun using various types of beads. There is no such thing as "enough beads"! Make something with extra sparkle for yourself or for a special friend. We'll provide the beads you supply the imagination. Registration required.

#### Historical Program:

Aug 13

Presenter – Town Historian Don  
7:30

Teator All Ages (No Registration)

Town Historian, Don Teator, will present - Three Suitcases in the Attic: unintended local history .

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#### Unicorns & Dragons Madness

Aug 14

Instructor: Carolyn Travers

Ages 5 - 8

1:00 – 2:30

Are they real? Find out about these mysterious creatures in story, craft and games. Make a sweet taco that a dragon would love! Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! Registration required.

#### Cloth Doll Making

Aug 14

Instructor – Alice Tunison

Ages 7 – Adults

6:00 – 8:00

You will create a simple homespun doll using muslin and natural materials. The doll is carrying lavender and her hair is corn silk. It's a beautiful summer memory that would be suitable to festoon the next holiday Christmas tree. No previous experience is necessary. Registration required.

#### Tree House Fun

Aug 15

Instructor: Carolyn Travers

Ages 8 & up

10:00 – 11:30

Make a tree house from cardboard, decorate and make peg people to live inside. Create some furniture and décor with beads, matchboxes and other small findings. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! Registration required.

#### Fused Glass Wind Chimes

Aug 15, 23

Instructor – Lois Binetsky

Adults

6:00 – 8:00

1 person per household ( 2 Day Class) Glass fusing is the process of using a kiln to join together pieces of glass. When you apply heat the glass will soften and different temperatures produce different effects. In this workshop students will be introduced to the basic principles of fusing glass – combining glass of different shapes, colors and textures to produce a hanging wind chime. Students will work with pre-cut pieces of glass provided by the instructor. Registration required.

#### Drawing Trees with Pencil

Aug 20

Instructor: Alice Tunison

Ages 7 – Adults

6:00 – 8:00

Symbolic of many qualities since ancient times, the tree's finest quality is strength! Participants will be sketching, shading, and adding tonal quality with pencil on art paper to create the most beautiful drawings. No previous experience is necessary. You can do this! Registration required.

#### Count Down to Kindergarten

Aug 20

Instructor: Kelly Fagan

1:00 – 2:00

Make a paper countdown chain to count the days until the first day of Kindergarten! Ease fears and gain excitement by listening to stories and participating in activities to gear up for THE BIG DAY! Registration required.

#### Barbie Party

Aug 21

Instructor: Kristen Prayto

Barbara Flach

Ages 3 & up

2:00 – 3:30

It's time for you and your Barbie doll to put on your favorite party dresses. Come and enjoy games, snacks and other fun activities. Play with other girls. Fun for all! Registration required.

#### Back Pack Paint

Aug 22

Instructor: Carolyn Travers Ag-

es 8 & up

1:00 – 2:30

Learn to stencil or paint in your own way a string backpack. Decorate some school supplies like pencils, notebooks, and make a post-it keeper. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! Registration required.

#### Fun With Tie Dying

Aug 21

Instructor – Beccie Therrien

Young Adults (13) - Adults

6:30 – 8:30

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Come have some crazy color fun in our tie dye class! Bring your favorite item to tie-dye. You'll learn to do the spiral or vertical scale. We will have a variety of colors to choose from. Tie-Dye your own t-shirt, canvas shoes, tote, socks, shorts or whatever small (white) item you want to dye! Registration required.

**Wine Glass Centerpieces** Aug 22 Instructor – Carolyn Travers  
Young Adults (13) - Adults 6:30 - 8:30

Use wine glasses tipped upside down and paint with glass paints with a beach or holiday theme. Use beads, rope and more to decorate to create a centerpiece complete with candle. Registration required.

**Christmas in Summer** Aug 23 Instructor: Carolyn Travers  
Ages 5 - 8 10:00 – 11:30

Always fun to think about Christmas; hear Christmas stories, play holiday bingo and guess some holiday trivia. Make ornaments and decorate a Christmas cookie. Enjoy games, stories, crafts & snacks. Fun for all! Registration required.

**Movie Matinee: COCO** Aug 27 Library Staff  
All Ages 4:30

Beat the summer heat and enjoy a cool movie matinee. Despite his family's generations-old ban on music, young Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol Ernesto de la Cruz. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colorful Land of the Dead. After meeting a charming trickster named Héctor, the two new friends embark on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history. We'll provide the popcorn ... you don't even have to buy tickets! What could be better? Bring a warm blanket or sleeping bag and curl up to watch the film. See you at the movies! Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. **Just Drop In!**

**Mini Manicures** Aug 28 Pick a time slot!  
Ages 4 & Up Begins 1:00

After a busy summer of fun it's time to have your nails painted. Bring a friend and have your nails done. Pick from a variety of colors to make your nails pretty. Choose a nail polish to take with you to treat yourself to a manicure at home. Make an afternoon of it and stop for an ice cream afterwards. Have fun! Registration required.

**Rustic American Flag** Aug 29, 30 Instructor – Genn  
Howley Adults 6:00 –  
7:30/8:00

GNH Lumber Make your own rustic American flag roughly 8" x 18". One per household! With Labor Day coming up you can make this easy one of a kind rustic American Flag to display your patriotism proudly. This project will span over two evenings at 1 ½ hours each night – you will be amazed how some every day building supplies can make this one of a kind flag. Join Genn from GNH for a fun night. Registration required.

**Creative Writing Class** Sept 11 – 15 Instructor - Ronni  
Miller Individuals of all Ages 10:00 - 12:00  
Ronni Miller, author of "Dance With The Elephants Free Your Creativity and Write" and Founder and Director of Write It Out, a motivational and expressive writing program for individuals of all ages, will teach a creative writing workshop. Writing activities will stimulate thoughts, feelings, memories and

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experiences to produce prose and poetry. Individuals of all ages are welcome to participate. Registration required.

#### Watercolor Class

Oct. 15, 16, 18, 19

Instructor - Stanley Maltzman

Young Adults (13) - Adults

7:00 – 9:30

Renowned artist, Stanley Maltzman, will be holding a watercolor workshop for teenagers through adults. Mr. Maltzman's work has been widely exhibited in Museums and Galleries throughout the country, including the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, The Bruce Museum, The National Academy of Arts and Letters and the National Academy of Design. A list of supplies is available at the library. Registration required.

#### 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.

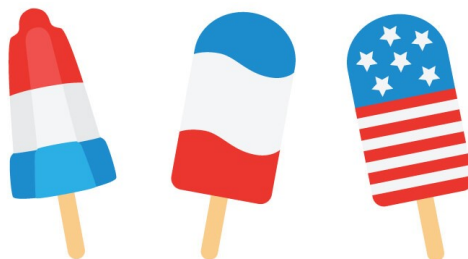
The Greenville Local History Group newsletter can be found at <http://www.dteator.com/glhg/glhg.htm>

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](mailto: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>

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Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 - 6:00  
Friday 12:00 - 5:00  
Saturday 9:00 - 1:00  
Sunday Closed





## Giant Hogweed - Do Not Touch This Plant!

Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) is a Federally listed noxious weed. Its sap, in combination with moisture and sunlight, can cause severe skin and eye irritation, painful blistering, permanent scarring and blindness. Contact between the skin and the sap of this plant occurs either through brushing against the bristles on the stem or breaking the stem or leaves.

### What to do if you come in contact with giant hogweed:

Immediately wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water and keep the area away from sunlight for 48 hours. This plant poses a serious health threat; see your physician if you think you have been burned by giant hogweed. If you think you have giant hogweed on your property, do NOT touch it. Please refer to our [Health Hazards & Safety Instructions for Giant Hogweed](#) for more information.



### How do you identify giant hogweed?

Giant hogweed is a biennial or perennial herb in the carrot family (Apiaceae) which can grow to 14 feet or more. Its hollow, ridged stems grow 2-4 inches in diameter and have dark reddish-purple blotches. Its large compound leaves can grow up to 5 feet wide. Its white flower heads can grow up to 2 1/2 feet in diameter. Please refer to the [Giant Hogweed Identification](#) page for further help. Some other plants look very similar.

### What to do if you see giant hogweed:

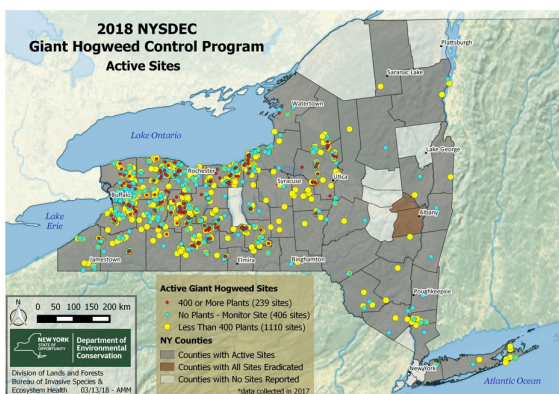
**Identify:** Use the key on our [giant hogweed identification](#) page to try and make a positive identification. Other plants that look similar are also shown.

**Photograph:** Photos are needed to confirm identification. Take high resolution photos of the entire plant, stem, leaves, flowers and seeds, making sure to keep a safe distance.

**Report:** [Email DEC](#) or call the Giant Hogweed Hotline: 1-845-256-3111. Provide photos, detailed directions to the plant infestation and estimate the number of plants.

**Control:** If giant hogweed is confirmed, DEC will contact the landowner and may visit to assess the site and discuss management options, as resources allow.

## Where is giant hogweed found?



Giant hogweed is a native of the Caucasus Mountain region between the Black and Caspian Seas. It was introduced to Europe and the United Kingdom in the late nineteenth century and to the United States in the early twentieth century as an ornamental garden plant. It has become established in New England, the Mid-Atlantic Region and the Northwest. Giant hogweed grows along streams and rivers and in fields, forests, yards and roadsides. It prefers open sites with abundant light and moist soil but it can grow in partially shaded habitats, too. The map to the right displays the current confirmed locations of giant hogweed sites in New York State.

## Wild Parsnip

### Do Not Touch This Plant!

Wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*) is an invasive plant from Europe and Asia that has become naturalized in North America. It is well suited for colonizing disturbed areas but can also be found in open fields and lawns. Wild parsnip sap can cause painful, localized burning and blistering of the skin.

[View the Wild Parsnip Fact Sheet \(PDF, 415 KB\)](#)

### Identification

Wild parsnip can grow up to 5' tall and has hollow, grooved stems that are hairless. Leaves resemble large celery leaves. They are yellow-green, coarsely toothed and compound, with 3-5 leaflets. Small, yellow flowers are clustered together in a flat-topped array approximately 3-8" across. Flowering usually occurs during the second year of growth, starting in May or June and lasting for 1-2 months. Seeds are flat, brown, and slightly winged to facilitate wind dispersal in the fall.

### Where is wild parsnip located?

Wild parsnip can be found growing in a broad range of habitats, especially along roadsides, in fields and in pastures. It is common in the United States and Canada and is widespread in New York. DEC encourages the public to report sightings of this invasive plant to [iMapInvasives](#) (leaves DEC website).

### Why is wild parsnip dangerous?

Wild parsnip sap contains chemicals called furanocoumarins which can make skin more vulnerable to ultraviolet light. Brushing against or breaking the plant releases sap that, combined with sunlight, can cause a severe burn within 24 to 48 hours. This reaction, known as phytophotodermatitis, can also cause discoloration of the skin and increased sensitivity to sunlight that may last for years.

### How to protect yourself from wild parsnip:

- Learn to identify wild parsnip at different life stages.
- Do not touch any parts of the plant with bare skin.

Wear gloves, long-sleeved shirts, pants, boots and eye protection if working near wild parsnip to prevent skin contact with the sap. Synthetic, water-resistant materials are recommended.

### If contact with sap occurs...

- Wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water, and keep it covered for at least 48 hours to prevent a reaction.

**If a reaction occurs, keep the affected area out of sunlight to prevent further burning or discoloration, and see a physician.**

### What can be done about wild parsnip?

#### Prevent establishment and spread

It is important to remove new infestations while they are still small and not well established. When using equipment where wild parsnip is present, make sure to clean it thoroughly before using it again in an area that is parsnip-free. Avoid areas where seed is present to prevent its accidental spread on clothing and equipment.

#### Control and management

Manual removal of plants can be effective for small areas. Cutting roots 1-2" below the soil or pulling plants by hand should be done before they have gone to seed. If removing plants after seeds have already developed, cut off the seed heads and put them in plastic bags. Leave the bags out in the sun for one week to kill the seed heads before disposal. Mowing wild parsnip after flowers have bloomed but before seeds have developed can kill the plants. Some plants may re-sprout, making it necessary to mow the area again. General herbicides can be applied as spot treatments to new shoots.

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**Report an infestation**

If you believe you have found wild parsnip...

- Take a picture of the entire plant and close-ups of the leaf, flower and/or seed.
- Note the location (intersecting roads, landmarks or GPS coordinates).

Report the infestation to [iMapInvasives](#) (leaves DEC website).

For more information, contact DEC Forest Health at 845-256-3111, [ghogweed@dec.ny.gov](mailto:ghogweed@dec.ny.gov) or your local [Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management \(PRISM\)](#) (leaves DEC website).



**Did you Know..?**

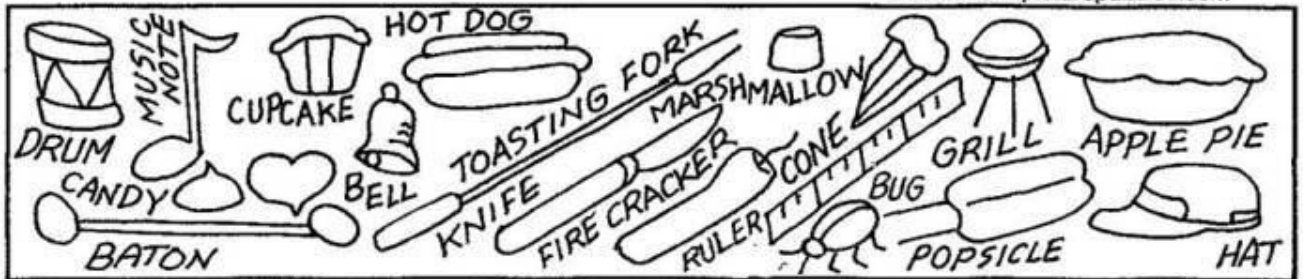
Strawberries dried in the oven. Taste like candy but are healthy & natural. 3 hrs at 210 degrees... Might be better than Twizzlers.



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**Lunch at Noon / Shotgun Start at 1pm**  
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**18 HOLES OF GOLF • GOLF CART • LUNCH •**  
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Thunderhart Golf Club at Sunny Hill  
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Men's, Women's and Senior's tees for this four person scramble format tournament. Participation is limited to 112 contestants so be sure to register early.

Register:

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(518) 859-7669 or [shgolfclubhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:shgolfclubhouse@yahoo.com)

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## 2018 SUMMER SERVICES AT RENSSELAERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church announces its schedule of summer services every Sunday from July 1 through September 2. Services are held at 11:00 a.m. in the church located on Main Street (County Route 351) in Rensselaerville. Everyone is welcome.

Each year, clergy from different faith traditions are invited to deliver sermons on a common theme. The 2018 theme is "And Still We Rise", after the poem "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou. The theme honors the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and recognizes the plight of immigrants, refugees, the oppressed, and the poor.

### **July 1 "Rising to New Life in Prison"**

Father Dennis Tamburello, O.F.M., Professor of Religious Studies, Siena College, Loudonville, NY

### **July 8 "The God Who Sees"**

Rev. Kate Forer, Senior Pastor, Presbyterian-New England Congregational Church, Saratoga Springs, NY

### **July 15 "Finding a Voice"**

Rev. Dr. Richard Spalding  
Recently Retired, Chaplain, Williams College, Williamstown, MA

### **July 22 "#Me, Too"**

Rev. Karen S. Pollen, Pastor, Delmar Presbyterian Church, Delmar, NY

### **July 29 "Feeding a Revolution"**

Rev. Will Critzman, Minister of Discipleship, First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, New York, NY

### **August 5 "Descent for the Sake of Ascent"**

Rabbi Rachel Barenblat, Congregation Beth Israel, North Adams, MA

### **August 12 "Reclaiming Truth"**

Rev. Alison Miller, Senior Minister, Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, Morristown, NJ

### **August 19 "Just Keep On Singing"**

Rev. Dr. Amaury Tañón-Santos, Synod Networker, Synod of the Northeast, East Syracuse, NY

### **August 26 "For Such a Time as This"**

Rev. Alexandra Lusak, Moderator, Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church, Rensselaerville, NY

### **September 2 "After the Fall"**

Elder Barbara G. Wheeler, former President, Auburn Theological Seminary, New York, NY

The tradition of summer-only services at the Presbyterian Church in Rensselaerville goes back more than 100 years. For a short period in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the village was a lively industrial town as the first site of the Huyck Woolen Mills. When founder and Presbyterian Church member F. C. Huyck Sr. moved his mill to Albany, he did not sever ties with the village or

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the church. But as jobs left with the mill so did many of the village residents, leaving the church without enough members to maintain a year-round pastor. However, the Huyck family returned each year to vacation and provided for a pastor during their stay. It was F. C. Huyck Sr.'s granddaughter, Katharine Huyck Elmore, who in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century expanded the vision of the summer services to other faith traditions and invited ministers, rabbis, priests and nuns to fill the pulpit.

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church is a nationally recognized example of Greek Revival architecture dating from the 1840s and is listed on both the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

More information about each week's guest preacher and the church may be found on its website: [www.rvillepres.org](http://www.rvillepres.org). Comments and questions may be sent to [rvillepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rvillepreschurch@gmail.com).



### Why is Excessive Heat so Dangerous?

- Heat becomes especially dangerous if it lingers for more than one day.
- Hot days and warm nights don't give our bodies time to cool down.
- Heat islands can intensify extreme hot weather, which can cause breathing problems, heat cramps, heat stroke, and may lead to illness or even death.

### What can You do?

- Check on your friends, family and neighbors during heat waves.
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing and drink water often. Don't wait until you are thirsty.
- Avoid unnecessary hard work or activities if you are outside or in a building without air conditioning.
- Stay in an air-conditioned area. Air conditioning is the strongest protective factor against heat-related illness.



**Rensselaerville Ride: From Hill to Hollow**, presented by Helderberg Brewery and the Helderberg Outdoor Club, is a non-competitive cycling event. We offer rides of multiple distances, accommodating every rider in your group or family. Join us for a day of fun on the bike, and kick back afterward with live music, craft beer, food, kids' activities and more, all based at our amazing host venue, the Carey Institute for Global Good.

**START + FINISH:** All rides begin and end at the Carey Institute for Global Good, a 100-acre conference center campus with plenty of parking and restrooms. Learn more at [www.careyinstitute.org](http://www.careyinstitute.org). 63 Huyck Road, Rensselaerville, NY 12147 (42.52N, 74.14W) elev. 1600'

**POTTER HOLLOW - 64 MILES:** 64 miles and 6400' of climbing. Some gravel sections. This route is our longest and most challenging that we offer. You'll pass through historic hamlets and capture incredible vistas from the highest points around. Five aid station stops along the way.

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**WESTERLO - 44 MILES:** 44 miles and 4400' of climbing. This route takes you through bucolic farmscapes of the neighboring town of Westerlo before heading back the the hills of Rensselaerville for a spectacular view from the 'top of the world.' Four aid station stops.

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**BERNE - 24 MILES:** 24 miles and 2400' of climbing. This loop will bring you through the forests and fields of the neighboring town of Berne, passing by wooded waterfalls and hidden creeks before turning back to the main street of Rensselaerville for a final aid station. Two aid stations.

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**RENSSELAERVILLE - 10 MILES:** 10 miles and 1000' of climbing. Haven't been training to much for the next big event? No Problem, this route is friendly to the casual cyclist, young cyclist, and we've even seen some kid trailers go by on this one. Enjoy the morning on a beautiful tour of the town and 1 aid station stop on main street Rensselaerville.

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**KIDS' RIDE - 3 MILES:** Technically this is a fifth option, but it's for kids, and it's free! Three miles, gradual hills and guided by one of our volunteers. Just show up and ride, no pre-reg necessary. This ride leaves the Carey Institute and stays on a quiet country road for 1.5 miles before returning the way it came. Great photo-op for mom and dad to get the young ones on their bikes.

WHEN: Sunday. August 19, 2018

SCHEDULE: 7:30 AM – Registration Opens  
 9:30 AM – All rides depart from Huyck House Starting Line  
 11:00 AM - Family Ride begins at Huyck House  
 12:00 PM - Lunch buffet and beer garden open  
 12:00 PM - Live Music (TBA)  
 1:00 PM - Live Music by The Lustre Kings



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