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Minutes, Town Board Public Hearing, October 30, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held the continuation of a Public Hearing commenced on September 26, 2018. The Public Hearing was held at 6:30 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: Supervisor Steven Pflieger, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Dolce, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present was one interested citizen.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to continue to receive public comment on proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2018 – a Local Law to establish the residency requirements for the appointed offices of Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to re-open the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2018 at 6:32 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

The Attorney for the Town noted at the Regular Meeting held on October 11, 2018 that amending the proposed Local Law to include the suggestions made at the initial Public Hearing could easily create ambiguity and encourage litigation. The Board has discussed that there should be no changes to the wording on the proposed Local Law.

As no other comments were introduced, either verbal or written, Supervisor Pflieger entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to close the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2018 at 6:45 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



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Draft Minutes, Town Board Budget Meeting, October 3, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Public Hearing on the 30th day of October 2018 at 7:00 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: Supervisor Steven Pflieger, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Dolce, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present was one interested citizen.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment on proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2018 – A Local Law Overriding the Real Property Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2019.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to open the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2018 at 7:02 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Rauf

Supervisor Pflieger read the proposed local law as follows:

Town Law No. 5 of 2018 of the Town of Rensselaerville
A Local Law Overriding the Real Property Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2019

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Authority

Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 of New York State, incorporated in § 3-c of the General Municipal Law, established a 'tax cap' that generally limits the amount of a municipality's real property tax levy for the upcoming fiscal year according to a formula set out in the statute, but the statute also authorizes local governments, pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c(5), to override the tax levy limit for the upcoming fiscal year.

Section 2. Override of Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2019

The real property tax levy limit set out in § 3-c of the General Municipal Law is overridden, pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §3-c(5), for Fiscal Year 2019, and the Town may adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2019 that incorporates a real property tax increase in excess of the otherwise applicable tax levy limit.

Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

End Local Law

Supervisor Pflieger noted that since the Tentative Budget has come in under the tax cap, Local Law No. 5 of 2018 will not need to be passed.

As no other comments were introduced, either verbal or written, Supervisor Pflieger entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to close the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2018 at 7:15 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Draft Minutes, Town Board Special Meeting, October 30, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 30th day of October 2018 at 7:30 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: Supervisor Steven Pflieger, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Dolce, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present was one interested citizen.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to move the Tentative Budget to the Preliminary stage.

Mrs. Dermody noted that Supervisor Pflieger inadvertently included the funds for the loader in the Misc. line item under Road Machinery. The adjustment was made.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to move the Tentative 2019 Budget to the Preliminary stage. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



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

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

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

Also present were two interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ernest Kuehl wished to announce that on November 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm the Superintendent and Finance Director of the Middleburgh Central School District will be at the Tri-Village Fire House to discuss the bond that will be voted on December 12, 2018. The bond will be used to make repairs on roofs and sidewalks, replace windows and perform updates on both the Elementary School and the High School. Part of the repairs to the windows in the Elementary School will be under an energy

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grant from the State. Also, this bond is considered 'tax-neutral' as the previous bond will be expiring as this one kicks in.

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

- October 1, 2018 – Budget Workshop
- October 3, 2018 – Budget Workshop
- October 9, 2018 – Work Meeting
- October 9, 2018 – Budget Workshop
- October 11, 2018 – Regular Meeting
- October 15, 2018 – Budget Workshop
- October 17, 2018 – Budget Workshop
- October 30, 2018 – Public Hearing – Continuation of Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2018
- October 30, 2018 – Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2018
- October 30, 2018 – Special Meeting – Tentative Budget to Preliminary Budget

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/Zoning Officer, Assessors, Water/Sewer Committee, Recycling Center, and Library will be given at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf reported that there had been no Solar Committee meetings, but two were scheduled for the month of November
2. Supervisor Pflieger read an email he received from Weston & Sampson Engineering stating that they had reached out to three certified installers to repair the pipe in the Lake Myosotis Dam, none of which have returned their calls or emails. Recently, however, they have contacted a contractor who will be sending information on a product they use, and hope to have a quote soon.
3. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to schedule a Special meeting on November 14, 2018 immediately following the Special Meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm and to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise. The meeting will be held in Executive Session for the sole purpose of conducting interviews for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer position. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.
Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf, and Sedlmeir; Nays (0)
4. As the 2019 budget will not exceed the 2% tax cap, the Board will take no further action regarding Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2018.
5. Supervisor Pflieger read the proposed credit card policy drawn up by Attorney Fallati. The Board members discussed some changes/additions they would like to see. Town Clerk Kraker will make the adjustments and forward them to Attorney Fallati for his review.
6. Supervisor Pflieger read the new Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy Notice which will be incorporated into the Employee Handbook.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Pflieger read the list of seasonal roads for the upcoming winter season. Town Clerk Kraker will need authorization from the Board to place the Legal Notice in the *Altamont Enterprise*.

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- 2. Town Clerk Kraker will present the list of the 2018 Unpaid Water and 2018 Unpaid Sewer rents at the Regular meeting on Thursday.
- 3. The Board is seeking nominations for a Volunteer of the Year and is asking that recommendations be submitted by December 11th.
- 4. The Board will need to renew the supplemental health insurance for the retirees. In-area rates are going up 5.1% from \$449.00 to \$472.00 and out-of-area rates are going up 4.7% from \$489.00 to \$513.00.

HIGHWAY

Due to a filing deadline, a motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the two signed vouchers for the C.H.I.P.'s Program. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Draft Minutes, Town Board Public Hearing, November 8, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Public Hearing on the 8th day of November 2018 at 6:30 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Deputy Supervisor Dolce and the roll was called with the following results:

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

ABSENT WAS: Supervisor Steven Pflieger

Also present were three interested citizens.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment on the Preliminary Budget for 2019.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to open the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for 2019 at 6:32 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

MARIE DERMODY

Mrs. Dermody respectfully requested that the following be entered into the minutes in its entirety:

I thank the Town Board for this opportunity to comment on the 2019 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Rensselaerville. I respectfully request that this statement be entered into the minutes of this Public Hearing in its entirety.

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First of all, I wish to commend the Town Board for their tireless efforts to craft a budget that stays under the 2% tax cap set by the state. Having attended every budget workshop, I can attest to the deliberations that took place regarding every single line item. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

With this being said, I do take issue with some of the salary increases that are built into this budget. At the outset, let it be known that I have absolutely no problem with employee raises...as long as they are reasonable employee raises.

For instance, I totally approve of the 3.72% raise for the Town Clerk, 3.06% for the Assessor Chair and 3.31% for the Assessors, and 4% for the Court Officer. And, as a matter of fact, I feel that a 2% raise for the Highway Superintendent and Recycling Coordinator is insultingly low based on the generous raises planned for other positions.

This Town Board has expressed their firm commitment to the raises noted in the 2019 Preliminary Budget. They want to set salaries at a level where people are willing to apply to fill various vacancies as they become available. It was even noted that we need to move salaries to the \$15/hour minimum wage rate that is soon to become effective.

- People who apply for employment positions in the Town already know what the salary is when submitting their letter of interest or application.
- According to the NYS Department of Labor, "the State Minimum Wage Law does not apply to public agencies. This includes: Federal, State, County, City, Village, Town, School District, or certain quasi-government agencies. Employees of public agencies are usually covered by the Federal Minimum Wage Law."

The current Federal Minimum Wage is \$7.25/hour. Yes, that is far too low.

But the Town Board's decision to raise the salaries of those clerks currently earning \$12.00/hr. to \$13.00/hr. results in an 8.33% raise. You, the Town Board, contend that the line item total does not change, just the hourly rate. No matter how you slice it, it's still an 8.33% raise. This affects the Highway Superintendent Clerk, the Safety Inspection Clerk A, and the Zoning/Planning Board Clerk. The Deputy Town Clerk is also in line to receive an 8.33% increase as well as a 3.85% line increase.

Then we look at a 20.83% salary increase for the Justice Court Clerks. The clerks are present every other Monday for Court sessions and the last Monday of each month for DA night. And, of course, I acknowledge that there is relevant paperwork that needs to be completed. However, to say that these clerks work an average of 40-hours a month (as stated by the Town Justices) is certainly an over-reach in my opinion.

- I was at Budget Workshops 2 Monday evenings when court was in session. The Justices and Clerks were gone by 7:45 PM.
- Take into account all the Monday holidays during the course of the calendar year when Court is not in session. Consider, too, vacation days and sick days.
- All work done by the Justice Clerks is done at Town Hall. Why aren't they punching the time clock so there is a true indication of legitimate hours worked? (By the way, this is true for the Court Officer as well.)
- In my opinion, I feel that the Court Clerks should be given a set salary/per hour wage (perhaps \$15/hr. because of the confidential nature of their job) and paid for the hours worked. **IF** we find that they exceed the present line item limit based on a set hourly wage, so be it. Adjust that line item accordingly in future budgets. But a 20% salary increase with no corroborating data is unwarranted.

With regard to the Town Board granting themselves a 16.67% raise...

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I fully understand your desire to recoup the \$500 in salary that you voluntarily gave to the Supervisor budget line several years ago. However, there is nothing that says it needs to be done in 1 step. Giving yourselves a \$100/year raise equates to a palatable 3.33% raise; a \$150/year raise equates to an acceptable 5% raise. Do that over the course of an additional 3-4 budget cycles and you're made whole without riling your taxpayers for an exorbitant raise for yourselves.

With regard to the proposed Supervisor raise of 16.00%...

- Steve, (you) knew what the salary was when he (you) ran for office last year.
- There is not a doubt in my mind that you are working hard to do a good job and are to be commended for your efforts.
- However, (you) he did not fly solo during your first year. The training to (you) him provided by the former Supervisor cost the taxpayers almost \$4,000. (I have the time cards to prove the veracity of this statement.) Is it unreasonable to expect that (you) he work for the salary you agreed to when (you) he decided to run for elected office, at least for one year?

[Editor's Note: Please be advised that the delivery of the above comments regarding the supervisor's raise was changed to reflect the fact that the supervisor wasn't present for the public hearing. This change is reflected with the added parentheses to the text of the statement.)

The fact of the matter is that no one at a local level enters in government employment with the expectation that they're going to become rich. So, despite the good will created by a budget that falls within the tax cap, there is no reasonable justification for many of the employees' raises now in the preliminary budget. When you consider that senior citizens relying on Social Security for income will see a 2.8% COLA along with an increase in Medicare costs, can you in good conscience grant such pie-in-the-sky salary increases?

It is my fervent hope that the Town Board give serious consideration to the points made in this statement and make adjustments to the 2019 budget accordingly.

Marie Dermody

END LETTER

Councilman Rauf wished to express that he stands by the raises that were given. He thought it was convenient to use percentages on low-dollar salaries as it makes it look worse than it is. However, he commended Mrs. Dermody for bringing up some good points.

DIANA HINCHCLIFF

Diana Hinchcliff was not able to attend the meeting, but sent the following email and requested it be read and included in its entirety:

November 8, 2018

Steven Pflieger, Supervisor
Members of the Town Council
Town of Rensselaerville
87 Barger Road
Medusa, New York 12120

Re: 2019 Preliminary Budget

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Dear Supervisor Pflieger and members of the Town Council:

I will not be able to attend the budget public hearing this evening and would appreciate if you would include these comments in the official record.

First, I commend the Town Council for keeping this year's budget under the tax cap as you have in past years. This is especially important to our town's low-income residents and those on a fixed income.

Here are some suggestions and background information for your consideration as you prepare to finalize the budget:

Most people are not trained to read complex government budgets. The budget should be accompanied by a layperson's explanation of the purpose of each line item, the justification for specific line item changes from the previous year and note how many persons hold a specific job title. The public deserves to understand how its tax money is being spent. I have made this suggestion before and I hope you will provide this next year.

The Greenville Central School District Board of Education approved a tax exemption for veterans at its October meeting. Because the state government will not reimburse the district for its loss of tax revenue, other taxpayers will have to pay an extra 0.82 percent—almost 1 percent—in addition to any tax increase. This will mean a higher school tax bill than usual for many of our town's taxpayers.

Various classes of taxpayers (such as seniors) receive an exemption from property taxes (full disclosure: I'm one of them). Other taxpayers in the town have to pay more to subsidize these exemptions.

Residents receiving Social Security will get a 2.8% cost of living increase (COLA) in 2019, the first in several years. However, the Medicare Part B premium will be raised by about 1.1% for most Medicare recipients and 7.4% for higher income recipients. In either case, Medicare recipients will lose anywhere from 39% to all of their COLA.

The Consumer Price Index rose 2.3 percent in the 12 months ending September 2018. Government and the private sector base employee raises on this index.

These are comments about specific line items:

Supervisor Pay Increase: The Town Supervisor position was slated for a 32% increase (\$4,000 in the preliminary budget), reduced to a 16% increase (Town Board budget meeting minutes of 9/26)—in one year. This is unreasonable. This is not a full-time position. State government employees received around 3% this year depending on their labor contract. Private industry workers' salaries and wages rose 3.1% from September 2017 to September 2018 according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the Town Council feels the supervisor deserves a raise, it should be limited to 3%.

Clerk Pay Increase: Some of the clerks will receive a \$1.00 an hour pay increase, an additional 8.3%. This should be limited to 3%. There's no reason why our town clerks should receive a higher percentage increase than both state government and private industry employees.

The Clerk for the Justices position will receive a 20.8% increase (preliminary budget and Town Board budget meeting minutes of 10/3), which is, again, unreasonable considering these are not full-time positions. This is an exorbitant increase for the same reason stated for the clerks' pay increase. This should be limited to 3%.

I note that the Recycling Coordinator's and Highway Superintendent's salaries will be raised only 2%

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and union workers will be raised only 3%. There is no justification for raises of any more than 3% for other employees.

I note also that there is no indication in the minutes from the budget workshops that a comparison was done between salaries in our town and those of similar positions in similar towns to determine if the raises proposed are justified.

I hope the Town Council will give due consideration to these recommendations and make further reductions in salary line items. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this important subject.

Sincerely,
Diana M. Hinchcliff

END LETTER

As no other comments were introduced, either verbal or written, Deputy Supervisor Dolce entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to close the Public Hearing at 6:58 pm; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:58 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



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

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 8th day of November 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, Timothy Lippert representing the Rensselaerville Library and three interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 Budget Workshop; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

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A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2018 Budget Workshop, noting that "Also present was one interested citizen", as well as a typographical error. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Budget Workshop, noting that "Also present was one interested citizen". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2018 Regular Meeting; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 Budget Workshop, noting that "Also present was one interested citizen". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2018 Budget Workshop, noting that "Also present was one interested citizen". The motion was seconded by Councilman Dolce.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2018 Public Hearing – Continuation of Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2018 noting the change of the word 'elected' to 'discussed' in the third paragraph; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2018 Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2018 noting the addition that "As no other comments were received...". The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2018 Special Meeting – to Move the Tentative Budget to the Preliminary Stage; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the following Budget Modification:

- From 'Senior/Youth Bus Fund' 8514 to 'Vehicle Maintenance' A7610E 44072 in the amount of \$368.52 to cover the cost of repairs.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf

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

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$ 49,165.02; Highway Fund - \$215,291.17; Lighting District - \$745.15; Sewer Fund - \$886.54; Water Fund - \$445.48; T&A Fund- \$6,794.43. Total Abstracts- \$273,327.79.

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

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woman Sedlmeir.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Pflieger read a letter from Wayne and Charlene Teter thanking Superintendent Bates and the Highway Department for their hard work on the sidewalks in Preston Hollow. Mr. & Mrs. Teter stated that the work was greatly appreciated by all the residents – the sidewalks are safer and much more attractive. The work gives the residents hope that they haven't been forgotten as there has been a decline in business and population.

Supervisor Pflieger also noted he had seen a post on social media from K.B. Cooke thanking the Highway for the nice job on the sidewalks.

REPORTS**SUPERVISOR**

1. Supervisor Pflieger has been working steadily on the budget.
2. Supervisor Pflieger, feeling that Orkin's service has declined over time, held a meeting with Cat's Eye in which they reviewed the buildings and the scope of services. Supervisor Pflieger awaits a quote.
3. The Town has dropped one of the phone lines, but the most recent invoice was about \$100 more even with one less line. Supervisor Pflieger contacted Magna-5 and questioned the increase and was told it was a rate increase from Verizon itself. He has put a call into Verizon as well as A.T. & T. to see what they can offer.

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

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

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Fallati reported that he had heard back from the attorney for the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance and was told that things are moving forward. Documentation will be prepared and the transfer should be complete by the end of the year.

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

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Due to the lateness of the construction season and the arrival of vouchers as a direct result, Superintendent Bates worked feverishly to submit the paperwork for the C.H.I.P.s reimbursement. However, he has learned that the deadline for submission of the expenditures was November 1st, not the 9th. The Town will be reimbursed approximately half in December, but will have to wait until March 2019 for the remainder.
2. Superintendent Bates reported that the Highway Department has completed the last of the summer projects. They have been cleaning up branches and trees that were downed in the recent wind storm and are preparing for winter as well.

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3. The sidewalk project in Preston Hollow came in at under \$6,000 – significantly less than what was budgeted. The section in front of the cemetery will be addressed in the spring. Councilwoman Cooke will find out the name and address of who to send a “thank-you” to for the use of the sidewalk paver.

4. Superintendent Bates offered information which he discovered in a legal notice from the Town of Jefferson regarding seasonal road closures, which adds that their town highway department is not responsible for mailboxes that are damaged by snow removal operations. Superintendent Bates noted that pursuant to State law, highway departments are not, in fact, responsible for any damages. Superintendent Bates would, however, assess any potential damages on a case-by-case basis.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Highway Superintendent’s report; 2nd 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 October as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$1,919.60. Paid to the Supervisor - \$1,186.74- the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$98.64; Recycling - \$125.50; Dog Licenses - \$68.00; Building Permits - \$789.60; Title Searches - \$105.00. Total: \$1,737.35.

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the ‘Animal Population Control Program’ aka ‘dog surcharge’: \$11.00

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk’s checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$721.86

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$1,490.43; which includes \$24.36 in penalties

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$2,200.38; which includes \$36.63 in penalties

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Town Clerk’s report; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Supervisor Pflieger reported on behalf of the Building Department: two New Accessory Building permits, one New Home Construction permit, and one Accessory Building permit for the month of October.

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

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

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Kropp reported that Assessor Kathryn Wank has recently completed two more continuing education courses; one in Sales Data Management and the other in Article 7 Court Proceedings.

2. Assessor Kropp wished to reinforce the new regulations regarding the Enhanced STAR (aka “Senior STAR”) program. Seniors are now required to enroll in the I.V.P. (Income Verification Program) through the State. The income limit this year is \$86,400. Exemptions for incomes that are below \$37,400 are based on a sliding scale and taxpayers who qualify for this must still come in to the Assessor’s Office to verify their income. The Assessor’s Office will be sending out notices in this regard.

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

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1. Town Clerk Kraker read a written report submitted by Water/Sewer Operator John Rice for the month of October as follows:

The Water Treatment plant filtered 344,800 gallons – a daily average of 11,100 gallons.

The Sewer Treatment plant processed 177,840 gallons – a daily average of 5,738 gallons.

2. Operator Rice also wished to inform the Board that Deputy Loetterle finished staining the sewer shed which has been in need for a number of years.

3. Phil Pearson was slated to install one of the hydrants, but has been delayed.

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

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

Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of October as follows: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 10.29 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 57.54 tons; Sierra Fibers: 3.06 tons comingled and 5.01 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 26 gallons; Tires: 60

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

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

Tim Lippert, on behalf of the Rensselaerville Library, reported the following:

The Annual Greenery Sale will be held on December 1st from 9 am to 2 pm. The Carey Center will serve egg nog from 2 pm to 4 pm. The Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company will host a children's party with Santa from 3 pm to 5 pm. The tree lighting will be at 5 pm.

The Library is participating in a "Moon Walk" which is a program to document your daily exercise.

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

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

1. Mike Benedict will hold a jazz concert this Saturday at Conkling Hall at 7:30 pm.

2. The Medusa Fire House's Free-Will Offering Breakfast is back on and scheduled for Saturday November 17th from 7 - 11 am.

3. The Medusa Fire Volunteer Fire Company will also be having a children's Christmas Party on December 8th.

4. The Medusa Fire House will hold their annual Turkey Dinner from 11:30 am to 2 pm on December 2nd.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councilman Rauf reported that there had been no Solar Committee meetings, but two were

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scheduled to be held before the next Board meeting in December.

2. Supervisor Pflieger read an email he received from Weston & Sampson Engineering stating that they had reached out to three certified installers to repair the pipe in the Lake Myosotis Dam, none of which have returned their calls or emails. Recently, however, they have contacted a contractor who will be sending information on a product they use, and hope to have a quote soon.

3. Supervisor Pflieger confirmed the date of November 14, 2018 to conduct interviews for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector position. The Special Meeting will immediately follow the 7:00 pm Special Meeting on the final budget.

4. Attorney Fallati read the resolution on proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2018 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York, established qualifications for holding office, and the State Legislature has rendered Public Officers Law Section 3 a special law in its coverage of appointed town offices; and

WHEREAS, Section 23(1) of the Town Law of the State of New York, established eligibility of town officers; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10(1)(ii)(a)(1) grants local governments the authority to enact local laws regarding the qualifications of local officers; and

WHEREAS, the attached proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2018 would supersede New York State Town Law §23(1) and the Public Officers Law §3(1) in its application to the offices of Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector for the Town of Rensselaerville and provide that such persons need not be electors of the Town of Rensselaerville and need only reside in the county in which the Town is situated or an adjoining county within the State of New York;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that the attached Local Law No. 4 of 2018, which is incorporated herein, be and hereby is enacted.

By motion made by Margaret Sedlmeir and seconded by Jason Rauf, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 8th day of November 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

LOCAL LAW No. 4 OF 2018
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE, NEW YORK

A Local Law to establish the residency requirements for the appointed offices of Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector.

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Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Title: a Local Law to establish the residency requirements for the appointed offices of Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector.

Section 2. Authority: This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law, §10(1)(ii) (a)(1), which grants to local governments the authority to enact local laws regarding the qualification of local officers. Both Public Officers Law §3 in its coverage of appointed town offices, and Town Law §23, may be superseded by local law (see N.Y. Op. Atty. Gen. (Inf.) No. 97-11).

Section 3. Supersession: This local law shall supersede New York State Public Officers Law §3(1) and Town Law, §23(1) and their application to the offices of Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector for the Town of Rensselaerville.

Section 4. Residency requirements for the positions of the Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector for the Town of Rensselaerville: Section 96-3 of the Code of the Town of Rensselaerville is hereby amended to add the following as Section 96-3(F): The persons holding the offices of Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector need not be residents or electors of the Town of Rensselaerville, provided, however, that such persons shall reside in the county in which the Town is situated or an adjoining county within the State of New York .

Section 5. Inconsistency: All other local laws and ordinances of the Town of Rensselaerville that are consistent with the provisions of this local law are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall be in addition to such other local laws or ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this local law.

Section 6. Savings Clause: If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation of the clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 7. Effective Date: This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

End Local Law

5. As the 2019 budget will not exceed the 2% tax cap, the Board will take no further action regarding Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2018. If the proposed law is not passed, it will not have to be rescinded.

6. Supervisor Pflieger read the resolution regarding the Credit Card Policy as follows:

Credit Card Policy of the Town of Rensselaerville
Adopted November 8, 2018)

Purpose: The Town Board establishes this Policy to govern the establishment and use of any Town credit card accounts.

Authorized Credit Cards: The Town Board may authorize the Town to enter into contracts with any institution authorized to issue credit cards in the State of New York to obtain credit cards for authorized purchases of goods and services as set forth herein.

Requirements for Credit Card Accounts:

Each Town credit card shall be subject to a credit limit set by the Town Board.

Each Town credit card shall be issued in the name of the Town.

In no event shall the Town enter into a credit card agreement that provides for cash advances.

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Each and every new credit card account must be authorized by the Town Board prior to application.

Authorized Purchases:

A Town credit card may only be utilized to purchase goods or services in accordance with the Town’s procurement policies.

In no event shall a Town credit card be utilized for personal expenses.

All receipts must be signed by an authorized user.

Authorized Users: Only users authorized by the Town Board shall be permitted to use a Town credit card and shall have signing authority. Any unauthorized use shall subject the user to disciplinary action in accordance with all applicable laws and policies.

Storage and Recordkeeping:

All Town credit cards shall be maintained in the Town Clerk’s Office when not being used, except that any credit cards designated for use by the Highway Department shall be maintained by the Highway Superintendent when not being used. Any loss or theft of any Town credit card shall be promptly reported to the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk shall maintain a list of all authorized Town credit cards and the authorized users for each card.

Records for Town credit card purchases shall be maintained in the same manner as for other purchases.

Payment: All balances for any Town credit card shall be paid in full on or before the due date, without the Town’s incurring any finance charges or fees.

Credit Accounts: Any store credit account established for the Town, whether or not such account includes a credit card, shall be subject to the terms of this Policy.

End Policy

Attorney Fallati read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville has determined that it would be beneficial to the Town to establish a policy governing the establishment and use of any Town credit card accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville has prepared the attached Credit Card Policy and believes that its adoption would be beneficial to the Town:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that the attached Credit Card Policy is hereby adopted.

By motion made by John Dolce and seconded by Jason Rauf, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 8th day of November 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		

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End Resolution

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf that all authorized credit card users of the Town of Rensselaerville shall sign the Credit Card Policy and that it be maintained in that individual's employee file. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Pflieger.

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

Supervisor Pflieger read the Credit Card Authorization as follows:

Staples Account:

- a. Authorized Credit Limit: \$5,000
- b. Authorized Users: Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk

Bank of Greene County [Master Card/Visa] Account – General

- a. Authorized Credit Limit: \$2,500
- b. Authorized Users: Town Supervisor and Town Clerk

Bank of Greene County [Master Card/Visa] Account – Highway

- a. Authorized Credit Limit: \$5,000
- b. Authorized Users: Highway Superintendent and Deputy Highway Superintendent

7. The resolution which was passed by the Board at their Regular Meeting in October regarding sexual harassment reads as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the State of New York incorporated into its 2019 budget various amendments to laws applicable to sexual harassment; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York incorporated into its 2019 budget various amendments to laws applicable to sexual harassment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville previously adopted, pursuant to those amendments, the form Sexual Harassment Policy on the New York State Department of Labor website;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that the attached policy and poster in their final form are hereby adopted.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to adopt the model sexual harassment policy put out by the New York State Department of Labor; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

By motion made by Marion Cooke and seconded by John Dolce, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 11th day of October 2018* (*Please refer to motion made at the October 11, 2018 Town Board Meeting).

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

End Resolution

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Town Clerk Kraker read the Legal Notice regarding seasonal road closures as follows:

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville wishes to inform the residents of the Town and the Public that the following roads are Limited Use Highways and will not be maintained from December 1, 2018 through April 1, 2019:

- Gulf Road Extension from Gulf Road to the northerly end of State Lands;
- Kenyon Road from the intersection of Roney Road to CR 358;
- Roney Road from last residential structure in from Pearson Road to the intersection of Kenyon Road;
- Scutt Road from the southerly end of State Lands to CCC Road; and
- Edwards Hill Road from 500 feet in from SR 145 to the top of the hill.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize the Town Clerk to place the above Legal Notice in the *Altamont Enterprise*; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

2. . Town Clerk Kraker presented the Board with the list of Unpaid Water and Unpaid Sewer rents.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the list of Unpaid Water Rents and Unpaid Sewer Rents for 2018; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

3. Volunteer-of-the-Year Award recommendations as being sought and should be submitted by December 11, 2018.

4. The 2019 supplemental health insurance rates for the retirees will be going up. In-area rates will be going up 5.1% from \$449.00 to \$472.00 and out-of-area rates will be going up 4.7% from \$489.00 to \$513.00.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize the Supervisor to renew the Blue Shield of Northeastern New York Medicare Advantage Plan for retirees to include the benefit of turning in their receipts over \$500.00 which the Town will reimburse for their out-of-pocket co-pays for prescription drugs once they have submitted proof of expenditures of the initial \$3,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

5. Supervisor Pfliging wished to remind everyone that on November 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm the Superintendent and Finance Director of the Middleburgh Central School District will be at the Tri-Village Fire House to discuss the bond that will be voted on December 12, 2018. The bond will be used to make repairs on roofs and sidewalks, replace windows and perform updates on both the Elementary School and the High School. Part of the repairs to the windows in the Elementary School will be under an energy grant from the State. Also, this bond is considered 'tax-neutral' as the previous bond will be expiring as this one kicks in.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Marie Dermody questioned how the new sexual harassment policy differs from the current one. Attorney Fallati explained that the State makes changes to the content that the policy is required to have and must have explicit language regarding legal remedies as well as a complaint form. Interactive training has also been added as a new requirement.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Draft Minutes, Town Board Special Meeting, November 14, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 14th day of November 2018 at 7:00 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: Supervisor Steven Pflieger, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Dolce, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were four interested citizens.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to adopt the 2019 Final Budget.

As all Board members were pleased and comfortable with the Preliminary Budget, Supervisor Pflieger entertained a motion to move it to the final stage.

[Editor’s Note: This Town Board did NOT address any of the matters/concerns presented to them during the public hearing on the 2019 budget. Their “pleasure” with this budget, I’m sure, is due in large part to the 16+% raises which they granted for themselves. The statements entered into the public record represent far more time and effort on behalf of the taxpayers than did this 3-minute special meeting to approve the budget. Shame on the Town Board!]

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to adopt the 2019 Final Budget; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.
Motion carried: Ayes (5) Pflieger, Cooke, Dolce, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker, Town Clerk



Draft Minutes, Town Board Special Meeting, November 14, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 14th day of November 2018 at 7:05 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: Supervisor Steven Pflieger, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Dolce, Councilman Jason Rauf, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were four interested citizens.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to conduct interviews for potential candidates for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Zoning Officer position.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to enter into Executive Session at 7:05 pm for the purpose of future employment; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Dolce to return from Executive Session at 8:09 pm; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

Supervisor Pflieger thanked all the candidates for their interest.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm; 2nd by Councilman Dolce.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk



Move Breathe Relax

YOGA: Tue. & Thu. 9-10:15 am

PILATES: Wed. 5:45-6:15 pm & Sat. 9-10 am

Classes Open to All at Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville

Sarah Nelson Weiss, CYT
savitrisarah@gmail.com, 518.817.8720

Fees: Wed Pilates—\$7.00

All Others—\$12.00

10 Classes—\$100.00

MCS Capital Project Information & Public Meeting

In an effort to provide the best possible education and learning environment for our students, the Middleburgh Board of Education has approved a proposed Capital Project to be put forward before voters on December 12, 2018. The cost of the project is \$15,000,000 and will be a **tax neutral project. This means that taxes will not increase if the project is approved by voters.**

The proposed project includes over \$9,000,000 in renovations and improvements at the Jr./Sr. High School and over \$5,000,000 in renovations and improvements at the Elementary School. Construction on the project is anticipated to in mid-2020 following approval from the State Education Department, with construction anticipated to finish in 2021.

At the Jr./Sr. High School, proposed improvements include:

- Replacing auditorium HVAC
- Replacing the cafeteria floor
- Media Center and Computer Room (113/115) alterations
- Student bathroom renovations
- Secure entry alterations

At the Elementary School, proposed improvements include:

- Secure entry alterations
- Student bathroom renovations
- Window replacement

Plans for both schools include sidewalk repairs and replacement, HVAC upgrades, stormwater structure and pavement replacement, fire alarm system upgrades, and more.

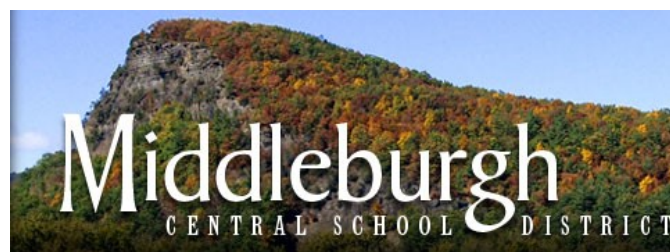
Respondents to our Exit Survey on the budget in May rated Middleburgh's facilities a C+. 67% of respondents wanted bathroom renovations included in any future Capital Project, while 40% wanted HVAC improvements included. **This proposed project allows the district to upgrade its facilities to provide the best possible education for our students with no tax increase to our community.**

District residents are invited to join us at four public meetings about the Capital Project:

- Middleburgh Jr./Sr. High School

December 4, 6:30 p.m.

The vote on the Capital Project will take place on **December 12, 2018 from 12:00-8:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Gymnasium Lobby.**



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 RENSSELAERVILLE, NY 12147)
Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 11:00am
Last Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 4:15pm; Sat 11:30am
Lobby Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 11:30am



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

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



MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET

Main Street, Middleburgh, NY

Friday, December 7, 2018

5:30 PM

Enjoy a wonderful start to the holiday season! Come enjoy our beautiful streets and businesses. Vendors, Elves' Workshop, Santa, Caroling, Bell Ringers, Stilt Dancers, Gift Basket Auction, Pony Rides, Light Show, Restaurant Specials, Hot Soups and Pretzels, Bread Pudding and Roasted Chestnuts, Kettle Corn and more

ALL VENDOR QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO PATTY AT THE CONGLOMERATE.

Home Energy Assistance Program - HEAP

Overview

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income people pay the cost of heating their homes.

If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year and could also be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off.

Questions regarding the HEAP program should be directed to your [HEAP Local District Contact](#).

HEAP may be able to help you if you heat your home with:

Electricity - Natural Gas - Oil - Coal - Propane - Wood/Wood Pellets - Kerosene - Corn

Regular HEAP Benefit

The 2018-2019 Regular HEAP benefit opened November 13, 2018.

Find out if you may be eligible and apply for programs and services.

If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year to help you pay for heating your home.

Eligibility and benefits are based on: income, household size, the primary heating source, and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older or permanently disabled.

Regular benefits for households that pay directly for heat based on actual usage are paid directly to the vendor that supplies the household's primary source of heat.

Your household may be eligible for a Regular benefit if:

You and your household members are United States Citizens or qualified aliens and

Your household's gross monthly income is at or below the current income guides for your household size as posted in the table below or

You receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or

You receive Temporary Assistance or

You receive Code A Supplemental Security Income (SSI Living Alone)

Emergency HEAP Benefit

The 2018-2019 Emergency benefit opens January 2, 2019.

If you are eligible, the Emergency HEAP Benefit can help you heat your home if you are in a heat or heat related emergency.

Emergency HEAP benefits and eligibility are based on: income, available resources, and the type of emergency

If you have an emergency you must contact your [HEAP Local District Contact](#) for assistance. Assistance cannot be provided through this website.

You may be eligible for an emergency HEAP benefit if:

Your electricity is necessary for your heating system or thermostat to work and is either shut-off or scheduled to be shut off or

Your electric or natural gas heat is off or scheduled to be shut-off or

You are out of fuel, or you have less than one quarter tank of fuel oil, kerosene or propane or have less than a ten (10) day supply of wood, wood pellets, corn, or other deliverable heat source. and

Your income is at or below the current income guidelines as posted in the table below or you receive Family Assistance, Safety Net Assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) or Code A Supplemental Security Income.

The heating and/or electric bill is in your name and

Your household's available resources are:

less than \$2,000 if no member of your household is age 60 or older; or

less than \$3,000 if any member of your household is age 60 or older.

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Home Energy Assistance Program - HEAP

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Heating Equipment Repair or Replacement Benefit

If you have an emergency you must contact your [HEAP Local District Contact](#) for assistance. Assistance cannot be provided through this website.

The Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement benefit opened November 5, 2018.

If you are a homeowner and eligible, the Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement benefit can help you repair or replace your furnace, boiler and other direct heating equipment necessary to keep your home's primary heating source working.

Benefit amounts are based on the actual cost incurred to repair or replace your furnace, boiler, and/or other essential heating equipment, \$3,000 for a repair and \$6,500 for a replacement.

You must go to your [HEAP Local District Contact](#) to apply. Your local district contact will decide if you meet all the eligibility conditions, including the income and resource requirements.

Before work is started it must be approved and authorized by a [HEAP Local District Contact](#). Payment is made directly to the vendor after all the work is completed.

Clean and Tune Benefit

The HEAP Clean and Tune benefit opened April 2, 2018 and remains open.

Eligible households can receive energy efficiency services, which includes the cleaning of primary heating equipment, but may also include chimney cleaning, minor repairs, installation of carbon monoxide detectors or programmable thermostats, if needed, to allow for the safe, proper and efficient operation of the heating equipment. Benefit amounts are based on the actual cost incurred to provide clean and tune services, up to a maximum of \$400. No additional HEAP cash benefits are available.

You may be eligible for a benefit if:

- You are the homeowner
- Your household's gross monthly income is at or below the current income guidelines for your household size as posted on the following table
- Your primary heating equipment is more than 12 months old
- Your primary heating equipment or chimney has not been cleaned within the last 12 months
- You do not have a service contract with your vendor that includes clean and tune services
- Your household eligibility requirements include filing an application with your local department of social services, providing all necessary documentation, and the household must reside in an eligible living situation.

Where to apply

You may apply for the Clean and Tune benefit with your [HEAP Local District Contact](#).

Cooling Assistance Benefit

The HEAP Cooling Assistance benefit opens May 1, 2019.

If you are eligible, you may receive one Cooling Assistance benefit per applicant household for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or a fan to help your home stay cool.

In circumstances where an air conditioner cannot be safely installed, a fan will be provided.

Only one air conditioner or fan, not to exceed \$800 with installation, will be provided per applicant household. No additional HEAP cash benefits are available.

You may be eligible for a Cooling Assistance HEAP benefit if:

- Your household's gross monthly income is at or below the current income guidelines for your household size as posted in the following table, or
- You receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamp) benefits, or

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You receive Temporary Assistance (TA), or
You receive Code A Supplemental Security Income (SSI Living Alone), and
You and your household members are United States Citizens or qualified aliens, and
Includes an individual with a documented medical condition that is exacerbated by heat, and
You received a Regular benefit greater than \$21 in the current program year, and
You currently do not have a working air conditioner or the air conditioner you have is five years old or older, and
You did not receive a HEAP funded air conditioner within the past ten years.

Your household eligibility requirements include filing an application with your local department of social services, providing all necessary documentation, and the household must reside in an eligible living situation.

Questions regarding the HEAP program should be directed to your [HEAP Local District Contact](#) or the OTDA Hotline at 1-800-342-3009.

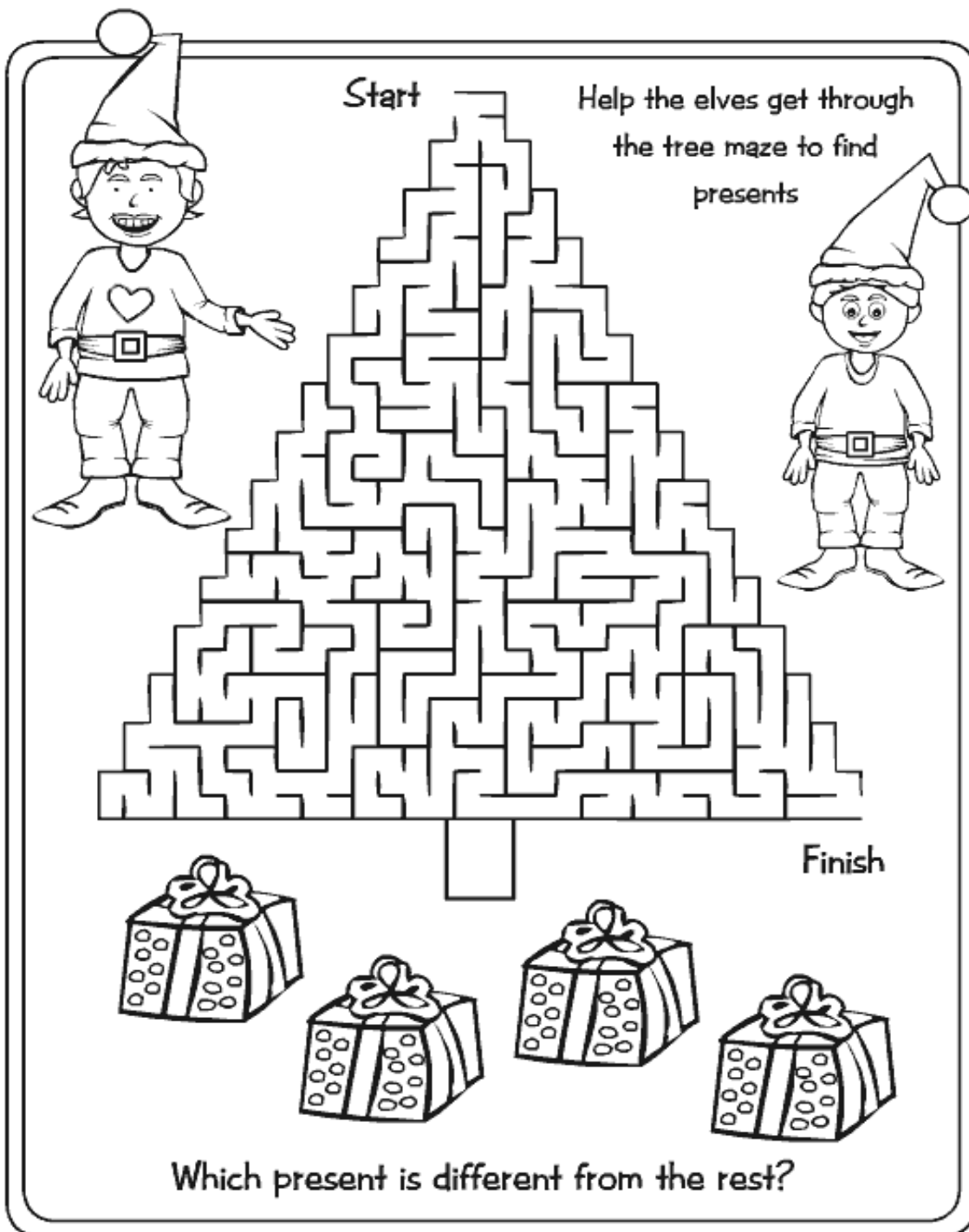
21 December
Winter
Solstice

ANNOUNCEMENT...

The Town Board is seeking nominations for the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award. Please send your recommendations to the Supervisor at spfleging@rensselaerville.com or to the Town Clerk at vkraker@rensselaerville.com. Deadline for submissions is December 11.



Kids' Activity Page



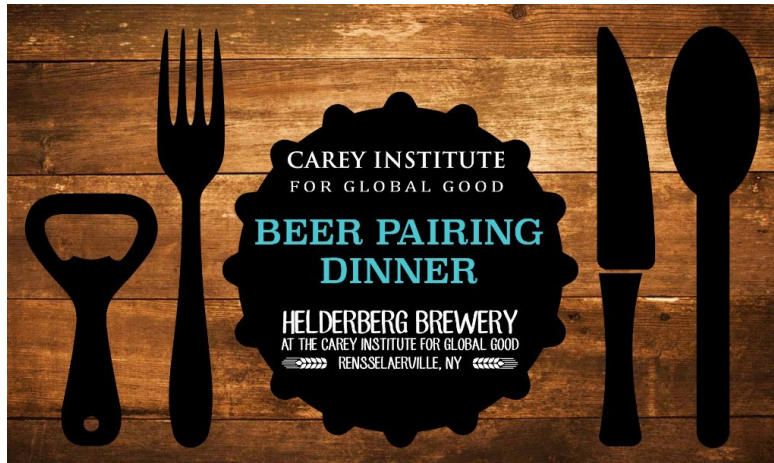
Start

Help the elves get through
the tree maze to find
presents

Finish

Which present is different from the rest?

The image contains a large Christmas tree shaped like a maze. An elf wearing a hat with a pom-pom and a heart on his shirt stands at the top left of the tree, labeled 'Start'. Another elf in a similar hat stands at the bottom right of the tree, labeled 'Finish'. Below the tree's trunk are four wrapped presents. The presents are arranged in a row. The first present on the left has a bow on top and a pattern of dots on its sides. The second present has a bow and a pattern of dots. The third present has a bow and a pattern of dots. The fourth present has a bow and a pattern of dots. The question asks which present is different from the rest.



You are invited to attend:

Five Course Beer Pairing Dinner

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Join the Carey Institute's Carriage House Restaurant for a five-course beer pairing dinner held in collaboration with the Helderberg Brewery. Each of our five delectable courses will be paired with a 6 oz. brew selected to complement the dish. Arrive early for a cash bar at the Carriage House Restaurant at 5:00 pm; dinner begins at 6:00 pm. Stay late at the brewery until 10:00 pm, and sleep over on the Carey Institute's country estate in one of our historic guest rooms. A buffet breakfast will be served in the Carriage House Restaurant from 8:30 am to 10:00 am on Sunday morning.

Package Options:

Dinner with Beer Pairings — \$75 per guest

Dinner with Beer Pairings, Overnight Lodging & Buffet Breakfast — \$250 per couple



Carey Institute for
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[Rensselaerville, NY 12147](#)

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FOR GLOBAL GOOD



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

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.



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

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

TAPROOM HOURS FOR NEW LOCATION

Wednesday: 5-9PM
Friday: 6-10PM
Saturday: 4-10PM
Sunday: 12-5PM



On the Calendar

Dec 1	9am-3pm	1 st Christmas Rummage Sale Lunch will be available. Museum of Medusa History will be open.	Medusa Church
Dec 2	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Dec 2	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Dec 2	11:30*2pm	Turkey Dinner	Medusa Firehouse
Dec 2	6 pm	Medusa Community Tree Lighting Party around the outdoor Community Christmas Tree. Bring a snack to share.	Medusa Church and
Dec 9	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Dec 9	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Dec 11	12 noon	Rensselaerville Seniors Club Pizza Party Contact Ruth Snyder to attend.	Medusa Firehouse
Dec 11	7:00 pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
Dec 13	7:00 pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
Dec 15	7am-11am	Medusa VFD Breakfast- Free Will Offering	Medusa Firehouse
Dec 15	8-12 noon	2 nd Christmas Rummage Sale - No lunch	
Dec 16	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Dec 16	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Dec 23	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Dec 23	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Dec 24		CHRISTMAS EVE - TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	
Dec 24	6 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Medusa Church
Dec 25		CHRISTMAS DAY - TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	
Dec 30	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Dec 30	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Dec 31		NEW YEAR'S EVE - TOWN OFFICES OPEN 9 AM - 12 NOON	
Jan 1		NEW YEAR'S DAY - TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	

For trips contact Janet Nelson @ 518-797-3963 or Ruth Snyder @ 518-239-4376

Please get events to Bill Moore...

by phone – 518-239-4843;

by e-mail – whmoore44@yahoo.com; or

by mail to: 11 CR 351, Medusa, NY 12120.



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Rensselaerville Library Schedule of Events through October 2018

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November

6 – 4:30pm – **StoryTime**: Jan Brett's The Mitten. Program includes stories, songs and crafts.

7 – 4 - 6pm – **STEAM LAB** – Students will make slime and playdough then compare and contrast how materials mix. They will discover the difference between simple compounds and combinations of materials that form a polymer.

8 – 7pm – **Writing Group**: Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome.

13 – 10:30am – **STEAM Art** – Thanksgiving – students will create 3D paper craft centerpieces.

13 – 7pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

13 – 7pm – **Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees** – public welcome, meeting is on the lower level. Please note that this meeting is on the second Tuesday of the month not our normal third Tuesday.

14 – 4 - 6pm – **STEAM Lab** – Students will create candy and toothpick structures. During this program kids will discover how to build and engineer structures and determine which shapes are the strongest. Kids may also use KEVA blocks during this program.

20 – 10:30am – **StoryTime**: Thanksgiving! Program includes stories, songs and crafts.

21 – 4-6pm – **STEAM Lab**- Students will grow a Crystal Garden. This program will introduce kids to the concept of crystals and how a variety of formations are created under different conditions

22 – 10:30am – **The Library is closed for Thanksgiving.**

27 – 10:30am – **STEAM Art**: Leaf Pictures.

27 – 7pm – **Poetry Group**: Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

28 – 4-6pm – **STEAM Lab** – Students will participate in a Dino Dig. This program will introduce kids to the process of paleontology using ID sheets. Students will also look at real fossils and use books to consult and match illustrations.

30 – 6pm – **Homemade cookie donations can be dropped off at the Library.**

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December

1 – 9-2pm – **Greenery Sale** – Christmas Trees, Wreaths, Sprays for sale along Main Street. Vendors located inside the library and activities for kids.

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19 – 4-6pm – **STEAM Lab** -TBD

25 – The Library is Closed for the Christmas Holiday.

26 – 4-6pm – **STEAM Lab** -TBD



Annual Greenery Sale
December 1, 2018
9-2pm
Vendors Wanted
Visit our web site for
more information.

January 2019

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HOURS

Tuesday & Wednesday

10-12 and 3-9pm

Thursday & Friday

4-9pm

Saturday

9-1pm

Sunday & Monday

Closed

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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 December. 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 31. 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.

Digital Resources

These are all available with your Library Card

Download your reading with the **Overdrive LIBBY App**. No late fees and available 24/7 with your library card. Visit <http://digitalcollection.uhls.org>

Use the **Flipster App** to view a variety of magazines digitally. Download the app and enter your library card.

Mango Language – Want to learn a new language? Traveling for work or pleasure? Or a student needing more help with a language? Download the app and use your library card to log on.

Gale Virtual Reference Library - Unlimited, quick access to trusted nonfiction resources. Job and research resources.

Ancestry is available in the Library. You need to be on our network in order to use this program.

National
Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day
 December 7



National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, also referred to as **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day** or **Pearl Harbor Day**, is observed annually in the United States on December 7, to remember and honor the 2,403 citizens of the United States who were killed in the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941.

On August 23, 1994, the United States Congress designated December 7 of each year as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. On November 29, President Bill Clinton issued a proclamation declaring December 7, 1994, the first National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. It became 36 U.S.C. § 129 (Patriotic and National Observances and Ceremonies) of the United States Code.

On Pearl Harbor Day, the American flag should be flown at half-staff until sunset to honor those who died as a result of the attack on U.S. military forces in Hawaii. Pearl Harbor Day is not a federal holiday – government offices, schools, and businesses do not close. Some organizations may hold special events in memory of those killed or injured at Pearl Harbor.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL



A Special One-Man Performance of
 Dickens' Classic Holiday Tale
 by Greg Oliver Bodine

Saturday, Dec. 8
 7:00 PM
 Conkling Hall
 Rensselaerville

Charles Dickens' 1867 American Reading Tour is off to a rough start. Due to an inexplicable loss of his luggage, he regretfully announces that he will be unable to read from his beloved classic, "A Christmas Carol." All is not lost however; Dickens delivers what he promised by performing from memory the magical story of Ebenezer Scrooge's journey from miserliness to redemption with warmth and humor. This one-man play is based on the condensed version Dickens himself used on his historic reading tours of the United States and is adapted here to offer a unique theatrical experience. One actor. One hour! This show is rated G and is suitable for adults and children over eight (8) years of age. Join us!

Saturday, December 8, 7:00 PM

Tickets at the door: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and Free for children under 10

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday

December 1, 2018

GREENERY SALE

Rensselaerville Library

9am-2pm

Trees (local from Medusa)

Wreaths, Sprays & Roping

Vendors

Local Business Gift Certificates

Homemade Cookie Sale

Used Book Sale

Cookie Decorating for Kids

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4 – 10:30am – **StoryTime**: Shadow Puppet Theater with the Gingerbread Man and stories about animals in winter Animal! Program includes stories, songs and art projects.

5 – 4-6pm – **STEAM Lab** – Edible Chemistry (jello worms, gelatin dots and more)- Students will learn about the chemical reactions/processes that happen when we prepare food. Students will also create salt dough sculptures and learn about polymers and inorganic fillers.

8 – 4pm - **Pre-performance appearance by Mr. Dickens**. Come meet Mr. Dickens and hear him read 'A Visit from St. Nicholas' by Clement C. Moore. Free and suitable for all ages. Note: special opening of the Library at 4pm for this program.

11 – 10:30am – **STEAM Art** – Holiday Decorations – students will create 3D paper craft centerpieces.

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

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18 – 10:30am – **StoryTime**: Winter Holidays! Program includes stories, songs and art projects.

18 – 7pm – **Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees** – public welcome, meeting is on the lower level.

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25 – The Library is Closed for the Christmas Holiday.

26 – 10am – **Kids Movie** – Big Foot - Rated: NR, Length: 1:26

26 – 4-6pm – **STEAM Lab** –All about Me – Students will learn how the human body works through a variety of activities. Coloring pages will also be available for cut and paste activities.

27 – 6:30pm – **Movie Night** – Incredibles 2. Rated: PG, Length:1:51

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EXTENDED TO YEAR END

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Annual Greenery Sale

December 1, 2018

9-2pm

Trees, Sprays, Wreaths and Roping along Main Street.

Vendors inside the Library:

- Baitshots Farm; Jodi Banfelder – Jewelry;
- Carr's Creek Soaps; Danielle Downes - Fiber Products;
- Eminent Earth, Kim Graff – Jewelry; Helderberg Brewery;
- Rensselaerville Historical Society; Huyck Preserve;
- Rose Ingneri -Crochet items; Kuhar Family Farm;
- Lakeside Crafts; Partridge Run Farm and Apiary;
- Sheepy Valley Farms

Job Opportunity - position is still open

Adult Library Page

Visit our [Staff](#) page for more details and the job application.

HOURS

Tuesday & Wednesday: 10-12 and 3-9pm

Thursday & Friday: 4-9pm

Saturday: 9-1pm

Sunday & Monday: Closed

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Toddler Time

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

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

- if Greenville Schools are closed, running on a 1 or 2 hour delay, we will not meet.
- The following Tuesday and Friday dates in red are the days we will be meeting.

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

November 2018						
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December 2018						
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January 2019						
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27	28	29	30	31		

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

Lego Fun!

Ages 3 & Up Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00

**November 13, 27 ~ December 4 ~ January 8, 22
February 5, 19 ~ March 5, 19 ~ April 9, 23 ~ May 14**

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



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In the early stage of Alzheimer's disease, families face new questions as they adjust. What does the diagnosis mean? What kinds of plans need to be made? What resources are available to help?

Join us for this 3-part series to hear practical answers to the questions that arise in the early stage. Hear from those directly affected and learn what you can do to cope with the changes that come with an early-stage diagnosis.

The program will be held Wednesdays, November 7, 14, and 28, from 12:30 – 2:30pm at the Greenville Public Library.

WANTED: Persons who love fabric arts and quilting...we'd LOVE to meet you! Learn new quilting techniques and meet others with similar interests. Sew and chat! You'll find the support and encouragement invaluable...with no fee! Open to all.

The Greenville Quilters meet every Wednesday from 1-3 pm in the Community Room at the Greenville Public Library, 1177 Route 32, Greenville, NY.

Contact Cindy at 518-966-5217 for more information.



Greenville Local History Group

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

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

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

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

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

Library News - Middleburgh Library

Basket Raffle - The Middleburgh Library is having their yearly Basket Raffle. There are 33 baskets from which to choose. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing is on December 7 at Miracle on Main Street.

12/3, 10, 17 - Drop-in Teen Gaming - 3:30-5:30 PM - Stop in for snacks and gaming. We'll have games like King of Tokyo, Castle Panic, Sapien, Boss Monster, Forbidden Island, and Evolution. Drop in for a half hour or stay the whole time! We will meet on Monday's from 3:30-5:30pm. This program is for kids 13 and up. Registration is suggested but not required. Call, stop in or sign up online.

12/4, 11, 18 - 10:45 AM - Drop-In Storytime - Get ready to move in this interactive storytime designed especially for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. *No registration required.*

12/4, 11, 18 - 1:00-4:00 PM - Mahjong Mania - Every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 a spirited group of people get together in the Community Room to play Mahjong. Don't know how to play? No problem! They will teach you how. No registration required.

12/4, 11, 18 - 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.

12/5, 12, 19 - 1:00 PM - Wednesday Matinee - Movies to be determined.

12/5, 12, 19 - 5:00-6:00 PM - Yoga Classes with Deb -

12/5, 19 - Yoga Dance - Move, groove, shake up your body for better health. Plus Qi Gong cool down.

By donation, donations go to the library, Please use back entrance as the library is closed that evening.

12/12 - Akhanda Yoga - Follow along with Vishva Ji Video. A basic Hatha Yoga practice includes classes asanas. 2nd Wednesday of each month. By donation, donations go to the library, Please use back entrance as the library is closed that evening.

12/7, 21 - 11:00-1:00 - Home Educators of Schoharie County - HEGS (Home Educators Group of Schoharie County) is a group of homeschooling families with a wide variety of backgrounds, approaches to education, and religious affiliations. We exist to provide secular support for homeschooling families, offer information about homeschooling, and to allow for the sharing of educational opportunities. We hope to increase public awareness, acceptance, and support of home education in Schoharie County. Please check out our Facebook page. Or contact Rebecca at veggiemamma@yahoo.com for more information. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 11 - 1.

12/7 - 5:30-8:00 - Miracle on Main Street - The Elves Toy Shop - At the Dr. Best House - Join us in the carriage house from 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for hot cocoa, storytelling and crafts.

12/7 - 5:30-8:00 PM - Miracle on Main Street - At the Library - Activities to be publicized.

12/10 - 6:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - The public is welcome.

12/12 - 11:00 AM - Storytime with Miss Doreen -Theme - What's the scent.

12/15 - 12:00-3:00 PM - Victorian Christmas Tea at the Dr. Best House & Museum - Join us for a fun filled afternoon of sweets, savories, tea, entertainment and fun. The beautiful Dr Best House will

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of goodies for all. Entrance is by donation.

be dressed up in her holiday
finest and the table will be full

12/18 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "Firefly Lane" by Kristen Hannah - In the turbulent summer of 1974, Kate Mularkey has accepted her place at the bottom of the eighth-grade social food chain. Then, to her amazement, the "coolest girl in the world" moves in across the street and wants to be her friend. Tully Hart seems to have it all---beauty, brains, ambition. So begins Kristin Hannah's magnificent novel. Spanning more than three decades and playing out across the ever-changing face of the Pacific Northwest, Firefly Lane is the poignant, powerful story of two women and the friendship that becomes the bulkhead of their lives.

12/24 - Christmas Eve - The Library is closed to observe the Holiday

12/25 - Christmas - The Library is closed to observe the Holiday

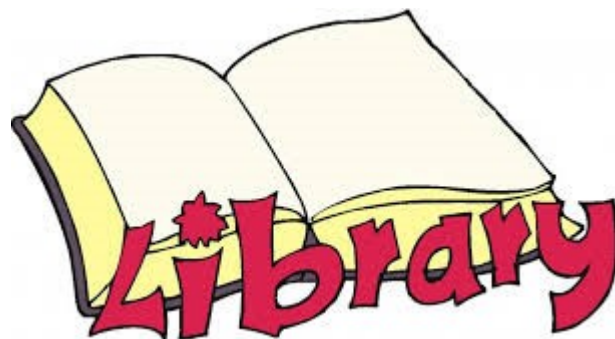
12/31 - New Years Eve - The library hours will be 1:30 to 5:00 PM - due to the holiday.

1/1/2019 - The Library is closed to observe the Holiday.

Not all of programs have been scheduled at time of printing. Please check our Calendar on our website at www.middleburghlibrary.info for future programs.

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Middleburgh, NY 12122
(518) 827-5142
www.middleburghlibrary.info**

**Hours:
Monday 1:30-8:30
Tuesday 10:00-8:30
Wednesday 10:00-5:00
Thursday 10:00-8:30
Friday Closed
Saturday 9:00-2:00
Sunday Closed**



BREAKFAST

AT THE MEDUSA FIRE HOUSE

7:00AM TO 11:00AM

~~October 20, 2018~~

~~November 17, 2018~~

December 15, 2018

January 19, 2019

February 16, 2019

March 16, 2019

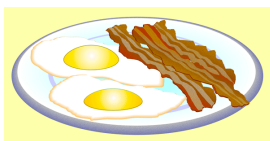
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Hours: Monday Closed
Tuesday - Sunday 6 am - 3 pm
Thursday Dinner 4 pm - 7 pm
 2939 NY 145
 Preston Hollow 12496



The **Preston Hollow Beautification Committee** is hosting a Christmas decoration event on **Saturday, December 1, 11:00 am at the Greenhouse on Route 145 in Preston Hollow**. All in the community are invited to join in celebrating the beginning of the Holiday season by decorating wreaths and swags that will be hung about the Tri-Village area.

This festive event will be an opportunity to meet and chat with people from the community and enjoy hot drinks and pastries. We invite you to join in the festivity while at the same time contributing to the beauty of the community

New members to the Preston Hollow Beautification Committee, Inc. are always welcomed. Joining the group is a good way to contribute to the community while, at the same time, meeting new people, making new friends and having fun. The work is minimal. If interested, please speak with somebody at this Christmas event or contact Cynthia Willis at 518-239-4147.



Rensselaerville Historical Society

“Today is Tomorrows History”

Rensselaerville Historical Society

Keeper of the history for all 5 hamlets of the Town of Rensselaerville: Cooksburg, Medusa, Potters Hollow, Preston Hollow and Rensselaerville

Something is Missing

Have you noticed those cream and green historical markers signs have been disappearing throughout the town? No, we don't have a sign thief or teenage pranksters. Two of the Rensselaerville Historical Society Trustees have been spending their Sunday afternoons oiling and heating up rusted screws so the signs can carefully be lifted off their poles and moved to the Grist Mill in Rensselaerville. These signs have been placed in the town over the years by the Rensselaerville Historical Society at various locations with the help of the Rensselaerville Town Highways employees. Maybe you have noticed that many of these signs have become rusty and faded. Mount Pisgah, Rensselaerville Academy, Potters Hollow, Cooksburg and Preston Hollow signs are down. Soon to be removed are the two in Medusa, town building and Peckham Hollow. There may be a few other signs still in our town that haven't been located but by winter all should safely be under shelter.

The first steps to refurbish them will be to remove the rust and prime them before the oil base paint can be applied. Many of the support brackets are cracked and a solution to repairing them needs to be found. Four Greenville Central School seniors have volunteered to undertake this project under the guidance of Tony Campo and Matt Mulholland and will earn them Community Service credit. The goal was to work on the signs during Sundays in October but the weather has not cooperated. An attempt to get as much of this project done this fall is planned and the rest will have to wait for warmer weather. Look for the signs to reappear in late spring with an easier to read colors. If any individual or group would like to tackle the New York State Historical signs, the blue and gold ones, many of them need a face lift too. Let's make our town's history shine for future residents.

Other news – Two new Board of Trustees members were voted in at the Historical Society's Annual Meeting in August. The new members are Thomas Snyder of Medusa and Linda Mormile of Potters Hollow and reelected was Garrett Platel. Officers were also elected for a two year term the new President is Matthew Mulholland, Vice President Kenneth Storms, Treasurer Leah Waldron, Secretary Joyce Chase and Membership Secretary Diana Fritz. The guest speaker at the annual meeting was Jerry Finin who shared photos and the process he went through to write the biography about Doctor Anna Ward Perkins the hilltown Doctor that treated patients throughout our town from 1928 until the 1990's. Over 80 guests shared a pot luck dinner and the fascinating talk.

Copies of the book A Good and Noble Thing are on sale at the Rensselaerville Library or Kuhar Family Farm Market in Rensselaerville or at RHS , P.O. Box 8, Rensselaerville, NY 12147 for \$25 plus shipping \$4.00.

“Rensselaerville Historical Society Membership Form 2019

Please circle: **New, Renewal**

- Individual membership \$10
- Family Membership \$15
- Supporting Membership \$30
- Life Membership \$150
- Gift membership _____

Special Donations

Paint the Mill Fund _____

Historical Marker Project _____

Donations _____

Mail to: RHS Membership Sec.
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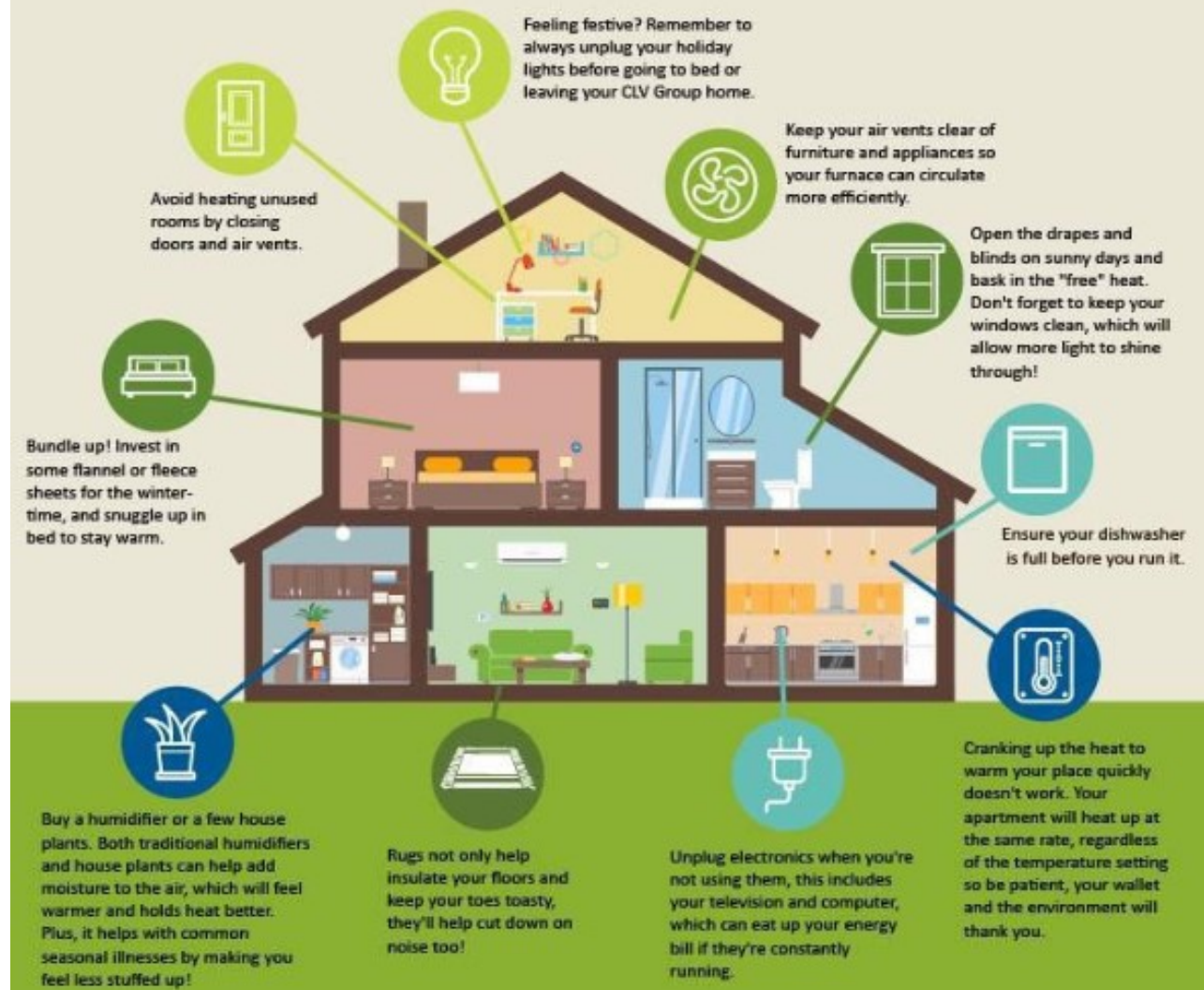
Include name, address, telephone number and email address for memberships and gift memberships

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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
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Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings: 1st Th @ 6:30pm	Anthony Guadagno	spfleging@rensselaerville.com
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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

<p>Albany Co. Hwy Dept. 239-6715; 239-6710</p> <hr/> <p>Town Meetings: Work: Tues. preceding monthly mtg Regular: 2nd Thurs @7pm</p>	<p>Sen. George Amedure 46th District LOB, Room 802 Albany, NY 12247 455-2350; Fax: 426-6751 Amedure@nysenate.gov</p>	<p>Assemblyman 102nd District - Chris Tague LOB 937 Albany, NY 12248 518-455-5363 taguec@nyassembly.gov</p>	<p>County Legislator Chris Smith 39th District Alb Co Office Building 112 State Street Albany, NY 12207 447-7168; (H) 447-7117</p>
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From the Editors:

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



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Audio files tend to be quite large. Therefore, if the audio file is greater than 25 MB (and most of them will be), Gmail automatically adds a Google Drive link in the email instead of including it as an attachment. You, the recipient, can download it so you'll have access to it even if it is removed from Google Drive. A download link will be included in your emails.

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