

# R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## (DRAFT) MINUTES THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING JULY 1, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 1st day of July, 2014 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Attorney Dana Salazar, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker, Councilman Gerald Wood

Also present were Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman John Mormile; Planning Board Chairman Richard Amedure; Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Mark Overbaugh; and four interested citizens.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to continue the review of the Zoning Law. Supervisor Lounsbury turned the meeting over to Attorney Dana Salazar.

Attorney Salazar resumed the review of the Town of Rensselaerville Zoning Law by picking up on page 80, ARTICLE XI STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL USES; Section 5 Motor Vehicle Repair Shops.

1. Several paragraphs were deleted due to the fact that they were repetitious. Some definitions were also omitted because they are already listed in the beginning of the Zoning Law under Section 2 Definitions.
2. Under Section 8 Excavations, several of the cubic yard restrictions that were in place were increased to allow more practical and realistic excavation work. Also, the distances from wetlands were updated and/or omitted altogether because standards are already outlined in the Department of Environmental Conservation Law.
3. Several paragraphs and sections were moved to more logical locations within the Law.
4. Extensive discussions were had on the topic of electromagnetic interference.

Discussions will resume on page 86, ARTICLE XI STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL USES; Section 14 Mobile Home Parks.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;  
Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING JULY 10, 2014

PRESENT WERE: Attorney Tom Fallati, Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Bates, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh, Assessor Tollner, Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Story, Sergeant Mance from the Albany County Sheriff's Department, and Albany County Legislator Busch, four interested citizens.

\*Audience Comments: Jeff Pine and William Hillicoss expressed their concerns over the road conditions on Cheese Hill; Legislator Deborah Busch announced that very soon *all* services provided by Albany County will be available at the Resource Center in Westerlo and that research is underway to evaluate solar energy for municipalities so that all the Hilltowns may become energy efficient and independent of the grid

\* Accepted the minutes of the June 10, 2014 Work Meeting and the June 12, 2014 Regular Meeting

\* Moved to pay all signed vouchers: General Fund - \$31,000.29; Highway Fund - \$100,776.49; Lighting District \$635.83 (Preston Hollow \$303.49; Rensselaerville \$332.34); Sewer Fund - \$127.46; Water Fund - 486.72;

Trust Fund - 3,514.62; Total Abstracts - \$136,541.41

\* Shared correspondence from the Albany County Sheriff's Department announcing that effective the retirement of Captain John Layton as of June 27, 2014. There will be no interruption of emergency services during this transition. Thomas Remmert will assume the duties of Acting Emergency Manager.

\* Accepted the Supervisor's report: Lenny's Tire Service has paid for all the damage to the Senior/Youth bus in the amount of \$1,359.79; the Greenville Central School Board of Education has accepted the donation of the parcel of land on Potter Hollow Mountain Road and adjacent to the Potter Hollow Schoolhouse and has expressed their sincere appreciation for this generous donation; the Cycling Festival sponsored by the Carey Center and the Catalpa House scheduled for September will need a 'follow vehicle' and Jon Kosich has inquired as to the possibility of using the Senior/Youth bus; Marybeth Peterson from the Hilltown Community Resource Center asked if the Senior/Youth bus could be utilized to transport a severely disabled, wheelchair-bound 16-year-old boy to Albany for rehabilitation services. The consensus is that the Board would like the family to make that determination; reminder that a Special Meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2014 at 7:00 PM to review the new health insurance options.

\* Accepted the Attorney's report: The Greenville Central School is in the process of filing the deed for the donated land in Potter Hollow; The proposed revisions to the Board of Ethics procedures have been completed and are available in draft form. A Special Meeting to review these proposed revisions with the Board of Ethics will be held on August 7, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

\* Accepted Highway Superintendent's report: Informed everyone that it costs \$55.00 to participate in the Cycling Festival; A rainy June has made it challenging trying to keep up with plugged culverts, fixing ruts caused by runoff, and the general maintenance that comes with heavy downpours. Base restoration is complete on Roney Road, Cheese Hill Road, and Edwards Hill. Motor-paving will begin the end of July on Travis Hill Road, Roney Road, Johnny Cake Hill Road, and Sayre Road as outlined in the contract. Paver patching and repair will continue. Shale has been placed on Gulf Road, Gulf Road Extension, Kenyon Road, and Davis Mountain Road. Drainage work has been ongoing and the first round of mowing has been completed.

\* Approved Superintendent Bates up to \$3,000 to bid at auction on a 1981 Oshkosh for parts to repair our 1984 Oshkosh

\* Accepted the Town Clerk's report: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected - \$1,405.61; Paid to the Supervisor - \$1,332.74 (Clerk Fees - \$110.88; Recycling - \$107.50; Dog Licenses - \$14.00; Building Permits - \$775.36; Zoning (+RV Permits) - \$145.00; Planning - \$150.00; Senior/Youth Bus Donations - \$30.00; Total - \$1,332.74); Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge' - \$2.00; Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for sporting licenses - \$70.87; Water Rents paid for the month of June : \$3,220.56 which includes \$26.17 in late fees; and Sewer Rents paid for the month of June: \$509.40 which includes \$0.48 in late fees.

\* Accepted the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's report: We still do not have any 'new house' permits. has been following through on some violations; discussed discrepancy between the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's report and the Town Clerk's report.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING JULY 10, 2014 (con't)**

- \* Accepted the Assessor's report: The Board of Assessment Review went well this year. The Tentative Tax Roll and the Final Tax Roll were completed on time.
- \* Accepted the Water/Sewer Treatment Officer's report: The labor on the filter has been more than usual due to the excessive rainfall and turbid streams. The valve that the Water/Sewer Committee has been located and a major leak was detected. 440,900 gallons were filtered at the treatment plant (an average of 14,697 gal per day). . 6,588 gallons per day were treated at the sewer plant. A small algae bloom spiked the turbidity but is now back to the normal range.
- \* Accepted the Recycling Coordinator's report as read by Supervisor Lounsbury: Green Fiber - 5.21 tons; Rensselaer Iron & Steel - 3.06 tons; Tires - 8; City of Albany Landfill - 66.77 tons; Sierra Fibers - 4.95 tons; Oil - 35 gallons
- \* Current Events: Councilwoman Sedlmeir - The Village Voices will present "The Pirates of Penzance" on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at Conkling Hall. Sergeant Mance - will have July's edition of the Albany County Sheriff's Office Newsletter as soon as it is approved.
- \* Moved to amend the May 28th, 2014, Town Board minutes to reflect Jeannette Rice's attendance at that meeting as that of an interested citizen and not as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals
- \* Approved the appointment of Linda McCormick as the Assessor's Clerk
- \* Accepted the resignation of Mary Carney as Court Clerk, effective July 1, 2014
- \* Approved the appointment Emileigh Tanner as Court Clerk effective July 1, 2014
- \* Authorized Councilwoman Cooke to set up an account with Mail Chimp and to send a letter out to all residents regarding the Town newsletter as well as to contact I.T.S. for any assistance that may be needed
- \* Audience Comments: Marie Dermody - questioned the use of the senior car by certain Town departments for running errands (to the bank, to the post office, to meetings, to pick up parts, etc.)
- \* Went into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations
- \* Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm

*Please note: Full Town Board minutes can be found on the Town's website at [www.rensselaerville.com](http://www.rensselaerville.com)*

**Entertainment in the Park**

Ghostrider Entertainment (Lloyd Potter) will be in concert at the Gazebo on the corner of Rts 81 & 32 in Greenville, NY every Tuesday in July & August 2014, 7 PM- 9 PM weather permitting. Go to: [www.ghostriderentertainment.bandvista.com](http://www.ghostriderentertainment.bandvista.com) to see the other shows.

***Move, Breath, Relax***

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

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

Sarah Nelson Weiss, CYT

savitrisarah@gmail.com, 518-239-6825

— RENSSELAERVILLE —  
**FESTIVAL OF WRITERS**

NATIONAL & CAPITAL  
REGION AUTHORS

POETRY WORKSHOP

READINGS

STORYTELLERS

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

SONGWriters & MUSIC

AUTHORS' RECEPTION



August 15-17, 2014

**FESTIVAL OF WRITERS: ONE WORD LEADS TO ANOTHER**

Featuring: Elisa Albert, Olivia Bouler, Joann & Arielle Eckstut,  
Gail Godwin, Pat Hanson, Ellen Larson, Eugene Linden, Eugene  
Mirabelli, Stephen O'Connor, Scott Oglesby, Shin Yu Pai, Ed  
Schwarzschild, Ann Stoney & Capital Region Writers.

Songwriter: Ashley Sofia & Sean Rowe

*To benefit the Rensselaerville Library*

(518) 797-3949 | [festival@rensselaervillelibrary.org](mailto:festival@rensselaervillelibrary.org) | [www.festivalofwriters.org](http://www.festivalofwriters.org)  
[facebook.com/FestivalOfWriters](https://www.facebook.com/FestivalOfWriters)

Get Your Book Autographed | Hike the Huyck Preserve | Visit the Waterfalls | Stroll Main Street

## Library News

### **Rensselaerville Library**

- Writing Group meets the second Thursday of the month at 7pm (We all have stories to tell, poems to write. We hope you will give yourself the opportunity to discover or refine your writer's voice. The Rensselaerville Library invites you to join its small, informal and supportive writers' group. Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome. We currently have a mix of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry writers. You will always have time to write during our 2 hour session, and you will never be "forced" to share anything. Our currently very small (4-5 person) group is welcoming and supportive. If you have "works-in-progress" or would just like to put pen to paper, the library's writing group will give you the time and support you need. If you have any questions, you can call Linda Miller at (518) 936-4402 or visit the Rensselaerville Writing Group website for more information.)
- Poetry Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm (Does your POEM work? Does it: use words sparingly & precisely provide a fresh look at something have good sound, rhythm, & tempo include engaging images present interesting juxtapositions? Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words. For more info ask Kim or email Tom Corrado at [tjc123@midtel.net](mailto:tjc123@midtel.net).)
- Rensselaerville Festival of Writers is August 15-17, 2014. This year's theme is "One Word Leads to Another." The event includes national and capital region authors, storytelling, a children's program, readings, songwriters and music, and an author's reception. More information can be found at [www.festivalofwriters.org](http://www.festivalofwriters.org).

**Aug. 30 4:00-7:00pm** Lawn Party (Each year, the Rensselaerville Library hosts its Annual Lawn Party, a benefit to support the Library. Meet with friends and neighbors to celebrate the end of summer and help the Library further its mission. Join us on the Palmer House Café lawn behind the restaurant. \$20.00 at the "door". Please bring an appetizer or dessert)

Contact information: 1459 Route 351, Rensselaerville, NY 12147  
(518) 797-3949  
[www.rensseleavillelibrary.org](http://www.rensseleavillelibrary.org)

### **Middleburgh Library**

**Aug 4 1:00pm** Fizz, Boom, Read! Mysterious Shadow Puppets with Morgan Kelly (Come learn about the magical tradition of shadow puppets. In this class, we will learn about the history of this art form and also design and build our very own shadow puppets. We will use modern and traditional techniques to bring our puppets to life. Students will put together a short puppet presentation to share with family and friends the final day. This is a multi-day program. Appropriate for children going into grades 2 - 5. Registration is required.)

**Aug 5 10:45am** Drop-in Storytime (An interactive storytime for children ages 0-6 and their caregivers. Read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance, watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. Also meets on Aug. 12, Aug. 19, Aug. 26.)

**1:00pm** Mahjong Mania (Men and women are invited to come and learn the game of Mahjong. No experience necessary ... just a willingness to learn and have fun! Meets in the tech room. Also meets Aug. 12, Aug. 19, Aug. 26.)

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- Aug. 6 9:00am** Zumba (Also meets Aug. 13, Aug. 20, Aug. 27)
- Aug. 6 11:30am** Computer HELP! (Do you need help with simple tasks on the computer? Do you need help filling out an online job application or setting up an email? Make an appointment for semi - private instruction with a computer help specialist. You'll have an hour to ask questions and have hands-on instruction. Call now for an appointment: (518) 827-5142. Registration is required. (Also meets Aug. 13.)
- Aug. 6 1:00pm** Fizz, Boom, Read: Horton Hears a Who! (How tiny is tiny? Create your Horton ears and come explore the tiny world of nanotechnology. Using your sense of smell, learn how unseen molecules are all around us. Appropriate for children going into preschool and Kindergarten. Registration is required.)
- Aug. 6 2:00pm** Spark a Reaction! Crime Lab Science (Using science and not just instinct, students solve the mystery of the missing microscope. We'll conduct a fingerprint analysis and extract DNA from a banana to solve this mystery, all the while learning about the very popular topic of forensics. Appropriate for kids entering grade 6 and up. Registration is required.)
- Aug. 6 5:00pm** Kundalini Yoga (Kundalini Yoga involves repetitive movements with the breath, building strength, toning the nerves and clearing the adrenal glands. Wear comfortable clothing and bring 2 blankets or a mat and blanket. A \$5.00 donation is requested. Please use the back entrance when entering the building. No registration is required. Also meets Aug. 20)
- Aug. 7 100pm** Fizz, Boom, Read! Shape Your Art (Everyone knows the picture books written by Eric Carle and Lois Ehlert. We'll use their books as inspiration and create picture collages. Appropriate for kids going into grades K-2. Registration is required.)
- Aug. 7 7:00pm** Knitting Circle (Knit, crochet, embroider, quilt, and more. Learn a new skill or share your own special talents with others. Drop in anytime. Also meets Aug. 14, Aug. 21, Aug. 28)
- Aug. 8 5:30pm** Spark a Reaction! Dinner & a Movie (Teen Edition!) Divergent (PG-13) Join us for a fun night of pizza and a movie. The library will provide the food and drinks and you bring a dessert to share. Appropriate for children going into grade 6 & up. Registration is required!)
- Aug. 11 1:00pm** Fizz, Boom, Read! Mysterious Shadow Puppets with Morgan Kelly (Come learn about the magical tradition of shadow puppets. In this class, we will learn about the history of this art form and also design and build our very own shadow puppets. We will use modern and traditional techniques to bring our puppets to life. Students will put together a short puppet presentation to share with family and friends the final day. This is a multi-day program. Appropriate for children going into grades 2-5 Registration is required.)
- Aug. 11 6:30pm** Board of Trustees Meeting (Our meetings are open to the public. Please join us!)
- Aug.12 10:45am** Fizz, Boom, Read! Winnie the Pooh Party! (Join us for a special end of Summer

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Reading Winnie the Pooh Party. We'll have snacks, craft stations, games and more! No registration required.)

- Aug. 12 1:00pm** Fizz, Boom, Read! Mysterious Shadow Puppets with Morgan Kelly (See above information.)
- Aug. 13 1:00pm** Fizz, Boom, Read: Engineering Mission (Design and build a shock-absorbing system that will protect two marshmallow "astronauts" when they land. Test, evaluate, and redesign. This program is adapted from NASA's Design Squad. Appropriate for children going into grades 3-5. Registration is required.)
- Aug. 13 2:00pm** Spark a Reaction! Optical Illusions and Brain Games (Trick your eyes with a number of Optical Illusions and then discover scientifically what is happening with your eye and brain for this to occur. Learn about the parts of your eye and how it produces images for your brain to see. See how artists have used techniques to trick us for hundreds of years. Appropriate for kids going into grades 6 & up. Registration is required.)
- Aug. 14 1:00pm** Ew! Gross! Medicine in 1777 - The Dr. Best House & Medical Exhibit (Get ready to get gross...join educators from the Bennington Museum as they tell us about some of the strange, outrageous and unbelievable medical and dental practices of the 18th century. This hands-on program will be held at the Dr. Best House and Medical Exhibit and will include a short tour of the good Doctor's strange and unique medical equipment from the 19th and early 20th centuries. Appropriate for kids going into grades 3-5. Registration is required.)
- Aug. 15 7:00pm** Fizz, Boom, Read! Jack & the Beanstalk with the Puppet People (The Puppet People are at it again! Explore the classic Jack & the Beanstalk and the science behind it. Find out what you get when you mix: 1 cow, 3 magic beans and one giant beanstalk - we're sure the answer is a lot of fun! Appropriate for all ages. No registration required.)
- Aug. 19 7:00pm** Book Discussion: "Flight Behavior" by Barbara Kingsolver (Flight Behavior transfixes from its opening scene, when a young woman's narrow experience of life is thrown wide with the force of a raging fire. In the lyrical language of her native Appalachia, Barbara Kingsolver bares the rich, tarnished humanity of her novel's inhabitants and unearths the modern complexities of rural existence. Characters and reader alike are quickly carried beyond familiar territory here, into the unsettled ground of science, faith, and everyday truces between reason and conviction. Books are available for check out at the circulation desk. No registration required.)
- Aug. 20 7:00pm** Spark a Reaction! After Hours Mad Scientist Scavenger Hunt (The library will be closed, and you'll have the run of the place. Conduct experiments and find the clues to win the prize! Appropriate for kids going into grades 6 & up. Registration is required.)
- Aug. 23 10:30am** Filing for Social Security: Flexibility and Choices for Your Retirement Income (Community Room) (Michael Canavan, a Financial Advisor with Waddell & Reed, Inc., invites you to attend "Filing for Social Security: Flexibility and Choices for Your

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Retirement Income." This educational presentation about Social Security filing options includes ample opportunity for questions. There is no charge for this event, and you are welcome to bring guests. Registration is required. You may register on-line.)

**Aug. 25 7:00pm** The Not so Quiet Concert Series: Hannah & Liz (The pairing of Norfolk-born singer, guitarist and dulcimer player Hannah Sanders and Boston, New England-based Liz Simmons, who between them find common ground in their symbiotic love of English music and American old time music, with a little blues and contemporary music thrown into the mix. Tickets are available at the door. A \$10.00 donation is suggested.)

The events calendar for the Middleburgh Library can be found at:

<http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=8616&thisMonth=8&thisYear=2014>

Contact information: 323 Main Street, Middleburgh, NY 1212  
(518) 827-5142  
middleburghlibrary.info



Did you know...

...that a local county legislator was charged with trespass recently after a dispute with a neighbor, according to the State Police? Although trespass is a non-criminal violation, shouldn't our government representatives be held to a higher standard of behavior?

## Firefighting History

Members of the three firefighting companies in the town will present the program at the annual meeting of the Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society on Saturday, September 13, at the Medusa Firehouse.

Everyone is welcome to attend all or any part of the meeting. The business meeting will be at 5 p.m., a potluck supper will be at 6 p.m., and the program will be at 7 p.m. The title of the program is "History of Firefighting in the Town of Rensselaerville" and will include photos and stories and facts about all three fire companies in the town, Medusa, Rensselaerville and Tri-Village.



**ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2014, EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A GREAT BIG PARTY IN A LITTLE TINY TOWN.****SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27**

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- 5 p.m. Bicycle Skills Clinics (Advanced and Beginner) led by Jamis - Hagens Berman professional cyclists Tyler Wren and Eric Schildge
  - Special dinner menu at the Palmer House Cafe and an opening at the Way Out Gallery on Main Street in Rensselaerville
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**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28**

- 7 a.m. Honest Weight Food Co-op Fuel Up Station and Packet Pickup open
  - 9 a.m. Team Jamis - Hagens Berman Gran Fondo Rides Depart (Gran, Medio & Piccolo), led our pro cyclist attendees and the Jamis - Hagens Berman team race car
  - 10 a.m. Festival Ride Departs, led by Rensselaerville Fire Dept fire truck
  - 12 p.m. Barbecue, Festival Market open, Kids' Mini-Fondo Ride Departs, live music starts from the Lustre Kings and Black Mountain Symphony
  - We'll also have a brewing demonstration from the Helderberg Brewshed, a guided hike of the Huyck Preserve, a Kids' Bike Rodeo & Corral, a talk from the New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, a Ride With GPS Data Upload Station, and tons of great prizes to give away
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**FESTIVAL MARKET VENDORS**

- Carey Institute for Global Good
- Jamis Bicycles
- Helderberg Brewshed
- Farmie Market
- Shimano
- Huyck Preserve
- New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Council
- Ride With GPS
- New York Bicycling Coalition
- Toole Design Group
- Sportique Brands
- Mad Dog Bicycles
- NYCROSS.com p/b Craft
- Black Fly Challenge
- Palmer House Cafe
- Premo Designs Face Painting
- Honey Hollow Brewery
- Greenwolf Brewery
- Heather Ridge Farm
- Baitsholts Farm
- Kuhar Farm
- Sheepy Valley Farm
- Skipping Goat Farms
- Partridge Run Farm & Apiary
- Mountain Winds Farm
- Gatherer's Granola
- Blue Sky Farm & Winery
- Coldwell Banker Prime Properties of Greenville

Volunteers are still needed! You can sign up for the Festival volunteer e-mail list here: <http://www.rensselaervillecycling.com/volunteer/>

*REMEMBER, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BRING YOUR BICYCLE TO APPRECIATE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR NECK OF THE WOODS, BUT WE HOPE YOU DO.*

## 2014 SUMMER SERVICES AT RENSSELAERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church continues its annual Sunday summer services beginning June 22 and ending August 31. Services are held at 11:00 a.m. in the church, located on Main Street (County Route 351) in Rensselaerville. Everyone is welcome.

Each year, guest preachers from different faith traditions are invited to deliver sermons on a common theme. The 2014 theme is, "What We Need Is Here", based on a poem by Wendell Berry. The schedule for August 2014 is:

- August 3** "Faith and Intellect, Body and Soul—God in the Here and Now",  
Rabbi David M. Weiss, D.D., Congregation Beth Israel, Northfield, NJ
- August 10** "Gideon's Army"  
Rev. James Reisner, Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany, NY
- August 17** "Community and the Common Good"  
Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard, D.D., Bishop Emeritus  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, NY
- August 24** "If It is here, why can't I find it?"  
Rev. Donna Schaper, Senior Minister, Judson Memorial Church, New York City
- August 31** "How Can I Keep From Singing?"  
Barbara G. Wheeler, Former Pres., Auburn Theological Seminary, New York City

The tradition of summer-only services at the Presbyterian Church in Rensselaerville stretches back more than 100 years. For a short period in the second half of the 19th century, the village was a lively industrial town as the first site of the Huyck Woolen Mills. When founder and Presbyterian Church member F. C. Huyck Sr. moved his mill to Albany, he did not sever ties with the village or the church. But as jobs left with the mill so did many of the village residents, leaving the church without enough members to maintain a year-round pastor. However, the Huyck family returned each year to vacation and provided for a pastor during their stay. It was F. C. Huyck Sr.'s granddaughter, Katharine Huyck Elmore, who in the middle of the 20th century expanded the vision of the summer services to other faith traditions and invited ministers, rabbis, priests and nuns to fill the pulpit.

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

More information about the church may be found on its website: [www.rvillepres.org](http://www.rvillepres.org).



Did you know....

...that the Town of Rensselaerville Town Board has recently gifted a property to the Greenville School District. The Town has over \$10,000 invested in this property. Shouldn't it have been advertised and offered for sale to the highest bidder? Is this how taxpayer money should be squandered? And have we set a precedent in Town whereby other school districts can expect similar "gifting"?

# MEDUSA VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALES

## AUGUST 9

### 9am to 3pm

RAIN OR SHINE

RUMMAGE SALE, MAPS, REFRESHMENTS  
IN CHURCH HALL  
MEDUSA MUSEUM OPEN

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APPLICATION TO HAVE A SALE on AUGUST 9, 2014

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

(be sure to include house number and route number)

**Applications must be in by August 5**

\$10.00 per sale location- Make checks payable to: United Church of Christ

Send or give to: William Moore, P.O. Box 35, Medusa, NY 12120 or call at 518-239-4843

Please list some of the main items you are selling.

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SALE LOCATION NUMBERS WILL BE GIVEN OUT THE DAY BEFORE SALE

.\*\*\*\* **We need your phone number** \*\*\*\*

Maps are not ready or available until the day of the sale.

**Festival of Writers  
Songwriters' Concert  
Friday, August 15, 2014  
Palmer House Cafe Courtyard  
8:30-10:00pm  
Tickets \$20**

**Ashley Sofia & Sean Rowe**



**Ashley Sofia** born and raised in the heart of the Adirondacks has recently been named "the future of Folk Rock."

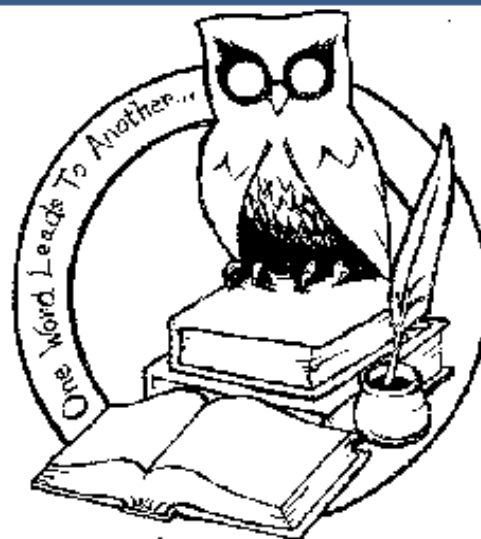


**Sean Rowe** born in Troy, NY is a folk, American, singer-songwriter. "Somehow he manages to produce the sound of an entire band while on stage."

# Poetry Workshop

With

## Shin Yu Pai



Friday, August 15, 2014

10:00 AM – Noon

Rensselaerville Library

Registration Fee: \$25.00

**Description:** In this two-hour generative poetry workshop, participants will focus on writing poems inspired by works of art. A variety of writing prompts will be provided to stimulate writing and conversation. Participants are invited to bring pictures of their favorite artworks. Images will also be provided.

State of the Arts



NYSCA

This event was funded in part by Poets & Writers, Inc., with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Poets & Writers

**NOTICE  
of  
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS**

**TO: All duly enrolled Democratic Voters residing in the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Section 6-108 of the New York Election Law, and Article VIII, §4 of the Rules of the Albany County Democratic Committee, the Town of Rensselaerville Democratic Committee will conduct a party caucus for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the following public office in the Town of Rensselaerville, to be voted for at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014:**

**RENSELAERVILLE TOWN JUSTICE**

**The caucus will convene at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at the Medusa Firehouse, Main Street (CR351), Medusa, New York.**

**All duly enrolled Democrats in the Town of Rensselaerville are eligible to vote at the caucus and are invited to attend.**

**Dated: August 1, 2014**

**Jeffry R. Pine  
Caucus Convener**



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

The Town of Rensselaerville is seeking to fill the position of Clerk to the Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector. It is preferable that the applicant have knowledge of Tax and Zoning Maps; be familiar with Tax Roll data base; have experience with Microsoft Word and Excel; have professional telephone skills and the ability to work well with the public.

The Clerk will be required to work Thursday morning and Thursday evening each week. Additional hours may be required.

Interested applicants may send cover letter and resume to the Town of Rensselaerville, Town Clerk, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120. Resumes must be received no later than August 12, 2014.

*From the Editors:* Because of the error in placing a deadline for resumes without Town Board approval last month, the Town Board has voted to re-advertise this position. We applaud the Town Board for doing the right thing in this matter. As of July 3, 2014, only one resume/letter of interest had been received. Anyone interested in applying for this clerk position is encouraged to submit their resume/letter of interest on or before the August 12, 2014, deadline.

## Senior Citizens Info

We are happy to report that Ann Vogel is back home after a stint in rehab. We wish her a complete and speedy recovery and look forward to her resuming her duties in scheduling the use of the senior vehicles.

The Town offers car service Mon-Fri by appointment only. Contact Town Hall at 239-4225 or 797-3798 for doctor appointments. The Senior bus also goes shopping on Thursday either to Cobleskill or Catskill. Call Ruth & Tom Snyder (239-4376) the day before about riding the bus if you are interested.

The Town of Rensselaerville Senior Citizens meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Medusa Fire House at noon. Anyone 55 years of age and older can join. Dues are \$8.00 a year due in June. We collect \$1.00 a month at the meeting for coffee, milk, etc. Please bring a covered dish to share. We eat promptly at noon and the meeting commences afterward. We have a picnic in August; in November, we have a Thanksgiving dinner at a local restaurant; and in December we have a Christmas dinner also. We have bus trips in the summer and fall. For further information, call Tom Snyder, President, at 239-4376.

Two trips are planned for the future:

- \*Steam train and riverboat ride in Essex, CT on August 27th, with lunch included. We still have a few seats available. We leave the Town building at 7:15am. Cost: \$50 for members, \$55 for non-members.
- Lancaster Co. Amish Trip on Oct 1, & 2 - the play "Moses" at the Sight and Sound Theater, a visit to Amish shops, and an Amish dinner. Open to anyone who would like to go. The cost is \$220 per person and includes bus transportation and driver, two dinners, lodging, and the play. This cost includes all tips and taxes. Seats are filling up so if interested, let Ruth Snyder know as soon as possible. She can be reached at 239-4705. Money for this trip is due August 20th.

August 12, 2014 - Senior Picnic at the Westerlo Town Park at 12 noon. Cost is \$3 per person to help defray costs of meat, etc. If you are planning to attend but haven't let Velma Kiley (239-4705) know, please do so. Bring a covered dish to share and your own beverage if you want anything other than hot coffee or tea.

Also, the raffle is that day, so please get your sold raffle tickets and money to Velma by August 5. If anyone would like to buy more raffle tickets, call Velma Kiley at 239-4705.

Reminder: Annual dues were due in June. If you haven't yet paid, please get your payment to Sue Weaver.

In the works: We have a trip in the planning stages to Holyoke, MA, to the Log Cabin for a Christmas show. More information will be coming your way next month.

Please note that we are in desperate need of drivers for the bus and the car. Please call Ann Vogel at 797-3376 if you're interested in volunteering as a driver for our senior citizens.

Additional Important Phone Numbers:

Department of Aging:	447-7179
HEAP:	447-2551

## On The Calendar

- Aug. 7, 2014 7:00pm Town Board Special Meeting Town Hall  
To continue the review of the Board of Ethics procedures and any other matters that come before the Board.
- Aug. 9, 2014 9am-3pm Medusa Garage Sales Day  
Maps available at Church Hall, plus a huge Rummage Sale and also Lunch. Applications to have a sale are at the Medusa General Store or contact Bill Moore for more information at 239-4843.
- Aug. 9, 2014 9am - 3pm Museum of Medusa History will be open..  
More things have been added.
- Aug. 12, 2014 12:00 noon Senior's Annual Picnic Westerlo Town Park  
(See additional information on Senior Citizens Info page)
- Aug. 12, 2014 7:00pm Town Board Work Meeting Town Hall
- Aug. 14, 2014 7:00pm Town Board Regular Meeting Town Hall
- Aug. 19, 2014 7:00pm Democratic Caucus Medusa Firehouse
- Aug. 27, 2014 Senior Citizens trip: Steam train and riverboat ride in Essex, CT, with lunch included.  
(See additional information on Senior Citizens Info page.)
- Aug. 27, 2014 7:00pm Town Board Special Meeting: Zoning Town Hall  
To review the proposed changes to the Zoning Law and any other matters that come before the Board.
- Sept. 13, 2014 The Rensselaerville Historical Society Medusa Firehouse  
Annual Meeting, Potluck Supper and Program. The title of the program is "History of Firefighting in the Town of Rensselaerville."
- Sept. 28, 2014 Rensselaerville Cycling Festival
- Oct. 1-2, 2014 Senior Citizen's trip: Lancaster Co. Amish : the play "Moses" at the Sight and Sound Theater, a visit to Amish shops, and an Amish dinner. (See additional information on Senior Citizens Info page.)

### Did you know....

...that the "little red car" originally purchased with donations from the community and intended for transporting senior citizens to medical appointments is now also being used by various Town departments to run errands (to the post office, to the bank, to attend meetings, to pick up parts, etc.)? Is this an appropriate use of this vehicle?



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

Position	Name	Email Address
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Town Councilman	Robert Bolte	rbolte@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilwoman	Margaret Sedlmeir	msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	Gerald Wood	gwood@rensselaerville.com
Supervisor's Clerk	Sarah Hunt	shunt@rensselaerville.com
Town Clerk	Victoria Kraker	townclerk@rensselaerville.com
Highway Superintendent	Randy Bates	rbates@rensselaerville.com
Assessors	Donna Kropp Richard Tollner Kathryn Wank	assessors@rensselaerville.com
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer	Mark Overbaugh	codeenforcement@rensselaerville.com
Planning Board	Richard Amedure	mcarney@rensselaerville.com
Zoning Board of Appeals	John Mormile	mcarney@rensselaerville.com
Board of Ethics		ethicsboard@rensselaerville.com
Dog Control Officer	Cheryl Baitsholts	Phone: 797-5201
Town Hall		Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798 Fax: 239-6339



Did you know....

...that Albany County has a website to help the unemployed find work? The link <http://albany.tweetmyjobs.com/> will take you to the site where over 19,000 job openings are listed as of July 31, 2014.. Happy hunting ... and good luck!



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**SAVE THE DATE** – The Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department will celebrate our 75th Anniversary on September 6th at the Carey Conference Center. There will be a day-long celebration at the Carey Conference Center, starting at 9 am with firematics, demos, food, chicken BBQ, booths and conclude with awards and music by The Peckham Hollow Band.



The following link will take you to the Albany County Sheriff's Office newsletter for July 2014  
[http://www.albanycounty.com/Libraries/Sheriff\\_Department/July\\_Newsletter-reducedpdf.sflb.ashx](http://www.albanycounty.com/Libraries/Sheriff_Department/July_Newsletter-reducedpdf.sflb.ashx)



**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](mailto:rvillenewsletter@gmail.com). We look forward to getting your feedback.*

### Did you know....

...that a property in the Town of Rensselaerville is on the market for 1.5 million dollars and yet, according to an article printed in the *Albany Times Union* on July 20, 2014, the taxes on this property amount to less than \$14,000?

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