

# R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Draft Minutes, Town Board Work Meeting, August 6, 2019

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019 at 7:00 in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor John Dolce and the roll was called with the following results:

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

ABSENT WAS: Councilman Brian Wood

Also present was one interested citizen.

### WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE REPORT

William Bensen, Acting Chairman of the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee, wished to address the Board in an effort to keep everyone up to date on the leaks that were detected in the system and how the issues were being resolved. Recently, it was reported by John Rice, Water Officer, that he has experienced sporadic, explained drops in the level of the 50,000 gallon water storage tank. Mr. Bensen and Officer Rice performed a visual inspection of the valves that may have been bent, hit by a plow, rusted, missing a cap or packed with soil. A valve was found to have a leak and was replaced. This was followed by a visit from Rural Water, of which the Town is a member. Rural Water brought in specialty equipment and a major leak was located in a valve near the bottom of Pond Hill Road as well as in a house-service 20' away.

Going forward Rural Water will be coming out twice a year to perform inspections on the entire system in an effort to be pro-active.

### MIDTEL PRESENTATION

Jim Becker, President of MIDTEL and Joe Calzone, Director of Sales & Product Development presented their plan of action for the installation of fiber-optic cable within certain areas of Rensselaerville.

They began by introducing their company. MIDTEL is celebrating its 122<sup>nd</sup> year in business. In 2000, they founded a datacenter in Albany and have two sites there that provide back-end services for themselves as well as for companies throughout the Northeast region such Vermont, Pennsylvania and Maine. In 2016 they acquired Newport Telephone Company.

The government provided \$500,000,000 in broadband grants for un-and under-served areas allowing MIDTEL the financial ability to run fiber-optic cable in and through portions of Berne, Broome, Knox, Westerlo, Wright and Rensselaerville. Fiber-optic is not affected by the weather and does not require as

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much maintenance.

Rensselaerville is in "Phase 3" of the project. The grant will provide service to 291 homes over the course of 70 miles and will pass another 200+ premises that can be served with MIDTEL's private funds. They anticipate completion of the main lines by 2019 and customer drops will be installed through 2021. Their goal is to expand from that network to be able to serve non-grant-funded locations.

**MINUTES:** Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on Thursday:

July 9, 2019 – Public Hearing – Sole Assessor

July 9, 2019 – Work Meeting

July 11, 2019 – Regular Meeting

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS/TRANSFERS:** Budget Modifications and/or Transfers, if any, will be addressed at the Regular Meeting.

**VOUCHERS AND BILLS:** Vouchers and bills will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

**REPORTS:** The regular reports from the Supervisor, Attorney, Highway Department, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector, Assessors, Water/Sewer Committee, Recycling Center, and Library will be given at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Councilman Rauf noted that the Solar Committee would be holding, hopefully, one last meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup> and they should be ready to schedule a Public Hearing in the very near future.
2. The State auditors have finished their work at Town Hall. Supervisor Dolce would like to set up a special meeting to discuss their recommendations.
3. Supervisor Dolce has researched the Magna-5 phone charges and noted that the Town could save approximately \$3,600. However, that would include removing the pay phone at the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park. Discussion was had among the Board members. Without removing the pay phone, the Town could still save \$2,500.

Supervisor Dolce also suggested removing the "797" exchange which is costing the Town about \$100/month. It is thought that the 797 exchange was first initiated years ago to avoid long distance charges between residents with 797 numbers and Town Hall. This is no longer an issue. There are several other numbers that can be removed upon further investigation and confirmation that they are no longer necessary.

4. Assessors Kropp and Wank as well as Councilwoman Sedlmeir and Councilman Rauf have been working on a job description for the Sole Assessor. The Assessors have reached out to Maggie Alex, Director of the Albany County Real Property Tax Services for assistance. Councilman Rauf obtained a general job description from Albany County Civil Service and suggested using that as a guideline, adjusting it to fit the Town's needs.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Supervisor Dolce has met with Erin Nevins to discuss the upcoming health insurance renewal. A Special Meeting will be scheduled for her to meet with the Board.
2. Only one letter of interest was received for the Planning/Zoning Board Clerk position. Based on the applicant's request to earn a minimum of \$500/month income, the application was immediately rejected. Diane DeSanto is willing to come back as the clerk providing she would only be required to be in the office on the first and third Thursdays for the meetings and be allowed to perform the remaining tasks as her

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schedule allows.

In addition, Kathy Wank, who previously served as the Planning/Zoning Board Clerk is willing to provide training.

3. Authorization will be needed to set a date for a Public Hearing regarding the updated fee schedule.
4. There will be a 25% increase in the ALS services. Captain Dennis Wood has offered to discuss the reasons behind the increase and Supervisor Dolce would like to take him up on his offer. Supervisor Dolce would like to see what the neighboring Towns are paying as the Town of Rensselaerville provides the building, insurance, fuel, phone and electric.
5. Supervisor Dolce announced that there will be a new format for budget requests. The new format will mirror the budget's line items so as to provide a line-by-line comparison.

**AUDIENCES COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Rauf.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk



**Draft Minutes, Town Board Regular Meeting, August 8, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor John Dolce and the roll was called with the following results:

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

**ABSENT WAS:** Councilman Brian Wood

Also present were Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Ed Lawson, Hans Soderquist representing the Rensselaerville Library and three interested citizens.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 – Public Hearing; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 – Work Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

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A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2019 – Regular Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dolce.

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

### **BUDGET MODIFICATIONS/TRANSFERS**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to approve the following budget modification: From “Bayard Elsbree Park” 1277 to “Misc. Contractual” A7140PHE 44999 in the amount of \$200.00 to cover the cost of sand.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dolce.

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

**ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS**: General Fund - \$72,697.89; Highway Fund - \$235,702.67; Lighting District Fund - \$1,502.25; Sewer Fund - \$138.37; Water Fund - \$848.09; T&A Fund - \$911.43. Total Abstracts: \$311,800.70

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

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Dolce received a letter from the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park Committee requesting the pay phone be left at the park. The park is used daily for a variety of activities and safety is of utmost importance as there is no cell service there. Supervisor Dolce requested that the Committee let the Town know when and if cell service becomes available so that the pay phone can be removed. **[Editor’s Note: The complete letter from the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park Committee can be found on page 9.]**

Councilwoman Cooke noted that Rick Gangi has hired a consultant firm in an effort to get cell service put on the tower. Mr. Gangi will let the Town know as soon as he hears something.

### **REPORTS**

#### **SUPERVISOR**

1. The payroll service through Paychex has finally been accomplished. Paychex experienced a few glitches, but they have resolved them.

Discussion ensued regarding a back-up person for Linda McCormick, Clerk 1/Bookkeeper.

2. There are several phone lines that can be removed upon further investigation and confirmation that they are no longer necessary.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize Supervisor Dolce to eliminate such phone lines; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

3. Bob Scardamalia, a resident and representative from the Census Bureau, wishes to make everyone aware of the importance of the upcoming 2020 Census. He would like to make an appearance at the Work meeting in September.

4. Attorney Fallati will review the Nexamp Community Solar Project contract and get back to the Board with his findings.

5. Supervisor Dolce noted that the auditors had found several discrepancies in exemptions. He will speak to the Assessors in this regard.

6. Supervisor Dolce wishes to have the water tested.

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7. The Senior Bus was stranded in Cobleskill due, once again, to a faulty starter. The bus has not been reliable lately and ideas and alternatives were discussed regarding its replacement.

The Senior Car recently hit an animal, but the incident was never reported. Supervisor Dolce will see if a claim can be submitted to the insurance company. Further discussion ensued over its replacement as well.

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

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

### ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Fallati updated the Assistant District Attorney and the representative from the insurance company with respect to the Comptroller's office confirming the amount of funds that were taken from the payroll account by the former Supervisor.

Attorney Fallati will also look into seeing if the additional charges that were incurred by the accountants could be recouped.

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

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

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Town Clerk Kraker read a written report submitted by Highway Superintendent Bates as follows:

1. The Highway Department paved 1.25 miles of Cheese Hill Road on July 25<sup>th</sup> with the help of the towns of Berne, Knox, Westerlo and Wright. A total of 14 trucks hauled 1,500 tons of material to the paver in 8 hours. These projects would not be possible without the assistance from other towns.
2. The C.H.I.P.s projects are complete.
3. The base of Saybrook Valley Road was reconstructed with the use of crusher run, geotextile fabric and liquid calcium chloride.
4. The Town has stockpiled 2,500 tons of millings given to it by Albany County.
5. The Town will begin trueing and leveling Gerard Road next week with the Town's paver.

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

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

**TOWN CLERK:** Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of July as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$1,575.30. Paid to the Supervisor - \$1,514.52 – the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$12.97; Recycling - \$267.00; Dog Licenses - \$134.00; Building Permits - \$1,100.55. Total - \$845.25.

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

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$37.78

Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$3,445.47; \$16.86 in penalties

Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$988.95; \$19.40 in penalties

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Town Clerk's report; 2nd by Councilman Rauf.  
*Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Wood*

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR**

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Lawson reported one New Home Construction permit; two Home Additions permits; three Accessory Building permits; one Septic Repair permit; one Deck permit and one Zoning permit for the month of July totaling \$1,100.55.

2. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Lawson noted that NYS Code only allows for a building permit to be extended for two years. He is seeking a resolution and looking for assistance from the Board to try to eliminate or reduce the number of over-extensions that the Town has experienced. The Town of Rensselaerville seems to be unique in this regard due to the number of seasonal residents, for example, who may be building their home only on the weekends.

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

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

**ASSESSORS**

Assessor Kropp reported that the Assessors have been preparing for the school tax bills. Greenville and Cairo-Durham are using a new company to process their bills. That change has made it challenging for the Assessors and they have reached out to Maggie Alix of Albany County Real Property Tax Services as well as Peter Hotaling, Assessor for the Town of Westerlo, for assistance.

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

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

**WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE**

Acting Chairman of the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee, Bill Bensen, gave a synopsis of what has been happening in the Water District. He described a significant leak that was found and secured in a house supply line on the upper end of the hamlet. Still experiencing losses of pressure and water levels, they continued the search for more leaks. Another was found beneath a hydrant, close to the first leak. He further noted that the water losses were massive and since the repair, daily water consumption has been cut in half. This savings will also extend the life of the filter media, improve water quality and provide for a more accurate assessment of actual water usage which will help in detecting leaks in the future.

The hydrants will be flushed regularly which will help extend their life and provide for better water quality overall.

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

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

**REFUSE/RECYCLING**

Town Clerk Kraker read a written report submitted by Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck as follows: Steel: 6 tons; City of Albany Landfill: 79.19 tons; Sierra Fibers: 6.30 tons comingled and 5.86 tons old cardboard containers; Oil: 30 gallons; Tires: 77

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

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

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Hans Soderquist representing the Rensselaerville Library reported the following events:

1. The Annual Meeting of the Library will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The public is welcome to hear about the accomplishments and goals for the upcoming year.
2. 55 participants viewed the film American Creed and participated in the moderated conversation at the Carey Center. The conversations will continue with a Living Room Conversation to be held in the Library on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm.
3. Miss Judy, the Youth Service Coordinator, is holding a drop in program for story time on Thursday mornings at 10:30. The program is followed by a STEAM (science technology engineering arts and math) related program. Family STEAM programs are scheduled for Fridays at 3:00 pm.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to accept the Library report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.  
*Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Wood*

**CURRENT EVENTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Councilman Rauf reported that the Solar Committee expects to meet one more time on August 15<sup>th</sup> to review the paperwork one final time. They will then choose a date for a Public Hearing.
2. A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to schedule a Special Meeting for August 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of discussing the recommendations of the State Comptroller's audit and to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cooke.  
*Motion carried: Ayes (4) Dolce, Cooke, Rauf and Sedlmeir; Nays (0); Absent (1) Wood*
3. Board members, along with Assessor Kropp, discussed the details of the advertisement for the Sole Assessor position.

A motion was made by Councilman Rauf to authorize the Supervisor to authorize the advertising for the position of Sole Appointed Assessor upon final modifications. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. A motion was made by Supervisor Dolce to schedule a Special Meeting for August 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm to discuss the upcoming health insurance renewal; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the Special Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dolce.

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

2. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to reappoint Diane DeSanto as Planning/Zoning Board Clerk, to attend regularly scheduled meetings and prepare the minutes for such meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rauf.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to hire Kathryn Wank to train Diane DeSanto for a maximum of 5 hours at \$20.00/hour. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dolce.

*Motion carried: Ayes (3) Dolce, Cooke, and Sedlmeir; Nays (1) Rauf; Absent (1) Wood*

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3. Attorney Fallati read the resolution regarding the updated fee schedule as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE  
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE  
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville has determined that its fee schedules should be updated to more accurately reflect associated costs for providing services; and

WHEREAS, the attached proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2019 entitled "2019 Fee Schedule Local Law" sets out an updated and consolidated fee schedule.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville that pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law, a Public Hearing shall be conducted at the Town Hall on September 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm on the attached proposed Local Law, and notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published on or before August 15, 2019 in a newspaper circulating in the Town.

By motion made by Jason Rauf and seconded by Margaret Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019 as follows:

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

END RESOLUTION

4. There will be a 25% (\$15,000) increase in the ALS services; from \$60,000 to \$75,000. Supervisor Dolce would like to see what the neighboring Towns are paying as the Town of Rensselaerville provides the building, insurance, fuel, phone and electric. He will also reach out to Dennis Wood.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**OTHER**

Councilwoman Sedlmeir announced that she has been in contact with the Commissioner of Albany County Public Works and has accomplished getting the white lines in the parking lot re-painted. The blue lines and seal for the handicapped area will be done in the near future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dolce.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;  
Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk





**THE BAYARD ELSBREE MEMORIAL PARK  
STATE ROUTE 145  
PRESTON HOLLOW, NY 12469**

August 8, 2019

Dear Supervisor Dolce and Town Council Members,

It has come to our attention that the Town Board would like to remove the pay-phone located at the Bayard Elsbree Park in Preston Hollow. The Park Committee met last night, August 7, and discussed this matter.

The Park Committee would like to respectfully request that this pay-phone be left at the park. The park is used by many families, organizations and ball teams. We have a team that is interested in playing there this fall.

The park is used daily. Young and old come to the park to enjoy the day, exercise on the bike/walk path, play on the playground equipment, have lunch or just take a break when traveling by. Many larger parties are held at the park through-out the spring, summer, and fall in celebration of special events, (weddings, graduations, birthdays, etc.).

There is no or spotty cell service along SR-145 from Cooksburch [sic] to Windy Ridge.. The pay-phone at the park enables someone at the park or traveling through the area to contact 911 to report an emergency, to contact family members for assistance, etc. Without this pay-phone you would be leaving the area with no way to get needed assistance at the park or along the highway. The pay-phone IS NEEDED and we feel the expense of the phone is a small price to pay to enable someone to get needed assistance.

Please help us to protect all who enjoy this beautiful park and allow us to provide the very needed access to emergency assistance, if needed, by leaving the pay- phone at the park. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

The Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park Committee  
Valerie Lounsbury, Debra Baxter, Linda Mormile,  
Clara Potter, and Aurora Wennstrom



***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



### Sole Appointed Assessor Town of Rensselaerville, New York

The Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, is seeking to fill a part time position for Sole Appointed Assessor. The Town of Rensselaerville has approximately 1950 parcels split between residential and vacant lands. The Town of Rensselaerville is located in the southwest corner of Albany County.

The Candidate must meet the requirements established by the New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment for minimum qualifications and continuing education. Professional Designations (AIO, MAI, etc.) are encouraged.

The Candidate must have excellent public relations, computer, typing, and general office skills. Assessor will also be expected to attend monthly Board meetings and must attend regularly scheduled office hours to meet with the general public.

Salary: \$19,000

Applications, resume, and cover letter must be submitted to Victoria Kraker, Town Clerk, by the deadline of October 1, 2019 at the following address:

Victoria Kraker, Town Clerk  
Town of Rensselaerville Town Hall  
87 Barger Rd.  
Medusa, New York 12120



#### LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville has introduced proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2019, a local law to update the fee schedule to more accurately reflect associated costs for providing services.

The Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed law on September 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Town of Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY, at which time and place all those wishing to comment will be provided with the full opportunity to be heard. Communications in writing in relation thereto may be filed with the Town Clerk's Office or at such hearing. The regularly scheduled Work Meeting will commence immediately following the Public Hearing.

A copy of the proposed local law is available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office or may be viewed online at [www.rensselaerville.com](http://www.rensselaerville.com).

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Dated: August 8, 2019

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk

**[Editor’s Note:** As of today, August 28, 2019, I noticed that the resolution setting the date for the public hearing on the local law to amended the Town’s fee schedule is posted on the Town’s web-site. The legal notice sent to me by the Town Clerk states, in part, “A copy of the proposed local law is available for inspection in the Town Clerk’s Office or may be viewed online at [www.rensselaerville.com](http://www.rensselaerville.com).” However, that is not the case...as of 8/28/2019.

In an effort to remedy this omission and ensure that citizens/taxpayers have ample time to review the proposed law and be adequately prepared for the public hearing, I have published the entire text of the proposed local law in this newsletter.

I realize this is a data-heavy addition to the newsletter, but I feel it is important for our citizenry to be fully informed on all matters that potentially affect them. (Strike-throughs indicate a deletion from the current law; underlining indicates new/replacement text.)

**Proposed Town Law of the Town of Rensselaerville  
Local Law No. \_\_ of 2019**

A Local Law amending the Town of Rensselaerville Fee Schedule

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

**Section 1. Title:**

This law shall be known as the “2019 Fee Schedule ~~Amendments~~-Local Law.”

**Section 2. Purpose and Intent:**

The Town Board has determined that the Town of Rensselaerville Fee Schedule should be updated to more accurately reflect the Town’s costs associated with its services.

**Section 3. ~~Amendments~~-Repeal:**

Local Law No. 2 of 2018, codified as Chapter {14 of the current Town Code is hereby repealed. Section 4. New Chapter 114 “Fees”.

Chapter 114 of the current Town Code of Rensselaerville shall read as follows:

**Section 114-1. Purpose:**

It is the purpose of this chapter to revise and establish the various fees fixed by the Town of Rensselaerville for effective administration.

**Section 114-2. Title:**

This chapter shall be known as the “Fee Schedule of the Town of Rensselaerville.”

**Section 114-3. Planning Board administrative fees:**

Applicants for subdivisions, land annexations and special permits which require Planning Board review and approval shall pay to the Town of Rensselaerville the applicable fee pursuant to the following schedule.

A. Subdivision application fees.

- 1) Minor subdivision application: \$150.
- 2) Major subdivision application: \$150 for each lot proposed on the preliminary plat.
- 3) Land annexation: \$50.
- 4) Consultant fee. If the Planning Board deems it necessary to retain a professional engineering or planning consultant to assist in the review of a major subdivision application, the applicant shall be responsible to pay the cost for such consultant services above the first \$200. The Planning Board may require the applicant to submit payment at the time the consultant is retained, in an escrow account, to be established by the planning Board, in an amount estimated to cover the cost for such consultant services.

B. Special permit fees.

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- 1) Junkyards: \$150.
- All other uses requiring a special permit: \$150.
- 3) Consultant fee. If the Planning Board deems it necessary to retain a professional engineering or planning consultant to assist it in the review of a special permit application, the applicant shall be responsible to pay the cost for such consultant services above the first \$100. The Planning Board may require the applicant to submit payment at the time the consultant is retained, in an escrow account, to be established by the Planning Board, in an amount estimated to cover the cost for such consultant services.
- C. Change of use: \$4050.
- D. Collection of fees. The fees set forth above shall be submitted to and collected by the Secretary of the Planning Board or Town Clerk at the time the application is submitted.

#### **Section 114-4. Zoning Board of Appeals fees:**

Applicants who are appealing a matter to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance or interpretation of Chapter 215, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Rensselaerville shall pay to the Town of Rensselaerville the applicable fee pursuant to the following schedule.

##### A. Variances.

- 1) Area variances for a residential use: \$2550.
- 2) Area variance for a commercial use: \$50.
- 3) Use variances: \$75.
- 4) Sign variance: \$2050

##### B. Applications for an interpretation: \$50.

##### C. Any other appeals to the ZBA: \$100.

D. Publication cost. In addition to the fees set forth above, the applicant shall pay \$75 for the cost of publishing the notice of the public hearing in the official newspaper of the Town prior to the commencement of the public hearing.

#### **Section 114-5. Zoning Officer fees:**

Applications for a zoning permit or a sign permit shall pay to the Town of Rensselaerville the applicable fee pursuant to the following schedule.

##### A. Zoning permits:

- 1) Residential uses: \$4050.
- 2) Nonresidential uses: \$50 (commercial).
- 3) Accessory uses: \$2550. (does require a building permit over 150 square feet).
- 4) Sign permits: \$3050
- 5) Truss sign permit: \$2550.

B. The fees set forth above shall be submitted to the Zoning Officer or Town Clerk when the zoning application is submitted.

#### **Section 114-6. Building Inspector fees:**

The applicant for a building permit and/or certificate of occupancy shall pay to the Town of Rensselaerville the applicable fee pursuant to the following schedule.

##### A. Residential:

##### 1) Building permits:

a. ~~For all new~~ New principal residential structures, homes, double-wide and single-wide trailers, and modular buildings ~~-\$0.45 per square foot - minimum fee \$50.~~

i. ~~For all alterations~~ Up to 1,500 sq. ft. - \$150.

ii. Over 1,500 sq. ft. - \$250.

b. Alterations, renovations, conversions, additions, repairs of existing buildings: \$045 persquare foot,

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- i. ~~For all new~~ Up to 240 sq. ft. - \$50.
      - ii. Over 240 sq. ft. - \$50 plus \$.015 per sa. ft. over 240 sq. ft.
    - c. New decks: \$50.
    - c-d. New garages: \$0.15 per square foot-; minimum \$50.
    - de. ~~For all new~~ New outbuildings:
      - i. Residential — up to 240 sq. ft. - ~~\$020 per sq~~ 50.
      - ii. Residential — over 240 sq. ft. - ~~\$50. plus \$0.20~~ 15 per sq. ft. over 240 sq. ft.
  - 2) Nonstructural repairs, shingles and siding replacement: exempt; Building Inspector review required.
  - 3) Replacement of existing chimneys: ~~\$25~~ 50.
  - 4) Solar — roof/ground: \$50: per New York State.
  - 5) All permits are valid for one year from day of issue. Cost of renewal shall be equal to initial permit fee multiplied by the percentage of work left at time of renewal ~~\$50~~ 50
  - 6) Certificate of occupancy: ~~\$0, included in building permit fee~~ 50.
  - 7) Temporary certificate of occupancy: 90 days: ~~\$25~~ 50.
  - 8) Third and subsequent certificate of occupancy: ~~\$25~~ 50.
  - 9) Sewer hookup/ to sewer district: \$50.
  - 10) Septic tank replacement: \$50.
  - 11) Septic tank and leach field: \$60
- B. Commercial:
- 1) ~~For all commercial~~ Commercial, industrial new construction; including pole buildings: \$0.35 per square foot.
  - 2) ~~For alterations~~ Alterations, renovations, conversions of existing building: \$0.25 per square foot.
  - 3) Fuel burning device: ~~\$25~~ 50.
  - 4) Commercial chimneys: ~~\$35~~ 50.
  - 5) Certificate of occupancy: ~~\$0~~ 50.
  - 6) Repair septic system: ~~\$35~~ 50.
  - 7) Perc for septic repair: \$50.
  - 8) Transmitting or telecommunication tower: \$500.
  - 9) Utilization of existing tower: \$250.
- C. ~~For all multiple~~ Multiple-dwelling buildings:
- 1) ~~\$0.30~~ 35 per square foot
  - 2) Certificate of occupancy, each unit: ~~\$0~~ 50.
- D. Trailer parks:
- 1) Construction: \$100 plus \$5 each for lot or space.
  - 2) Certificate of occupancy: each unit: ~~\$0~~ 50; new rentals: ~~\$0~~ 50.
- E. Applicable to all uses:
- 1) Title Search: ~~\$35~~ 50.
  - 2) File review (certificates of occupancy, violations, etc.): ~~\$35~~ 50.
  - 3) Inspection of new septic tank only, repairs: ~~\$50.~~ 50.
    - a) ~~Two inspections: \$10~~
    - b) ~~Each additional inspection: \$10~~
  - 4) ~~For all wood~~ Wood-burning stoves and new heating units: ~~\$25~~ 50.
  - 5) ~~Basements and cellars included if used as living space in square footage of building~~
  - 5) For churches, fire departments and ambulance organizations, fees are waived. Permits are required.
  - 7) Swimming pools.
    - Above ground: ~~\$35~~ 50.

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In ground: \$50.

All inspections, New York State safety rules shall apply (fences).

8) Recreational trailers.

Recreational trailers, seasonal use, yearly permits required: \$2550.

All recreational trailer must have self-contained holding tanks; there shall be no dumping on property. Violators will be prosecuted.

Site Plan Review: \$0.

~~Agricultural buildings: agricultural use only, agricultural: no fee. For purposes of this chapter, the term "agricultural" means any farming, forestry, horticultural, raising of livestock, horses, or other uses related to agriculture (including the storage of agricultural machinery, equipment, tools, and/or agricultural products) for which a structure is wholly or partially devoted, regardless of whether or not income is generated from such uses.~~

~~a. Properties with agricultural exemption: \$10 zoning only~~

10) Agricultural buildings, including pole barns

Up to 10,000 cu. ft. - \$50. plus:

\$2. for each 1,000 cu. ft. over 10,000 cu. ft. and up to 40,000 cu. ft. plus:

c. \$1 for each 1,000 cu. ft. over 40,000 cu. ft.

11) Demolition: \$0.

**Section 114-7. Floodplain development permits:**

All applications for a floodplain development permit shall be accompanied by an application fee of \$100. In addition, the applicant shall be responsible for reimbursing the Town of Rensselaerville for any additional costs necessary for review, inspection and approval of this project. The local floodplain administrator (the Building Inspector) may require a deposit of no more than \$500 to cover these additional costs.

**Section 114-8. Publications:**

A. Subdivision regulation book: \$5.

1) Subdivision regulation book postage (if mailed): \$10.

B. Comprehensive Master Plan Book: \$15.00

C. Zoning map: \$3.00

**Section 114-9. Requirements for zoning change or amendment:**

An application, petition or request to the Town Board for a zoning change or amendment to Chapter 215, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Rensselaerville shall be accompanied by a fee of \$100, payable to the Town of Rensselaerville.

**Section 114-10. Time for submissions of fees:**

All fees must be submitted at the time the particular application is submitted. An application shall not be considered complete until the correct fee is paid, and no further action shall be taken, nor permit or approval granted, until the correct fee is paid in full.

**Section 114-11. Recycling and refuse fees:**

A. Recycling.

1) Appliance recycling: \$0.

2) Tires — car (each): \$3.

3) Tires — truck (each): \$5.

B. Refuse.

1) Commercial refuse license: \$250.

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**Section 114-12. Town Clerk fees:**

- A. There shall be no fee charged for:  
Inspection of records;  
Search for records; or  
Any certification pursuant to this article
- B. Fees for copies may be charged as follows:
- 1) The fee for copying records shall be \$0.25 per page for single sided photocopies not exceeding nine inches by 14 inches.
  - 2) The fee for copying records shall be \$0.50 per page for double sided photocopies not exceeding nine inches by 14 inches.
  - 3) The fee for photocopies of records in excess of nine inches by 14 inches shall be the actual cost of reproduction; or
  - 4) An agency has the authority to redact portions of a paper record and does so prior to disclosure of the record by making a photocopy from which the proper redactions are made.
- C. The fee the Town of Rensselaerville may charge for a copy of any other record is based on the actual cost of reproduction and may include only the following:  
An amount equal to the hourly salary attributed to the lowest paid employee who has the necessary skill required to prepare a copy of the requested record, but only when more than two hours of the employee's time are necessary to do so; and  
The actual cost of the storage devices or media provided to the person making the request in complying with such request; or  
The actual cost to the Town of engaging an outside professional service to prepare a copy of a record, but only when an agency's information technology equipment is inadequate to prepare a copy, and if such service is used to prepare the copy.
- D. When the Town has the ability to retrieve or extract a record or data maintained in a computer storage system with reasonable effort, or when doing so requires less employee time than engaging a manual retrieval or redactions from nonelectronic records, the Town shall be required to retrieve or extract such record or data electronically. In such case, the Town may charge a fee in accordance with Subsection D (1) and (2) above.
- E. The records access officer shall inform a person requesting a record of the estimated cost of preparing a copy of the record if more than two hours of an agency employee's time are needed, or if it is necessary to retain an outside professional service to prepare a copy of the record
- F. The records access officer may require that the fee for copying or reproducing a record be paid in advance of the preparation of such copy.
- G. The records access officer may waive a fee in whole or in part when making copies of records available.
- H. Fees for facsimiles will be charged as follows:
- 1) 518/838 area code (incoming & outgoing; per page): \$1.
  - 2) Long distance (incoming & outgoing; per page): \$2.
- I. Fees for birth certificates, marriage licenses and death certificates will be charged as follows, subject to such amounts as modified by the New York State Department of Health:
- 1) Birth certificates.  
Original: N/C  
Duplicate: \$10.00
  - 2) Marriage licenses:  
Original: \$40.00  
Duplicate: \$10.00

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- 3) Death certificates.  
a. \$10.00

J. There shall be no fee charged for a handicap parking permit.

~~K. The fee for an application for road dedication shall be \$500.~~

**Section 114.13. Animal fees:**

A. Fees for licensing of dogs shall be charged as follows:

- 1) New/renewal (spayed/neutered): \$8.00 (Includes the assessment of the mandatory New York State surcharge of \$1 for the purpose of carrying out animal population control)
- 2) New/renewal (unsprayed/unneutered): \$15.00 (Includes the assessment of the mandatory New York State surcharge of \$3 for the purpose of carrying out animal population control)
- 3) Dog tag replacement fee: \$3.00
- 4) Enumeration fee. When the Town Board determines the need for a dog enumeration, an additional fee of \$5 will be assessed to all dogs found unlicensed or renewed at the time the enumeration is conducted.

B. Fees for seizure of dogs.

~~4)-4)-~~The fee for seizure and impoundment of dogs in violation of this article or the Laws of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Law are as follows:

First offense: \$10 plus \$25 per day of impoundment, and any veterinary, euthanasia and any other fees per animal that are charged to the Town for such service;

~~b-~~Second offense: \$20 plus \$25 per day of impoundment, and any veterinary, euthanasia and any other fees per animal;

~~c-~~Third offense and additional offenses: \$30 plus \$25 per day of impoundment, and any veterinary, euthanasia and any other fees per animal.

~~d-~~ No impounded dog shall be returned to the owner until such fees are paid. If the owner of any impounded dog refuses to pay such fees and/or abandons the impounded dog, the Town may seek recovery of such fees by commencing an action in a court of competent jurisdiction and the owner shall also be required to pay the Town costs and attorneys' fees incurred in attempting to recover the aforesaid fees.

~~e. +)-~~Offenses are charged against the owner regardless of the dog(s) involved.

D. All fees set forth in this section are calculated to reimburse the Town for the costs of the administration of the Dog Licensing and Control Law of the Town and will be used for such purpose. The Town Board is hereby authorized to review periodically the schedule and amount of fees set forth in this schedule and to amend said schedule and amount of fees from time to time by resolution or local law as the Town Board deems necessary to fund the administration of this section.

**~~Section 6— Authority and Supersession~~ 114.14. Highway fees:**

A. Driveway installation: \$150.

B. Road dedication application: \$500.

**Section 5. Authority and Supersession:**

This ~article -is -enacted by- the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville pursuant to its authority to adopt local laws under the New York State Constitution, Article IX, and §§§ 10 and 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

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**Section 76. Severability of Provisions:**

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

**Section 87. Effective Date:**

This local law shall take effect pursuant to upon filing with the provisions Secretary of Town Law Section 264.



**2019 SUMMER SERVICES AT RENSSELAERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church announces its schedule of summer services every Sunday from June 30 through September 1. Services are held at 11:00 a.m. in the church located on Main Street (County Route 351) in Rensselaerville. Everyone is welcome.

Each year, clergy from different faith traditions are invited to deliver sermons on a common theme. The 2019 theme is "Finding Joy".

September 1 "Joy, a Firm and Quiet Strength"

Sister Joan Scanlon, O.P., Coordinator of Dominican Ministries, Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT

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



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

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



**BLOOD DRIVES**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**

**Berne Knox Westerlo High School**

1738 Helderberg Trail  
Berne, NY 12023

08:00 AM - 01:00 PM

**More Details**



Blood

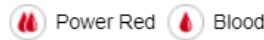
**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

**Rensselaerville Public Safety Building**

380 Fox Creek Rd  
Medusa, NY 12120

07:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**More Details**



Power Red Blood

**Thursday, October 31, 2019**

**Middleburgh Central School**

291 Main St  
Middleburgh, NY 12122

12:00 PM - 06:00 PM

**More Details**



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The need is constant.  
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**COUNTY ROAD WORK**

Department of Public Works—CURRENT & UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURES

- CR353 (Delaware Turnpike Rd.) Bridge Deck Replacement Project, 8/5–11/1:  
Closed to ALL TRAFFIC between CR351 and CR359 starting at 7:00am on August 5, 2019.  
We expect the roadway to re-open by November 1, 2019.  
Signed detours will be in use during the closures. Thank you for your patience during these important projects.

If you have any questions please call the Project Manager, Bill Anslow at (518) 655-7920.



**Attention Community Members  
Help Us Save Lives!!**

**FREE Opioid Overdose Prevention Training**

Jointly sponsored by  
The ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
The ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
and  
PROJECT SAFE POINT

<del>1/8/19</del>	<del>2/5/19</del>	<del>3/5/19</del>	<del>4/2/19</del>	<del>5/7/19</del>	<del>6/4/19</del>
<del>7/2/19</del>	<del>8/6/19</del>	9/3/19	10/1/19	11/12/19	12/3/19

**11:00 am**  
**175 Green Street – Lower Level**  
**(Next to Albany DMV)**

- Training is open to anyone and does not require RSVP
- Learn the signs and symptoms of Opioid Overdose
- Learn how to use Naloxone (Narcan) to respond to an overdose
- Each individual will receive an Intranasal Naloxone kit as part of the training.

For More Information Contact Joseph Filippone at 518-449-3581 Ext 130 or  
[josephf@ccalbany.org](mailto:josephf@ccalbany.org)



Daniel P. McCoy  
Albany County Executive



## 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.



September 2, 2019



### ***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





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

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Town Supervisor Hours: Mondays 9am-12 noon Other times by appointment	John Dolce	jdolce@rensselaerville.com townsupervisor@rensselaerville.com Phone: 518-239-4225; 518-797-3798; Fax: 518-239-6339
Town Councilwoman	Marion Cooke	mcooke@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman	Brian Wood	bwood@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilwoman	Margaret Sedlmeir	msedlmeir@rensselaerville.com
Town Councilman/ Deputy Supervisor	Jason Rauf	jrauf@rensselaerville.com
Town Justice Court: Mondays, 7pm	Gregory Bischoff Muriel Frasher	Phone: 518-239-4225; 518-797-3798; Fax: 518-239-6339
Supervisor's Clerk	Linda McCormick	clerk1@rensselaerville.com
Town Clerk Hours: M-W: 9am-3:30pm Th: 1:30pm-6:30pm or by appointment F: 9am-12pm	Victoria Kraker	townclerk@rensselaerville.com vkraker@rensselaerville.com Phone: 518-239-4225; 518-797-3798; Fax: 518-239-6339
Highway Superintendent	Randy Bates	rbates@rensselaerville.com Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798; Fax: 239-6339
Highway Superintendent Clerk	Kim Welsch	Phone: Phone: 518-239-4225; 518-797-3798; Fax: 518-239-6339
Assessors Clerk Hours: M-Th: 9am-12pm Assessor Hours: Th: 6:30pm-8:30pm	Donna Kropp Jeffry Pine Kathryn Wank	assessors@rensselaerville.com Phone: 518-239-4225; 518-797-3798; Fax: 518-239-6339
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer Office Hours: Th: 8am-10am	Edwin Lawson	codeenforcement@rensselaerville.com Phone: 518-239-4225; 518-797-3798; Fax: 518-239-6339
Planning Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Th @ 7:30pm	Richard Amedure	
Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings: 1st Th @ 6:30pm	Anthony Guadagno	
Board of Ethics	Mary Anne Overbaugh	ethicsboard@rensselaerville.com
Dog Control Officer	Cheryl Tefft-Baitsholts	Phone: 518-728-8082
Refuse/Recycling Coordinator Refuse Station Hours: W, Sa: 7am-3:45pm	Jon Whitbeck	Phone: 518-239-4225; 518-797-3798; Fax: 518-239-6339
Town Hall		Phone: 518-239-4225; 518-797-3798; Fax: 518-239-6339
<b>Albany Co. Hwy Dept.</b> 239-6715; 239-6710  Town Meetings: Work: Tues. preceding monthly mtg Regular: 2nd Thurs @7pm	<b>Sen. George Amedure</b> 46th District LOB, Room 802 Albany, NY 12247 455-2350; Fax: 426-6751 Amedure@nysenate.gov	<b>Assemblyman</b> 102nd District - Chris Tague LOB 937 Albany, NY 12248 518-455-5363 <a href="mailto:taguec@nyassembly.gov">taguec@nyassembly.gov</a>
		<b>County Legislator Chris Smith</b> 39th District Alb Co Office Building 112 State Street Albany, NY 12207 447-7168; (H) 447-7117

## Featured Artist: Ellen Rooney | September 1 – September 30

**Join us for an artists reception on September 8th from 4pm-6pm.**

Guggenheim Gallery, 63 Huyck Rd. Rensselaerville, 12147

Ellen Rooney is a professional garden and travel photographer living in London. Her work has appeared in numerous publications and she is represented by several photo libraries in Europe. She has traveled and photographed extensively around the world both independently and while working for a small ship cruise company. Before becoming a full time photographer, she was a film and subsequently a video editor at ABC News in New York and London.

Ellen has been coming to Rensselaerville since she was a child when her grandparents owned the house now owned by her family. It was during those childhood visits that she developed a great fondness for the town, the area and many people here. When her grandparents died, her parents took over the house and she continued to visit regularly on summer weekends when she was working in New York City. Now that she is living in London she still manages to spend several weeks a year here during the summer and at Christmas seeing friends and taking photographs.

## Featured Artist: Stanley Maltzman | October 1 – October 31

More on Stanley, his work and his welcome reception to come!



### Helderberg Brewery Taproom Hours

Now Serving Coffee: MON-FRI 8am-11am

Evening Taproom Hours:

Weds | 5pm-9pm

Friday | 6pm-10pm

Sat | 2pm-8pm

Sun | 1pm-5pm (April-Dec only)

Location: 26 CR 353, Rensselaerville, NY 12147

RSVP/Info URL: <http://careyinstitute.org/programs/sustainable-communities/rgbrewery-taproom/>

**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](http://careyinstitute.org).

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Labor Day

## Word Scramble

Labor Day is celebrated in the United States on the first Monday of September. The jumbles here include both historically significant words and ways people celebrate today.

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MANPLUL \_\_\_\_\_

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**On the Calendar**

Sept 1	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 1	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Sept 1	11:00 am	Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church Services	Rensselaerville
Sept 2		<b>LABOR DAY - TOWN OFFICES CLOSED</b>	
Sept 8	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 8	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Sept 10	12:00 am	Rensselaerville Senior Citizen Meeting/Lunch	Medusa Firehouse
Sept 10	6:30 pm	Public Hearing: Fee Schedule	Town Hall
Sept 10	7:00 pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
Sept 12	7:00 pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
Sept 15	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 15	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Sept 22	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 22	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville
Sept 23		<b>FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN</b>	
Sept 29	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 29	11:00 am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services	Rensselaerville

**Looking Ahead:**

- On Oct. 3rd, we have a trip to Westchester Theater for a show (“An American in Paris”) and dinner. Cost: \$55 for members, \$60 for non-members. For info contact Janet Nelson. 797-3963

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



Sept 30 - Oct 1

September 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					



## Library News

Rensselaerville Library  
Schedule of Events through October 2018

All events are at the library unless otherwise noted.  
Events subject to change. Please check our online calendar.

**New Hours****Tuesday**

10-1pm &amp; 3-8pm

**Wednesday**

10-1pm &amp; 3-6pm

**Thursday**

10-1pm &amp; 3-8pm

**Friday**

3-7pm

**Saturday**

10-2pm

**Closed Sunday &  
Monday**

## Rensselaerville Library is

**Fine Free!**

Fine Free ensures that libraries are for everyone  
resulting in a strong community.

Let's Celebrate!

September is Library Card Sign up Month

STORYTIME and Family STEAM Program

Thursdays @10:30, Fridays @ 3:30

**SEPTEMBER**

5 – 10:30am - **STORYTIME:** My Footprints by Bao Phi, illustrated by Basia Tran (Author's birthday: September 1) Art Activity: Let's Make Slime

6 – 3:30pm - **FAMILY STEAM PROGRAM:** get creative about science, artfully collage a THINK OUT OF THE BOX Bulletin Board!

7 – 10-2pm – **Discover the Hilltowns Farms and Artisan Tour-** This is a self-guided driving tour of the Hilltowns where the Library will be a stop. To obtain more information and download a copy of the map visit <http://www.hilltowns.org/discover-the-hilltowns-tour.html>

10 – 6pm – **Poetry Group:** Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

12 – 10:30am - **STORYTIME:** Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff Author's birthday: September 4 Art Activity make a batch of the best homemade playdough and create some dinosaurs! (National Play-Doh Day September 16)

12 – 6pm – **Writing Group:** Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome.

13 – 3:30 pm - **FAMILY STEAM PROGRAM-** Part 2: Get creative about science, artfully collage a THINK OUT OF THE BOX Bulletin Board

17 – 7pm – **Annual Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees** – public welcome, meeting is on the lower level.

19 – 10:30am - **STORYTIME:** Hooray! A piñata by Elisa Kleven Activity: Part 1- National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration: Let's make a Paper-Mache Piñata

20 – 3:30pm - **FAMILY STEAM PROGRAM** Activity: Part 1- National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration: Let's make a Paper-Mache Piñata

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## Library News - Rensselaerville Library

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21 – 2pm – **Living Room Conversations** A Living Room Conversation is a simple way to heal divides. It is a conversational model developed by dialogue experts in order to facilitate connection between people despite their differences and identify areas of common ground and shared concerns. This program is a follow up to the July American Creed program held at the Carey Institute. Whether you've seen the film or not, all are invited to join the conversation. You can visit the website to view the film. Additional Resources for the Program can be found at:

[www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/american-creed.html](http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/american-creed.html)

24 – 6pm – **Poetry Group:** Bring your poem! Receive feedback from fellow poets or just share your words.

26 – 10:30am - **STORYTIME:** Piñata Party by Susan Ring Art Activity: Part 2- National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration: Let's have a Piñata Party



27 – 3:30pm - **FAMILY STEAM PROGRAM** Activity: Part 2- National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration - Let's have a Piñata and Pizza Party (National Cheese Pizza Day was September 5) there will be "Hamilton the Musical" Trivia Games and a celebration of Alexander Hamilton appointment as US Secretary of Treasury-1789. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can order enough pizza.



## Rensselaerville Library

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Promoting a life-long love of learning

Fostering personal connections

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**Library News - Rensselaerville Library**

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**Immediate Opening  
Cleaning Position**

The Library is seeking a person to perform general cleaning duties on a weekly basis. This is a part-time two hours per week staff position. The rate is \$14.50 per hour.

Weekly Duties Include:

- Vacuuming
- Mopping
- Dusting
- Wiping down keyboards, light switches and door handles
- Cleaning of two bathrooms

There are seasonal duties as well, i.e. windows, wood polishing, etc. The position entails light lifting and being able to negotiate stairs. Cleaning supplies/equipment are provided by the Library.

Interested applicants please submit your letter of interest and references to the Library by September 13th. Please include the days and times that you would be available to complete cleaning tasks.

Review of applications will occur as received and position will be filled as soon as possible. Applications by commercial businesses will be considered.

If you have any questions or would like to take a tour of the building prior to submitting your letter, please contact Kim at (518) 797-3949 or [director@rensselaervillelibrary.org](mailto:director@rensselaervillelibrary.org)



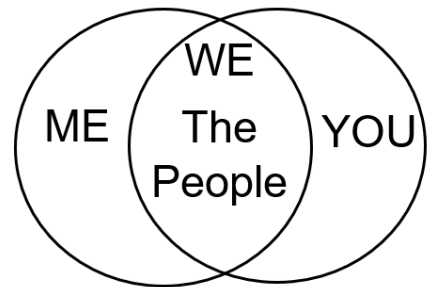
## Library News - Rensselaerville Library

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August 26, 2019

Dear Neighbors,

We are writing to invite you to a second round of “conversations,” based on the belief that our democracy depends upon the thoughtful exchange of ideas. If we spend time talking with each other, respectfully and patiently, we may discover the common values we share.



In the 1977 book *People Made it Happen Here*, the editors describe the efforts and goodwill of Hilltown residents who lived and worked for the common good of our community for more than 150 years. We believe that spirit of cooperation still exists in the Hilltowns today (as evidenced in the volunteer Firemen and their auxiliaries, the Good Cause Club, the Senior Van, Preston Hollow Beautification Committee, and the endless list of kindnesses that neighbors perform for each other matter-of-factly, whether it's shoveling the walkway of an aging neighbor, or driving someone to a doctor's appointment, or starting a fundraiser for someone whose house has burnt down, or helping each other find lost pets or children, or planting flowers in front of the library... the list goes on and on).

We are proposing that we build on that history of cooperation by engaging in a series of conversations based on the documentary film *American Creed* (available at <https://www.pbs.org/video/american-creed-ikwuqf/>) which some of you saw at the Carey Institute on 7/28. In this film a prominent Republican (Condoleezza Rice) and a prominent Democrat (David Kennedy) discuss and examine values we share as Americans.

Please join us for a “Living Room Conversation” in the Rensselaerville Library on 9/21 at 2:00, where we'll engage with neighbors in small groups, in order to get to know and understand each other's points of view and concerns better. Similar initiatives are going on in communities around the United States, as we all struggle to find a way to move forward based on our shared values.

If you are interested in joining us on 9/21 at 2:00 at the Rensselaerville Library, please email us at: [director@rensselaervillelibrary.org](mailto:director@rensselaervillelibrary.org), or just show up! Hope to see you there. More information can be found on the Library website at <https://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/american-creed.html>

Sincerely,

Gail Haines

Linda Miller

Dianne Sefcik

Dennis Winslow

Kim Zimmer

# Rensselaerville Library

## LivingRoom Conversations

At Rensselaerville Library

**Saturday, September 21, 2019 at  
2:00pm**



This program is a follow up to the July American Creed program held at the Carey Institute. Whether you've seen the film or not, all are invited to join the conversation. You can visit the website to view the film.

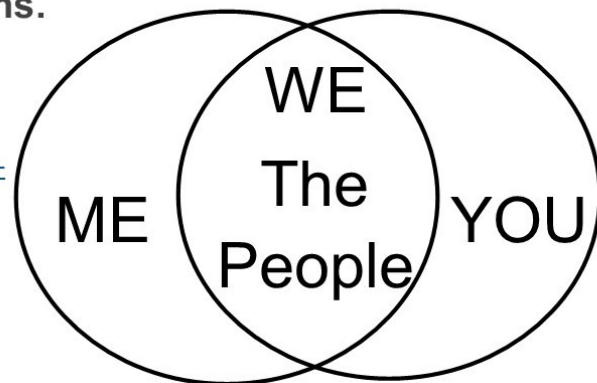
### What is a Living Room Conversation?

A Living Room Conversation is a simple way to heal divides.

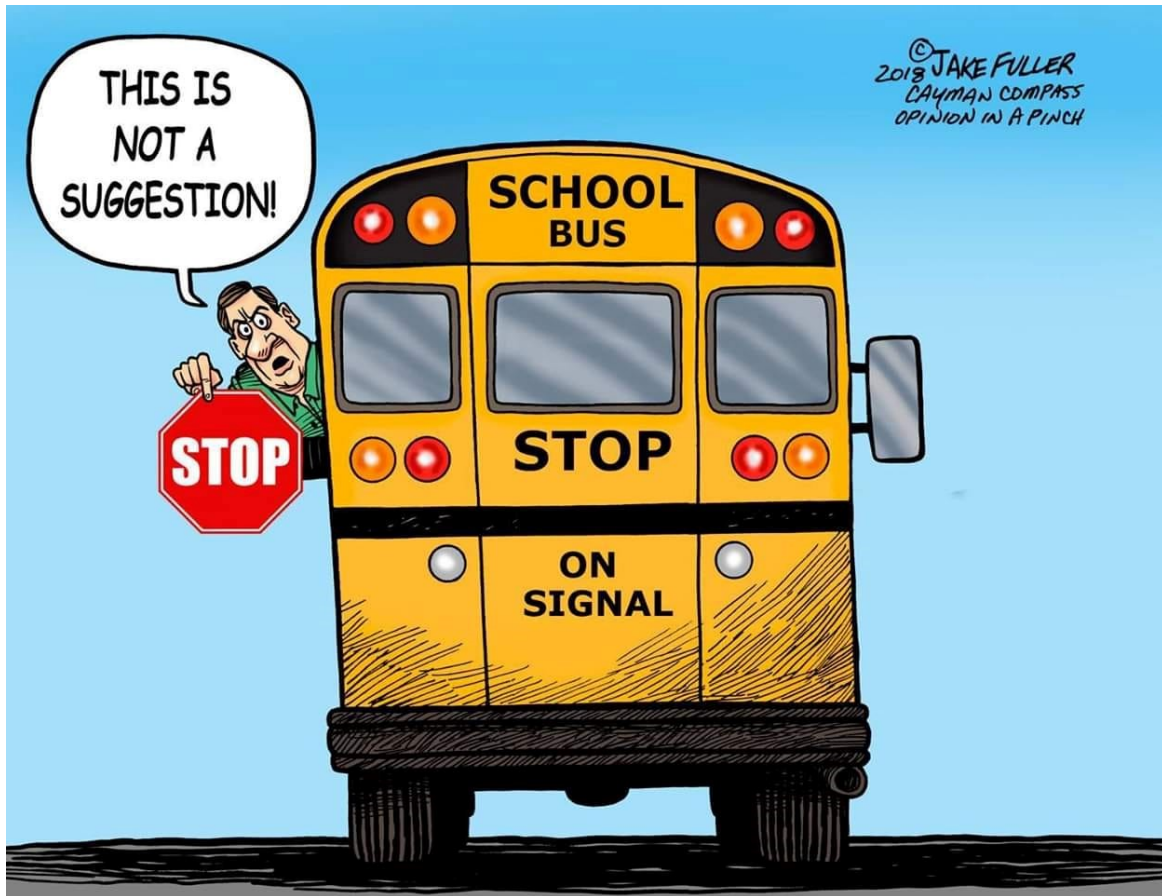
It is a **conversational model developed by dialogue experts in order to facilitate connection between people despite their differences, and identify areas of common ground and shared concerns.**

Additional Resources for the Program can be found at:

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School will be in session soon. Please use caution around our precious cargo.

***Tips for Sharing the Road with School Buses:***

- Remember buses make frequent stops and typically travel at slower speeds. Be patient, slow down, and be prepared to stop for them.
- Yellow lights mean the bus is going to stop – so slow down!
- Never pass a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing on the right or left—this means that students are getting on or off the bus.
- Watch for children who cross in front of the bus when the bus is stopped.
- Look for children at bus stops and those running to bus stops.
- By law, school buses are required to stop at railroad crossings—so be prepared to stop at railroad crossings if driving behind a school bus.

Be distraction-free. Never use electronic devices while driving and be sure to actively focus on the road and your surroundings.



# Save The Date !!!

## GREENVILLE DAY

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### TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

HAVE YOUR YARD SALE ON THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE'S EVENT MAP

For info, please call 518-966-5055, ext. 2 to provide your street address.

### BARK IN THE PARK DOG COSTUME CONTEST

A GREENVILLE DAY FASHION WALK THAT'S GONE TO THE DOGS!

Pick up a flyer at the Greenville Town Hall  
Prizes awarded for winners!

### KIDS COOKIE CONTEST

YOUR KIDS' CULINARY SKILLS CAN SHINE ON GREENVILLE DAY

For entry form and rules, please call Lesley at (518)-337-3299 and leave a message, or email: smith@cbpp.com.  
Prizes awarded to winners!

### VENDORS WANTED!

BE PART OF THE GREENVILLE DAY BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT EXPO

For info 518-928-5457 / 518-966-4360  
Entry Fee is just \$25 for access to the Greenville Day Audience!

## Event Schedule

Subject to revision. For updates visit: [www.CPOG.org](http://www.CPOG.org)

All events in Vanderbilt Park unless otherwise noted.

### Friday, September 27th

4pm-7pm **FREE Carnival rides** and hot dogs for kids

### Saturday, September 28th

Pending **GCS D School activities** (locations, times pending)

9am-3pm **Town-wide Yard Sale** (call 966-5055 ext 2 to be included)

10am-3pm **Greenville Library book sale** (Rte 32 & 81 intersection)

1pm Sheriff dog demonstration

2pm **Bark in the Park dog costume contest**

1pm-4pm Dunk tank

12-4pm Pony rides and petting zoo

12-6pm **FREE Carnival rides for kids**, Food trucks, Crafters, Business Expo, Farmers market

4pm-7pm Music by "Side Show Willie", Antique Appraisals, Kids Cookie Contest, Bonfire

7pm/dark **Fireworks!**

### Library News - Middleburgh Library

**9/3, 10, 17, 24 - 10:45 AM - Drop-in Storytime** - This fun and interactive program is meant for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers, although older siblings are always welcome! We read books, sing songs, play games, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. No registration is required!

**9/3, 10, 17, 24 - 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.

**9/3, 10, 17, 24 - 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.

**9/9, 16, 23, 30 - 10:30-12:00 - Intro to Flower Arranging**

**9/9 - 6:00 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting - The public is welcome.**

**9/12 - 1:00 PM - Book Discussion - "Empty Seats" by Wanda Adams Fischer** - This book discussion will be with the author Wanda Adams Fisher. What Little Leaguer doesn't dream of taking to the mound and striking out one of his heroes? This novel follows three such dreamers who were drafted to play minor league ball, thinking it would be an easy ride to playing in the big time.

**9/22 - 4:00 PM - Concert - Annie & The Hedonists** - A band with a great lead singer and tight harmonies, covering an eclectic mix of acoustic blues, vintage jazz and swing, and fold roots Americana. "Annie struts right to the heart of each sassy nostalgic song and gives us a piece of her mind in a voice that sits comfortable alongside the greats of the American jazz tradition" Sarah Craig, Manager, Caffe Lena, Saratoga.

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

**9/24 - 6:20-7:30 PM - Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group - This program is open to anyone caring for a Alzheimer's patient.**

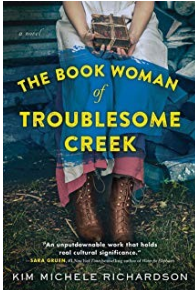
**Not all of programs have been scheduled at time of printing. Please check our Calendar on our website at [www.middleburghlibrary.info](http://www.middleburghlibrary.info) for future programs.**

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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



## Library News - Greenville Library



Greenville Public Library Book Club  
September 25th  
6:30-7:30 pm in the Library.

September's book will be *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Discussion will be led by Melissa Palmer, Greenville HS English Teacher. People should come having already read the book.

**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 library's large community room the second Monday of the month, April thru November, at 7:30.

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

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

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

## Library News - Greenville Library



The Greenville Public Library is now lending American Girl Dolls. Our collection consists of Isabelle, Kaya, and Kit. Children will now have the opportunity to take home and play with these beloved dolls.

### American Girl Doll Lending Program FAQs

*How can you take an American Girl Doll home with you?*

An American Girl Doll may be borrowed by Mid-Hudson Library System cardholders who are 18 years of age or over and have no outstanding fines, fees, or overdue materials (per family). In order to borrow a doll a patron must present their library card at the Circulation Desk.

*Can I check out more than one doll at once?*

No. Due to a limited number of doll kits there is a limit of one doll kit per family at a time. They cannot be reserved.

*What is the borrowing period?*

One week (7 days). Dolls may not be renewed and patrons must return one doll before borrowing another.

*Why a journal?*

Write about your adventures together in her special journal or draw a picture about the doll's stay with you! Please use one page of the journal and date your entry. It will become a book about our dolls adventures.

*Where do I return my doll?*

Dolls must be returned in person to the Circulation Desk at the Greenville Library only before closing on the due date. Do not return dolls in the book drop.

*What will happen if one or more items are not returned with the kit?*

You are responsible for the cost of any item(s) that are missing or damaged. Please handle the doll with care so others may enjoy her too!

The American Girl Doll Lending Program is made possible by a generous donation from one of our patrons.

**Thanks to the Friends of the Library, who fully fund this wonderful program, we offer a variety of passes to regional museums, historical sites, and places of interest.**



Passes may be borrowed for three (3) days, no renewals or reservations.

Return to the Circulation Desk at the Greenville Library only before closing on the due date. Do not return museum passes in the book drop. Museum passes may be borrowed by Mid-Hudson Library System cardholders who are 18 years of age or over and have no outstanding fines, fees, or overdue materials (per family). The overdue fee is \$5/day. Only one museum pass may be borrowed at a time by a household.

In order to borrow a museum pass a patron must present their library card at the Circulation Desk. The museum pass and pouch will then be checked out to the patron. Pass and pouch must be returned in person to the Circulation Desk at the Greenville Library only before closing on the due date. Do not return museum passes in the book drop. Museum passes may not be renewed and patrons must return one pass before borrowing another.

An overdue fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per day will be charged for museum passes that are not returned by

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their due date. A pass not returned within seven days after the due date will be considered lost.

Borrowers who lose museum passes will be charged the current fine or pay the full replacement costs, whichever is greater.

The Library reserves the right to deny the use of museum passes to any borrower who repeatedly loses them or returns them late.

Each museum determines the rules and regulations governing the use of its museum pass. We strongly recommend that you call or visit the destination's website to confirm their policies and hours prior to your visit. Passes typically exclude special exhibits or events. The Library assumes no responsibility of any kind arising from the terms of a particular museum pass.

Here is a list of museum passes we offer at the Greenville Public Library:

- ◆ Albany Institute of History & Art - admits 2 adults and 2 children under age 18
- ◆ Berkshire Botanical Garden - 2 free admissions; ages 12 and under free
- ◆ FASNY - admits family of four: 2 adults and 2 children (ages 3-17); under 2 free
- ◆ Hancock Shaker Village - admits 2 adults and 2 youths (13-17); children 12 and under are free
- ◆ MiSci (Museum of Innovation & Science) - admits 2 adults and all children under age 18
- ◆ Olana - admits 4 people; 30-minute tours free; discounted price of \$5 per person for 60-minute tours. Call to book tours in advance.
- ◆ USS Slater—admits 2 adults and 2 children (6-14); children 5 and under are free



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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

## Rensselaerville Historical Society



### Rensselaerville Historical Society

**Grist Mill Tours** – The Grist Mill will be open for tours on Sundays September 1 & 8 from 1-3 PM. If you have a group that would like to tour the mill please email the Historical Society at [rensselaervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com](mailto:rensselaervillehistoricalsoc@gmail.com).

Before you throw away deeds, wills, birth and death certificates, old obituaries and photos, etc. when you are downsizing or cleaning out a house, the Historical Society will take them and keep anything of historical value and destroy the rest for you.

The research group meets Wednesdays from 11-2 at the mill during September and early October; then they move to the basement of the library. They welcome genealogy questions you might have, They are looking for volunteers to join the research group. No experience is needed, just an interest in Rensselaerville history.

### Hudson River Artists

On Sunday, September 22 a program by Steve Blendell, a curator for the State Historic Site Olana, will take place at Conkling Hall at 4 o'clock followed by a Pot Luck Dinner. Blendell will be talking about the artists of the Hudson River School of Art. The Hudson River School was a mid-19th century American art movement founded by Thomas Cole in 1825. Using the river as inspiration, these painters were celebrated for their realistic depictions of the regions stunning and distinctive landscape. The afternoon will start at 3 by the Annual Meeting of the Rensselaerville Historical Society. Members and the community are invited to attend all or part of the afternoon. Please bring a dish to share for the pot luck dinner.

*RHS Annual Meeting  
Sunday September 22, 2019  
3:00 At Conkling Hall  
4:00 Program by Curator of Olana  
Followed by Pot Luck Dinner*

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**Location: Conkling Hall**

**8 Methodist Hill Road, Rensselaerville, NY 12147**

**Wednesdays, June 19-September 25\*, 10:00am-10:45am,  
\$10/class**

***\*No class 6/26 or 8/7***

Contact Karen Haseley, 443-745-1596, [agkarenh@gmail.com](mailto:agkarenh@gmail.com)



# Discover the Hilltowns

Farms, Artisans & More

## Self-guided Driving Tour



**FREE  
ADMISSION**

featuring farms, markets, artisan studios, eating establishments & other points of interest  
in the Hilltowns of Berne, Knox, Rensselaerville, and Westerlo

**Saturday and Sunday**

**September 7 and 8**

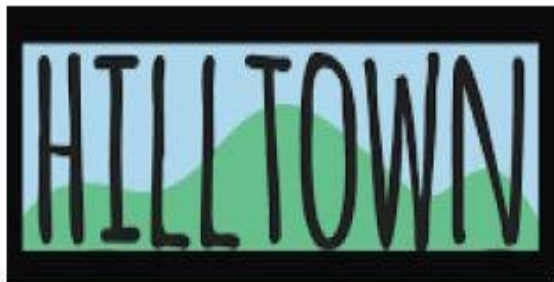


**FREE  
MAPS**

this year in collaboration with  
**Albany County Cornell Cooperative Extension's  
Family Farm Day on Sunday at  
Two Rock Ranch 78 Turner Rd., Berne**







Dance

## Monthly Social Dances for Adults with Disabilities

Dances will be held the  
Second Friday of each month



First Dance:

**Friday, September 13, 2019**

7 to 9 pm Knox Town Hall

2192 Berne- Altamont Rd., Knox, NY

Entrance is in the back on the basement level



Questions?

Call Betsy Walsh at 215-801-8624

Come meet new friends!

**BREAKFAST**

**AT THE MEDUSA FIRE HOUSE**

7:00AM TO 11:00AM

**September 21, 2019**

**October 19, 2019**

**November 16, 2019**

**December 21, 2019**

**January 18, 2020**

**February 15, 2020**

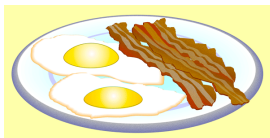
**March 21, 2020**

**April 18, 2020**



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Special Guest Speaker  
Congressman Paul Tonko

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Hon. Jack Flynn

Honorary Guests  
Dan McCoy; Andra Ackerman; Sherri Brooks; Amy Joyce; Sue Rizzo; Chris Smith; Craig Apple; Bruce Hidley; Michael Lynch; Justin Corcoran; John Egan & Jeff Collins

Location  
Westerlo Town Park, 950 Co Road 401, Westerlo, NY 12193

Date & Time  
Saturday, 7th September, 2019 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Knox Democratic Party**

Questions : Hebert Joseph at 518-596-5293 OR  
Ned Stevens at 518-396-9385

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Westerlo Democratic Party

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## Senior Citizens Info

The Town offers car service Mon-Fri by appointment only. Contact Town Hall at 518-239-4225 or 518-797-3798 for doctor appointments. The Senior bus also goes shopping on Thursday either to Cobleskill or Catskill. Call Ruth & Tom Snyder (518-239-4376) 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. For further information, call Tom Snyder, President, at 518-239-4376.

We have bus trips in the summer and fall.

- On Oct. 3rd, we have a trip to Westchester Theater for a show ("An American in Paris") and dinner. Cost: \$55 for members, \$60 for non-members. For info contact Janet Nelson @ 518-797-3963.

Please note that we are always looking for 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



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