

# R'VILLE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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November, 2014

## Minutes of The Town Board Special Meeting - Sept 30, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 30th day of September, 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, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker,  
ABSENT WAS: Councilman Gerald Wood

There were no interested citizens present.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to present the 2015 Tentative Budget.

1. All Board members were provided with the 2015 Tentative Budget for their review.

2. The following dates were set for Budget Meetings:

- October 7, 2014 immediately following the Work Meeting
- October 15, 2014 7:00 PM
- October 16, 2014 7:00 PM
- October 20, 2014 7:00 PM
- October 23, 2014 7:00 PM
- November 6, 2014 – Public Hearing

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to go into Executive Session at 7:29 PM for the purpose of Union Contract Negotiations; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, and Cooke; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to return from Executive Session at 7:55 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, and Cooke; Nays (0)

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, and Cooke; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk

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## Draft Minutes of The Town Board Special Meeting - Sept 16, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held a Special Meeting on the 16th day of September, 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, Councilman Gerald Wood, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

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.

1. Supervisor Lounsbury has made some phone calls regarding noise control. The Town of New Scotland has a noise ordinance which she forwarded to Attorney Salazar for review. Upon review of the ordinance, Attorney Salazar stated that it appeared to be a stand-alone law; a local law and not part of their zoning regulations. Since zoning specifically relates to land use, she made a recommendation that the Town of Rensselaerville follow the example set in Town of New Scotland. The Board agrees that it should be dealt with separately from the zoning review.
2. The consensus is that the Town does not need a law regulating blasting. Components used in blasting can only be obtained by licensed professionals who are already regulated by their industry standards and State Law.
3. Under the current Subdivision Law, land may be divided into two lots (minor subdivision) or divided into three or more lots (major subdivision). Any major subdivision requires that 50% of the original parcel remain 'forever wild' which many feel is an extraordinary amount of land. Attorney Salazar recommends that if it is the intention of the Town to make changes to the Subdivision Law, it would be a good idea to address this issue concurrently with the Zoning Law. Attorney Salazar and Supervisor Lounsbury asked that Chairman Amedure and the Planning Board review the Subdivision Law and make any recommendations they feel would be beneficial.
4. The Zoning Law has ARR, Hamlet, RC1, RC2, RC3, and Crystal Lake zones. Crystal Lake is not depicted on the map that is on the website. The map will have to be updated and printed depicting the Crystal Lake zone.
5. The Board addressed several concerns that Jeannette Rice had regarding Bed & Breakfasts, Convenience Stores, and Mining/Heavy Industry/Hydro fracking.
6. Attorney Salazar needs a reasonable way of showing people a comparison between the 1991 version and this new version of the Zoning Law. This is a complete overhaul and it is difficult to show the 'before and after'. Attorney Salazar will try different ways to make it as clear as possible for residents to understand. She expects to have a final draft version for the Board to review by the end of October.
7. Following approval of the final draft, Public Hearings will be scheduled.

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### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

### RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker  
Town Clerk

## Highlights of the Town Board Regular Meeting - October 9, 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 Randy Bates, Assessor Donna Kropp, Water/Sewer Treatment Officer Doug Story, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Deputy Sheriff Tracy Mance from the Albany County Sheriff's Department, and seven interested citizens.

\* Audience Comments: Marie Dermody inquired as to whether there has been any communication from Senator Breslin's office regarding the 'little red car'. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that there was none.

\* Approved the minutes of the following meetings: September 9, 2014 – Work Meeting, September 11, 2014 – Regular Meeting, September 16, 2014 – Special Meeting Zoning Review, September 30, 2014 – Presentation of Tentative Budget

\* Approved the following budget transfers: From 'General Medical Insurance' A 89060 to 'CDPHP' A4179 in the amount of \$3,000.00; From 'Highway Medical Insurance' DA 89060 to 'CDPHP' A4179 in the amount of \$3,000.00;

From 'Senior/Youth Bus Fund' A 8514 to 'Vehicle Maintenance' A7610E 44072 in the amount of \$781.00; From 'Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park Checking' A7140PHR to 'Park Contractual' A7140PHE 4499 in the amount of \$2,066.00

\* Approved the payment of all signed vouchers: General Fund - \$36,952.32, Highway Fund - \$43,597.43, Lighting District - \$707.19 (Preston Hollow - \$337.73; Rensselaerville - \$369.46), Sewer Fund - \$1,183.55, Water Fund - \$492.35, Trust Fund - \$6,192.90. Total Abstracts - \$89,125.74

\* Correspondence: Supervisor Lounsbury read a letter (from an author who wishes to remain anonymous), expressing concerns about the failure of the school system to keep residents apprised of any changes in income guidelines relating to the Enhanced Star Program. The concern lies in the change in income parameters which determine eligibility and the amount of savings.

\* Accepted the Supervisor's report: The bike path at the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park has been sealed. Announced that the Town Board has set the following dates for Budget Workshops: October 15, October 16, October 20, and October 23, 2014. Discussed the paving of the "Honor Roll" on Route 145 and whether that cost was included in FEMA funding. The Senior/Youth Bus was used for

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the Cycling Festival and was only driven approximately 25 miles. Jon Kosich inquired as to how much the Town would like to be reimbursed for its use.

\* Approved a motion to accept a small donation to the Senior/Youth Bus Fund in lieu of actual payment for fuel used for the Cycling Festival

\* Accepted the Attorney's report: The renewal of the Heavy Industry moratorium is close to expiring. The Town has had three prior, one-year moratoriums. The current moratorium expires in December. Attorney Fallati has prepared an update of the existing law. The new National Flood Insurance maps from the Department of Environmental Conservation have been updated and issued. To maintain eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program, the Town must adopt the new Flood Insurance Study and Insurance Rate Maps into the communities Flood Plain Management Regulations. A draft must be submitted to D.E.C. by December 16, 2014 and a local law must be adopted by February of 2015. Attorney Fallati has prepared a red-line comparison showing the base document and additional provisions which D.E.C. has recommended.

\* Accepted the Highway Superintendent's report: Construction projects were essentially complete for this year. The Highway Department continues to do maintenance work including patching, ditching, and tree trimming. The Highway will resume their winter hours commencing the Tuesday after Columbus Day. Superintendent Bates and his Department will be putting snow and ice equipment together and performing numerous repairs. Superintendent Bates reported higher costs for sand and salt this year over last year. Superintendent Bates would be more than happy to construct a road into the new portion of the Brookside Cemetery donated by Earl and Ellen Potter, but according to the Attorney, this would not be legal.

\* Accepted the Town Clerk's report: For the month of September: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$4,574.42.

Paid to the Supervisor - \$807.77 (Clerk Fees - \$312.88; Recycling - \$172.50 ; Dog Licenses - \$137.00; Building Permits - \$393.44; Zoning - \$20.00; Planning - \$50.00; Senior/Youth Bus Donation - \$62.00. Total - \$1,147.82. Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge'- \$26.00;

Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation - Sporting licenses - \$3,400.60; Water Rents paid for the month of September: \$486.42 which includes \$3.49 in late fees; and Sewer Rents paid for the month of September: \$1,632.58 which includes \$16.18 in late fees.

\* Accepted the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector's report (as read by the Supervisor): There was a total of \$393.44 collected for various building permits; \$20.00 in Zoning permits; and \$50.00 in Planning permits.

\* Accepted the Assessor's report: Assessors Donna Kropp and Kathy Wank, and Assessor's Clerk Linda McCormick attended a three-day training session on Real Property Services in Albany.

\* Accepted the Water/Sewer Treatment Officer's report: 560,200 gallons of water was filtered (an average of 18,673 gallons/day); and 168,480 gallons of sewage was pumped (an average of 5,616 gallons/day). This leaves a 13,000 gallon/day difference. A lot of the water has tested positive for chlorine indicating that it is not ground water, but rather water from the system. In the continuing search for the leak, it has been determined that the system does not have enough pressure in it to transmit

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enough sound in order for a leak to be detected. Officer Story would like to rent a large compressor and close off sections of the water system one at a time. He hopes that pressurizing will help lead to locating a leak. Officer Story is convinced that the leak is on the 'user' end of the system.

\* Accepted the Recycling Coordinator's report: Green Fiber - 9.61 tons; Rensselaer Iron & Steel - 7.13 tons; Tires - 35;

City of Albany Landfill - 68.46 tons; Sierra Fibers - 5.92 tons; Oil - 25 gallons; E-waste - 1.63 tons

\* Current Events: Jack Long announced that the 'Old Songs Community Arts Center' will present "The Anti-Rent Rebellion of New York State – Down with the Rent" documentary/musical on November 21 and 22, 2014 at 8:00 PM at the Old Songs Community Arts Center in Voorheesville, NY.

\* Councilwoman Cooke reported that the Newsletter was coming along steady. The first batch of emails has been entered. Councilwoman Cooke will be meeting with Judy to set up the form for the Newsletter. The Committee is looking forward to a November 1st publication date.

\* Moved to set November 6, 2014 at 7:00 PM for the Public Hearing to address the Preliminary Budget

\* A vacancy exists on the Board of Ethics. The position will be advertised and hopefully filled by the November Board meeting.

\* Set the date of November 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM for a Public Hearing on the extension of the Gas Drilling Moratorium.

\* Moved to authorize Chairman Tom Delp to go forward with repairs to the Myosotis Lake Spillway at an estimated cost of \$4,800.00

\* Announced the resignation of Mary Carney, who serves as Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk and also as Clerk to the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector, effective November 1st. Those positions will be advertised also.

\* Audience Comments: Deputy Tracy Mance from the Albany County Sheriff's Department, who serves as the Community Liaison inquired as to whether or not Rensselaerville Seniors would be interested in informative meetings on topics such as Internet and email scams, keeping their homes safe, the effects of aging on driving, and many other safety-related items.

\* Moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss union contract negotiations

\* Moved to authorize the Supervisor to finalize the contract with a clarification in job classification

\* Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

**Note: Full Town Board minutes can be found at [www.rensselaerville.com](http://www.rensselaerville.com).**



## Town of Rensselaerville Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2014

A local law entitled "Gas Drilling Moratorium Law of 2014 of the Town of Rensselaerville

A local law continuing a one-year moratorium, set forth in Local Law No. 2 of 2013 of the Town of Rensselaerville, on applications, approvals or drilling for natural gas in the Town of Rensselaerville.

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

### Section 1. Title:

This law shall be known the Gas Drilling Moratorium Law of 2014 of the Town of Rensselaerville.

### Section 2. Purpose and Intent:

The purpose of this law is to continue existing a one-year moratorium, set forth in Local Law No. 3 of 2011 of the Town of Rensselaerville and renewed again in Local Inv No. 2 of 2012 and in Local Law No. 2 of 2013, to temporarily suspend the administrative review, approval process and/or drilling activities associated with the production of natural gas on lands located in the Town of Rensselaerville for either new or pending proposals or activities regarding gas drilling. Pursuant to the statutory powers vested in the of Rensselaerville to regulate and control land use and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, the Board of the Town of Rensselaerville hereby declares an additional one-year moratorium on the drilling for or extraction of natural gas within that subterranean area known as the Marcellus Shale or any other shale deposits located on or under land in the Town of Rensselaerville by the process commonly known as high-volume hydraulic fracturing.

The Town Board is aware of the current controversy surrounding the process of high-volume hydraulic fracturing. It realizes that there may be a number of reasons to support the use of that process, but that there have also been many issues of concern raised by persons opposed to it. In addition, the Town Board is very concerned regarding issues about such process that may have a significant negative effect on the Town's water supply, its roads and safety due to the high volume of truck traffic such process generates, property values, the Town's community character and the quality of life of its residents.

The Town Board is also aware that the State of New York is currently evaluating this process and its effect on the environment and that no final determination has been made by the State as to how this process will be regulated. The current State ban on this drilling process may expire soon and the Town Board wants to have the time necessary to investigate the issues involved before and after evaluation of how any State regulation may affect the Town of Rensselaerville. The Board knows that a determination of the policy that should be in effect in Rensselaerville concerning this issue will involve reconciliation of scientific and engineering information not within the usual expertise of the Board. This policy may involve the effect of increased truck traffic on rural roads, reduction of property values within the Town, and the question of whether the extraction of natural gas by the process of high-volume hydraulic fracturing within the Town is compatible with the Town's community character and the Comprehensive Plan of the Town. The Town Board of the Town desires to address, in a careful manner, the question of if, and under what circumstances, the process of hydraulic fracturing should be allowed in this Town. The Town Board will now proceed in the process of considering various options relating to this issue.

The Board is in receipt of a report prepared by the Town of Rensselaerville Hydraulic Fracturing Committee dated September, 2012, entitled, "Potential Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing and Natural Gas Drilling Operating in the Town of Rensselaerville" ("Report"). Such Report includes, among

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other things, extensive background on hydraulic fracturing and recommendations and proposed amendments to Town laws, regulations and/or policies.

In addition, the Town Board is in the process of overseeing a review and revision of the Town's Zoning Law. That process has not been completed.

The Town Board finds and determines that it needs the additional period of time covered by the moratorium imposed hereby in order to investigate and carefully study the question of the regulation of hydraulic fracturing, including the Report and the recommendations and proposed amendments to Town laws, regulations and/or policies therein, draft proposed amendments to the Town Code, make appropriate changes to the draft, schedule and hold the required public hearing on the Local Law, perform an appropriate environmental review of the Local Law, comply with applicable provisions of law, adopt the Local Law, and file a copy of the Local Law, as adopted, with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

### Section 3. Authority:

This moratorium extension 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, the Town Law and section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

### Section 4, Moratorium Imposed:

For the period of one (1) year immediately following the effective date of this local law, there shall continue to be a moratorium on all applications or activities on or under land that would have as the result the drilling for, or extraction of, natural gas within the Town of Rensselaerville from that subterranean area known as the Marcellus Shale or any other shale by the process known as hydraulic fracturing.

During the time periods in which the moratorium remains in effect, no approvals, permits, actions or decisions shall be made or issued by any Board or official of the Town of Rensselaerville with respect to any such applications for gas drilling. This moratorium shall apply to all such applications, whether pending or received prior to the effective date of this law. No such applications seeking approvals or permits for any such activities shall be accepted by any Board or official of the Town of Rensselaerville and no person, company, entity of any kind shall engage in such drilling activities for natural gas while this law remains in effect.

### Section 5. Effect of Moratorium:

While this Local Law remains in effect, no Board, body or official of the Town shall accept for review, continue to review, hold a hearing upon, make any decision upon, or issue any permit or approval upon any application or proposal for the uses, projects or developments set forth in Section 4 above. Any statutory or locally-enacted time periods for processing and making decisions on all aspects of the aforesaid applications are hereby suspended and stayed while this Local Law is in effect. No person, corporation, or other entity shall undertake any site preparation, including but not limited to clearing, grading, and filling, or construction activities, with respect to any application, proposed land use, subdivision, or development that is subject to this moratorium.

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### Section 6. Enforcement:

This local law shall be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Rensselaerville or such other individual(s) as designated by the Town Board. It shall be the duty of the enforcement individual to advise the Town Board of all matters pertaining to the enforcement of this local law and to keep all records necessary and appropriate to such enforcement.

### Section 7. Violations:

Any person, firm, entity or corporation violating any of the provisions of this local law shall be guilty of an offense and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to civil penalties in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each day such violation exists and/or an action for injunctive or equitable relief.

### Section 8. Supersession:

To the extent that this local law is inconsistent with any state statute or regulation, it is the intent of this law to supersede such statutes or regulations. This supersession applies with respect to: (i) Town Law §268 regarding the imposition of civil penalties; (ii) Law § 274-a with respect to the time frames for processing applications for site plan review, (iii) Town Law § 274b with respect to the procedures and time frames for processing applications for special use permits, and (iv) Town Law §267 et. seq. with respect to the time frames for processing area and use variances, appeals or interpretations.

### Section 9. 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 10. Effective Date:

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

End of Law

### ***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

Classes at Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville  
Open to all, \$10



FREETHINK MEDIA PRESENTS  
November 11, 2014  
7 pm, Conkling Hall  
(8 Methodist Hill Rd, Rensselaerville)

# HONOR ★ FLIGHT

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All Donations will go to Honor Flight

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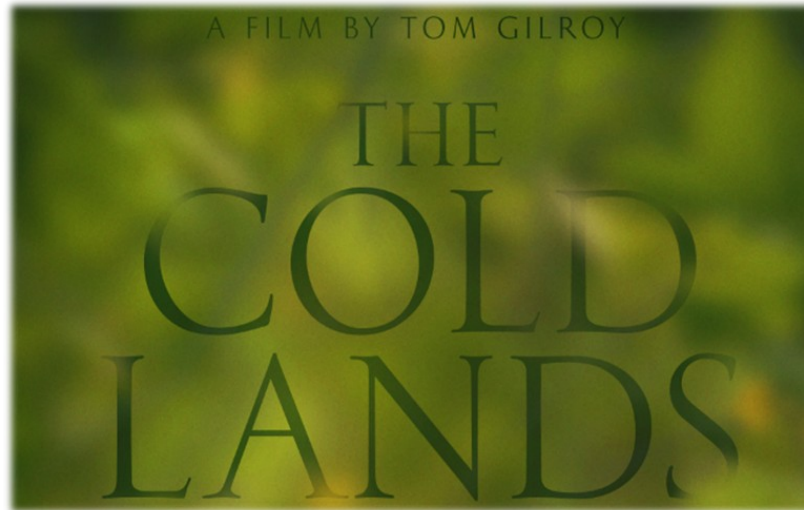
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PRODUCER - WISCONSIN ERIC SCHROEDER CO PRODUCERS HAWK JENSEN CHANDLER TUTTLE

[www.HonorFlightTheMovie.com](http://www.HonorFlightTheMovie.com)  
Sponsored by American Legion Clarke White Post 589

American Legion Clarke White Post 589 presents *Honor Flight* on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November, 11, 2014 at 7:00 pm in Conkling Hall. *Honor Flight* is a documentary film about four living WWII veterans and a Midwest community coming together to provide a trip of a lifetime to visit the Washington DC memorial. These 24 hour trips are called Honor Flights and for the veterans it's often the first time they have been thanked.

All donations from this showing will be shared with the Regional Hubs of Honor Flight Inc., which includes Patriot Flight in Albany & Leatherstocking in Cobleskill to support travel of our

# LOCAL SHOWING OF



NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>

6:00 PM

CONKLING HALL

(8METHODIST HILL RD, RENSSELAERVILLE, NY)

Good Will Donation

View the movie, Q&A with Tom Gilroy

Purchase the Book & DVD for \$35 and have it signed

This movie was filmed in  
Rensselaerville.

To Benefit the  
Rensselaerville Library.



### Public Hearings

The Town Board has scheduled the following Public Hearings for the Town of Rensselaerville:

November 6, 2014 at 6:30pm - a Public Hearing to Override the Tax Cap

November 6, 2014 at 7:00pm - a Public Hearing on the 2015 Preliminary Budget

Please note that the 2015 Preliminary Budget is now available on the Town's website: [www.rensselaerville.com](http://www.rensselaerville.com). On the home page, click "Town Hall Announcements."



Did you know...

... that the Preliminary Budget for 2015 is projecting an almost 4% increase over 2014? As it stands now, the General Fund increase equals 7.8% and the Highway Fund increase equals 0.9%, for a combined increase of 3.8%.

## Library News

### *Rensselaerville Library*

The Library's Greenery Sale is December 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-2pm. Trees, and Wreaths will be for sale on festive Main St and local vendors will be set up inside. Vendors wanted for the vendor fair. Please contact the Library if you would like to be a vendor.

One On One Computer & Internet Help - Would you like one on one computer or technology help with setting up an email account, word processing, Facebook, Overdrive, E readers, Job Searching sites, etc? Kim is offering individual sessions in the Library to help get you started with almost any common everyday computer/internet questions. Appointments are required. Please visit or call the Library at 797-3949.

Library Wish List – Are you remodeling, reorganizing, or purchasing new technology? Consider donating to the Library. We are looking for the following items: counter height table, large outdoor style rug, children's educational toys, any version of Amazon Kindle, Apple iPad or tablets. Thank you to everyone who has made donations.

The Library's Board of Trustees meeting is on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The Meeting is open to the public.

Currently receiving notifications from the Library by phone? Now you can receive 'overdue' and 'availability of requested items' notifications by email instead. Click the button below or stop by the Library and we can assist you.

Family Storytime - Friday, November 21, 5:30pm. Family Storytime is a program for families with children ages birth to 6 years. Led by Linda Styer, it includes stories, crafts, and more! Theme is Cars and Trucks!

Have you visited the Library's New Web Site? The new site provides a gateway to a listing of our new books, databases, programs, donating and so much more. Come visit!

The Library's Writing Group will meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This informal and supportive writing group is designed for writers of all interests, backgrounds and abilities. Participants have time to write and share "works in progress" and receive the support needed. If you have questions please call Linda Miller at 936-4402.

The Library's Poetry Group will be meeting on November 11 & 25 at 7pm. Questions please contact Tom Corrado at [tjc123@midtel.net](mailto:tjc123@midtel.net)

#### **Hours:**

Sunday, Monday Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday 10am - 12pm; 4pm - 9pm

Thursday, Friday 4pm - 9pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm

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[www.rensseleervillelibrary.org](http://www.rensseleervillelibrary.org)

Director Kimberly Graff: [director@rensselaervillelibrary.org](mailto:director@rensselaervillelibrary.org)

Library Assistant Katie Caprio: [library@rensselaervillelibrary.org](mailto:library@rensselaervillelibrary.org)

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## Library News (cont'd)

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### **Middleburgh Library**

- Nov 3 1:30-4pm Mahjongg - In the Community Room  
Also meets Nov 10; Nov 18 & 25 starting at 1:00pm)
- Nov 5 5:00-6:15pm Kundalini Yoga - Facilitated by Debra Krol, 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. Use the back entrance when entering the building. No registration required. (Also meets Nov. 19)
- Nov 6 7pm Knitting Circle - These friendly ladies (men are welcome, but we haven't seen any yet!) knit and crochet, embroider and quilt, and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others - or just craft in the company of friends. Drop in anytime! No registration required. (Also meets Nov 13, 20)
- Nov 6 7pm The Not so Quiet Concert Series: Colleen Kattau (Community Room) Colleen is a bi-lingual singer-songwriter and dynamic performer. Her music joins rhythms of Latin America with her own roots rock and folky jazz-laced compositions. For a preview of her music, check out her website here. Tickets are available at the door. A \$10.00 donation is suggested.
- Nov 12 11:00am Doodlebugs: Preschool Art Exploration - Doodlebugs is preschool art exploration for little ones and their caregivers. Appropriate for ages two and up. Registration is required.
- Nov 18 10:45am Drop-in Storytime - Get ready to move in this interactive storytime designed especially for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. No registration required. (Also meets Nov 25)
- Nov 26 11am Start with Science: Preschool Science Exploration! - Preschoolers' ages three to five will learn about basic science through stories and hands on science activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

The events calendar for the Middleburgh Library can be found at:  
<http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=8616&thisMonth=11&thisYear=2014>

Contact information: 323 Main Street, Middleburgh, NY 12122  
(518) 827-5142  
middleburghlibrary.info



Friday & Saturday, November 21 & 22 at 8:00 pm  
OLD SONGS CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

# The Anti-Rent Rebellion of New York State *“Down with the Rent!”*

**THE SONGS & STORIES**  
of the Anti-Rent Revolt  
in the Hudson Valley of  
New York State circa  
1839-1852. A one-of-a-kind  
Old Songs Production  
featuring musicians:

Greg Artzner • Terry Leonino  
John Roberts • George Ward  
Greg Clarke • Bill Spence  
George Wilson • Toby Stover

Compiled and directed by Andy Spence.

**ATTENTION!**  
**ANTI-RENTERS!**

**AWAKE! AROUSE!**



Tickets: **\$20**/adults; **\$5**/children 12 & under

For tickets go to [www.OldSongs.org](http://www.OldSongs.org) or call 518-765-2815



Old Songs events are made possible by  
the New York State Council on the Arts with  
the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo  
and the New York State Legislature.



Old Songs Community Arts Center  
37 S. Main Street, Voorheesville, NY  
(518) 765-2815 for info | [oldsongs.org](http://oldsongs.org)

Albany County Sheriff's Office

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# NEWSLETTER



*ACSO doing more than just serving and protecting*



## PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September was "Preparedness Month" to make residents across the region aware to plan in the event of an emergency situation. Sheriff Apple and the Emergency Operations Unit set up a full display of information in the County Court House. Pamphlets on how to set up a "Go Kit" for people and animals, how to make a family plan, disaster books on "what to do if..." and how to talk to children in an event of an emergency were just a few items that were on display. The media was also invited for a full press release so that all of this

information could be made available to the public. Do you and your family have a plan in case of an emergency? Do you have items in a bag in case you need to evacuate quickly? Do you have a meeting point for everyone in case family members are in different locations? If not, please talk to your loved ones today. If anyone is interested in obtaining more information on how to formulate a plan, please contact the Emergency Operations Unit at 518.720.8025 or check our events calendar to see where we will be next!



**ABOVE:** Sheriff Apple speaking about the published book "What Will You Do to Help Yourself When Disaster Strikes". Funded by Homeland Security Grant Funds, this book gives tips for preparedness and basic first-aid.

HELPING HANDS



Top: Volunteers gather to get maps of the grounds and work to be done.

Middle: Sheriff Apple and County Executive McCoy speak of the park changes and how appreciative they are of the volunteers that helped.

Bottom: Interested in being a volunteer? Go to the New York State Commission on National & Community Service website to learn more!

LAWSON'S LAKE COUNTY PARK

Albany County Officials have teamed together to reopen Lawson's Lake as a County Park. As part of the revival of the lake, volunteers from AmeriCorps and New York State Commission on National & Community Service gathered to assist in painting the old camp buildings and clearing trails. Supplies were provided by Home Depot as their way of showing support for this long planned project. This past summer, Lawson's Lake has been the new place for kid's summer camps such as The Albany Boys and Girls Club. By making Lawson's Lake open and available to both the public and specialized groups, it allows for a large amount of learning and

leisure for many who may not be able to experience the vastness of nature on their own.

Along with painting volunteers, other groups came together to assist with the large event. Special thanks to Coeyman's Hollow Fire Department for being there with EMS services and equipment. JobCorp students also came to assist with parking the numerous cars and buses that arrived throughout the morning. Price Chopper also donated bagged lunches and beverages for all that attended! A lot was accomplished in a few hours of time. Thank you Brian McCoy for all the time and effort you put into the vision on making the lake thrive to what it has become.







**MacBoston 18 Truck**

The MacBoston 18 is an organization that promotes the brotherhood of the Fire Service and has rolling memorial fire trucks with names of fallen officers. Go to [www.macboston.com](http://www.macboston.com) for more information to be a member and list of events.



**RENSSELAERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT - 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Rensselaerville Fire Department celebrated 75 years of service in September at the Carey Center. Months of planning took place to make their celebration a family fun filled day. Firematics games, extracation, ACSO K9 demos, food, crafts, and to end the event off, fireworks at dark. The Carey Center did a fantastic job with the food selection for the day and there was plenty! Let's not forget...Sheriff Apple stopping in for the day.



What a sport he was taking part in the Water Balloon Toss and how surprised he was by some on target throws by the kids! Congratulations to Rensselaerville Fire Department for their service. The time and dedication to the residents of Rensselaerville and neighboring districts is greatly appreciated. Thank you RFD for inviting ACSO to participate in the anniversary celebration!!



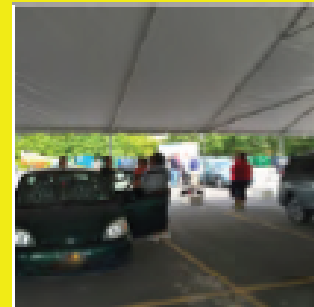
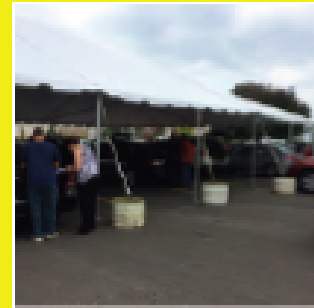
## CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TRAINING

It took three days of classroom instruction and a day of hands on in the field assisting caretakers with child seat installations to certify a class of twelve. Deputy Tracy Mance was there from the ACSO and is now a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. As a technician, it is not our job to actually install your child's car seat. It is our job to educate the caretaker on the proper selection, direction, location, installation, and harnessing of the seat and child. It is found that a large percentage of child safety seats are installed incorrectly. Incorrect installation will decrease the chances of injury in a crash, and may even injure the

child more. For more information on child seat installation please visit [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov). Free car seat events are scheduled around the area to allow caregivers the opportunity to have their child's seat inspected. A list of these events can be found on the website. Appointments may also be scheduled with Deputy Mance and can be with or without the child present. Anyone interested in having their child's seat inspected can call Deputy Mance at 518.655.7831 or can email [Tracy.Mance@albanycounty.com](mailto:Tracy.Mance@albanycounty.com).



## SAFE SEATS, SAFE KIDS



### Crossgates Mall Check Event

Over 100 car seats were inspected for correct installation at a free Child Safety Passenger Seat check at Crossgates Mall. Amber boards and signs were posted around the Mall to let motorists know the time and location. Every car seat was removed from the vehicle, checked for recalls, and reinstalled properly.

### The Addictions Care Center of Albany SMART FIELD DAY

The Addictions Care Center of Albany held their 6th annual Start Smart Field Day event on the grounds of 90 McCarty Avenue in Albany. The ACCA delivers prevention education to students all over the Capital Region each year to help prevent underage drinking, drug abuse and other high risk behaviors. The Start Smart Field Day kicks off the ACCA substance abuse and bullying prevention program. The event was celebrated with free food, family activities, and

awards were given to students who demonstrated excellent leadership qualities. ACSO was there with all kinds of information to help promote the ACCA's mission along with Operation Safe Child to provide child ID cards for parents in case of an Amber Alert situation. Thank you Francine and Jennifer for the invite again this year. ACSO is proud to have been a participant in the annual event! See you next year!

### EVENTS CALENDAR

October 4: Ride for Life for #TeamKamryn @ Coeymans PD

October 4: Big Truck Day @ Guilderland High School

October 5: New Salem Fire Department Fire Prevention Display

October 19: Breast Cancer Walk @ Washington Park

October 25: APD 5K for Domestic Violence Awareness @ Jennings Landing

October 25: Trick or Treat Street @ Guilderland High School



### Operation BIG WHEELS for Heroes

Best Pass held a BIG WHEELS for Heroes event in the parking lot of Colonie Center. This fun filled family friendly day had big trucks from across the region on display. The event was held to benefit Wreaths Across America which is an organization dedicated to remembering, honoring and Teaching about America's Veterans. Over 500 people visited the event and this year Best Pass raised over \$1500 in cash donations. That is enough donations to fund an entire truck load of wreaths to be shipped to the Arlington National Cemetery! Congratulations to Best Pass for a successful event and thank you for inviting us to participate!

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## Senior Citizens Info

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

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

**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 soon.

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



## Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

**H.E.A.P. OUTREACH DAY ~ Wednesday, December 3, 2014 ~ 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

Rensselaerville Town Hall Emergency HEAP can often help people who are confronted with heat-related emergencies, such as a lack of fuel, a utility shut-off, or inoperable/unsafe heating equipment.

If you are unable to attend the H.E.A.P. Outreach Day at Town Hall ... the link below will take you to Albany County's HEAP page: <http://www.albanycounty.com/Government/Departments/DepartmentofSocialServices/ProgramsandServices/HEAP.aspx>. This page contains information about income eligibility limits, where to apply, and how to download a printable application. For additional information, you contact us the Albany County HEAP Hotline at (518) 447-7323 or by email at [energy@albanycounty.com](mailto:energy@albanycounty.com)

If you are eligible for HEAP, we encourage you to apply.



## On The Calendar

Nov 1-30		<b>RVFD Ladies' Battalion Toy Drive</b>	
Nov 2	11:30am-2pm	<b>Turkey Dinner</b>	Medusa Fire House.
Nov 4	6am - 9pm	<b>Election Day</b> - Don't forget to vote.	
Nov 6	6:30pm	<b>Public Hearing: Override the Tax Cap</b>	Town Hall
Nov 6	7pm	<b>Public Hearing: Preliminary Budget</b>	Town Hall
Nov 11	12 noon	<b>Veteran's Day Seniors Club Thanksgiving Luncheon</b> Bring donations for Food Pantry.	Blackthorne Resort East Durham
Nov 11	7pm	<b>Town Board Work Meeting</b>	Town Hall
Nov 11	7pm	<b><i>Honor Flight</i></b>	Conkling Hall
Nov 13	7pm	<b>Town Board Regular Meeting</b>	Town Hall
Nov 15	7am - 11am	<b>Breakfast</b> Free will offering	Medusa Fire House
Nov 18	7pm	<b>Public Hearing: Extension of Gas Drilling Moratorium.</b>	Town Hall
Nov 21-22		<b>The Anti-Rent Rebellion of New York State: Down with the Rent (See flyer on page 11)</b>	
Nov 23	10am	<b>Thanksgiving Service</b>	Medusa Church
Nov 29	7pm	<b><i>The Cold Lands</i></b>	Conkling Hall
Nov 30	6pm	<b>17th Annual Community Tree Lighting Party</b>	Medusa Church
Dec 3	2pm-4pm	<b>HEAP Outreach Day</b>	Town Hall
Dec 4		<b>Senior Trip to Log Cabin in Holyoake, Mass, for Christmas Program.</b> \$52 for members and \$57 for nonmembers. See Janet Nelson.	
Dec 6	9am-3pm	<b>Holiday Rummage Sale</b> Lunch is available.	Medusa Church Hall
Dec 6		<b>Greenery Sale</b>	Rensselaerville Library
Dec 6	4:30pm 5:00pm 5:30pm	<b>RVFD Children's Christmas Party Santa Arrives! Hayride to the Village Tree Lighting</b>	Rensselaerville Firehouse
Dec 9	12 noon	<b>Seniors Club Christmas Dinner</b> Bring donations for Food Pantry.	Quarry Steak House Rte. 81 in Climax
Dec 20	7am-11am	<b>Breakfast</b> Free will offering	Medusa Fire House
Dec 20	8am-12pm	<b>2nd Holiday Rummage Sale</b>	Medusa Church Hall

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Dog Control Officer	Cheryl Baitsholts	Phone: 797-5201
Town Hall		Phone: 239-4225; 797-3798 Fax: 239-6339



**RVFD Upcoming Events:**

RVFD Ladies' Battalion in conjunction with the Albany County Sheriff is hosting their annual TOY DRIVE for our Hilltown community. Donations will be accepted November 1 through November 30 at the following locations: Hilltown Café, Town Hall, Rensselaerville Refuse Center, Rensselaerville Library, and Medusa General Store. Accepting NEW items only: books, board games, gift cards, toys, stocking stuffers for ages infant-teen. If anyone from outside our community would like to donate and cannot make it to a drop-off location, please call 797-9292 to arrange a pick-up.

SAVE THE DATE – Children's Christmas Party – Saturday, December 6th. Party begins at 4:30 and Santa arrives at 5:00. Join us for a hayride to the Village Tree Lighting at 5:30.



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

**Cecilia Tkaczyk**

46th Senate District

**At Your Service ....**

If you have a problem, need information, or would like to express an opinion, please contact me.

Your input helps me to serve you better.

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*Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!*

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