

Newsletter

Hamlets of Cooksburg, Medusa, Potter Hollow, Preston Hollow, and Rensselaerville



SENIOR AND YOUTH BUS AND OTHER PROJECTS

We are buying a senior van with handicapped accessibility and seating for 20 people. It will be used by our seniors and youth organizations to go to malls, doctors, gyms, pools, camps, senior outings etc.

Our goal is to enhance the quality of life of our seniors and young people under 18 years of age. We care very much about our seniors and young people and this is another way to help enrich their lives.

We are working on two other initiatives that might benefit our taxpayers. The first is an attempt to increase the interest income from the \$50,000.00 approximate level achieved in 2006 to approximately \$80,000 this year by

using jumbo CD's and getting higher interest on our checking accounts. We will also do internet banking and consolidate the number of our checking accounts.

The other initiative has to do with our health insurance. We have a company that we feel has better policy coverage than our current plan. We will be making proposals to our insured's and let them vote the possible change up or down. If they decide to switch the savings will be approximately \$23,000.00.

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The best and most beautiful things in the world
cannot be seen or even touched.
They must be felt with the heart.
... Helen Keller

THE RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

BOOKMARK

If you haven't yet gotten your *new* library card, stop by and get one—it's finally time to start using them! Beginning in April, patrons will be able to sign out all bar-coded material at the Rensselaerville Library on their new similarly bar-coded cards. Affected materials will include all requested Interlibrary Loans as well as all Upper Hudson pool materials currently at the library. In addition, patrons can access the Upper Hudson catalog at www.uhls.org and have desired items delivered to the Rensselaerville Library.

First Friday Movies continues: Join us at Conkling Hall on Friday, April 6 at 7:30PM for *Happy Feet*. Into the world of the Emperor Penguins, who find their soul mates through song, a penguin is born who cannot sing. But he can tap dance something fierce! Featuring characters voiced by Robin Williams, Elijah Wood, Nicole Kidman, and others. Running time 108 min. Rated PG. Admission is \$2.00 per person and \$1.00 for children

under 10.

April is National Poetry Month and the Library, in conjunction with Conkling Hall, is sponsoring a number of events in celebration:

April 15, 1:00-3:00PM—**Community Poetry Writing Workshop** (at the Library). This interactive workshop (with guest poet Bernard Finney) is open to poets and would-be poets of all ages and abilities. There is no participation fee, but registration is required. Limit: 10 participants.

April 15, 4:00-6:00PM—**Favorite Poem with Wine and Cheese Poetry Celebration**. Bring in your favorite poem to read aloud in a relaxed atmosphere.

April 20, 7:00PM—**Coffeehouse and Open Mic**, featuring guest poet A.C. Everson (the Albany poet and piñata queen), guest musicians, and an evening of poetry. Poets of all ages are encouraged to bring an original poem to share. Coffee and dessert



will be available.

All events will take place at Conkling Hall unless otherwise indicated. Call Linda Miller at 797-9802 or Candy Wilson at 797-3949 for more information about the events or to volunteer.

The next library board of trustees meeting will be held on Monday, April 2 at 7:30PM.

Library Staff: Candy Wilson, Interim Director; Barbara Bolster Barrett, Assoc. Librarian; Katie Barker, Aide.

*Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 to Noon, 4:00—9:00 PM Thursday & Friday 4:00—9:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
www.uhls.org/rvll_library*

POST OFFICE INFORMATION
Rensselaerville: 797-3231
Medusa: 239-4826
Preston Hollow: 239-6111

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

- 2" x 3.5" (Business Card) \$30.00
- 4" x 3" (Quarter Page) \$46.00
- 5" x 8" (Half Page) \$80.00
- 8.5" x 11" (Full Page) \$150.00
- Separate Full Page Insert—\$300.00

Contact the Town Hall if you have a full page insert for the Newsletter.

Pay in Advance for a full year and get the 12th month FREE.

CONKLING HALL—WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Conkling Hall, in cooperation with the Town Library, have scheduled events to celebrate National Poetry Month. See the Library column for information.

Saturday, April 14 — **The Taylor 2 Dance Ensemble**, created by the legendary Paul Taylor, will perform FREE of CHARGE at Conkling Hall at 3:00PM.

This free performance, presented in cooperation with the Empire State Performing Arts Center (THE EGG), will be followed immediately by a Meet-the-Artist Champagne reception (\$15).

Paul Taylor established Taylor 2 in 1933 to ensure that his works could be seen by audiences all over the world, unhindered by economic or technical limitations. In selecting repertoire for Taylor 2, Mr. Taylor chooses dances that span the broad spectrum of his work. Critics and audiences cheer as Taylor 2 introduces the athleticism, humor and range of emotions found in Mr. Taylor's work.

Friday, April 20— **Noteworthy Coffeehouse** will begin at 7:00PM with an open microphone. Performance starts at 8:00PM, \$5 cover. Beverage and treats available at a nominal

price.

Don't forget **First Friday Movie Night.**, Friday, April 6, 7:30PM. Adults \$2.00, Children \$1.00.

Upcoming: The GLIMMERGLASS OPERA YOUNG AMERICAN ARTISTS will return to Conkling Hall on Sunday, May 6 at 3:00PM. This unique program, featuring fully-professional singers in the early stages of their careers, will feature music from the Glimmerglass Opera Festival's upcoming season which will include four operas all based on the Greek myth of Orpheus.

The composers range from early 17th century Claudio Monteverdi to Phillip Glass, who celebrates his 70th birthday this year. Along the way, Offenbach's "Orpheus in the Underworld" will be staged as will "Orpheus and Eurydice", composed by Gluck and re-orchestrated by Berlioz.

Immediately following the performance, a Meet-the-Artist Champagne reception will be held. Admission prices to be announced.

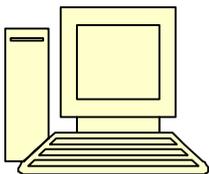
Pilates: Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00AM. Pilates mat class with Sarah Nelson Weiss. Strengthen your abdominals,



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(518) 797- 3459
www.ConklingHall.org.

gain long, lean muscles and work with good alignment. Appropriate for all levels. Please call 239 - 6825 for more information and to confirm schedule.

Children's Playgroup: Thursdays 12:00 - 3:00PM for children 0 to 5 years old. A fine opportunity to meet other children in our area. Call Sarah Nelson Weiss for information: 239 - 6825.



Visit us on the web: www.Rensselaerville.com

SPRING CONCERT

Rensselaerville's Village Voices will present a Spring Concert Sunday, April 22 at 2:00PM at the Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church. The highlight of the program will be Gabriel Faure's beautiful setting of the Requiem. Tickets are available at the door and as always, are only \$5.00.

MARCH TOWN BOARD MINUTES

The Regular Town Board meeting was held on the 8th day of March, 2007, 7:00PM. The Town Board accepted minutes from the last regular meeting, the Town Clerk's monthly report, the Superintendent's report, made transfers, and paid bills.

Supervisor Nickelsberg reported on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and how it has been progressing. The Town Board voted that the Town Board be the lead agency, a Negative Declaration was declared, and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan was adopted.

Sarah Packard read a letter asking that the Town Board make a motion to keep Camp Cass closed. A motion was made and seconded and unanimously passed that Camp Cass is to be closed permanently.

The Town Board discussed the Water District and Myosotis Lake Dam and the contract that the Town has with the EN Huyck Preserve. This contract holds the Town responsible for the dam and everything down stream. This will be looked into by the Town Attorney.

Mr. Bolte reported on the renovations in the court room, suggested that a thermostat set at 60 degrees be put in the garage. Mr. Bolte will come up with a list of items that need to be done, the order in which they should be done and the cost associated with these items.

Marion Cooke reported on the senior/youth program, a questionnaire will be sent out to the residents. Supervisor Nickelsberg reported on the senior and youth bus, handicapped assessable. Private donations will help pay for the bus. It will take about 4 months to get the bus. The Town will put up the money and the donations will pay the town back. Attorney Neidl will prepare the resolution. Driver qualifications were discussed.

Vernon Husek spoke on the subdivision and zoning regulations, the Town Board, Planning Board and Land Use Committee will have to review these documents.

The Town Board accepted the resignation of Larry Bryan from the Planning Board. Randy Bates was appointed to fulfill his term.

The Town Board will be looking into health insurance options to find a better plan in the future.

Three quotes were received for carpeting for the Court Room and vinyl flooring for the bathroom. The Town Board accepted the quote from Tip Top.

A motion was passed hiring Shannon Andrus to clean the town hall at \$8.00 an hour.

Mr. James spoke on the time limit for audience comments, he would like to see a resolution passed by the Town Board stating that under audience comments a person can speak for five minutes. Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that there will be an answer in 30 days.

Jack Long, Water/Sewer Committee reported that Dale Dorner is the acting chair for the Water/Sewer Committee. He mentioned that the Town Board should review the letter received from the Department of Health concerning the water department.

Mr. Urritia, Communications Committee, reported on a meeting they had with Mid-Hudson Cable, there area lot of people in the town that do not get cable service, high speed internet or cell service. He would like to see that change.

During audience comments, comments were made regarding the Huyck Preserve holding the Town responsible for the Mysotis Lake Dam and not paying taxes and also the Institute not paying taxes. It was suggested that Supervisor Nickelsberg meet with the staff of the Institute and explore their ability to provide financial aide to the Town. There were lengthy discussions concerning closing Camp Cass or keeping it open.

After audience comments the meeting was adjourned.

EXTRA HELPINGS FOOD BUYING CLUB — AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE

Extra Helpings is a program of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and is offered to the community through The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC) in Westerlo. The program is open to all individuals regardless of age or income. Extra Helpings has changed the prices and the menus being offered. Anyone is welcome to purchase any or all of the package options. The menu for each month's Extra Helpings' offering will be published one month in advance. April's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

April's Regular Menu: \$20.00

- 1.5 lbs of 100% Home-style Beef Patties
- 2 lbs of Boneless Pork Chops
- 2 lbs of Eye Round Beef Steaks
- 1 lb of Chicken Patties
- 1 lb bag of Cole Slaw Mix
- 1 lb bag of Baby Carrots

Special #1: \$10.50

- 5 lbs Block Sliced White American Cheese

Special #2: \$11.75

- 8 lbs Chicken Wings (2/4 lbs)

Special #3: \$30.00 MEAT BOX

- 2.5 lbs Chuck Beef Pot Roast
- 3 lbs Boneless Skinless I.Q.F. Chicken Breast
- 3 lbs Sweet Italian Rope Sausage (2/1.5 lbs.)
- 3 lbs Pepper Steaks (8/6 oz.)
- 2 lbs Breakfast Sausage (4/8 oz. rolls)

(Substitutions of equal value may be necessary due to availability)

Please Note: Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by **April 5th** for pick-up on **April 24th**. HCRC distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:30AM to 12:30PM and at St.

Bernadette's Church in Berne from 12:00 to 1:00PM, and St. Lucy's Church in Altamont from 2:30 to 3:30PM on delivery days. The pick-up site must be noted with each order. Anyone wishing more information regarding Extra Helpings or other Hilltowns Community Resource Center services, please call 797-5256. HCRC's mailing address is: PO Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please include your phone number on all correspondence.



REFUSE/RECYCLING CENTER

The Rensselaerville Refuse/Recycling Center is open on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 7:00AM -3:45PM. Please display your permit. If you do not have one, you can obtain one at the Town Clerk's Office.

Please cover your refuse so that it is not left on someone else's property. No sheetrock or shingles will be accepted.

HEAP OFFERS HEATING HELP

HEAP is now available at Cornell Cooperative Extension CHOICES at Faith Plaza, Route 9W, Ravena. Please call 756-6850. The initiative is funded by the Albany County Department of Social Services.

Fuel Assistance Outreach dates at the Rensselaerville Town Hall is May 3 between 12:30-3:30PM.

SENIOR CORNER

Need Information?

ElderSource Line (465-1903) has information at Senior Services to help in a variety of ways. Call between 8:30AM-12:30PM Monday through Friday.

Call for free assistance with housing options, insurance counseling, benefits and entitlements, community resources, adult daycare and caregiver options. This program is funded by United Way of North-eastern New York and Senior Services of Albany Foundation.

Senior Citizens Club:

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Medusa Firehouse at noon. \$1.00 is collected. ALL senior citizens are invited to join the club. Please bring a covered dish to share and/or dessert. Members need to bring their own plates and utensils. Coffee is provided,

Senior Van:

Tuesday: Bryants Center, Greenville
Thursday: Cobleskill (WalMart)
Monday, Wednesday and Friday:
Van is available to travel to doctor

appointments.

Call Ann Vogel at 797-3376 regarding scheduling and/or arranging for van pick up.

Hiawatha Grange Lunches:

Lunches are served Monday through Friday at noon for \$3.75. The Grange would appreciate 1 day advance notice. Call Marie at 797-3652 between 9:00AM-1:00PM for information and reservations.

FIRE HOUSE HAPPENINGS

Medusa

Breakfast:

All you can eat breakfast is scheduled for April 21 from 7:00-11:00AM. A free will offering will be accepted.

Company Meeting:

Monday, April 2 at 8:00PM

Drill & Work night:

Monday, April 9 & 16 at 7:00PM

Election Results:

Congratulations to all. Following are the newly elected top officers for 2007-2008: President—Jason Rauf; Vice-President—Ed Pizzigate; Secretary—Joli Pizzigati; Treasurer—Patty Young; Chief—David Chase; Deputy Chief—Chris Heath

Easter Egg Hunt:

Saturday, April 7 beginning at 2:00PM

Garage Sale Day:

Saturday, May 19 beginning at 9:00AM. You can find a registration form on Page 10.

Company Meeting:

Wednesday, April 25 at 8:00PM

Ladies Battalion:

Wednesday, April 4 at 7:30 PM

Tri-Village

Company Meeting:

Wednesday, April 4 at 8:00PM

Upcoming Events:

Annual Fund Drive



ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RABIES CLINIC SCHEDULE - 2007

The following series of Rabies Vaccination Clinics for dogs, cats, and ferrets has been arranged by the Albany County Department of Health in cooperation with the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society. All dogs, cats, and ferrets must be on leashes or in carriers. A record of prior vaccination will be required for three year immunization. If no record is presented, a one year vaccination certification will be issued. All clinics are open to any Albany County resident. Any inquiry can be directed to Division of Environmental Health Services, 447-4620 or 447-4625.

Saturday Clinics:

1:00-2:30PM for cats and ferrets
2:30-4:00PM for dogs

September 8, 1:00-4:00PM
Village Hall, 2 Thunder Rd. - Colonie

November 3, 1:00-4:00 PM
Public Works Garage, Cohoes Rd.-
Green Island

Tuesday Clinics: 4:00
-5:30PM for cats and ferrets 5:30-
7:00PM for dogs

June 5, 4:00-7:00PM
Bethlehem Town Park, Elm Ave. —
Delmar



Donation: \$5:00 per Animal



The Rensselaerville Town Clerk's Office will close at Noon on April 6, 2007



CHURCH SERVICES

Preston Hollow Baptist Church
Route 145, Preston Hollow, 239-6544
Worship: Sunday - 11:00AM

Trinity Episcopal Church
Trinity Lane, Rensselaerville, 797-5395
Holy Eucharist & Church School
Sunday - 11:00AM

Potter Hollow Union Church
Potter Hollow, 734-5106
Worship: Sunday - 9:00AM
Visitation & Prayer Wednesday - 8:30AM

United Church of Christ
Medusa, 239-6119
Worship: Sunday - 9:15AM

RENSSELAERVILLE AMBULANCE SQUAD

The Rensselaerville Ambulance is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 7:00AM to Noon. For an appointment please contact Brenda Wood at 239-4071 or Deb Montieth at 797-5233.

Also on Saturday, April 21, 2007 there is an EMT Recertification Class. For More information or to sign up please call REMO at 464-5097.

MONTHLY PUZZLE

Each month we will put in a puzzle for all different ages. See if you can solve this puzzle. Have fun. You can check your answers on Page 12.

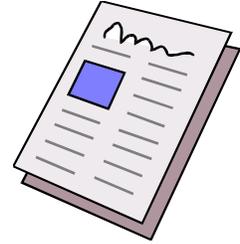
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OUR TOWN NEWSLETTER

This month our newsletter was produced in house. If you have something you would like to see added or changed, let us know. We would also like your ideas and critique to determine if this is the way our community would like to see the newsletter. We ask that articles, ads, or community events be sent to the Town Hall via facsimile or email. The e-mail address is: clerk1@rensselaerville.com.



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Jenny Shufelt; Greg & Diane Bischoff; Helen Tworok
The Chatham Peace Initiative

Say it out loud if you think it. +++++ Thank You To New York Civil Liberties Union

Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day May 19

The annual Garage Sale Day is planned for Saturday, May 19 beginning at 9a.m. in the hamlet of Rensselaerville. Now is the time to sign up to participate in the event. The Ladies Battalion of the Rensselaerville Fire Company is sponsoring this event. We will be advertising in local newspapers and your sale will be listed on the map which will be available the morning of the sale at the Firehouse. Refreshments will be served throughout the day at the firehouse.

The cost for participating is \$15.00 per family. Please send your registration form and check to RVFD Ladies Battalion, 1364 Cr. 351, Rensselaerville, N. Y. 12147. If you have any questions, call Rosie Kuhar at 797-3360. Registration forms must be received by May 13.

Garage Sale Registration Form

Name _____ Telephone # _____

Mailing Address _____

Site of sale: Road name or route number, and 911 number, miles from village, house color or etc.

Description of items for sale:

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Town Highway Department
518-239-4225, 518-797-3798

Sen. Neil Breslin, 42nd Dist.
LOB, Albany, NY 12247
518-455-2800

Assem. John McEneny, 102nd Dist.
LOB, Albany, NY 12248
518-455-4100

County Legislature, 39th Dist.
Alexander (Sandy) Gordon
144 Beebe Road, Berne, NY 12023
518-872-2602

Albany County Highway Dept.
518-239-6715

Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911
Social Number - 797-3218

Tri-Village Fire Company, 911
Social Number - 239-6780

Medusa Fire Company, 911
Back-up Emergency Number -
943-9010
Social Number - 239-6166

Rensselaerville Vol. Ambulance, 911
Information Number - 518-797-5233

Albany County Sheriff, 911
518-765-2351

**State Police, Rensselaerville and the
Hilltowns, 911**
518-477-9333

Dog Control Officer
Cheryl Tefft-Baitsholts
518-797-5201

IMPORTANT BUSINESS HOURS

Town Board Meetings
Second Thursday 7:00 pm
**Working meeting Tuesday before regular
meeting 7:00 pm as needed**

Town Justice Court
Monday 7:00 pm

Planning Board
First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals
Second Tuesday 7:00 pm

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer
Thursday 8:00-10:00am, 7-9 pm

Town Clerk's Hours
Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm
Thursday 1:30pm-7:00pm
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Supervisor's Hours
Wednesday 10am - 12 pm
Home office: 7 days 7:30am - 10:30pm

Assessors' Hours
Thursday 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Assessors' Clerk Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning

Town Refuse Station Hours
Wednesday and Saturdays
7:00am-3:45pm

Water/Sewer District Meeting
First Thursday 7:00 pm

IMPORTANT E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Supervisor: townsupervisor@rensselaerville.com
Town Clerk: townclerk@rensselaerville.com
Planning Board: planningboard@rensselaerville.com
Assessors: assessors@rensselaerville.com
Building Inspector: codeenforcement@rensselaerville.com

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