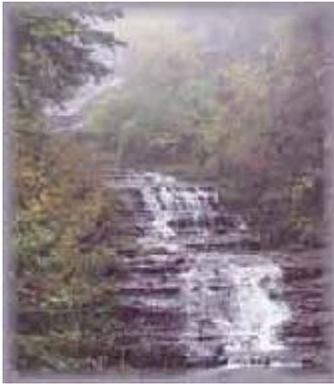


Town of Rensselaerville

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

Newsletter

Letter From the Supervisor



The Falls at Rensselaerville

In early 2006 at the beginning of our administration, we asked the New York State Comptroller to perform a complete audit of our town financials in keeping with best accounting practices and to provide a baseline for going forward. Several additional requests that year helped get this process initiated by year end, although the scope was limited to payroll and personal services. About six months later, the State issued their Audit Report which is available at Town Hall and also posted on our website. We have agreed to implement all of the auditor's suggestions and recommendations. This process is underway and we are certain that our work will provide positive results for improving financial practices. We have asked both the state and county to continue this work to achieve a complete audit. We encourage you to read this audit report and its appendices to help you be well informed on this important issue.

I mentioned in the last Town Board meeting that this is the time of year to call or email your elected representatives at the state and county levels and urge them to work on permanent tax cuts which will help reduce the exit of productive citizens looking for a more tax-friendly place to live, and also give us a more financially responsible state and local government. Please remind them of our large county and state surpluses that have come from a vigorous economy and high taxes and let them know we would like some of this money back in the form of reduced taxes. Seventy four percent of our citizens say our taxes are much too high, and we must let our officials know it is important to change this. If we can achieve this at the Town level, certainly it can be achieved at the other levels of government as well.

Jost Nickelsberg
Town Supervisor

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The essence of Government is power and power, lodged as it must be in human hands will ever be liable to human abuse.

-James Madison (speech in Virginia Constitutional Convention, Dec. 2, 1829)

The Rensselaerville Library



Bookmark

August is Amnesty Month at the Library. Don't forget to check under the beds, in the closets, or even under the car seats for any overdue materials, because all fines will be forgiven!

First Friday movies continue: Join us at Conkling Hall on **Friday, July 3 at 7:30 P.M.** for *Bridge to Terabithia*, based on the award-winning novel by Katherine Paterson. Run time is 95 minutes. Rated PG for thematic elements including bullying, some peril and mild language.

Mark your calendars! On **Tuesday, August 7 at 4:30**, the Honest Weight Food Co-Op will teach kids ages 8-16 how to make organic smoothies. Children younger than 8 must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a sign-up sheet available at the Library.

It's not too late to sign up for the Summer Reading Program! *Get a Clue*, this year's Summer Reading Program, continues to run through the beginning of August. On **Saturday, August 18**, there will be a Bruegger's Bagel Party to celebrate the end of the program.

Every child who completes the program will receive a free book. Call the Library at 797-3949 for more information.

Just a reminder: As we continue in the process of automating our collection, the Library would like to remind patrons that we are still issuing the new bar-coded cards. With these cards, patrons can access the services of all libraries in the Upper Hudson System, and can also order items online. If you haven't yet gotten your new card, stop by the Library and get one today! We would also like to remind patrons of our fine policy. Late DVDs and movies will incur a charge of \$1.00 per day. All other items (books, periodicals, audio books, etc.) will incur a charge of \$0.10 per day.

The Library Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Monday, August 6 at 7:00 PM.

Library Staff: Ann Wolf, Director; Candy Wilson, Assistant Director; Katie Barker, Aide.

Library Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday
10:00 AM to Noon, and
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 August

Conkling Hall presents **SONNY AND PERLEY RETURN WITH FASCINATING RHYTHMS**, Saturday, August 4. Songs that highlight the music of great American composers. Appetizers start at 7:00 and the performance begins at 8:00. Food is \$10. Beverages are \$4. Performance is \$15.

SATURDAYS ON THE SIDEWALK: Join us as you run errands on Saturday morning. We will offer coffee, tea, pastries, bread, sandwiches and more from other participants who will bring produce, plants, chicken, lamb... Come sit with friends and neighbors and enjoy the pleasures of summer. We will be open from 10 AM to 1 PM.

GOOD CAUSE CLUB: See their al-

ways anticipated performances on August 11 and August 12.

You can contact Conkling Hall at (518) 797 3459 or read our website on www.ConklingHall.org.

Pilates: Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00 AM. Pilates mat class with Sarah Nelson Weiss. Strengthen your abdominals, 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 - 3:00 PM 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.



Methodist Hill Road
Rensselaerville, NY 12147
(518) 797- 3459

The Town Clerk's office will close at Noon on Friday's in July and August.

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 July 5 between 12:30-3:30PM.

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.

July Town Board Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 12th day of July, 2007, at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Nickelsberg and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Jost Nickelsberg, Councilman Gary Chase, Councilwoman Myra Dorman, Councilman J. Robert Lansing, Councilwoman Sherri Pine, Attorney William F. Ryan, Jr.

ABSENT: Superintendent G. Jon Chase

There were also present 30 interested citizens.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting held on June 14, 2007, 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and was unanimously accepted.

TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to make transfers, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

ABSTRACT 2007-07 VOUCHERS – 07-0469 – 07-0540

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to pay all signed bills, 2nd by Councilwoman Dorman.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Joan & Theron Raines – Concerning FEMA

REPORTS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: There was no report submitted from Superintendent Chase this month.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Nickelsberg reported that a request was made to the State Comptroller 19 months ago asking them to come in and do a complete audit of every financial aspect of our Town. Twelve months after that they were here. About a month ago we received the report. The Report is available to the public. We have asked the State Comptroller to come back and do an in depth audit, and we have also asked the County to do an audit. Our goal is to have the best possible financial structure and practices.

Supervisor Nickelsberg gave the account balances as of the end of June.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to accept the Supervisor's monthly report, 2nd by Councilman Lansing.

A vote was taken and was unanimously accepted.

TOWN CLERK: The Town Clerk gave the report for the month of June.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to accept the Town Clerks report for the month of June, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously accepted.

CURRENT EVENTS: Supervisor Nickelsberg said: We want current events to appear in the minutes, newsletter, and perhaps the newspapers to alert the public (boy scouts, girls scouts, churches, 4-H, etc.) to upcoming events that might be of interest .

Jeff Pine mentioned that the Democratic Social Club is holding it's annual free picnic at the Bayard Elsbree Park on August 5th, 1 PM. Everyone is invited.

JUSTICE LAPLANTE : Supervisor Nickelsberg read the following letters from Judge La Plante:

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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. August's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

August's Regular menu: \$20.00

- 2 lbs. Eye Round Steaks
- 1 lb. 90% lean ground beef
- 3 lbs. Sweet Italian Sausage Rope
- 1 lb. Chicken Patties
- 1 pint blueberries
- 5 lb. bag red potatoes



The old adage 'always be prepared' is certainly true when it comes time to return to school in September and begin the task of learning new and exciting things. Arriving in school that first day well prepared for learning sets the tone for success throughout the school year. The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC), an outreach site of Catholic Charities of Albany and Rensselaer Counties, wants to ensure that many of the children in our communities are set for success in the next school year.

HCRC is conducting a BACK-TO-SCHOOL drive in the townships of Berne, Knox, Westerlo, and Rensse-

Special #1: \$12.50

- 5 lb. Box Country-style Spare ribs

Special # 2: \$ 19.50

- 10 lb. Bag Boneless/skinless Chicken Breast

Special #3: \$30.00 MEAT BOX

- 2 lbs. Marinated Sirloin Tips
- 3 lbs. Chicken Breast Tenders (2 – 1.5 lbs.)
- 3 lbs. Pepper Steaks
- 2 lbs. Bulk Breakfast Sausage
- 3 lbs. Boneless Spare ribs (2 – 1.5 lbs.)

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

Please Note: Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by **August 6th** for pick-up on **August 28th**. 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.



HCRC Back-to-School Drive

laerville. Community members can help with the Resource Center's efforts by purchasing a variety of school supplies and dropping the items off at the following locations throughout the area: Post Offices in East Berne, Berne, Knox, Westerlo, Medusa, Preston Hollow, and Rensselaerville; transfer stations and Libraries in Rensselaerville and Westerlo. Back-to-School items that can be donated include boys and girls sneakers (all sizes), pens, colored pencils, crayons, markers, high lighters, pencil holders, pocket folders, primary school writing tablets, 3-ring binders, binder paper, binder dividers, spiral notebooks, composi-

tion notebooks, rulers, protractors, calculators, erasers, 3x5 index cards, tissues, post-it notes, small and larger zip-lock bags. Thanks, but we have a surplus of pencils!!

The Resource Center is also seeking individuals and organization willing to adopt-a-student in order to provide him or her with new clothing for the return to school. Monetary contributions are always welcome. Checks can be made payable to HCRC and can be sent to the Hilltowns Community Resource Center, P.O. Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please call 797-5256 with any questions.

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 Ser-

vices 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.

Kudos

Mike Duncan organized two trips to attend major league baseball games for our Town little leaguers after coaching one of the teams this spring and summer. 35 of the 40 little leaguers were able to attend the games.

The first trip was Sunday, July 22nd to Yankee Stadium. The little leaguers and their parents witnessed the NY Yankees defeat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 21-4 in a game lasting just under 4 hours.

The second trip was Sunday, July 29th to Shea Stadium. They watched as the NY Mets defeated

the Washington Nationals 5-0, as the game was called in the 5th inning due to rain.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and for most of these kids, these were their first major league games. This is something special that they will remember for the rest of their lives. Nice job Mike.

This past Saturday night, Matt Hershkowitz played an 84 year old Bechstein with a questionable sound board at Conkling Hall. He gave it a spirited workout and helped pack the house with most of the proceeds going to our town library. We thank

him for this talented performance and John Arrighi for making this evening possible.

I would like to thank Bob Bolte for his continued effort to help this Town. As he will be working less on the Town buildings, we are seeking out skilled individuals to do preventative maintenance. Such work will include siding to further winterize the Town Hall, and build a fire proof room for our records. All interested citizens, please forward your resume to our Town Clerk, Kathleen Hallenbeck.

Jost Nickelsberg



Containing their excitement, some of the little leaguers and their parents stood still long enough to have this picture taken before they left for Yankee Stadium on Sunday, July 22.

VOLUNTEER NEWS AND EVENTS

Rensselaerville VFD

Company Meeting: Wednesday, August 22 at 8:00PM

Ladies Battalion: No Meetings are scheduled for July or August

Medusa VFD

Company Meeting: Monday, August 6 at 8:00PM

Drill & Work night: Monday, August 13 and 20 at 7:00PM

Tri-Village VFD

Company Meeting: Wednesday, August 22 at 8:00PM

Upcoming Events: Annual Fund Drive

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Squad

Company Meeting: Wednesday, August 15 at 7:00PM

B Elsbree Memorial Park

The Ghost Riders Band has, once again, graciously offered to play this year. They will be performing Friday nights from 7:00—9:00 PM through August.

What Was it Like Then?

By Janet Haseley, Research Chair, Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society, 797-3194; dhase@aol.com

More than 30 years ago an active group of Rensselaerville researchers interviewed dozens of citizens about “what it was like then”. They visited all the town’s cemeteries and recorded the names and inscriptions on tombstones. They collected photographs and store ledgers and genealogy information. The result was the 1977 publication by the Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society of “People Made It Happen Here”, a history of the whole town of Rensselaerville, its people and their occupations, its schools and churches, its architecture, its economic history and its leaders.

Present-day researchers realize that a whole generation of local citizens need to be interviewed now, to add to the knowledge of our area and its changes in the last 40 or so years. We need your help to identify who we should interview. We also need your help in doing the interviews. If you are willing to interview some people, please tell Historical Society research volunteer Marion Williams at 797-5016. If you have suggestions of people we need to interview, please tell Marion also.

Rensselaerville Telecommunications Committee (“RTC”) Status Update (July 11, 2007)

Some of this month’s article will update topics reported earlier, but the most significant NEW sections are about the July Internet and Cellular Survey currently underway when this was released for the publishing deadline (July 10) and the section about NYAir.net and high-speed wireless access that may be available in your area.

ISSUES

The residents of Rensselaerville are disadvantaged relative to other US populations because we lack broadband access (high-speed internet), adequate cellular coverage and may have ongoing public safety communications problems.

RTC CHARTER

- Assisting to improve public safety agency emergency communications systems (includes DHS/FEMA, fire, EMS, Albany County sheriff, NYSP, etc.)
- Increasing cellular telephone access to the greatest geographical coverage possible

Providing high-speed internet access (“broadband”) to the maximum extent possible to the greatest population at the lowest cost

COMMUNICATING RTC EFFORTS AND RESULTS

We now have a section on the town website labeled “Telecommunications Committee” where you can see minutes of our meetings and other documents for your review, plus information about cable and high-speed internet services that may be available in your area. Go to www.rensselaerville.com and click on “Telecommunications Committee” on the left side of the page to see the RTC page. I’d like to thank webmaster Shawn Styer for, his excellent support of the town’s site.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

During the month of July we expect to meet with local, county and some state public safety and communications agencies to better understand any issues or problems they may be having, especially for local fire and EMS companies. The town must understand the needs of state police, county sheriff, surrounding communities, DHS/FEMA, etc., as part of our ongoing planning processes for zoning, etc.

CELLULAR

We are still exploring options for increased cellular ac-

cess, so nothing new to report there. This will be mostly a function of tier-3 build-out (rural roads coverage) mandated by the FCC and depends on each of the respective cellular telco’s existing coverage and expansion plans. We expect to meet with the four major NE carriers over the next few months to explore their plans and criteria for this mandated expansion. It is doubtful we can achieve 100% coverage due to population density and terrain, but we may be able to significantly increase existing coverage. This is also an important public safety issue.

▶▶INTERNET AND CELLULAR COVERAGE SURVEY CURENTLY UNDERWAY ◀◀

We included a brief questionnaire in the July edition of this newsletter to ask your opinions about faster internet access and greater cellular coverage and look forward to your responses. If you did not get the questionnaire, please go to www.rensselaerville.com and click on “Telecommunications Committee” on the left side of the page. Once you see the RTC page, select “RTC Resident Survey” at the top of the page. Even though you may be reading this in August, we value your feedback, so feel free to complete and return a survey even if it past the August 1 deadline. Although your results may not be included in the September report, we will periodically update our findings to include any additional feedback we receive.

INTERNET ACCESS

To facilitate broadband internet access it is apparent we will need to use a hybrid approach of HFC cable, wireless and maybe even other technologies to reach the maximum number of residents, given our “hilltown” geography.

HIGH-SPEED WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS MAY NOW BE AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA!

There is a company based in Greenville, NYAir.net, which has been providing high-speed internet access to many locations in Rensselaerville since 2004. Prior to then, Surferz.net, a sister company, has been providing dial-up, ISDN and T-1 access services since 1999

NYAir.net serves high-speed internet via wireless (radio frequency) to thousands of residential and business customers in Albany, Greene and parts of Schoharie counties. Their business plan is to bring broadband internet services to all areas, however they concentrate on communities that lack adequate access or do not have any

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Rensselaerville Telecommunications Committee (“RTC”) Status Update (July 11, 2007)

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broadband connection available. They also provide an alternative service to areas that may already have some broadband services.

NYAir.net is a land based “WISP” (Wireless Internet Service Provider) using the latest equipment in radio technologies. They developed and tested many different technologies since 2002 and started delivering internet access in 2004 via a “Point to Point / Multipoint” network over equipment strategically located to cover the three counties mentioned above. They actually use several different technologies to cover different areas of the local geography, depending on locations and terrain.

NYAir.net does NOT use satellite for transmitting or receiving. Their system is a 100% land-based and secure network that uses proprietary hardware and the latest Cisco backend equipment with encryption methods and RADIUS Authentication. (Authentication is how users log in to insure a safe and secure connection.)

NYAir.net offers a range of products that fit your residential or business needs such as Customizable Bandwidth Options (different high-speed options) and the introduction of “VoIP” of your choice into their network. “VoIP” stands for Voice over Internet Protocol which is a means for using the internet for telephone calls. Such services are often less expensive than wire line carriers like Verizon, Middleburgh, Telephone, etc.

Service can be shared by multiple users at your location via a wired or wireless router and can be set up in a secure manor at the time of install without additional labor.

Installation is free; however there is a one-time lease fee of \$50 to \$200 depending on equipment that will be determined by the installer at time of install.

Service pricing for standard residential is \$35.00 monthly. Other packages start as low as \$20.00 for true symmetrical 64 kbps by 64 kbps service. While that may not sound like “high-speed”, bear in mind that dial up connections often provide 30-35 kbps download speeds and 12-16 kbps upload speeds, so a symmetrical wireless 64x64 service can be noticeably faster than ordinary dial-up service.

The RTC has posted a listing of streets currently serviced by NYAir.net. Go to www.rensselaerville.com and select “Telecommunications Committee” from the left side of that page, then look for “NYAir High Speed Internet” and click on “Street Coverage Listing” at the RTC page. This lists streets with current subscribers, however service is determined on a house by house basis by a NYAir.net reception test at the time service is requested. Availability depends on elevation, height of house, where antenna will be mounted, topography of lot, line of sight to existing access tower, etc.

The RTC is engaged in ongoing meetings with NYAir.net to explore expanding their services to other parts of Rensselaerville. As this work continues, we will update the “Street Coverage Listing” at the RTC pages to reflect increased coverage.

SEEKING ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

We are seeking (an) additional member(s) for this committee with a working understanding of IP networking and/or telephone technologies. We are already speaking to some interested candidates, but if you are interested, please contact Fred Urrutia at 827-8501 or fredu@wildblue.net to discuss further. Please do NOT call me about subscribing to Mid-Hudson Cable or NYAir.net. If you want to find out more about their services, please see the links at the Telecommunications Committee page at www.rensselaerville.com.

Summer Assessor Office Hours

*July 19 – August 30 An Assessor will be available Thursdays 6 – 7 pm
Assessor clerk will be available at the regular hours.*

Regular Assessor hours will resume September 6, 6 – 8 pm

Our Town Newsletter

For the past few months, our town newsletter has been produced in house saving the Town approximately \$500.00 each month.

We ask that upcoming events be sent 2 months prior to the event. Your event will be published for 2 months.

All ads, articles, and events should be sent to the Town Hall via facsimile or email. The e-mail address is: clerk1@rensselaerville.com.

RHDA Annual Meeting - August 4th

The Rensselaerville Historic District Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, August 4, 2007 from 11:00am-1:00pm at Conkling Hall. We are proud to announce that our guest speaker this year will be Mike Devonshire. Mr. Devonshire is the Senior Architectural Conservator with the firm of Jan Hird Porkorny Associates. The theme of his talk: "A Tale of Two '...villes': Spillville, IA and Rensselaerville, NY."

Audubon Conference Transcript Now Online

By Janet Haseley 797-3194; edhase@aol.com

A 130-page Transcript and Appendix for the Audubon Conference last fall in Rensselaerville is now online in pdf form. Visit www.huycckpreserve.org and click on Audubon, then on Transcript and on Appendix.

The conference was on the life and works of the famous painter and

included much material about his little-known but very interesting writings also. A PBS documentary on Audubon's life was screened for the first public showing during this conference and was shown on Public Television on Wednesday, July 25, 2007.

The Transcript is of the talks pre-

sented by experts on Audubon's life and works, and includes audience questions and answers. A synopsis of a new musical on the life of Audubon which was part of the conference is included also. The Appendix includes charts presented at the conference and color photographs of presenters, Audubon paintings, and activities during the conference.

Cyclone Strikes Rensselaerville

By: Janet Haseley, Research Char, Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society

"The next point where the tempest struck (September 7, 1887) with its most destructive force was at the residence of Albert Gifford, on the road between Rensselaerville and Berne, west of South Berne.

Here we found a most pitiful sight. Everything in the monster's line of travel was but a twisted, ruined wreck. House, barn, orchard, everything gone and strewn in the cyclone's line of destruction.

A few hens and turkeys, a solitary pigeon trying to drink from a shattered bit of crockery, and the children's cat sitting on a pile of stones, was all that there was left to tell that it was once a happy home.

When the cyclone struck the house, no one was in it except four small children. The building was picked up from its foundation, dropped and then taken up, carried 30 feet further and then smashed to the ground and the debris mostly carried away.

The next to the youngest child had his hip broken and badly smashed. At this writing, Saturday afternoon, it was thought it could not possibly recover. A boy of about 8 was badly cut but it is thought that he has received no serious injury. The oldest boy and the baby escaped with a few slight hurts. Most of the contents of the barn were blown away, mowing machine smashed, a large field of buckwheat ruined and much other

damage done. The contents of the house were all destroyed. His loss cannot be less than \$1,000."

May 20, 1974, Jim Gifford relates the story as told to him by his parents, of the cyclone that demolished their house and barns on Gifford Hollow Road. Jim was an infant, just 6 months old, when the twister struck. He was carried 500 feet from the house and was unharmed as he was wrapped in a feather mattress. His brothers Bert and De Witt were in the pantry and were cut by broken glass. His brother Will received a broken leg.

-From People Made it Happen Here, Greenville Local, September 15, 1887

History and Future of Farming

to be featured at Historical Society Annual Meeting

by Janet Haseley 797-3194; edhase@aol.com

History and Future of Farming in the Hilltowns” will be the topic of a talk at the annual meeting of the Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society on Saturday, September 8.

Speaker for the evening will be Matthew Hobart who is Assistant Director of Public Relations for the New

York State Farm Bureau. His talk will be at 7 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the United Church of Christ of Medusa. All are welcome; you do not have to be a member of the Historical Society to attend.

The business meeting will be at 5 p.m., followed by a potluck supper at

6 p.m. Both are also at the fellowship hall of the church. The public is invited to these also.

Matthew is the grandson of Claire Leber, secretary of the Historical Society.

CHURCH SERVICES



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

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

Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church Summer Session Worship Services 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Honoring Diversity: A Path to Understanding.

June 17	"DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?" The Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Shook Moderator of Session, Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church Communion Service	July 29	"DIVERSITY... THAT ALL MAY BE ONE?" Sister Joan Scanlon, OP, PhD Executive Director, Dominican Alliance, Chicago, Illinois
June 24	"THAT'S A JESUS THING TO DO." The Rev. Dr. Jean Kidokoro Retired Presbyterian Minister, New York City	August 5	"THE TRANSFIGURED PATH." The Reverend Stephen D. Muncie Rector, Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights, New York City Communion Service
July 1	"BEHOLD HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT TO US..." The Rev. Dr. Heather S. Anderson Pastor Emerita of the Black Presbyterian Church, New York City	August 12	"THE GUEST HOUSE" The Reverend Richard E. Spalding Chaplain, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.
July 8	"TO BEAR THE NAME SAMARITAN." The Rev. Dr. Norman Kansfield Former President, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New Jersey	August 19	"FOSTERING UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY." The Reverend Dr. Lee H. Wesley President, Lutheran Social Services for Metropolitan New York, Retired
July 15	"AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?" The Rev. Dr. Jon M. Walton Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, New York City Communion Service	August 26	"DAR WAS ZEN; DIS IS TAO: THE 21ST CENTURY CONGREGATION." The Reverend Donna Schloper Pastor, Luban Memorial Church, New York City
July 22	"REPAIRING A BROKEN WORLD." Rabbi Julius Bard Director, Multi-Faith Education Auburn Theological Seminary, New York City	September 2	"AM I YOUR LEVITE?" Dr. Barbara G. Wheeler, President Auburn Theological Seminary, New York City Communion Service Assisted by the Reverend Dr. Joseph W. Shook, Moderator

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Letter #1

Performance of Duty – Constable Richard Simons

On June 22, 2007, I conducted a jury trial using most of the Town Offices because of the need for empanelling of a jury, segregation of witnesses, sidebar locations for the attorneys, and of course for the trial itself.

A jury in a Local Criminal Court takes a great amount of time compared to County Court trials, in that most of them are continued to conclusion, rather than running for several days of lesser time increments. The average Petit jury trial can be eight hours in duration from the empanelling of the jury to the conclusion with verdict.

Constable Richard Simons reported early for his assignment. He handled the jury in all of its movements, recess, and final verdict. He also administered all oaths necessary from the empanelling of the jury to the oaths for any and all witnesses at trial. He started prior to one o'clock in the afternoon and continued until past eight o'clock in the evening.

Constable Simons lent credence of professionalism necessary to maintain the Town's good image. He should be advised that his attention to his duties was very much appreciated. His attendance reflected precisely that which a court attendant should reflect.

Letter #2

Performance of Special Issues

On June 22, 2007, it became necessary to schedule a jury trial using most of the Town Offices. This need was evident for empanelling of a jury, segregation of witnesses, sidebar locations for the attorneys, and of course, for the trial itself.

Prior to the trial, I called upon Kathy Hallenbeck and Dee Andrus to obtain materials necessary to promote the trial, and to insure that accommodations were met to provide as much comfort and convenience as could be given to the participants of the trial.

As usual, these ladies were on top of their game. And the initial preparations were handled with their usual efficiency. They also insured that matters of sensitivity were not available to witnesses using their offices during trial. Please take note of their continuing service to all who use our Town Hall. They deserve any and all accolades that come their way.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Fred Urritia reported that the Committee has sent out a survey concerning telecommunications in the newsletter. This survey was very confusing so they came up with another survey. He explained that there is a new version of it on the website and also copies available tonight if anyone would like to fill one out. Many public safety officials were at a meeting here Tuesday evening. A person from the State was also here. The person from the State spoke on a new communication system that the State developing. It will be tested this fall in Erie County and the New York City area. They are going to a digital system. Mr. Urritia explained how this new system would work, "Towns will be able to piggy back on the system. We have had some communications with the Middleburg Phone Company concerning the Crystal Lake area and other western areas of the town that don't have access to high speed internet. The owners of Mid Tel are interested in examining the benefit of putting in DSL. The focus is on communications for public safety which, at this time, is pretty inadequate. The pagers don't work. There are areas where there isn't any communication at all. We are interested in improving the internet and cellular coverage, but, it is important to address the safety issues. We have a meeting coming up in August with the communications office from the Sherriff's Department to get input from them. In the long run, the FCC in the year 2013 will mandate that radio's using 100 watts will have to scale down. Radio communications also affects the town and county highway departments. Everyone has the same communication problem. This is an area that we are getting into." Please complete your survey.

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Mrs. Koenig spoke about the AT&T tower that is next to their home on Pond Hill Road. This tower has been abandoned since 1998. Everything was taken out of it. The light on the top is run by battery. According to town records NYNEX owns the land, AT&T owns the tower, and American Tell was suppose to be selling it since 1998. We have our own tower law. If the tower is not being used it should be taken down.

Attorney Ryan will check to see what our options are concerning the abandoned tower.

Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that perhaps we could go to them stating the law and demand that they take it down or let us use it.

Mrs. Koenig said she understood that the micro-wave dishes on the top would require a crane to get them down .

Mr. Urritia said that a small business in order to engage with American Tower has to have a seven million dollar liability insurance policy; and who ever uses will be required to remove those horns at the top of the tower

Attorney Ryan will check with out and see what we can do regarding the tower.

Councilwoman Pine asked who would do the safety inspection.

Attorney Ryan will look into this as well.

THOMAS MIKULKA: Mr. Mikulka spoke on the changes that have been made to the zoning and subdivision regulations since the Public Hearing on April 18, 2007. He said that moratorium was extended to provide ample time to work on these documents.

We meet every Tuesday evening. On July 17th we are going to talk about the mining section of the regulations—whether or not what we are proposing is consistent with respect to what the State already regulates concerning mining. If you have any concerns about the mining regulations please come to this meeting.

On July 24th we will be discussing the Ag. District. We will probably have a consultant at this meeting. There has been a lot of controversy over the acreage. It was at 20 then ten acres. Our group has voted to restore it to its original 5 acres. We will also be looking at the agricultural map for possible changes. This will be discussed on the 24th. Changes made so far are: Smith Corners was proposed as a Hamlet, we took that out. We restored the 5 acres to what it was, it was ten in the April 5th document, it is now 5 acres.

The Myosotis Lake District required that you pump your septic system every three years and provide the town with a receipt to prove that you did it. This has been deleted from the regulations; we thought this was unreasonable.

Manufactured housing (single wide and double wide) in the document as it was written sort of implies that people who live in these kind of houses are living in second class housing. We were informed that these houses are usually better built or are equal to stick houses built on site. There is no longer a distinction between manufactured houses and stick built houses.

The zoning penalty, is misdemeanor not a felon as indicated on the proposed document. We have talked to the Town Attorney and Judge LaPlante, about financial penalties but not misdemeanors. We are not into making people criminals for violating zoning laws. Attorney Ryan is currently writing up the sections on penalties.

Mr. Mikulka spoke on the acreage issue for the agricultural district, proposing 20 acres. It was originally 5. The Committee does not believe that setting a large acreage value on agricultural land or large parcels of land in the agriculture district is a way to fairly conserve open space. The issue needs to be studied in greater depth, and we are recommending that the Town Board (before or after the zoning law is accepted and voted on) set up a committee to study this issue and make a proposal as to what to do. The survey says we want to preserve the rural character of this town and we would like to preserve the open space. How do you do that fairly without making some people in this community carry a financial burden that others don't have? That needs further study. One of the ways to start would be the grant for \$25,000.00 just been announced. This is first-come-first-serve from NYS Agriculture and Markets for towns to study the issue and see what alternatives there are. We would like to come up with some alternatives that could be accepted by most of the people in the town. Town Board must be

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willing to vote to put approximately \$1250.00 plus service in kind to match the \$25,000.00. That \$25,000.00 could be used to hire a consultant, experts in this field to determine what the options are in this town. We think it is important to preserve agriculture and open space. I want to make that distinction, we don't have very much agriculture going on in this town. We have open space that used to be agriculture. We would like to preserve that. At the next meeting in August, I ask that you look the grant information over and vote to commit to \$1,250.00 and to make application. A member of the Planning Board is going to write that grant. We may or may not get it, Ag & Markets thought we had a good case.

Supervisor Nickelsberg asked if we put the \$1,250.00 up and don't get the grant, "do we get it back?"

Mr. Mikulka, "Yes."

YOUTH COMMITTEE: Marion Cooke reported that she and Councilwoman Dorman went to the Town of New Scotland and spoke with the Youth Director. They have a self supporting program. The Youth Director explained how the program works, She also gave Councilwoman Dorman and Mrs. Cooke a lot of ideas to work with.

NEW BUSINESS

DAVID POTTER – BANKED SICK TIME: David Potter has been out due to an operation. He would like to use his banked sick time.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase authorizing David Potter to use 61 hours of his banked sick time, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

THOMAS MIKULKA – BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Mikulka, Chairman of the Beautification Committee, mentioned that he has been going over the zoning regulations and there are four sections dealing with dumpsters and other kinds of junk shielded from the public. He will be back with the proposal in a couple of months.

RICHARD FEINER: Mr. Feiner spoke about Edwards Hill Road and the bad shape it is in. He handed out all the past notices and articles on the road. He has had flat tires on his vehicles. The road is not maintained nor has it been plowed as was promised last year. He put a petition in last year to get it paved. The area he spoke about is from his lower barn to State Route 145.

Supervisor Nickelsberg said, "This is a seasonal road, it is noted by a sign. Are you proposing to make it a year round road?"

Mr. Feiner, "Yes and to have it paved."

Supervisor Nickelsberg, "We have not talked about it in time; but will revisit the issue."

DOG CONTROL: Cheryl Baitsholts will review the Town of Berne's dog control contract and report back to us.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – RESIGNATION – JAMES BASHWINGER: James Bashwinger has resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that we will be looking for a replacement for this position. We wish Jim well. Anyone interested please let us know.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept James Bashwinger's resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals, 2nd by Councilwoman Dorman.

A vote was taken and was unanimously accepted.

BOB BOLTE: Mr. Bolte mentioned that he would like to correct the amount that was collected for the bus as said at the last meeting. The amount collected is from the last bank statement. It came to \$9,000.00. We had collected about \$13,000 as of the date of that meeting. As of today we have in hand \$20,349.00 and an additional \$10,000.00 is in the mail. We also had a person step forward who will match any funds that anybody gives us from the 4th of July to Labor Day. If you give me \$100.00 this person will match it, so that \$100.00 turns into \$200.00. I called the Department of Aging today and there may

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be a possibility that they may match the funds that I have.

The second thing is the waste oil furnace. The letter from DEC says that this furnace will not require any permit from their department. We bought containers that are approximately 250 gallons in metal cages that are on fiberglass pallets. You cannot use 55 gallon drums the town has been using. There was no pump that came with the furnace to pump the oil from the containers. The pump that came with the furnace is in the furnace. You can look at these containers and see what is in them. These are \$150.00 containers. I get them for \$50.00 and put about 2 hours into each in cleaning them up. With the waste oil furnace comes the tank that must be registered and properly installed and operated. We have to register with the state.

Councilwoman Pine asked about servicing the bus, and if we should put this out to bid. A garage would be needed of the proper size to fit the bus in.

Bob Bolte mentioned that he would like to see the Town Board come up with a plan on what we are going to do with this bus, to service it, maintain it and make it last. There is Borweigen, UpState and Town Line. If the proper way to do it is put it up for bid then we need to do that. The bus is not just for seniors and youths.

Councilman Chase asked what kind of warrantee is on the bus.

Bob Bolte said he will look it up. He believes the Ford warrantee is on the vehicle part and he wasn't sure what was on the van part.

Councilman Chase mentioned a service contract to change the oil and for regular maintenance and suggested should put it out for a bid to change the oil and regular maintenance. Councilwoman Pine seconded that motion.

Councilman Chase made a motion to put out to bid oil and lubrication maintenance for the Bus, 2nd by Council woman Dorman.

A vote was unanimously accepted.

Steve Wood volunteered to change the oil and grease the bus.

Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned we will accept volunteer efforts to keep the bus maintained.

Councilwoman Pine thanked Bob Bolte and Marion Cooke for all the hard work they are doing for the bus: She also thanked Jeff Pine for getting the new manual for the seniors.

SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS: Attorney Ryan mentioned that he researched this. There are two issues here. One is whether a volunteer firefighter is allowed real property tax exemption. The Real Property Tax Law Section 466(a)-(h) allows exemption provided that Albany County adopts a law to allow local municipalities to provide the property tax exemption. Albany County hasn't done that and this is not an option for the volunteer firemen right now.

The other option is a pension plan, whether in the form of a defined benefit or defined contribution plan. If the town wanted to start that type of plan for the volunteer firemen then they would need an affirmative vote of at least 60% of the Town Board and approval of a proposition at referendum of the eligible voters in town. The plan would then be administered either by the Town or the State Comptroller. Attorney Ryan wrote to the State Comptrollers office and asked a series of questions given to him by the Town. He hasn't received any answer. When he has information he will get it to the Town Board. The outline of what will follow is in his letter of July 6th.

Councilman Chase mentioned that this was discussed by the Town Board and fire companies about 8 years ago. The fire companies were going to get back to us about this issue, they never did. We should get input from the firemen on this issue.

PARTY CONTRIBUTION: Attorney Ryan recommended that the town monies should not be used for that party. The Town

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Board should not pay the \$132.00 bill.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The Town Board did not have ample time to review this information. It was decided to table this until the next meeting.

ROB SEEGER'S FLOODING ISSUE: Attorney Ryan mentioned that last month we had an engineering report done by Lamont Engineers on Mr. Seeger's flooding issue. Attorney Ryan contacted Mr. Van Douzen and told him the best thing to do is follow procedure and send the Town a proposed RFP that we can consider and put out to bid. It hasn't arrive yet. This will be tabled until the August meeting.

Mr. Seeger said he has been trying to get something resolved for the last 2 ½ years.

Attorney Ryan had anticipated getting the RFP by tonight. If the Town Board gets the RFP for the next meeting they will review it and put it out bid. Attorney Ryan is trying to move this along as fast as possible. Attorney Ryan mentioned that in talking with Mr. Van Douzen the project will only take a day or a day and a half of work.

Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that if needed we could have a special meeting. We can call Mr. Van Douzen to try and get this information sooner.

Attorney Ryan responded. "You can do that if needed."

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Many audience comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilman Chase to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. Motion Carried.

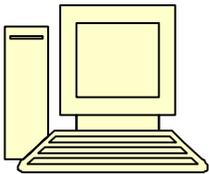
Respectfully Submitted;

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk

Approved for Newsletter Publication;

Jost Nickelsberg, Town Supervisor

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Library Annual Lawn Party

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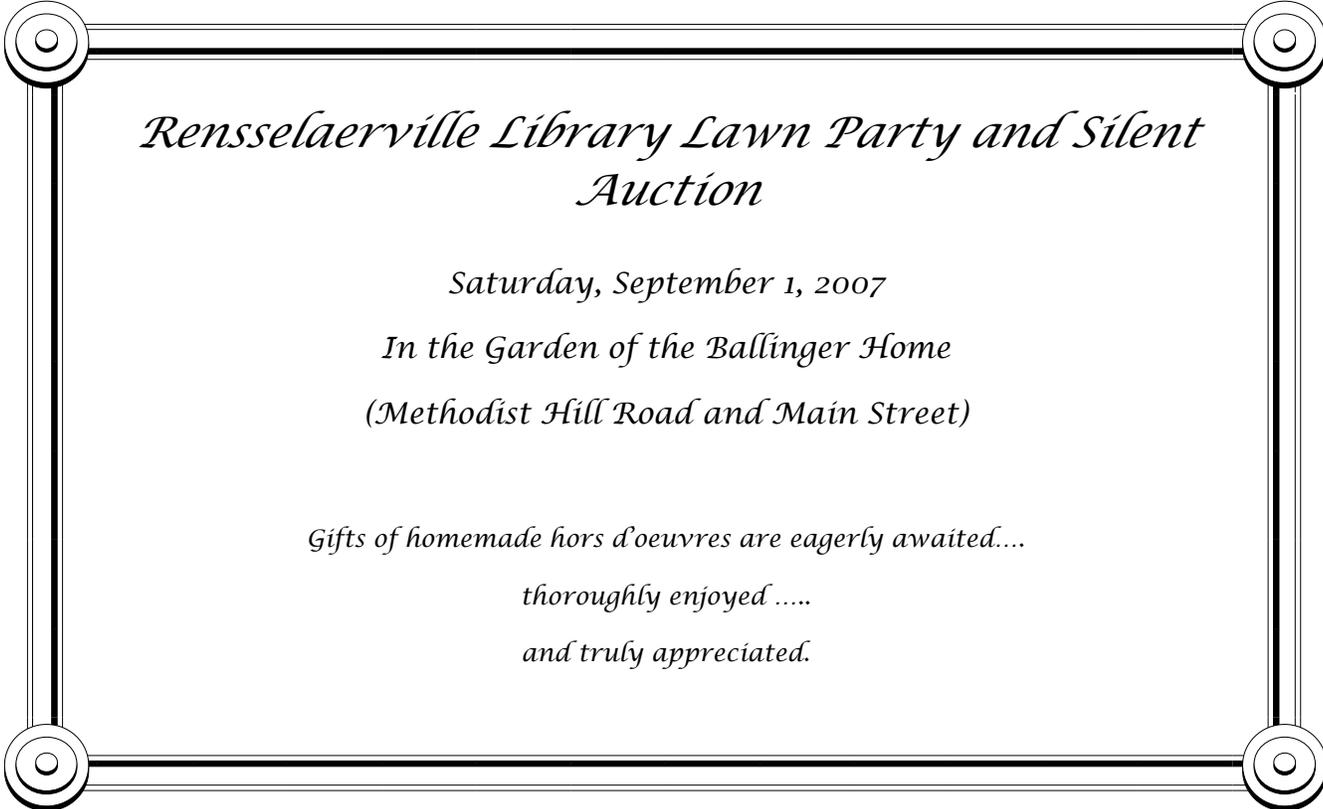
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SENIOR / YOUTH BUS FUND

A few residents have been working on collecting funds to reimburse the Town of Rensselaerville for the Senior/Youth bus. So far we have collected just over \$20,000 with private donations. The goal is to collect \$57,000. We feel that this is possible with the support of the community for this worthy cause.

We now have a private citizen that has generously stepped forward and will match any private citizens donations collected between the 4th of July and Labor Day up to \$10000.00. Keeping this in mind, if you donate \$100 it turns into \$200 for the fund. All money collected is receipted at Town Hall within one week and if you need a copy of receipt please request it with your donations.

At the present time you may feel you have no need to use the bus but maybe a friend, senior citizen, child or grandchild or other extended family you know does. There may be a time in the future when you or someone you know will need to use the handicap accessible bus. We are trying to open up opportunities for our youth that require transportation and save money by taking one vehicle instead of many. The bus is registered for 14 people by the manufacture and the NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles so that anyone with a valid driver's license can drive it.

The senior and youth bus can be used for various activities for example, trips to Howe Caverns, State Museum, Saratoga National Cemetery, shopping or others. We have a wonderful opportunity to enhance the quality of life for all our citizens but need your help to reach our goal.

Please support our community, our seniors and youth. We want to keep our taxes low and to help those who can't afford them.

Double your donation and please send it to: Senior/Youth Bus Fund
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Rensselaerville, NY 12147

NOTICE

The Rensselaerville Water Committee needs photographs of the small holding dam below Lake Myosotis. Photos should be prior to 2002. Securing Federal and State aid for repairs requires documenting the damages to the dam occurring after 2001.

If you have any photos, please call Jack Long 797-3194 or Tim Miller 797-9802. We will copy and return all photos. Thank you.

Sales Day in Medusa

The Annual Medusa Garage Sale Day will be held on August 4th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Maps will be available, since many of the sales are located outside the village, There will be a very large rummage sale in the church hall, as well as maps and food. The sales will be held rain or shine.

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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

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