



Town of Rensselaerville

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

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Middleburgh Library

Mahjong Lessons - Every Tuesday @ 1:00 PM - Have you ever wanted to learn the ancient game of Mahjong. Take lessons this summer at the library. No registration required.

8/1 - 1:00 PM - Dream Big - Glow In - What's a Glow In? It's the day where everything at the library is glow in the dark! We'll make crafts and eat snacks with another worldly glow. **Registration is required. For children in grades K - 5 with adult help.**

8/2 - 1:00 PM - Dream Big - Creatures of the Night: Mysterious Bats! - We'll learn about these amazing creatures with hands on activities from the Scotia Glenville Children's Travelling Museum. **Registration is required. For children in 1st - 5th grades.**

8/2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 - Knitting Circle - These friendly ladies knit, crochet, embroider and quilt, and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others. Drop in anytime! **No registration required.**

8/6 - 2:00 PM - Own the Night: Black Light Scavenger Hunt - The hunt is on! You'll be using black lights to find clues hidden in the library. The team that collects the series of clues the fastest wins! **Registration required. For kids going into 6th & up.**

8/6, 13, & 20 - 6:30 PM - Reel Film Festival - 8/6 - "Queen of the Sun": What are the Bees Telling Us? 8/13 "Buck" (PG) and 8/20 "Garbo the Spy" (NR)

8/7 - 10:30 AM - Dream Big - Winnie the Pooh Party - Join us for a special end of Summer Reading Program Winnie the Pooh party for preschoolers. We'll have snacks, craft stations, games, prizes and more. **No registration required.**

8/7 - 6:45 PM - Dream Big - "Space Buddies" (G) - Moving at warp speed, dodging asteroids and more, the Buddies must summon their courage and ingenuity to launch plans for a moon landing. **No registration required. Free popcorn.**

8/8 - 11:00 AM - Dream Big Family Film - "Sleeping Beauty" (G) - Be a Disney Star! We'll make a craft and watch Disney's classic. **No Registration required. For all ages.**

8/9 - 1:00 PM - Magicman's Big Dream - Join Magicman as he shares a story of a childhood dream of becoming a real magician. This magical story is filled with colorful conjuring, outrageous comedy, and audience participation. **Registration required. For all ages.**

8/9 - 2:30 PM - Own the Night - Magic Workshop -Magician Chris LaBarge will teach you the science and psychology behind magic through tricks and illusions. **Registration is required. For kids going into grades 6 and up.**

8/14 - 7:00 PM - In Concert - Cosy Sheridan - Cosy Sheridan has been called "one of the era's finest and most thoughtful singer/songwriters" **Tickets are available at the door. A \$10.00 donation is suggested.**

8/15 - 1:00 PM Dream Big Family Film - "The Lorax" (PG) - The imaginative world of Dr. Seuss comes to life like never before in this visually spectacular adventure. **No registration required. Free popcorn.**

8/21 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie. **Copies of the book may be picked up at the circulation desk. No registration is required.**

8/24 - 5:30 PM - Dinner & a Movie - "The Hunger Games" (PG-13) - Join us for the movie adaptation of the incredibly popular Young Adult novel *The Hunger Games*. As always, the library will provide the pizza, salad and drinks and you bring a dessert to share. **Registration is required. Please note that this film is rated PG-13 and is not appropriate for young children. Teens and tweens are welcome!**

For updated information check out our **NEW** website at www.middleburghlibrary.info.

Rensselaerville Library

What's New?

Library News, August 2012

Thank you to everyone for attending the Library's Festival of Writers fundraiser. A special thanks to all the volunteers and businesses for your contributions to making the event such a success.

Children bring your favorite book or pick one up at the Library and read to **Helen of Troy on Saturday, August 4th at 11am**. Parents, reading to a dog can improve literacy, makes reading fun, and inspires children to be lifelong readers. Reading to Helen is less scary than reading out loud to a person, she is nonjudgmental, does not make fun and reduces the anxiety of reading.

Family Summer Reading Program - Everyone in the family can create an online account, track your reading and win prizes! **Program ends August 4th** with a game day and ice cream sundaes. Bring your favorite Wii game. A special thanks to our supporters Applebees, Bruegger's Bagel, FunPlex Fun Park, Greenville Public Schools, Huyck Preserve, Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, Stewarts Shops, and Upper Hudson Library System.

The **Library Board of Trustees Meeting** is on **Monday, August 20th at 7pm**. Meetings are held at the Library and are open to the public.

The Rensselaerville Library invites you to join its small, informal and supportive **writers' group**. Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome. We currently have a mix of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry writers. You will always have time to write during our 2 hour session, and you will never be "forced" to share anything. If you have "works-in-progress" or would just like to put pen to paper, the library's writing group will give you the time and support you need. If you have any questions, you can call Linda Miller at 936-4402. **Next meeting Monday, August 20th, 2012 at 7pm**.

Wednesday, August 22nd at 6pm Financial Planning Seminar with Madison Wealth Managers. During the peak earning years of life we often set aside assets that are earmarked to provide for our retirement needs. Unfortunately, very few people establish a financial plan that covers every aspect of their financial life. This informational seminar will focus on the importance of financial planning and show you how each piece of your financial life works together toward attaining your retirement goals. Seminar topics will include: a general understanding of investing, strategies to limit risk in your retirement portfolio as well as techniques for generating income in retirement. Richard L. Lane is the Vice President-Investments and an Accredited Investment Fiduciary® with Madison Wealth Managers. **Please register** for this educational seminar at the Library.

Thursday, August 30th at 7pm Knox residents **John Elberfeld and Jane McLean** and authors of *Helderberg Hilltowns* will share stories about life in the Hilltowns, illustrated by a PowerPoint slide show of vintage photographs. A signed copy of *Helderberg Hilltowns* will be donated as a way of saying, "Thank you" for the community support received by the authors. The Helderberg Hilltowns cover 40% of Albany County, yet comprise only 4% of the population. Berne, Knox, Rensselaerville, and Westerlo make up the western part of Albany County, a remote and rural area frequently unfamiliar to those living "below the hill." Following the presentation, the authors will answer questions about Hilltown history, their research, and the process of writing a book for Arcadia Publishing. They will sign copies of *Helderberg Hilltowns*, including special dedications as requested. Books may be purchased with cash or check.

Library's Annual Lawn Party, Saturday, September 1st, 4-7pm at the Ballinger Lawn. Tickets are \$20 at the door includes one drink and music. Please bring an appetizer to share.

Fine Amnesty: Do you have over due Rensselaerville Library books, audiobooks, movies, magazines? Starting **August 28 through September 1** is Fine Amnesty. In order to qualify, you must bring in a bathroom supplies, nonperishable food items or school supplies for the Hilltown Resource Center. So dig through the closets, book bags and drawers, search the bookcases and family car, and recover those Library items. Fine Amnesty does not apply to damaged or lost items.

The Library will be a drop off point for the **Good Cause Club program artwork contest**. Visit the Library for more details. The



Library Board of Trustees Meeting

**Monday,
July 16th at 7:00P.M.
Open to the public**

*The Library is located at
1459 C.R. 351,
Rensselaerville.*

Library Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday:

10:00 AM - Noon,

4:00-9:00 PM

Thursday & Friday:

4:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday:

9:00-1:00 PM

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Staff:
Kim Graff,
Director

Katie Caprio,
Library Technician

Amber Case
Madeline Ouellette
Pages

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Good Cause Club production of *The Little Mermaid* will be on August 11 and 12 at Conkling Hall.

The **Greenville Scott M. Ellis Elementary School Guided Reading** reference sheets are available at the Library. The sheets help parents support the reading instruction their child is learning in school. **Greenville 6th-8th grade students we have your summer reading titles** and copies of your instructions. Stop in and pick up a book.

The Library has a **new drop box just for DVDs and audio books**. Please use this new box so that books do not break the DVDs when they are dropped on them. Thanks goes to a generous donor who made the new box possible.

Going Fishing this Summer? Stop into the Library and check out a fishing rod. The Library has five rods to loan. Just remember if you are over 16 you need a fresh water fishing license. The program is made possible with assistance from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Rensselaerville Library has **received a Community Arts grant** for a new project, *Sense of Place*, to **capture local resident stories from the Town of Rensselaerville** which may otherwise be lost to history. Storyteller and author, **Bairbre McCarthy**, will be working with members of the community to share your personal stories that connect you to the Township of Rensselaerville; stories of growing up, working, visiting or moving to Rensselaerville. Contributors can digitally record their story either at the Library or with the Friends of the Library member Gail Haines. Interested residents should contact the Library at 797-3949.

Do you have an Ereader? You have access to **free ebooks and audio books** through the Library and your Library card. No Library card, just stop into the Library and we can help you. Visit <http://digitalcollection.uhls.org/> to start downloading.

Technology giving you angst? Or do you need help with Microsoft Word, setting up an email account etc.? Sign up for one-on-one assistance with Kim, call the Library to schedule an appointment.

If you would like to contact the Library Director by email please feel free to do so - director@rensselaervillelibrary.org Follow us on FaceBook at www.facebook.com/rensselaervillelibrary The Library has an **electronic newsletter** announcing programs and events at the Library. If you would like to have the newsletter delivered to your email account you can sign up online at <http://bit.ly/A3YQaa>.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

The Town of Rensselaerville Assessors office will be out, visiting properties in the months of August, September, and October to improve our property photo inventory for future recordkeeping.

Please note STAR and SENIOR and ENHANCED STAR applications are due on or before March 1, 2013. Any of the STAR applications can be submitted from now until March 1, 2013.

Town Assessors Town of Rensselaerville assessors@rensselaerville.com 518-239-4225 office 518-239-6339 fax

Church Services



Preston Hollow Baptist Church

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

Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

Summer Session Worship - 11:00AM
Coffee Hour following Service

United Church of Christ

Medusa, 239-4843 or 722-8126
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM

Trinity Episcopal Church

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

Potter Hollow Union Church

4824 Potter Hollow Mountain Road
Potter Hollow, 263-4478
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM
Coffee Hour & Sunday School -
11:30AM
Call for Bible Study and Prayer Group

Conkling Hall - What's On In August

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11: GOOD CAUSE CLUB PERFORMANCE IN THE EVENING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12: GOOD CAUSE CLUB PERFORMANCE IN THE AFTERNOON

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17: CONKLING CAFÉ. An open mic event hosted by Peter Michael. We encourage all forms of appropriate performance art for all ages. Mic, sound system and piano available. Donations are appreciated. Coffee, tea and treats are available. Performers arrive at 7:00 - 7:30 PM. Music follows.



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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25: VILLAGE VOICES PRESENT "THE MIKADO". An abridged Village-Voices-Own Concertized version. 7:00 PM. Free will offering.

CAKEWALK THANK YOU: THANKS TO OUR CHARISMATIC AUCTIONEER, MOLLY O'NEILL, THE CAKEWALK WAS A GRAND SUCCESS. AND CONKLING HALL EXTENDS SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE CAKE BAKERS WHO MADE SUCH CREATIVE, DELICIOUS CAKES. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU.

GENTLE, EFFECTIVE MOVEMENT CLASSES WITH SARAH NELSON WEISS, OPEN TO ALL.

YOGA:

Tuesdays 9:00 - 10:15 AM (\$10)

Thursdays 8:30 - 9:45 AM (New Time for Summer Only) (\$10)

PILATES:

Wednesdays: 5:45 - 6:15 PM

Saturdays: 9:00 - 10:00 AM

For information contact Sarah at 517 239 6825



Waste Oil Collection Day:
Saturday, August 25th
7AM-Noon



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Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Monthly Meeting: Monday, August 6th at 7:30PM
 Company Drill: Monday, August 13th at 7:00PM
 Work Night: Monday, August 20th at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

Calls as of July 10, 2012: 16

August:

6th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
 13th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
 29th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

September:

5th - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting
 10th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
 17th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
 26th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

**** A special thank you to our advertisers, friends and neighbors for supporting our calendar drive!**

Upcoming Events:

- **SAVE THE DATE** - Firemen's Dinner on September 22nd at Conkling Hall. Food prepared by the Palmer House Café and entertainment provided by Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers! More details will follow.
- October 27th - American Red Cross Blood Drive - 7:00 am - Noon
The need is constant and the gratification is instant! Please donate.

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, August 1st at 8:00PM (Drill at 7:00PM)

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

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

Senior Corner

Need Information? Elder Source Line (447-7177) has information about 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 Northeastern 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: Thursday: Cobleskill (Wal-Mart) Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Van is available to travel to doctor appointments. Call Ann Vogel at 797-8876 regarding scheduling and/or arranging for van pick up.

Helderberg Senior Services: Lunches are served Monday through Friday at noon for \$3.75. A one-day advance reservation would be appreciated and can be made by calling Marie at 797-3652 between 9:00AM-1:00PM for information and reservations.

We need volunteer drivers!!!! If you have a valid driver's license and could volunteer a couple hours of your time now and then, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk, for more details.

**MUSIC RETURNS TO THE BAYARD ELSBREE
MEMORIAL PARK IN PRESTON HOLLOW**

The Ghost Riders (Deb and Lloyd) will be performing at the Park in Preston Hollow on Friday nights during July and August.

7pm to 9pm Rain or Shine
Everyone is invited.

***The Presbyterian Church
Of Rensselaerville***

*invites you to share in our joy
as we dedicate our restored steeple
and pay special tribute to
Barbara Cooley McNamee Dudley
on Saturday, the First of September
Two Thousand and Twelve
at Three Thirty in the Afternoon*

**Presbyterian Church
PO Box 47 Main Street
Rensselaerville, NY 12147**

All are invited to come to
**A Camp Medusa Prom
"Starry Night"**

August 4th
at Camp Medusa Hall
323 Camp Medusa Road
7pm - 11pm
Appetizers and punch included
DJ Music by Flash
Cost \$15.00 single, \$25.00 couple

**For more information contact:
Rev. Beeman at 722-8126
Chelsea at 925-4342**

**NYS DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION**

2012-2013 Sporting License and Deer Management Permits go on sale August 13, 2012. Applicants have from August 13 until the close of business on October 1 to apply for your DMP.

**ALBANY COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Sergeant Tracy Henry has been assigned to the Town of Rensselaerville, she will be present at Town Board meetings, available to the public and patrolling the area

**MEDUSA VILLAGE WIDE
GARAGE SALES**

AUGUST 18th

9am to 3pm

RAIN OR SHINE

**RUMMAGE SALE, MAPS, REFRESHMENTS
IN CHURCH HALL**

MEDUSA MUSEUM OPEN

APPLICATION TO HAVE A SALE - AUGUST 18, 2011

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

(be sure to include house number and route number)

Applications must be in by August 15

\$10.00 per sale location- Make checks payable to:

United Church of Christ

Send or give to: William Moore, P.O. Box 35, Medusa, NY 12120

or call at 518-239-4843

Please list some of the main items you are selling.

**SALE LOCATION NUMBERS WILL BE GIVEN OUT THE DAY BE-
FORE SALE. * * * * We need your phone number * * * ***

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

PRESTON HOLLOW BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Preston Hollow Beautification Committee would like to thank the following people who have donated to our wonderful 2012 hanging flower basket and flag project to date.

		IN MEMORY OF		IN MEMORY OF	
Edward J.	Acciardi		Larry and Gail	Losee	
James and Donna	Barnes	Edward Barnes	John and Bridget	McCormack	
Ronald	Bates		Clara and Lloyd	Potter	Earl Potter
Dorothy	Como		Dick	Sabol	
Edward and Susan	Damm		Walter	Schloen	Alice Schloen
Kelly	Davis and		Peter and Margaret	Sedlmeir	their parents
William	Kropilak		Dorothy and Rick	Simons	
George and Carolin	Dempsey		Wayne and Charlene	Teter	Ralph and Gladys Teter
Anthony	Guadagno		Holly and Robert	Ullstrom	Erik and Gertrude Nelson
Wallace and Joan	Kappler	Alice Schloen	Aurora and John	Wennstrom	
Sean	Keegan		Bill	Whitbeck	
Gregory and Sharon	Kirby		Cynthia	Willis	
Colleen	Lettieri		Gerald and Brenda	Wood	
Tim	Lippert				

The Committee would also like to express its gratitude to Dottie Como for the donation of the American Flags in loving memory of her husband Joseph "Skip" Como that are also hanging throughout the hamlet.

The Committee continues to accept donations and anyone wishing to donate to this project can make your check payable to the Preston Hollow Beautification Committee and mail it, along with the form below, to Margaret Sedlmeir, 2 Pearson Rd., Preston Hollow, NY 12469.

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE IN MEMORY OF _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

POSITION AVAILABLE

Open to any Town of Rensselaerville resident interested in sitting on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate. This Board meets the first Tuesday of every month, as needed. The purpose of the Zoning Board of Appeals is to interpret the Town's current Zoning Law as deemed necessary, and review Zoning Law variance request when applications fail to meet the Planning Board or Code Enforcement Officer's regulations. Alternates will be required to attend all meetings, and vote only when a quorum needs to be met. Please send letters of interest to Kathy Hallenbeck, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120.

Pond Hill Road is nearly completed.

Snow Plow Quotes: Superintendent Bates received three quotes for a new snow plow to be installed on the pickup. Quotes were received from Arrow Head - \$4143.00, STS - \$4515.00, Todd - \$4800.00.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the quote from Arrow Head for \$4143.00, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried.

Excavator Rental: Superintendent Bates would like to rent an excavator for the month of August

He is able to get the same rental price as he did in May. A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the quote of \$3655.00 for the rental of an Excavator, 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Superintendent Bates reported that paperwork for reimbursement of FEMA funds has been submitted in the amount of \$249,200.00. He has not yet received any FEMA reimbursement.

ASSESSOR DEPARTMENT - The Assessors will be out visiting properties to improve their property photo inventory for future recordkeeping. STAR, SENIOR STAR and ENHANCED STAR applications are due before March 1, 2013.

WATER/SEWER DISTRICTS: The Town Board discussed at length the RECAP Loan for the Water District, the Hydrant District and the Lake Myosotis Lake Dam. The Town Board moved to schedule a Special Meeting for July 31, 2012 at 7PM between the Town Board, Water/Sewer Committee, Fire District and EN Huyck Preserve.

DEPARTMENTS: The Town Board moved to accept the June 12th Work Meeting as read and the June 14th Regular Meeting as corrected. The Town Board moved to accept the monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Building Inspector, Assessors, and the Recycling Coordinator

CURRENT EVENTS: There will be a Blood Drive at the Tri-Village Fire House on July 28, 7:30AM to 12:30PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

ZBA ALTERNATE MEMBER TERM AND TRAINING

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury to set a five year term limit for the Alternate Member, 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Councilman Bolte that the Alternate Member attend the 4 hours training sessions, 2nd by Councilman Bolte. Motion Carried.

BIDS

BAYARD ELSBREE PARK - TENNIS COURT FENCING: Two bids were received as follows; A & C Fencing, Craryville, NY - \$10,800.00. New York State Fence Co, Hilton, NY - \$13,680.00.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the bid from A & C Fencing for \$10,800.00, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried. (Supervisor Lounsbury abstained)

GRIST MILL DAM: Only one bid was received to repair the Grist Mill Dam damaged by Hurricane's Irene and Lee. Flat Rock Stonework, Medusa, NY. Total Bid - \$44,000.00

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the bid from Flat Rock Stonework, Medusa, NY for \$44,000.00

MYOSOTIC LAKE DAM - WESTON & SAMPSON CONTRACT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke authorizing Supervisor Lounsbury to sign the contract with Weston & Sampson Consultants, Rensselaer, NY for the Dam Assessment Report, contingent on getting the three minor corrections changed, 2nd by Councilman Bolte. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

ALBANY COUNTY EXECUTIVE DANIEL MCCOY: County Executive McCoy has announced that he will be at the Town Hall on July 23, 2012, 9 AM to 1Pm to meet with Town residents.

We have received from County Executive McCoy the \$1500.00 check for the Veterans Memorial Garden.

ETHICS COMMITTEE: The Town Board discussed at length the cost of the attorney fees for the current case they are working on and also the time period to report back to the Town Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte that the Ethics Board complete this case by July 25th and make a recommendation to the Town Board, 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Brought up in audience comments was the fire hydrant issue in Rensselaerville. The Board thanked Barry Cooke for the wonderful job he did on the Preston Hollow Cemetery. The Veterans Memorial Committee will meet to discuss a new name for the Memorial and the removal of the dead tree on the side of the building.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

This is a Summary of the July 12th meeting, the complete minutes will be put on the web page after they have been approved by the Town Board.

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2012
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE, NEW YORK**

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, ordains and enacts as follows, pursuant to Section 1660(a)(28) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York:

Section 1: No vehicles, including any trucks, commercial vehicles, tractors or tractor combinations, in excess of six tons may travel upon Burkhardt Road, Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York.

Section 2: A violation of this ordinance shall constitute a traffic infraction, with penalties as provided by Section 1800 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect ten days after publication of this ordinance pursuant to Section 133 of the Town Law of the State of New York.

Legalordinance2012

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to a resolution of the Rensselaerville Town Board adopted on July 12, 2012, a public hearing will be held at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY on August 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., to hear all interested parties concerning the adoption of a proposed ordinance to read as follows:

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Section 2: A violation of this ordinance shall constitute a traffic infraction, with penalties as provided by Section 1800 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect ten days after publication of this ordinance pursuant to Section 133 of the Town Law of the State of New York.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Town Clerk

July 26, 2013

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PONDER THIS...

- Why did the present Town Board refuse the request from the previous supervisor to hire an interim clerk/bookkeeper to cover a maternity leave and then grant this same request from the new supervisor within days of her taking office?
- Why did the present Town Board agree to expend public funds for private benefit without a court order or administrative hearing officer's directive to do so in order to settle a labor dispute? Was this a "legal" action on the Town Board's part?
- Why was a contract for legal services presented to the Town's Chief Fiscal Officer on January 2, 2012, which disallowed contact with the attorney's office without Town Board approval?
- Why has the Town Board appointed an Albany law firm for legal counsel that has little knowledge of our Town and its history? How is this better for the Town than one who has a vast knowledge of municipal law and who is well-respected as an expert in his field?
- Why do certain Town Board members feel the need to be present at Town Hall on an almost daily basis? Is this a "micromanagement" issue that interferes with proper departmental functioning?
- Why did this Town spend tens of thousands of dollars for zoning revision and why does the document created after 2.5 years of diligent work by the Zoning Review Committee sit dormant on a shelf instead of being presented to the public for their input? Without moving forward, these taxpayer dollars will be wasted.
- Why are the assessors increasing the assessments of certain storm victims? Why did taxpayers receive notice of reassessment long after the due date for such notice? Why are the assessors now doing partial assessments on accessory structures when that has never been the policy or practice for the Town?

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Brookside Cemetery Association of Preston Hollow

Donations are still being accepted to repair damage caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

Donations can be made to the Brookside Cemetery:
PO Box 566, Preston Hollow, NY 12469

Kids Corner

Summer Time Word Find

- CAMPING
- FAIR
- HAMBURGER
- HOTDOG
- LAKE
- PICNIC
- POOL
- POTATO SALAD
- SUN
- SWIMMING

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 E D E J O S E P H F O L A K E I U
 S R S P N T Z Y A E A C M E T L L
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Summer Time Word Jumble

1. EISHNNUS - _ _ _ _ _
2. SLOFREW - _ _ _ _ _
3. NGREDA - _ _ _ _ _
4. KAPR - _ _ _ _
5. NELWTAREOM - _ _ _ _ _
6. UCHZCNII - _ _ _ _ _
7. TOVNACAI - _ _ _ _ _
8. SICPLOPE - _ _ _ _ _



1. SUNSHINE
2. FLOWERS
3. GARDEN
4. PARK
5. WATERMELON
6. ZUCCHINI
7. VACATION
8. POPSICLE

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER SEEKS SPONSORS

The ink is finally dry on the report cards so it is time for the The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC), an outreach site of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, to begin its Back-to-School project. HCRC is seeking individuals and organizations willing to 'adopt-a-student' and assist in sending him or her back to school prepared for learning. Sponsors are asked to provide students with a new backpack containing school supplies needed and a new pair of sneakers. A list will be provided for each student outlining supplies needed, shoe size and color preferences, etc. Please call the Resource Center at 797-5256 if you or your organization is interested in sponsoring a student.

In addition, HCRC is conducting a BACK-TO-SCHOOL supply drive throughout the townships of Berne, Knox, Westerlo and Rensselaerville. Community members can help with the Resource Center's efforts by purchasing a variety of school supplies and dropping the items in bins at various locations throughout the Hilltowns. Back-to-School items that can be donated include boys and girls sneakers (all sizes), pens, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, markers, high lighters, pencil holders, pocket folders, primary school writing tablets, 3-ring binders, binder paper, binder dividers, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, rulers, protractors, calculators, erasers, 3x5 index cards, tissues, post-it notes, quart and gallon sized zip-lock bags. 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.

Rensselaerville Democratic Annual Picnic

**Sunday, September 9, 2012
1 PM till?**

**Bayard Elsbree Park
Preston Hollow, NY**

Free Food, Drink & Music
Music provided by the Ghost Riders

Bring your family, friends, neighbors!
Everyone is welcome!

Bring your appetite & a covered dish to share,
if you wish

Rain or Shine!
Plan on having a good time.

NOTICE

Anyone wishing to
reserve the pavilion at the
Bayard Elsbree Memorial
Park may call 239-8265



Updated Contact Information

<u>Town Board Meetings</u> Second Thursday 7:00 pm	<u>Town Hall</u> 518-797-3798; 518-239-4225 Fax: 518-239-6339	<u>Town Highway Department</u> 518-239-4225, 518-797-3798
<u>Working Meeting</u> Tuesday preceding regular meeting 7:00 pm	<u>Town Supervisor</u> Valerie Lounsbury	<u>Sen. Neil Breslin, 46th Dist.</u> Capital Bldg., Room 413 Albany, NY 12247 518-455-2800
<u>Town Justice Court</u> Mondays 7:00 pm	<u>Town Clerk & Collector</u> Kathleen A. Hallenbeck	<u>Assemblyman John McEneny, 104th Dist.</u> LOB, Room 648 Albany, NY 12248 518-455-4100
<u>Planning Board</u> First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm	<u>Town Justices</u> Gregory Bischoff Timothy Miller	<u>Co. Legislator, Deborah Busch, 39th Dist.</u> 518-872-0146
<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u> First Tuesday 7:00 pm	<u>Councilpersons</u> Robert Bolte, Marion Cooke, John Kudlack, Margaret Sedlmeir	<u>Albany County Highway Dept.</u> 518-239-6715, 518-239-6710
<u>Building Inspector/Zoning Officer</u> Thursday 8:00-10:00am, 7-9 pm	<u>Building Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer</u> Mark Overbaugh	<u>Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911</u> Social Number - 797-3218
<u>Town Clerk's Hours</u> Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm Thursday 1:30pm-7:30pm Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon	<u>Assessors</u> Donna Kropp, Richard Tollner Michael Weber Rachel Chase, Clerk II	<u>Tri-Village Fire Company, 911</u> Social number - 239-6780
<u>Supervisor's Hours</u> Monday - Friday 1pm - 4pm	<u>Highway Superintendent</u> Randy Bates	<u>Medusa Fire Company, 911</u> Back up emergency number, 765-5979 Social number - 239-6166
<u>Assessors' Hours</u> Thursday 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	<u>Planning Board</u> Richard Amedure, Chairperson Kathy Wank, Secretary	<u>Rensselaerville Vol. Ambulance, 911</u> For Information - 518-239-4560
<u>Assessors' Clerk Hours</u> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning	<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u> James Glorioso, Chairman Kathy Wank, Secretary	<u>Albany County Sheriff, 911</u> 518-765-2351
<u>Dog Control Officer</u> Cheryl Baitsholts 518-797-5201	<u>Deputy Town Clerk</u> Dee Andrus Heather Kelly	<u>State Police</u> <u>Rensselaerville and Hilltowns, 911</u> 518-477-9333
<u>Town Refuse Station Hours</u> Wednesday and Saturday 7:00am-3:45pm	<u>Clerk I</u> Sarah Hunt	<u>Hilltown Community Resource Center</u> 518-797-5256
<u>Water/Sewer District Meeting</u> First Thursday 7:00 pm		

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