

NEWSLETTER

Volume 18, Number 12

December 2007

2007 YEAR-END REPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE

When 2007 began, we had a goal of reducing costs and improving the financial condition of the Town. I am happy to report we have achieved that goal, and here's how:

- * We increased the town's interest earnings by \$47,000 (from a 2005 total of \$21,000, to a 2007 total of \$68,000).
- * We bought and installed a new waste oil furnace that improved our efficiency in this regard by approximately \$8,000 per year and will continue to give us that level of savings.
- * We lowered your tax by 11.4% and will lower it again next year.
- * By examining and questioning every expenditure, we reduced the cost of most of the Town's expenses — insurance, culverts, supplies, etc.
- * By communicating and collaborating with other Towns, we have reduced our unfunded mandates from \$80,000 to only \$16,000.
- * We applied to FEMA for flood relief and have received funding of over \$500,000 from the Federal Government to repair damage from rainstorms and flooding.

At the same time, we also improved our Town's Quality of Life.

- * We closed Camp Cass
- * We arranged for a new bus that will accommodate wheelchairs. We are looking for volunteers to drive the bus. No special driver's license is needed. Please help if you can. Your contact is Ann Vogel at 797-3376.
- * We built a Little League field that is one of the finest in Albany County, and the field is in a beautiful setting.
- * We have established the RENSSELAERVILLE VOLUNTEER HALL OF FAME.
- * We have recently established the Rensselaerville Trails Committee to explore ways in which the natural beauty of our countryside can be enjoyed by walkers, hikers, horseback riders, bird watchers, and others.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to all of our new efforts, greatly exceeding those listed in this report.

THIS IS ONLY A PARTIAL LIST of what we have accomplished in 2007. Never before has so much been done for the Town in so short a time, and I will make a supplementary report in the following Newsletters as we discuss new goals for 2008.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year.

JUST NICKELSBURG
Town Supervisor

Conkling Hall - What's On in December

Inside this Issue:

Conklin Hall	2
Extra Helpings	3
Town Board Minutes	4
Trinity Church	7
Library	9
Sr. Corner	10
Volunteer	12
Phone #'s	14

Sunday, December 9: Village Voices Concert. 2:00 PM. We are the lucky recipients of beautiful music provided by our own friends and neighbors. Come and hear a wonderful concert.

Sunday, December 16: Lessons and Carols at Trinity Church will be followed by a Pot Luck Dinner in the lower level of Conkling Hall.

Friday, December 21: Noteworthy Coffeehouse . Doors open at 7:00PM, music begins at 7:30 PM. Fee at door. Coffee and treats available.

Tuesday, January 1: RHDA New Year's Day Open House. Come join us for a Pot Luck Open House to celebrate all of the good things that happened in 2007 and our community of good cheer as we enter a new year. Times will be posted.

Saturday, January 5: Gershwin Celebration, 4:30 PM. "Remembrance and Discovery", Richard Glazier's one-man, multi-media concert program using stories, film clips and piano performances. The performance is free. Conkling Hall will host an artist's champagne reception after the performance. The reception will have a fee.

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.

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



Conkling Hall
8 Methodist Hill Road
Rensselaerville, NY
12147
518-797-3459

WANTED

Volunteer Drivers For the Senior/Youth Bus

All that is required is a regular drivers license.

Please contact

Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk for details.

Town Clerk Office

December 14:

The office will close at 10:30am
(To attend a Town Clerk meeting)

December 24 & 25: Closed

January 1, 2008: Closed

Post office information

Rensselaerville: 797-3231

Medusa: 239-4826

Preston Hollow: 239-6111

	CHOOSE & CUT	Balsam Fir Scotch Pine Spruce	FRESH CUT	Balsam Fir Blue Spruce
	WREATHS			
	Friday, Saturday, Sunday		Nov 23-Dec 16	
	Daily		Dec 17-Dec 24	
			9 AM - 5 PM	

79 North Road, Medusa

WRIGHT'S TREES

Tel. 239-6768

Extra Helpings Food Buying Club – Available to *EVERYONE*

No age or income restrictions!!!

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' offerings will still be published one month in advance. December's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

December's Regular menu: \$20.00

- 3 ¼ lb. Half Bavarian Holiday Ham
- 1 lb. Package Chicken Patties
- 1 lb. Hamburger
- 1 lb. All Beef Hot Dogs
- 20 oz. Peeled Butternut Squash
- 1 lb. bag Baby Carrots

Special #1: \$14.25

- 5 lbs. Cranberry and Apple Stuffed Boneless Pork Loin Roast

Special # 2: \$ 19.00 PARTY PACKAGE

- 2 ½ lb. bag Fully Cooked All Beef Meatballs
- 2 lb. package Fully Cooked BBQ flavored Chicken Wings
- 3 lb. box Sweet Italian Rope Sausage
- 1 ¾ lb. Package Cocktail Franks

Special #3: \$30.00 MEAT BOX

- 2 lbs. Apple & Cranberry Stuffed Pork Chops
- 3 lbs. Honey-mustard Flavored Chicken Breast
- 3 lbs. Beef Patties (80/20)
- 2 lbs. Maple Breakfast Sausage links
- 3 lbs. Bag chicken patties

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

PLEASE NOTE: Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by DECEMBER 5TH for pick-up on **DECEMBER 18TH**. HCRC distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. and at St. Bernadette's Church in Berne from 11:30 to 12:00 p.m. 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 P.O. Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please include your phone number on all correspondence.



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



NOVEMBER TOWN BOARD MINUTES

MINUTES OF TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE NOVEMBER 8, 2007 MEETINGS

There were 50 interested citizens present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters on file in the town clerk's office were received from:

Tim Lippert on the Rensselaerville Farmland Project
Jeannette Rice regarding land use
Nora Logan on zoning regulations
Bob Seeger concerning Tanglewood Road
Vernon Husek on the proposed zoning law

REPORTS:

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Chase gave his report. Superintendent Chase asked why he didn't get a cost of living raise.

Supervisor Nickelberg said, "We get an average of 2 letters a month regarding our roads, people are very angry. I receive 4 calls a month about the same topic. We never see you at meetings; we never see reports; you are the highest paid individual in the town."

A member of the audience said, "I think our roads are in excellent shape and I support that Jon Chase received the same cost of living raise that Everyone else gets."

Barry Cooke said, "I don't believe Jon has had a cost of living raise for the past 2 years."

Steve Wood said, "He hasn't followed the contract on the roads he was going to do. You earn a raise; you don't just get it."

Bonnie Gifford and Georgette Koenig also spoke on the subject of Superintendent Chase's request for a raise.

2008 PRELIMINARY BUDGET CHANGES were discussed.

(Continued on page 5)

(Continued from page 4)

DOG CONTROL was discussed:

Cheryl Baitsholts, Dog Control Officer, said, "The shed will cost \$2200.00; the cost for the renovations of the shed will be about \$1800.00."

Supervisor Nickelsberg, "Will this be a permanent facility?"

Cheryl Baitsholts, "No, it will be movable."

Councilwoman Dorman asked, "How many dogs do you house?"

Cheryl Baitsholts said, "Possibly three at one time. Sometimes 3 dogs, 5 dogs. Most of the time one dog. Sometimes none. It varies."

HIGHWAY REVENUES were discussed.

Councilwoman Pine asked, "Are we still with First Niagara?"

Supervisor Nickelsberg said, "Highly unlikely. It's a 26 mile trip as opposed to the 6 mile trip that we now have to do the banking."

Councilwoman Pine, "What bank are you looking at?"

Supervisor Nickelsberg, "Currently we are waiting for some numbers from The Bank of Green County."

FUND BALANCES were discussed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to take \$200,000.00 from the unreserved fund balance, currently at \$508,610.00 and bring it to \$308,610.00 and use that for lowering taxes. Councilwoman Dorman seconded.

STEVE WOOD asked the board to act on his complaint concerning private property on North Road where illegal work was done by the highway department more than 50 feet off the road, using town equipment, town labor and town materials. The work was on the contract signed in 2007. Of the six roads covered in the contract only three have been repaired. He suggested that the Town Board prepare a contract covering what roads are to be done—the contract to include the total cost including man hours, equipment and cost of materials.

REVENUES—GENERAL FUND was discussed.

APPROPRIATIONS—HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT was discussed.

(Continued on page 6)

Continued from page 5)

SEASONAL ROADS

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to notify residents that the following roads are seasonal and will not be maintained from December 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008.

Olmo Road

Gulf Road Extension

Kenyon Road from CR 352 north to F. Baldmonero's and turn

Kenyon Road from CR 358 south passed Roney Road to M. Williams

Scutt Road from McKennas to Town Line

Roney Road from the edge of Marcinak's property to the end of the road

Camp Winsockie Road from Smigel Lane to the Berne Town Line

Edwards Hill Road from Feiner's pole barn to State Route 145

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

There was no report from the Supervisor.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Ryan reported on the Potter Hollow Park.

OLD BUSINESS

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Supervisor Nickelsberg read a memo from Tom Mikulka, Chairman of the Beautification Committee, thanking Steve Wood for the generous loan of his equipment, to the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District for the donation of 27 spruce trees and Susan Lewis for her help in obtaining and transporting the trees.

FEMA CLERK

Steve Wood was appointed to finish the work of Daphane Pearson, who has taken a full-time job.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Perry Moak said there is nothing to report at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols December 16TH at Trinity Episcopal Church in Rensselaerville

What has become a community-wide Rensselaerville tradition will once again take place on December 16, 2007. **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** will be held beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Main Street and Albany Hill Road in Rensselaerville. The service is modeled after the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols that was first held on Christmas Eve 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, England and has been held annually each year since.

Almost immediately after the initial service, other churches adapted it for their own use. A wider frame began to grow when the service was first broadcast in 1928 and, with the exception of 1930, it has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War, when the ancient glass (and also all heat) had been removed from the Chapel and the name of King's could not be broadcast for security reasons. Sometime in the early 1930s the BBC began broadcasting the service on overseas programs. Today, it is estimated that there are millions of listeners worldwide.

In these and other ways the service has become public property. From time to time the College receives copies of services held, for example, in the West Indies or the Far East and these show how widely the tradition has spread. The broadcasts, too, have become part of Christmas for many far from Cambridge. One correspondent writes that he heard the service in a tent on the foothills of Everest; another, in the desert. Many listen at home, busy about their own preparations for Christmas. Visitors from all over the world are heard to identify the Chapel as 'the place where the Carols are sung'.

Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service derive from the lessons and reinforced by the music. The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God.

Rensselaerville, too, has adapted the Festival. Members of various faith traditions are invited to read the lessons. Rensselaerville's choir, Village Voices, sings and the congregation joins in singing the hymns. A Pot-Luck Supper is held at Conkling Hall immediately following the service to which all are invited. This year, the supper is going GREEN. People are asked to bring their own place settings. Please call Kathie Speck at 797-5139 for more information.

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

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

You are cordially invited to the
Town of Rensselaerville



Holiday Eggnog Open House

Saturday, December 8, 2007
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Stonecrop Estate Home
The Rensselaerville Meeting Center



THANK YOU

To all my friends and constituents who voted for me in the recent election, I pledge to continue with fairness and integrity in the office of Town Justice. Justice is a uniquely American tradition; one that I am proud to administer on your behalf.

Again, thank you for your continuing support.

*Vic La Plante
Town Justice
Town of Rensselaerville*

Paid advertisement

www.ConklingHall.org. We send out frequent email messages announcing/reminding about our

Medusa Church News

HOLIDAY RUMMAGE SALE

Sat. Dec. 8th
MEDUSA CHURCH HALL
10AM TO 3PM

CHRISTMAS GIFTS & DECORA-
TIONS
HOUSEHOLD-BOOKS-TOYS
RECORDS-PICTURES-MISC.
LOTS OF GOOD ITEMS

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE

From the Medusa
United Church of Christ

December 2nd—begins the season of Advent.

All are invited to join us for this special season of music and words—9:15am each Sunday.



December 24th—Christmas Eve

We will again have our Community Christmas Eve Candle-Light Service at 8:00 pm, with all the beauty of candle light and music in this small rural Church. All are invited to come and enjoy this very special service.



Library News, December 2007

First Friday Movies continue with another **special feature!** Please join us at **Conkling Hall on Friday, December 7 at 5:30P.M.** for our family feature, *Ratatouille*. Remy is a young rat in the French countryside who arrives in Paris, only to find out that his cooking idol is dead. When he makes an unusual alliance with a restaurant's new garbage boy, the culinary and personal adventures begin despite Remy's family's skepticism and the rat-hating world of humans. Runtime: 110 minutes. Rated G.

At **7:30 P.M.** we encourage our more mature audiences to join us for our second feature, *Love Actually*. This film follows the lives of eight very different couples dealing with their love lives in various loosely and interrelated tales, all set during the frantic month before Christmas in London, England. Runtime: 135 minutes. Rated R for sexuality, nudity, and language.

The holiday season is upon us! **On Saturday, December 8**, the Library will be holding its annual **Greenery Sale**. We are still looking for vendors. If you are interested in participating, please contact Candy Wilson at 797-3949.

Also in December, please mark your calendars for our **Victorian Party**, to be held on **Saturday, December 15**. Donations of Christmas lights and Victorian decorations to make both these events just a little more festive would be greatly appreciated.

On Saturday, December 22 from 11:00A.M.-5:00P.M. we will be having a special **gift-wrapping fundraiser** at Borders Bookstore. All of the donations that we receive will benefit the Library. If anyone would like to volunteer to wrap gifts, please contact Candy Wilson at 797-3949.

The **writing group** will continue to meet on the balcony in the Library on the second Thursday of every month. This group is open to all writers and would-be writers of any genre with the goal of "jump-starting" their work amid a group of supportive peers. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 13 from 7:00-9:00 P.M.** If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact the Library at 797-3949 or Linda Miller at 797-9802.

Attention all *Dungeons and Dragons* fans! The Library invites you to join others **every Friday from 6:00-9:00 P.M.** for a special **gaming night**, run by volunteer Alex Hutchins. New players are welcome; no experience is needed. Dice will be provided, and players are welcome to bring their own maps. For more information, contact the Library at 797-3949.

The Library would like to remind all of its patrons of the **Donation Policy**. Donations of books, VHS, DVD, CD etc. will be only be accepted on the **first Saturday of every month between 9:00 and 11:00A.M.** (Please note: The Library does not accept textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, condensed books, and books in poor condition.) Donations of any size will not be accepted at any other times. If the dates and times for donations are not convenient, or if you have any unusually large donation, please contact the Library to make arrangements. All donations are tax deductible.

The Library Board of Directors will meet on Monday, December 17 at 7:00.

Staff: Candy Wilson, Interim Director; Katie Caprio, Assistant; Barbara Bolster-Barrett, Assistant

Library Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday:
10:00am to Noon, 4:00-9:00pm
Thursday & Friday: 4:00-9:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00am to 1:00pm

SENIOR CORNER

Need Information? Elder Source 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 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: Tuesday: Bryant's Center, Greenville Thursday: Cobleskill (Wal-Mart) 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 **We need volunteer drivers!!!!** If you have a valid drivers 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.

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

Silver Bells Senior Luncheon

December 19, 2007—12:00 (noon)

Conkling Hall, Methodist Hill Road

Rensselaerville, NY

Cookie Exchange

For more information contact Ann Vogel 797-3376

WANTED

Volunteer Drivers For the Senior/Youth Bus

All that is required is a regular drivers license.
Please contact

Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk for details.

From the **SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB** of the Town of Rensselaerville

The Senior Citizens Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Medusa Fire House. Anyone 55 years of age or older may join. Dues are \$6.00.

On December 11th we will have our Christmas Luncheon at Pegasus Restaurant in Coxsackie at noon.

The seniors have been enjoying the new, much needed bus, taking trips to Albany, Lake George and Saratoga as well as transportation for voting. The wheel chair lift has been very useful. Also several youth groups have used the bus.

To help pay for the bus, the seniors are having a **50/50 Raffle**. Tickets can be purchased from members or contact Clara Potter.

For more information about the club or to join you may contact
Bill Moore, club president, at 239-4843.

518-966-4747

**YOU HAVE THE
BEST BUSINESS...**

**RADICAL
SYSTEMZ**

NOW YOU CAN HAVE THE BEST TECHNICIANS

COMPUTER SALES
EXPERT NETWORK INSTALLATION
IMPROVE NETWORK SECURITY
INCREASE NETWORK RELIABILITY
NETWORKING
SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION
INTERNET SERVICES

**RADICALSYSTEMZ.COM
NYAIR.NET**

AS THE PREMIER INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER FOR GREENE COUNTY,
NYAIR PROVIDES EXCELLENT SERVICE & SUPPORT AT A PRICE THAT YOU
CAN AFFORD. BY USING CUTTING-EDGE WIRELESS RADIO TECHNOLOGY,
WE BRING HIGH SPEED INTERNET TO YOU!

NYAIR.net

**WIRELESS BROADBAND INTERNET
40 BRYANTS COUNTRY SQUARE • GREENVILLE, NY 12083**

VOLUNTEER NEWS AND EVENTS

Medusa VFD

Company Meeting: Monday, December 3, at 8:00PM

Drill & Work night: Monday, December 10 and 17 at 7:00PM

Upcoming Events: Our Monthly Breakfast every 3rd Saturday of the Month.

Tri-Village VFD

Company Meeting: Wednesday, November 7, at 8:00PM

Rensselaerville Fire Company

Calendar of Meetings and Events

December

3rd - 7pm Company Drill

5th - 7:30 Ladies Battalion Mtg.

10th - 7pm Company Drill

26th - 8pm Company Drill

**** Peek at the future:

February 10, 2008

Pancake Breakfast

8am to 11am ****

January

1st - Happy New Year to all!!!

2nd - 7pm Ladies Battalion Mtg.

7th - 7pm Company Drill

14th - 7pm Company Drill

30th - 8pm Company Meeting

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Squad

Company Meeting and Drill: Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00PM

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING YOUR USED
MOTOR OIL TO THE RECYCLING CENTER.
IT'S A LOT LESS EXPENSIVE THAN THE CURRENT
MARKET PRICE.**



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

SAT. DECEMBER 8 - 7PM AT THE

PRESTON HOLLOW GREENHOUSE.

All are welcome to join the fun, sing some carols. Bring a treat to share; hot cider provided or **Bring Your Own Beverage**

The Greenhouse in Preston Hollow will re-open in the spring under new management as **Jimmy Walker's Greenhouse.**

Managed by Dennis Pitts and Jimmy Walker

239-4039



A REMINDER! **LADY BANTY** HAS THE FINEST COLLECTION OF PURE LINEN TABLECLOTH SETS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY TABLE ... *THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC!* AND AT WHOLESALE PRICES!

ALSO; PET PORTRAITS, HAND PAINTED SILK SCARFS & A HAT FOR EVERY OCCASION.

SATURDAYS 11-6 PM AND BY APPOINTMENT

2958 Rt. 145, Preston Hollow Tel. 239-4039

The Rensselaerville 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.



Bernadette R. Miller, LMT

Tel: 518 231 8890

Call for Information about Discounts

In Your Home or Mine

Gift Certificates Available
Relaxation • Reiki • Reflexology

10th ANNUAL MEDUSA
COMMUNITY
TREE LIGHTING

DEC. 2ND STARTING AT 6PM

WITH SINGING OF CAROLS,
SPECIAL READINGS

"The Night Before Christmas",
ENTERTAINMENT,
TREE LIGHTING &

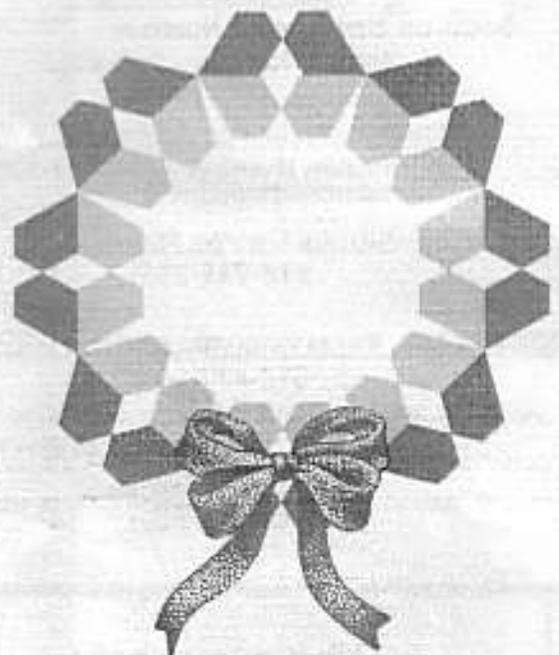
REFRESHMENTS (Donations of goodies are needed)

PLEASE NOTE THAT GROUPS, INDIVIDUALS,
SCOUTS, SENIORS,

4-H CLUBS, ETS. ARE INVITED TO DO SKITS or
SING SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SONGS (Religious or non-religious) DURING THE PROGRAM.

Contact Bill Moore at 239-4843 before Nov. 28th

ALL ARE INVITED TO COME



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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 www.Trivillagefire.com

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-Baltsholts
518-797-5201

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: planning-board@rensselaerville.com

Visit our website
www.rensselaerville.com

It's A Quagmire! Bring Them Home Now

John & Nancy La Rocca; Mark La Rocca & Nina Nsilo Swai; Tim Lippert;
Tom & Kathy Mikulka; Sonny & Sue Shufelt; Michael & Gail Benedict;
Jeff & Sherri Pine; Justin Mikulka & Elise VanAllen; Kerry McFarland;
Robert and Beth Whiteman; Gordon & Elise Enk; Richard & Nadia Creamer;
Sue & Jay McChesney; George & Carolin Dempsey; Richard & Mary Ann Ronconi;
Greg Hostash; Roswell Eldridge; Roger and Bonny Gifford; James Walker;
Robert Scardamaglia; Bill & Barbara DeMille; Tom & Marion Frowein;
Cynthia Willis; Dick Subol; Dave & Mary Bryan; Ben Bryan; Emily Bryan;
Bill & Kathie Quackenbush; Virginia Carter; Joann Eckstut; Tim & Linda Miller;
Wayne & Charlene Teter; Kevin & Katherine Ceroala; Rich & Linda Snyder; Robert Mitchell and
Cecile Gleason; Jenny Shufelt; Greg & Diane Bischoff; Helen Tworkov; Gordon & Tracy Benson;
Dian Ryan; M. Steven Dickerson; Kathy Daniels; Phil Sheehan and Nancy Ortner.
Groups and Organizations: The Chatham Peace Initiative; Veterans for Peace (Hudson Valley); NY
Veterans Speak Out; Olean Area Coalition for Peace and Justice; Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace;
Troy Peace Action; Upper Hudson Peace Action; Women Against War; Veterans for Peace
(Chapter 10, The Tom Paine Chapter); Schenectady Neighbors for Peace; Vietnam Veterans Against
the War; PaxChristiMLorg; Michigan Peace Works; Vietnam Veterans for America

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



**Raad Gallery
7811 Route 81
Oak Hill, NY 12460**

Raad Gallery is the newest gallery to open in the historic rural hamlet of Oak Hill, located in Greene County, New York. The Gallery is located on Route 81, approximately 2 ½ hours north of New York City.

We have a collection of antique prints, contemporary paintings and new and old books on all subjects, housed in the historic Ford Store.

We have a brand new collection of jewelry from well-known Indian jeweler's Amrapali and Gem Palace. These will make lovely gifts!

We are now open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 AM to 5 PM for all your Holiday Shopping needs!! Call us at (518) 239-8282 or look us up on the web at www.raadgallery.com.

Paid Advertisement

Make the holiday season a happy time by practicing these safety habits.

WOOD STOVES AND FIREPLACES

Have your chimney and fireplace cleaned and inspected yearly.
Burn only dry, well seasoned hardwood.
Place ashes outside in a covered metal container.

INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Install smoke detectors in every home, on every level, outside each sleeping area and in each bedroom.
Change your battery twice a year. Change your clock—change your battery.
Replace your detectors with new ones every ten years.
Install Carbon Monoxide detectors in your home, at least one near sleeping areas, another outside the furnace room.

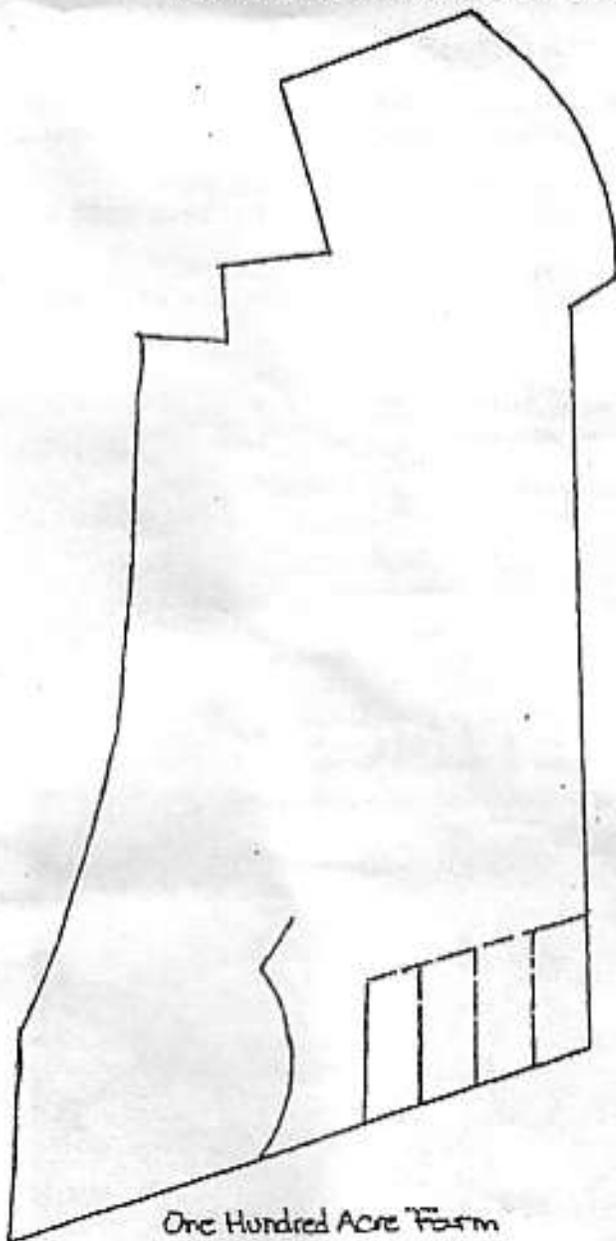
CHRISTMAS TREES AND DECORATIONS

Artificial trees: When purchasing an artificial tree look for one labeled "fire resistant".
Selecting a live tree: Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches.
Do not place the tree close to a heat source.
Always keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
Unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
Holiday decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant materials.

A FIRE MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER
E.M.S.

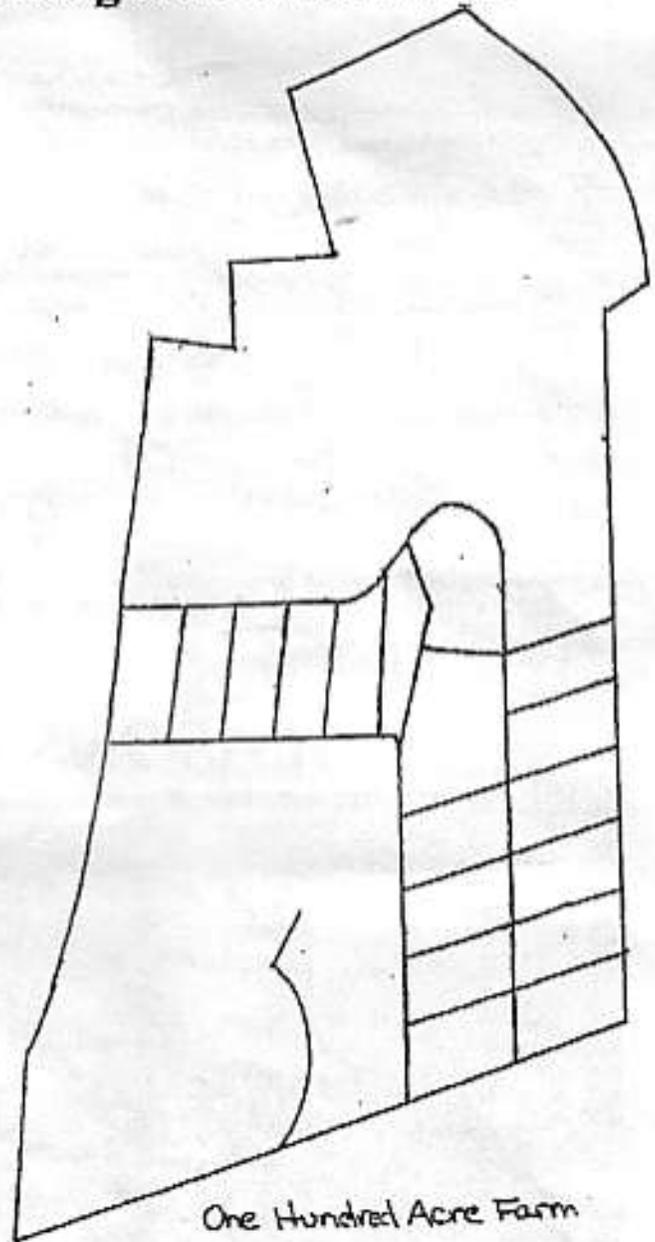
What they did not tell you before you sent in your Agricultural survey.

The 5 acre choice will change the rural character of our town and use our best ag soils for house lots



One Hundred Acre Farm

The 20 choice



One Hundred Acre Farm

The 5 choice

Join us to protect
Farmland
518-339-6030

Paid for by Rensselaerville Farmland Protection