



Town of Rensselaerville

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

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Town Clerk Office Closure Notices	2	The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 8th day of November 2012 at 7:35 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results: PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Lounsbury, Councilpersons Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir, Attorney Fallati, TRK and Town Clerk Hallenbeck Also present were 30 interested citizens.
Rensselaerville Library	3	PRESENTATION: RENSSELAERVILLE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SQUAD DONATION: Gerald Wood and members of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Squad presented to the Town Board a check in the amount of \$45,050.00. This check is to offset the cost of the Paramedics Services for the Town. .
Seasonal Roads	4	AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Newsletter: There were comments from the audience concerning eliminating the newsletter. If we don't get the newsletter, we won't know what is going on in the other Hamlets. Charge for the newsletter or have someone donate their time to do it. Only put it on the website.
Church Services	4	It was also mentioned that other items besides the newsletter were cut, the fire companies, ambulance, playgrounds, etc. were cut. The Town was trying to stay under the 2% tax cap, perhaps next year the Town Board can bring back the newsletter.
Conkling Hall	5	PRESENTATION - FARM BREWING GRANT: Rebecca Platel, Carey Center for Global Good, spoke concerning the grant that the Carey Center and the Town received to investigate Farm Brewing in the Town. Ms. Platel went over the Project Goals. Rensselaerville has a heritage of growing hops. There will be workshops starting November 27 for anyone interested in learning more about farm brewing.
Volunteer News & Events	6	REPORTS/BUSINESS: MINUTES, TRANSFERS, PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS: Motions were made to accept the minutes of the following meetings; Regular Meeting, October 11th, Work Meeting - October 9 th and Special Meeting - October 2nd, to make transfers and pay all signed vouchers.
Message from Supervisor	7	CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Lounsbury read a letter from Kathy Wank resigning her position as Secretary to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals effective December 31". A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept Kathy Wank's resignation.
Middleburgh Library	7	SUPERVISOR LOUNSBURY: NEW COMPUTER: Supervisor Lounsbury received a quote from i.t.s for a new computer system (\$1129.00) and laser printer (\$294.58) to replace the Bookkeeper's old system.
Rensselaerville Library Continued	8	A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase the computer system and printer.
Senior Corner	8	NEW COPIER: The lease for the current copier is up, we have a quote of \$729.00 for a new copier for a 60 month lease. The cost per month for the new copier is \$80.00 cheaper than the current copier.
Middleburgh Library Continued	9	A motion was made, seconded and passed authorizing Supervisor Lounsbury to sign a lease for the new copier at \$729.00 per month for 60 months.
Community Tree Lighting	10	GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL: Greenville Central School asked if the Town would give them the land next to the school house in Potter Hollow. This issue was tabled until the Town
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Board has time to do some investigation.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

LIMITED USE HIGHWAYS: A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the list of limited use highways in the Town.

FILL IN PLOW OPERATORS - RATE OF PAY: Superintendent Bates would like to be able to hire people, on an as needed basis, to fill in as plow operators when he is short of man power in the highway department and that their rate of pay be set at \$17.93 per hour, no benefits.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow Superintendent Bates to hire, on an as needed basis, people to fill in as plow operators and that the rate of pay be \$17.93 per hour and no benefits.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

NEW ROAD NAME: PINE HILL LANE: CEO Overbaugh mentioned that for 911 purposes we need to name a driveway that divides two properties, there is one home on the road and another one is going to be built.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to name this road Pine Hill Lane.

DEPARTMENTS: The Town Board accepted the reports from the Town Clerk, Building Inspector, Assessors, Water/Sewer Committee, and the Recycling Coordinator.

WATER/SEWER DISTRICT:

RECAP: A motion was made, seconded and passed authorizing Supervisor Lounsbury to sign the RECAP application for funding for the Water District Impoundment Dam Project.

CURRENT EVENTS: Toy Drive - November 7th - November 30th; Library Greenery Sale - December 8th, Kathy Jones Greenhouse in Preston Hollow - November 30th - Christmas Tree Lighting, Veterans Day Event - Bell Hotel - November 11th 2 to 4 PM, Borwegan's, located on Route 81, will be collecting items to bring down state to help the people who were hit hard by Hurricane Sandy.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2012 - METHODIST HILL ROAD - NO PARKING ZONE: The Town Board held a public hearing on this issue earlier this evening and did not close the hearing and will leave it open to review the issues and comments and continue this discussion at a later date.

2013 TOWN BUDGET: A motion was made, seconded and passed to move the Preliminary Budget to the Adopted 2013 Town Budget.

NEW BUSINESS

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING COMMITTEE REPORT: Supervisor Lounsbury mentioned that the Committee did a wonderful presentation on hydraulic fracturing. The Town Board would like to set a special meeting to discuss this issue further, also have the Town Attorney prepare a draft local law and set up a public hearing.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to set a Special Meeting for November 20th, 7PM to discuss the hydraulic fracturing issue.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Discussed was the newsletter, the 2% tax cap and the copier

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45M.

This is a Summary of the November 8, 2012 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

The Town Clerks office will close at 10:30 AM on Friday, December 14th in order to attend a Town Clerks Meeting.

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on the following dates; December 25th for the Christmas Holiday, January 1, 2013 for the New Years Day Holiday and we will close at noon on December 24th.

Rensselaerville Library

Are you considering an Ereader or a new smart phone this holiday season? 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. **Saturday, December 1st at 11am Upper Hudson Library System Staff will be at the Library to demonstrate a variety of devices and how to download books.**

Felting Workshop, Saturday, December 1 from 1-4pm with Sharon Costello. Learn to make a charming miniature snowman (or woman) using carded wool fibers and a felting needle. Make one 6" snowman ornament at the workshop and bring home supplies to make more at home. The class is free, but there will be a \$5.00 materials fee. This easy to learn craft is appropriate for ages 10 to 100! (Younger participants are welcome with a supervising adult, but be aware that the felting needles are sharp!). **Interested in attending, please contact the Library as soon as possible, registration is limited to 14 participants.**

Library Annual Greenery Sale - Saturday, December 8th from 10am-2pm It's that time of year again! Stop by the Library's Annual Greenery Sale, **wreaths, roping and trees** will be available for purchase along festive Main Street. Find the perfect gift for someone inside the Library, where local craft persons and vendors will peddle their wares. If you are interested in being a vendor at the Greenery Sale, please contact Connie Kudlack at 797-3526 by November 29th or visit the library web site for more information. As part of the Greenery Sale the Library will be holding a **Book Sale**. Please **drop off donations by November 30th** during Library hours. Please Do Not drop off dirty or damaged books or any encyclopedias or text books. The Library will also be holding a **cookie sale**. Anyone who is willing to make 2 or more dozen of your favorite holiday cookies, please leave them at the library Thursday, December 6 by 8:30pm.

Saturday Night at the Movies December 8th at 7pm at Conkling Hall *Joyful Noise*. Run Time: 1 hour 58 minutes, Rated: PG-13. Suggested goodwill donation - adults \$2 and children \$1.

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. **Meeting Schedule: Thursday, December 13th at 7pm.** This program will continue in 2013 on the second Thursday of every month.

The **Library Board of Trustees Meeting is Monday, December 17th at 7pm.** Meetings are held at the Library and are open to the public.

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. Or consider signing up for **Computer Classes**: The Library will offer classes again in January and February. If you have specific requests for a class send your ideas to director@rensselaervillelibrary.org

The Library is offering New York's digital literacy curriculum. New York has developed the program to create more e-citizens through a curriculum based on standards and skills so that we **understand basic computer skills, use of the internet, online communication and the basics of using Microsoft Word**. Kim is a certified trainer and will be teaching these four two hour classes. **Space is limited to 8/class so registration is a MUST.** There will be a quiz upon completion of each class and you will receive a certificate upon successful completion. Any questions should be directed to Kim. See the class description and times below.

Wednesday, January 16th or Tuesday, February 5th from 6:30pm to 9pm - Introduction to using the computer. This class is a prerequisite for the next three classes.

No Experience is required! You will learn how to use a computer and it's various parts.



Library Board of Trustees Meeting

**Monday,
December 17th at
7P.M.**

*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

rensselaervillelibrary.org

Staff:

Kim Graff,
Director

Katie Caprio,
Library Technician

Zoe Hutchins
Madeline Ouellette
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TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE SEASONAL ROADS

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville wishes to inform the residents of the Town and the public that the following roads are Limited Use Highways and will not be maintained from December 1, 2012 to April 1, 2013;

- Gulf Road Extension from Gulf Road to the North End of State Land
- Kenyon Road, from Roney Road to CR 359
- Scutt Road, from South End of State Land to CCC Road
- Roney Road, from last residential structure (in from Pearson Road) to Kenyon Road
- Edwards Hill Road, 500 feet in from NYS State Route #145 to the top of the hill
- Scutt Road from South End of State Land to CCC Road
- Olmo Road from last residential structure (in from Co Rte 353) to End.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck
Town Clerk



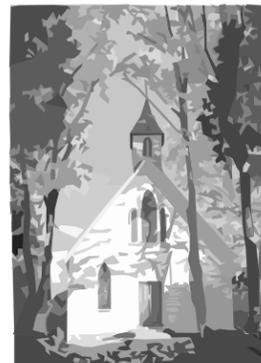
Waste Oil Collection Day:
Saturday, December 29th
7AM—Noon



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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
Potter Hollow Union Church
4824 Potter Hollow Rd., 965-1741
Worship: Sunday 10:30am Sunday
School 9:30 am
Call for information about Bible Study,
Prayer Groups, Food Pantry, Swap
Shop, and biblical counseling services.

Conkling Hall - What's On In December

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8: Saturday Movie for Grownups: "A Joyful Noise", a small town choir is in trouble. Dolly Parton and Queen Latifa star as members of the choir. 7:00 PM. BYO treats. Admission: \$2.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15: COMMUNITY CHANUKAH PARTY. All are welcome. Please bring a plate of latkes, a salad or a side dish to share. Bring a Menorah, if you have one. We will light candles for the 8th and final night of Chanukah. Time: 5:00 PM. For further information please call Margaret Bernstein, 797-9517.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16: VILLAGE VOICES WINTER CONCERT. Annual winter concert features Samuel Scheidt's Christmas Magnificat with Philippa Dunne on the lute and theorbo. Carols by John Tavener, William Mathias, Jan Sweelinck, Michael Praetorius, Jacob Handl and Mateo Flecha. Wonderful for the Holiday spirit. Time: 4:00 PM. Free Will Offering.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21: 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 available. Performers arrive 7:00 - 7:30 PM Music follows.

RHDA presents a New Year's Day Open House at Conkling Hall. After a perhaps raucous New Year's Eve, join your friends and neighbors for a quiet buffet. Roast turkey, ham and mimosas served. Bring a side dish to share. 1:00 - 4:00 PM

GENTLE, EFFECTIVE MOVEMENT CLASSES WITH SARAH NELSON WEISS. Open to all. (Phone: 239 6825)
 YOGA: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 - 10:15 AM (\$10)
 PILATES: Wednesdays 5:45 - 6:15 PM (please call for information)
 Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00 AM (\$10)

OUR TOWN WILL DISCONTINUE THE NEWSLETTER AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. PLEASE GO ON LINE TO THE TOWN WEBSITE FOR FUTURE INFORMATION ABOUT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND CONKLING HALL.



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

Events at Medusa Church

December 2nd - Community Tree Lighting at 6pm
 December 8th - Holiday Rummage Sale 9am -3pm
 December 15th - 2nd Holiday Rummage Sale 8am-12(noon)
 Also Breakfast at Fire House 7-11am

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

There will be a representative from HEAP at the Town Hall on December 13, 1 - 3pm

The Town of Rensselaerville will be accepting applications for the Planning/Zoning Clerk position. Applicants must be experienced in Word and Excel. The position will require a weekly maximum of 10 hours for Planning and 5 hours for Zoning. Applicant must be able to attend evening meetings and be able to work daytime hours as well. Rate of pay is negotiable. Anyone interested should send a letter of interest to Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk @ Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120.

Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Monthly Meeting: Monday, December 3rd at 7:30PM
 Company Drill: Monday, December 10th at 7:00PM
 Work Night: Monday, December 17th at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

December:

1st - 3:30 pm Children's Christmas Party
 3rd - 7:00 pm Company Drill
 5th - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting
 10th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
 26th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

January:

2nd - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting
 7th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
 14th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
 30th - 7:30 pm Company Drill

Congratulations and thank you to our new interior firefighter, Matt Bolduc!

Upcoming Events for 2013:

March 23rd - Battalion's Chicken BBQ - Take out only 4:00 - 6:00 pm

March 30th - Easter Egg Hunt - 2:00 pm

May 18th - Garage Sale Day - 9:00 - 3:00 pm

May 26th - Chicken BBQ - Take out only

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: If you are interested in receiving email updates regarding Fire Department messages and events, please email us at RVFD12147@yahoo.com You can also follow us on Facebook at Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you for your continued support!

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, December 5th at 8:00PM (Drill at 7:00PM)

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00PM



Please take notice that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2012 entitled "Gas Drilling Moratorium Law of 2012". The hearing will take place on December 11, 2012 at 7PM at the Rensselaerville Town Hall.

Breakfast at the Medusa Fire House

7:00am to 11:00am

December 15, 2012

January 19, 2013

February 16, 2013

March 16, 2013

April 20, 2013

Please Join Us To Support Your Local Fire Dept
Fresh hot all you can eat breakfast made to order
Free Will Offering

A Message From The Town Supervisor

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is with mixed feelings that I write to inform you that the December, 2012 newsletter will be the last that the Town will be producing. The Town Council was asked by many at the public hearing held on the proposed tax override law not to exceed the 2% tax cap, to make the tough decisions and cuts that would be needed to stay within the 2% tax cap. The Town Board worked very hard to stay within the tax cap and we did. One of the cuts that we felt would be needed was the newsletter. Perhaps, the newsletter can be brought back when the economy improves but right now we cannot continue to produce the newsletter and hope that everyone understands. We will continue posting the minutes on our website, rensselaerville.com, and we will also be adding more information regarding upcoming events, etc.. If you would like to have a public event notice put on the website please email the notice to: townclerk@rensselaerville.com and Kathy will forward it for you.

At this time, I would like to thank everyone who has worked to make the newsletter a success for many years, the office staff, the volunteers, and the newsletter coordinators. The newsletter did not just happen; it took a lot of work from a lot of people over the years. Thank you all!

May you all have a happy, healthy Holiday Season.

Sincerely, Valerie Lounsbury, Town Supervisor

Middleburgh Library

12/4, 11, 18 - 10:45 AM - Drop-in Storytime - Get ready to move in this interactive storytime designed especially for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. We'll read books, sing songs, recite fingerplays, dance and watch a short movie based on a weekly theme. *No registration required.*

12/4, 11, 18 - 3:30 PM - Reading with Indy - Registered therapy dogs are excellent listeners! Bring your reader to the library to read to our therapy dog Indy and his person, Karen VanDyke. Indy is non-judgmental and will give kids confidence while reading. *No registration is necessary.*

12/5 - 11:00 AM - Doodle Bugs - Pre-school Art - Art exploration for little ones age 1 - 5 and their caregivers. ***Registration is required.***

12/5, 12, 19 - 10:00 AM - Chair Yoga - Is a unique yoga style that adapts yoga positions and poses through creative use of a chair. . This class is taught by Yoga Instructor Vicki DeGroff. ***Registration is required. Requirements: Please wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing.***

12/5 & 19 - 5:00 PM - Kundalini Yoga - Facilitated by Debra Krol, involves repetitive movements with the breath, building strength, toning the nerves and clearing the adrenal glands. *Wear comfortable clothing and bring 2 blankets or a mat and blanket. A \$5.00 donation is requested. Use the back entrance when entering the building.* ***Registration is Required.***

12/6, 12, 20, 27 - 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle - You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others - or just craft in the company of friends. Drop in anytime! *No registration required.*

12/7 - "Miracle on Main Street" - Activities to be announced.

12/8 - 1:00 to 4:00 PM - Best House Victorian Christmas Tea - See the **Best House** while she's all dressed up for the holidays! There will be tea and homemade cookies and an exhibit of beautifully decorated Christmas trees. Suggested donation is \$5.00.

12/14 - 7:00 PM - A Christmas Carol with the Puppet People - The Puppet People will warm your hearts with

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Wednesday, January 23rd or Tuesday, February 12th from 6:30pm-9pm – What is the Internet and How do I find Information?

During this class you will learn about the internet, the web, browsers, searching, evaluating search results, safety and avoiding scams and how to find medical information.

Wednesday, January 30th, or Tuesday, February 19th from 6:30pm-9pm – How do I use the Internet to Communicate Online?

During this class you will learn the types of communication, how to find people, email, Instant Message/Chat, video, social networking, message boards, online job applications and online tax forms.

Tuesday, February 26th from 6:30pm-9pm – How do I Use Word Processing Software?

During this class you will learn the basics of word processing – prepare, edit, save, print or share your documents.

REMEMBER – Registration is required and you MUST complete the first class.

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.

Local organizations looking for meeting space consider the newly renovated Community Room in the Library. If your organization would like to meet in the Library on a regular schedule the Library has filing cabinets available for you to store your documents. Contact Kim to schedule the use of the room.

Library Wish List – are you remodeling, reorganizing, or purchasing new technology? Consider donating to the Library, we are looking for the following items: 2 leather arm chairs, side table, coffee table, counter height table and two chairs, large outdoor style rug, children's chairs, carpet squares, any version of Amazon Kindle or Apple iPad.

Are you starting your **Holiday Shopping**? Have you considered a Library tote bag, note cards, ornaments or tee shirts? Stop into the library and visit our **gift shop**.

Save the Date – Planning is underway for the next **Festival of Writers** *One Word Leads to Another...* will be held on August 15th through 18th, 2013. An exciting list of authors is coming together.

We understand that in 2013 the Town will no longer be producing the Town Newsletter. To remain connected to Library programs please contact the Library to be placed on our email Newsletter. The Library does have a number of public computers where you can check your email or visit the Town web site. We also have a bulletin board to share community news.

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

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

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: Tuesday: Bryant's Center, Greenville Thursday: Cobleskill (Wal-Mart) Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Van is available to travel to doctor appointments. Call Call Ann Vogel at 797-3376 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.

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Charles Dickens' holiday classic. In order to accommodate as many families as possible, **the performance will be held at the Middleburgh Reformed Church at 178 River Street, Middleburgh, NY. No admission or registration required.**

12/15 - 1:00 PM - Cookie Exchange - Join us for our 1st Annual Cookie Exchange. You'll get a chance to present your homemade cookies and sample everyone else's. Please bring 3 dozen cookies- you'll go home with as many cookies as you bring! Be sure to also bring extra cookies for everyone to sample. Please drop off or email (mid@sals.edu) your cookie recipe before the event so the library can make copies for everyone. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be provided. **Registration is required.**

12/18 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "The Tortilla Curtain" by T.C. Boyle - Topanga Canyon is home to two couples on a collision course. Los Angeles liberals Delaney and Kyra Mossbacher & Mexican illegals Candido and America Rincon. *Books may be picked up at the Circulation Desk. No registration required.*

12/19 - 11:00 AM - Start with Science - Preschool Science Exploration - Preschoolers ages 3-5 will learn about basic Science through stories and hands on science activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration required.**

12/24 & 25 - The Library will be closed.

12/28 - 5:30 PM - Dinner & A Movie - "Trouble with the Curve" (PG-13) - Join us as we watch Clint Eastwood's most recent movie. The library will provide the pizza, salad and drinks and you bring a dessert to share. This one fills up fast so make sure you register soon. **Please note that this film is rated PG13 and is not suitable for young children.**

For further details on our programs and updated information check out our NEW website at www.middleburghlibrary.info.

Wishing Everyone
A Very Happy
Holiday Season!!

15th ANNUAL MEDUSA
COMMUNITY
TREE LIGHTING

DEC 2

STARTING AT 6 PM
at the Church in Medusa

*WITH SINGING of CAROLS,
SPECIAL READINGS,
“The Night before Christmas”,
ENTERTAINMENT,
TREE LIGHTING,
SANTA, &
REFRESHMENTS*

DONATIONS OF GOODIES ARE NEEDED

ALL ARE INVITED TO COME
from Medusa and other communities



The Church @ Potter Hollow

Potter Hollow Union Church News

4824 Potter Hollow Rd., Potter Hollow NY.

(518) 239-8011 (518) 965-1741 asthandmiles@hotmail.com

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

Morning Worship
10:30am

Youth & Adult Bible
Studies
9:30am

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting
6:30pm

Dec. 6th (and every first wed.)
men's meeting
(call to confirm location)

Various mid-week bible
studies
(call for location and details)

"The Old Country Church SWAP Shop"

Will be closed for winter
as of nov. 18th
(open for Dec. 8th
special event only).

Food Pantry

Sat. 10am-2pm
(in our fellowship hall)

Closed:
Dec. 29th

Christmas Toy Program

Sat. Dec. 8th, 10am-2pm



@ our Fellowship Hall

We will be collecting toys up until Dec 8th and giving them out at the event. Toys can be dropped off at our fellowship hall during church or pantry hours, or call Stacy Case, event coordinator, after 4pm @ (518) 797-3266. This event is in partnership with



"I Wish You Jesus" Christmas Program



Sunday, Dec. 16th 6:00pm

Presented by our children, so it's sure to be a truly unique and wonderful Christmas treat!



The Rensselaerville Historical Society wishes to thank everyone who was involved with the FEMA-funded rebuild of the Grist Mill Dam. As most of you know, the dam was washed out in the Irene/Lee flooding when a huge boulder was taken by the Ten Mile Creek and crashed over the dam, destroying the protective wooden apron and breaking the retaining stone dam. This caused the mill pond to drain, leaving the hamlet without a water source for fire protection and exposing downstream property owners to possible future flooding.

We want to thank Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, the Council, especially Councilman Bob Bolte, and recognize also the cooperation of the Regional Office of the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation. We especially appreciate the leadership provided by the Albany County Highway Department in coordinating and accomplishing the dredging of the mill pond and Bob Tanner for seeing that the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company again has the necessary access to the pond. Thanks also to Phil & Lee Pearson for providing access across their property. Barry Kuhar was the Society's committee chair for this project, and we thank Barry for his leadership and the many people - members and non-members who came together to volunteer their time and hard work to make the project a success. And finally, we need to recognize the good work of contractor "Dusty" Welsh, for "putting it back the way it was" - only better.

**HOLIDAY
RUMMAGE
SALE**

AT MEDUSA CHURCH HALL

December 8

9am to 3pm

December 15

8am to 12noon

**CHRISTMAS ITEMS
GIFTS - BOOKS – TOYS
LOTS OF GOOD MISC. ITEMS**

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE

****on Sat the 8th only****

SOUP – SANDWICHES -HOT DOGS - CHILI

The Medusa United Church of Christ invites everyone to their Christmas Eve Candle-Light Service at 8pm.

THE PRESTON HOLLOW BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE, INC., would like to thank Steve Erikson of Catskill Mountain Signs, Route 145, East Durham, for helping us refurbish and rebuild the Hamlet signs along Route 145 (that were ruined by the Irene and Lee storms) at a very reasonable price, and would like to thank Cynthia Willis, a member of the Beautification Committee, for sharing her wonderful artistic talent in painting the beautiful ovals on the signs. A thank you also goes to Vincent Leombruno who stained the wooden posts of the signs and built the flower boxes below, which adds a lovely touch for seasonal flowers.

The Preston Hollow Beautification Committee wishes to thank all who contributed to the success of its 2nd Annual Harvest Festival held on October 20, 2012. A special thanks to the **Tri-Village Fire Company**, the **Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Corp.** and the below local businesses who donated goods and services to the event. A good time was had by all.

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| Bank of Greene County-Greenville | Karen's Flower Shoppe-Cairo |
| Bryant's Country Square-Greenville | Price Chopper -Slingerlands and Glenmont |
| Catskill Home Depot-Leeds | Rubbin Butts Bar-B-Q-Cobleskill |
| Country Square Wine & Liquor-Greenville | Sam's Club-Latham |
| Dean's Valley Mill-East Durham | Shaul's Farm |
| Doreen's Family Salon & Spa-East Durham | Subway-Greenville |
| Dunkin Donuts-Cairo | The Milk Run-East Durham |
| French Connection Nail Spa-Cairo | The Saloon of East Durham |
| GNH Lumber-Greenville | Tony Fallon Hardware-Cairo |
| Guaranteed Irish-East Durham | Village Inn Pizza-Cairo |
| Heather Ridge Farm-Preston Hollow | West Winds-Preston Hollow |
| Just-A-Buck-Greenville | Wonder Bread Outlet-Latham |

The Beautification Committee always welcomes new members. Participation in meetings and events is fun and will give you the opportunity to meet friends and contribute to the community. If you are interested in joining, please call Committee President, Kathy Jones, at 239-6328.

The Preston Hollow lighting of the Christmas Tree, sponsored by the Youth Group, will be held on November 30th at 6pm. Come join us, at the Preston Hollow Greenhouse on Route 145, all are welcome. There will be Hot Chocolate, Christmas Caroling, and a party with Santa Claus at the Fire House.



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 7:00pm	<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 State Police
<u>Dog Control Officer</u> Cheryl Baitsholts 518-797-5201	<u>Deputy Town Clerk</u> Dee Andrus	<u>Rensselaerville and Hilltowns, 911</u> 518-477-9333
<u>Town Refuse Station Hours</u> Wednesday and Saturday 7:00am-3:45pm	<u>Clerk 1</u> Sarah Hunt	<u>Hilltown Community Resource Center</u> 518-797-5256
<u>Water/Sewer District Meeting</u> First Thursday 7:00 pm		

IMPORTANT TOWN E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Town Supervisor: vlounsbury@rensselaerville.com
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Board of Ethics: ethicsboard@rensselaerville.com
Code Enforcement Officer: codeenforcement@rensselaerville.com
Assessors: assessors@rensselaerville.com
Planning Board: planning@rensselaerville.com
Councilwoman Marion Cooke: mcooke@rensselaerville.com
Councilman Robert Bolte: rbolte@rensselaerville.com
Councilman John "Jack" Kudlack: jkudlack@rensselaerville.com
Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir: mseidlmeir@rensselaerville.com
Highway Superintendent Randy Bates: rbates@rensselaerville.com

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