

Town of Rensselaerville

Newsletter

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

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July 2006

Letter from Supervisor Jost Nickelsberg Openness

Some of the main elements of my campaign platform continue to be the most important goals of this government; accountability, volunteerism, collaboration with neighboring towns, a full review of the developing comprehensive land use plan, maintaining the rural character of our town and, complete transparency of our government in action.

To that end, we have included everything in the town newsletter and on the town web site. We will continue this openness.

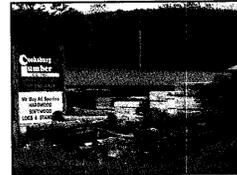
During the past 6 months we saved money by procuring more competitive insurance coverage, on purchases of culvert pipe, on trips by government officials, on future purchases of motor oil and on reduction of paid staff. We earned more money from our bank deposits by restructuring our bank accounts using higher yielding financial instruments to increase earned interest. Next we hope to increase productivity with information technology upgrades at town hall.

Cutting Costs. We are attempting to increase energy efficiency of the town hall building with improvements such as caulking openings between cinderblocks, upgrading windows if necessary, and tightening up garage doors to cut down on heat loss etc. In addition, we will install a new waste oil furnace, have our engineering firm review refurbishing plans and have an energy audit by NYSERDA.

Collaboration. Once a month we are attempting to get together with the other Hilltown supervisors to explore joint efforts such as a Hilltown Community Center and affordable housing. Our grant writer, Sharon Lansing, gave a presentation on how we might have more leverage if we wrote grants together.

Volunteering. Volunteerism is a core value of our 5 hamlets. Three months ago David Lewis, K.B. Cook, Steve Wood, Connie Pruikmsa, Ed Van Auken and others, met at the town hall and decided to build a very fine Little League field. It would be done with donated time, money and equipment. A plan was created. Then, over the weekend of June 10th a public address system was installed completing this effort. It took thousands of hours volunteered by dozens of people. Special thanks to all the people who helped make this field a reality, including Marianne and KB Cook for leading the effort. This "field of dreams" adds another chapter to the rich baseball history of our town that includes some great traditions like the Sod Buster teams. The end result is something to be proud of—the best little league field in the county. But the best is not good enough for our kids—they are America's future.

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Cooksburg



Medusa



Potter Hollow



Preston Hollow



Rensselaerville

THE
RENSSELAERVILLE
LIBRARY
Bookmark

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
10 - noon, 4 - 9:00 pm

THURSDAY & FRIDAY
4 - 9:00 PM

SATURDAY
9 - 1:00 PM

*We are closed Sunday,
Monday and Holidays.*

MAIN STREET
518.797.3949

Important temporary change in library hours for July and August only: The Wednesday morning library hours will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Please adjust your schedules accordingly. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Many thanks to the library backyard cleanup crew that gathered on June 10 despite cold, wind and damp conditions. Dave Bryan, Barbara Heath, Tim and Linda Miller, Dian Ryan and library staff members Barbara Bolster Barrett and Candy Wilson all helped to clean out the overgrown flower beds and prune bushes. Thanks also to Myra Dorman for providing goodies to help fuel our work.

Many thanks also to all those people who helped make our annual cocktail party a success. Special thanks to those who brought hors d'oeuvres and those who provided us with wonderful donations to the silent auction.

It's Summer Reading time again! Books: A Treasure, the annual New York State Childrens Summer Reading Program theme, runs from July 1-Aug. 19. If you haven't signed up yet stop by the library to pick up your calendar, reading record and a book to get started. And so adults won't feel left out, we will also be running an Adult Summer Reading Program again this summer.

Also continuing this summer is the Rensselaerville Library Kids Cookin' by the Book Club on Tues., July 11 at 5:30 p.m. Honest Weight Food Coop will help everyone make fruit and veggie sculptures a la Saxton Freeman. The following week, on Tues., July 18 at 6:30 p.m. join us for make your own ice cream. Both programs will be at the Rensselaerville Library, and are free, but sign up is required. Please call 797-3949 or stop by the library.

The library is pleased to host local author Paula Scardamalia who will read from her newly published book *Weaving a Woman's Life: Spiritual Lessons from the Loom* on Sat., July 22 at 1:30 p.m. Using the metaphor of weaving and drawing from the collective history and mythology of women, Paula shows us how we can weave time, space, ritual, mistakes, forgiveness and loss into a foundation for our lives. Refreshments will be served and books will be available for the author to sign.

Mark your calendars, as part of the summer reading program the library in cooperation with the libraries in Berne and Westerlo, will be welcoming The Storycrafters on Sat., Aug. 26 at 3 p.m. at the Berne Town Park. Stay tuned for details about this fabulous program.

Free Childrens Tennis Lessons

The Rensselaerville Labor Tennis Group will once again sponsor free tennis lessons for children with coach Jim Neal.

The time is Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on July 8, 15, 22, 29 and Aug. 5. The place is Kessler Court, Methodist Hill Rd., Rensselaerville.

No sign up is required. Come as many times as you can, and wear non-marking tennis shoes. There may be a few loaner racquets, if needed. (Childrens racquets cost about \$20 at any sporting goods store.)

For more information, contact Mary Ann Ronconi at 797-3922.

...Library

And although we don't want to think about the end of summer before it even begins, the annual library lawn party is Sat., Sept. 2 from 5-7 p.m.

The next library board of trustees meeting is Mon., July 3 at 7:30 p.m. The next Friends of the Rensselaerville Library meeting will be Mon., July 17 at 7:30 p.m. Join us or call the library and ask to be put on the email list.

Library staff: Rebecca Lubin, director; Barbara Bolster Barrett, associate librarian; Candy Wilson and Kate Barker, aides.

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Ghost Riders to Perform

The Ghost Riders Band will perform at Bayard Elsbree Park on Friday nights from 7-9 p.m. beginning July 7 and ending Aug. 25.

A chicken barbeque will be featured at the Aug. 25 performance.

New Assessors Hours

Assessor Donna Kropp will be in the Rensselaerville Town Hall Assessors Office Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Rachel Chase, Clerk II, will be present during her morning hours, with appointments needed for others during July and August.

...Supervisor's Letter

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New Season, New Cover.

You will notice that the cover of this newsletter has changed.

Our "field of dreams" is Bayard Ellsbree Park in Preston Hollow, a view from Walt Cook's farm, a picture of the Lewisdale Farm, a view from Kropp Hill, the Cooksburg Lumber Company, a major employer and economic force in the town, and a picture of the water fall at our Preserve, all grace the summer season newsletter cover.

As we move forward, let's all remember that there are many, many more things that connect us in this town than divide us.

I do believe that our common history, beautiful setting, and jointly held values far outnumber our differences.



Tented Circus July 9 in Preston Hollow

It has been almost a half century since the last all new circus under the big top toured the country. The smells of hot popcorn, hot dogs, bright colored balloons and acts from around the world can be relived when the Alain Zerbini Circus comes to perform in Preston Hollow on Sun., July 9 with performances at 2 and 5 p.m.

The acres of tents will be at the circus grounds on Bayard Elsbree Park, Route 145, Preston Hollow. The event is being presented as a fund raising activity of the Preston Hollow Park Committee.

Advanced tickets may be purchased from members at discounted prices at Molloy's Greenhouse, Second Hand Rose Antique Shop and West Winds in Preston Hollow. Advance sale tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for children; at the gate on July 9 tickets will cost \$10 for adults, and \$8 for children.

For more information, contact Connie at 239-6382 or Wendy at 239-4117. For more than 200 years the famed Zerbini family name has been known in the circus field of entertainment

Consumer Confidence Report Mailed

Please take notice that the Consumer Confidence Report for 2005 was mailed to all water users in the Rensselaerville Water District No. 1 on May 31. If you did not receive the Consumer Confidence Report, please contact the Town Clerk and one will be mailed to you. The report has been posted at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, Rensselaerville Post Office and Rensselaerville Library.

Grist Mill Summer Hours Changed

Hours that the Rensselaerville Grist Mill will be open on Saturdays this summer have been changed to noon to 2 p.m. through the Labor Day weekend.

The Wednesday hours will not be changed – they are from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesdays are the best day for genealogy researchers to visit, as several members of the Research Group are always present then.

The Rensselaerville Grist Mill is the last of 29 water-powered mills that once were in the Town of Rensselaerville. Visitors may tour the mill and may view exhibits of artifacts from bygone years. Old photos and much genealogical information and prints and local history books are also features.

The theme of this summer's exhibits are five Landmark Celebrations in 2006: the 75th anniversary of the Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve, the 100th anniversary of Conkling Hall being a community center, and the 200th anniversary of the founding of Potter Hollow, the 200th anniversary of the building of Catalpa House and the 200th anniversary of the building of the Conkling Farm House.

The Rensselaerville Grist Mill is located at the bridge in the hamlet of Rensselaerville and there is no charge to visit. For more information, call 797-3194.

Town of Rensselaerville Officials

Your town officials are: Jost Nickelsberg, supervisor; Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, town clerk and collector; J. Robert Lansing, Sherri Pine, Myra Dorman, Gary Chase, councilmen; Mark Overbaugh, building inspector and code enforcement officer; G. John Chase, superintendent of highways; Peter H. Hotaling Jr., Jeffrey R. Pine, Donna Kropp, Assessors; Victor La Plante and Victoria K. Gledner, town justices; Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP, town attorney.

Conkling Hall – What's On July

July 9, 1:00 PM . Community Pot Luck and Cakewalk. Townwide, summer Sunday potluck luncheon open to all residents and friends. The potluck is free of course, but you should bring a dish to pass. This will be followed by a CakeWalk to auction from-scratch cakes by some of the finest bakers in the Helderbergs. The proceeds from the CakeWalk will help pay for the continued operation of Conkling Hall. We are looking for bakers!!! Please call Cynthia Nicholson 797-5154 if you are willing to bake a cake for this fundraiser.

July 22, 10:00 AM . Tryouts for the Good Cause Club performance of "Once Upon a Mattress". Rehearsals are August 2-4 and 7-11. Performance is August 12 and 13, 2006.
Contact: Margaret Kelly 239 - 8175.

July 29, 7:30 PM. Historical Society Community Dance with caller and live music.

August 5, Sonny and Perley return to Conkling Hall for an evening of

jazz and Brazilian music. Melodic, rhythmic and sensual, the team of keyboardist Sonny Daye and vocalist Perley Rousseau is one of the most exciting and popular musical attractions in the Capital District. Tickets are \$10.

Tuesdays. 6:30 PM Tai Kwon Do classes with instructor John Tamburello.. Call Larry Tompkins at 797-5113.

New Chairman: Gayle Burgess, after seven years as chairman has retired. All of her efforts are gratefully appreciated and remembered. Diana Dietrich has been elected as the new chairman of Conkling Hall.

Please become a member of Conkling Hall or renew your membership. We depend upon your support for continued operation of this unique community resource.

Menu for Extra Helpings

The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC) in Westerlo is an Extra Helpings Food Buying Club ordering site. Extra Helpings is a program from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York offering approximately \$35 worth of food for \$14 per order.

The program is open to all regardless of age or income. A menu for each month's Extra Helpings is published one month in advance.

July's regular menu for \$20 is eye rounds steaks, chicken thighs in honey mustard sauce, home-style beef patties, bratwurst with cheese links, grape tomatoes, and red onions.

Special number 1, for \$18, is 8.5 pounds of pork loins; special number 2, for \$16.50, is 10 pounds of boneless, skinless chicken breasts; special number three, for \$30, is 3 pounds of boneless spare ribs, 2 pounds of sirloin steak tips in balsamic vinaigrette marinade, 3 pounds of breaded chicken tenders, 3 pounds of pepper steaks topped with red and green peppers, and 2 pounds of bulk breakfast sausage. Substitutions of equal value may be necessary due to availability.

HCRC distributes Extra Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from noon-1 p.m. and at St. Bernadette's Church in Berne from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on July 25.

The pick up site must be noted with each order. Orders with payments are due at the HCRC office by July 5.

For more information on the program, or other HCRC services, please call 797-5256. The mailing address is PO Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please include your phone number on all correspondence.

Bell Award Students Named

Patrick Maurer, seven years old, and Kyle Grennan, a high school graduate this year, were given the Ernest E. Bell Annual Award for 2006. Both are students at Greenville Central School District.

Joyce Chase and Julie Sikule, members of the Medusa Volunteer Fire Company, presented the monetary awards at recent school ceremonies.

United States Postal Service in the Town of Rensselaerville

Medusa
239-4826

Preston Hollow
239-6111

Rensselaerville
797-3231

Dance Lauds Conkling Hall's 100th Birthday

In 1906, the Methodist Church of Rensselaerville, which was built in 1839, was converted to a community center and renamed Conkling Hall, Methodist Hill Rd., Rensselaerville. To celebrate the hall's 100th birthday, the Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society will sponsor a Community Dance on Sat., July 29 at historic Conkling Hall, Rensselaerville.

The dance will feature square dances, waltzes, round dances, contras and more and all ages are welcome. Singing the calls for square dances is a dying art, but this type of calling was traditional at Conkling Hall for generations. Therefore, the Historical

Society has engaged a caller for the birthday dance who can sing the calls: Fern Bradley.

Both square dancing and contra dancing have their roots in Scottish and Irish country dancing brought to the Appalachians and to the northeast by early settlers. Lively reels and jigs typical of the northeastern part of the US and Canada will be played by Fireflies, a band consisting of Sue Mead and Jim Broden on fiddles and Jim Mead on guitar. This band has played for several community dances at Conkling Hall over the past four years.

The dance is cosponsored by

Community Arts Grants, a program funded through the state and local partnership program of the New York State Council on the Arts and The Arts Center of the Capital Region.

Admission to the dance will be \$7.50 per person (\$6.50 for Historical Society members,) \$2 for children under 12. Children under 5 will be admitted free. The dance begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m. Experience in square or contra dancing is not necessary because all dances will be taught. A partner is also not required as the dance tradition is to ask a different person for each dance. Call 797-3194 for more information.

RHDA Annual Meeting to Discuss Sidewalks

The Rensselaerville Historic District Association (RHDA) will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, August 5, from 11 am to 1 pm at Conkling Hall.

The topic of discussion will be the rehabilitation of the sidewalks in the hamlet of Rensselaerville.

Our guest speaker will be Craig Hammerman, the District Manager for Park Slope in Brooklyn.

Mr. Hammerman has spent 16 years as District Manager of Park Slope and its five neighboring communities and has extensive experience with bluestone sidewalks.

The continual degradation of the sidewalks has been a particular bailiwick for many in the village, and here is a perfect opportunity to start working towards a solution.

This is a discussion you will not want to miss.

Cakewalk Auction July 9

The 3rd annual community wide Cakewalk in the summer and the Chili Cookoff in the fall have become the two main fund-raising events to support the operational costs of Conkling Hall.

The delicious cakes are made *from scratch* and highlight the talents of the bakers of our Hilltowns. These bakers spend many hours planning their "perfect" contribution and anticipate your support.

The cakes will be on view on the Hall stage prior to the auction, which immediately follows the community-wide pot luck luncheon scheduled for 1 PM.

In the past the cakes have been a delicious success. We expect this year's auction will be our best yet.

Interested bakers are to contact Cynthia Nicholson (797 - 5154) with any questions and to sign up. Call soon!!!

Interested bidders should come to the potluck and be ready to join in the fun of vying for one of these special cakes.

Participating bakers should deliver their cakes at the lower level

floor of Conkling Hall before noon on Sunday, July 9. This year we are asking bakers to furnish their name, cake name and interesting things related to it, and the recipe.

In time, we hope to gather enough recipes for a Conkling Hall Cakewalk Cookbook.

Planning Survey Mailed

If you have not already received a Rensselaerville Town Planning Survey in the mail, expect to receive one soon.

The Planning Board and the Comprehensive Land Use Committee encourage you to return this survey in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible.

Your input will be used to help evaluate and revise the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations. Later in the year, there will be public meetings scheduled to discuss the results of the survey and other planning issues.

If you are a renter in the Town and would like to participate, you can pick up a survey at the town hall during regular business hours.

Planning Tools: Conservation Easements

Note: This is the first in a series of brief articles designed to acquaint Rensselaerville citizens with a variety of planning tools the Citizens Land-Use Committee is learning about as they study options available to plan for the future of our town

Conservation easements are among the most powerful ways a private landowner has available to leave a land conservation legacy for future generations. Easements are voluntary, permanent, legal agreements entered into by a landowner and a land trust, for the purpose of specifying development and land use restrictions that will protect the property's open space values.

A variety of important landscape features and values can be protected by conservation easements, such as natural areas and important

habitat, water resources, scenic areas, or working lands such as farms and managed forests. Every conservation easement document is unique, tailored to the specific characteristics of each property.

Most conservation easements are designed to offer permanent protection of property - they run "in perpetuity", and are binding on all future landowners. Easements are recorded at the County Clerk's Office, and run with the property's deed.

Easements result in a public benefit from the protections they provide to the environment, and there are financial incentives for donating an easement to a land trust. The primary incentive is state and federal income tax deductions for the value of the property rights that are given up, as determined by an independent appraisal.

Easements can also help lower

or eliminate estate taxes, helping landowner's to pass land along to their heirs. There is currently no guarantee of property tax relief when donating an easement, that is decided by the local assessor.

Conservation easements are enabled by state and federal law, and do not require local government approvals.

Placing a conservation easement on your land does not mean that you are automatically granting the public the right to enter onto your land; it is still private property, and the easement does not prevent you from selling the land or passing it on to children.

Easements can only be extinguished by government condemnation (i.e. through an eminent domain taking), and can only be amended to correct an error or to add additional conservation protections.

When a land trust accepts and holds a conservation easement, it takes on the responsibility of monitoring the property (generally with an annual visit), and ensuring that the terms of the easement are maintained in perpetuity.

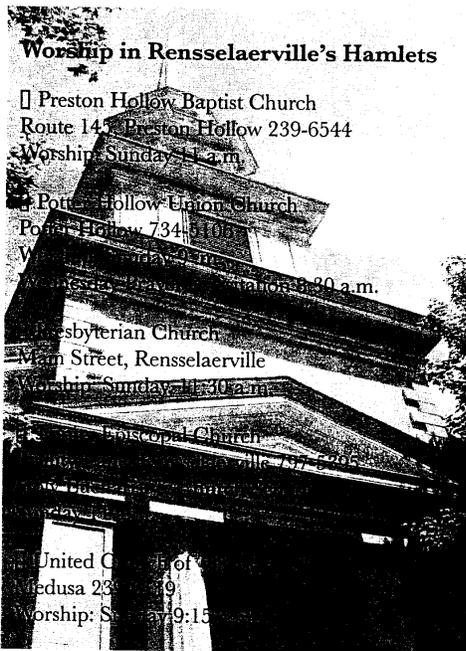
The landowner is exercising their ability to put their own permanent stamp on the land—one of the few ways to leave something truly enduring and meaningful in this world.

The state has recently passed legislation affording a tax credit on state income taxes for qualified land in conservation easements.

The details of this program are yet to be announced.

It is anticipated it will be a very powerful incentive to landowners considering placing an easement on their property.

[Information provided by The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development, www.catskillcenter.org]



June Minutes for Rensselaerville Board

The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag. There were approximately 30 citizens in attendance. All members of the Town Board were present. Highway Superintendent Chase was absent. Minutes of the May 11 public hearing, regular meeting and May 17 public hearing to endorse a Westerlo snowmobile club were approved.

Unspecified signed vouchers were approved.

Audience Comments

Sheila Whitford inquired about work on the creek that is threatening her property in Potter Hollow. Supervisor Nickelsberg informed her that Albany County Legislator Sandy Gordon had not reported back to the town board with a progress report. He was absent from the meeting.

Bob Johnson thanked the town board for getting the newsletter mailed directly to him. Several people with Westerlo, Berne, Oak Hill and Middleburgh addresses are now receiving addressed copies of the newsletter because postal bulk mailings were not delivered to their zip codes. He also commented that he thought the newsletter was very informative.

Correspondence

Supervisor Nickelsberg read a letter from Nadia and Richard Kremer expressing displeasure with the decision to endorse a Westerlo snowmobile club. They cited numerous problems they have had with snowmobilers on Camp Winsocki Rd. The endorsement will allow the club to obtain funds to be paid for creating and

maintaining trails and posting town roads for snowmobile use.

Georgette Koenig wrote that she was not pleased with the town newsletter as she feels it is being used to present the supervisor's political positions. Supervisor Nickelsberg responded that he is totally dedicated to open government and will continue to fill the newsletter with every fact available. He invited anyone who feels that the newsletter does not represent actual events at town board meetings to listen to the audiotapes made at every board meeting.

Reports

Supervisor's Report:

The following balances were reported in various CD and bank accounts: \$803,512.66, \$301,317.25, \$101,139.44, \$101,358.18, with a total of \$1.9 million in all accounts.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

Work has been progressing on Niles Rd. Cheese Hill Rd. is also being worked on. Mowing roadsides is taking place as well as road patching throughout the town. The next road project will be Travis Hill Rd.

Town Clerk's Report:

The clerk reported monthly income from various sources.

Old Business:

The two bids to repair town hall were discussed. It was moved to wait until the next meeting to make a decision because the board felt they did not have enough information on the quality of

materials in the two bids for a reasonable comparison.

Bids to repair the salt shed were discussed. It was decided to delay repairs until the town council has specification on the materials to be used to repair the building.

Bids for a photocopy machine were discussed and a motion was made to give the contract to Ikon. The amount of the contract was not disclosed.

The sole bidder for computer networking and IT services in town offices was discussed. The contract was awarded to NYAIR Radical Systems of Greenville. The price was not disclosed at the meeting.

One proposal was received for grant writing from Sharon Lansing. A motion to table the award passed pending more information.

The Beautification Committee purchased approximately \$600 of trees and shrubs that were planted around town hall. Mr. Mikulka asked about three pieces of junk that had not been disposed of as agreed upon at previous town board meetings.

New Business

Sal Santo commended the town attorney for answering his phone calls. Mr. Santo complained that he had numerous problems with planning board member Richard Amedure. He requested the Mr. Amedure recuse himself from consideration of any proposal before the planning board submitted by Mr. Santos. He also mentioned that he was not happy that he had been passed over for

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...Town Board Minutes

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appointment to the Citizens Land Use Committee.

Attorney Ryan reported on the Naomi Weiner public hearing. The cost to remove the carriage house that is blocking drainage will be charged back to the property owner.

The Board approved bids for a 1990 Top Kick GMC Truck with sander and a three point hitch mower from Jeremiah Overbaugh of Greenville. No bids were received for a Miller tilt-bed trailer.

Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that NYSERDA would be here on June 21 to do an energy inspection of town buildings.

Vernon Husek, chairman of the Land Use Committee, reported on three meetings held by the committee. They are reviewing comprehensive plans from several towns.

The Town of Bedford and the Town of Durham have been reviewed, as well as Rensselaerville. The purpose is to ensure that the committee understands all of the possible tools available to produce the best plan possible for Rensselaerville.

He reported that six subcommittees have been formed and two additional subcommittees will be appointed at the next meeting.

Garret Platel was appointed assistant water treatment officer for the Rensselaerville Water District.

Nancy Class was appointed clerk to the Supervisor for a term ending Dec. 31, 2006.

Supervisor Nickelsberg reported that Supervisors from Berne, Knox, Rensselaerville and

Westerlo meet monthly.

They talk about ways they can improve services provided by town government. They are now working on establishing a community center for the four Hilltowns to be located on the property formally occupied by the engineering union on Route 85.

Two new members for the Citizen Land Use Committee were proposed. The Board decided to add Susan Lewis to the committee, and appointed Margaret Sedelmeier and John Dolce as alternates.

Audience Comments

Jeff Pine pointed out that the summary minutes in the newsletter had not been signed by the Supervisor.

Sal Santo requested that new subdivision and zoning laws be put up for public referendum. Attorney Ryan suggested that the issue would require legal research.

Tom Kropp, representing the Rensselaerville Fire Company, requested that the Town adopt a law that would fine people with numerous false alarms. He will get

additional information for the town board on wording for the law.

K.B. Cooke spoke about work on the ballpark in Preston Hollow. He reported that it was about 90 percent done and complimented the Supervisor for getting the ball rolling. He reported everybody enjoys the field and it is an asset to the town. No public funds were used to improve the field.

There was a discussion about the need to provide handicapped access to polling places in the town.

Tim Lippert pointed out that the Hudson River Valley Greenway has grants available for comprehensive land review. The application is simple. \$5,000-\$10,000 grants are available. Applications are due in August.

—Jost Nickelsberg

Note: This is a summary from the Town Board meeting. If a full account is desired, the most complete (100%) is at Town Hall on the tapes, and we will have a final board approved written version on the town website.

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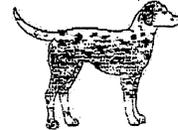
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ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

RABIES CLINIC SCHEDULE - 2006



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

March 18	Saturday 1-4:00 p.m.	Berne Highway Garage Route 443 - Berne
June 6	Tuesday 4-7:00 p.m.	Bethlehem Town Park Elm Avenue - Bethlehem
September 9	Saturday 1-4:00 p.m.	Village Hall 2 Thunder Road - Colonie
November 4	Saturday 1-4:00 p.m.	Public Works Garage Cohoes Road - Green Island

* Saturday Clinics - 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. for cats and ferrets
2:30 - 4:00 p.m. for dogs

* Tuesday Clinic - 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. for cats and ferrets
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for dogs



DONATION: \$5.00 PER ANIMAL



June 4, 2006

Dear Friends, and Family,

I can not express enough my gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful fundraiser for Bill on June 3. Your generosity and concern for Bill's well being can not be matched. Before I left for the event I asked him if there is anything he would like me to tell people and he said he wished he could be there. I plan to use the funds that were raised to purchase a stair glide that will bring him up to the second story of our home so that he can shower and sleep. I had no idea how I would pay for this, but you have all made it possible.

If you're all feeling a little weaker today I stole a little strength when I hugged you to pass on to Bill. For those of you that I was not able to speak with personally, he is at Baptist Health Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 297 N. Ballston Ave., Scotia, NY. This is the facility that he worked at and I also work. I can not express my thanks enough for the wonderful care he is getting from his co-workers. I get to see him often during the day, which helps me cope. He has had a very rocky recovery from his stroke, but is making gains. He has not been able to talk until recently due to a tracheotomy, but with the aide of a valve and microphone, I can understand him. He is alert and orientated. He is beginning to take some food by mouth, which is very pleasurable to him. When I told him of all your generosity and kind well wishes, he replied "I hope I don't disappoint them."

Ultimately, the insurance will dictate when he will return home. So far his health care coverage has been much better than I had expected. I need him to be the best we can get him, and then we will go from there. So many of your donations were anonymous so please know they are appreciated.

Again, I can not express our gratitude enough.

Sincerely,

Chris & Bill Stafford



THE EDMUND NILES HUYCK PRESERVE & BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH STATION

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July 13-16 2006

Annual Science Symposium 75th Anniversary Celebration

Join Preserve scientists and visiting researchers for this special gathering of past and present scientists who will be discussing their research at the Preserve.

Public Program of Events

Friday 7/14: Keynote speaker, Susan Beatty: 8 p.m.

Sat 7/15: Symposium 2-4 p.m.

On Sunday 7/16, join our visiting scientists for a series of Huyck Hikes, beginning at 10 a.m.

At the Eldridge Research Center, Pond Hill Rd.

Upcoming...

July 8-9, 2006
Plain Air Landscape
Painting Workshop
with Jim Coe
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Summer Youth Programs

July 11-Aug 1: (Tuesdays 10-12)
grades K-2: Nature Study
The Natural World Around Us
Jessie Huyck Nature Center, Lake Myosotis

July 6-27: (Thursdays 10-12)
grades 3-5: Nature Study
Junior Scientists
Jessie Huyck Nature Center, Lake Myosotis

July 5- Aug 4:
Swimming Lessons
(Mon, Wed, Fri 1-3:30)
Lake Myosotis Swimming Beach

Call 797-3440 for registration for these programs. A small fee is charged to cover administrative costs.



Rensselaerville Youth Summer Recreation Program

July 5 - July 21
Mon, Wed, Fri
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Rensselaerville Park

This program is offered free by the Town of Rensselaerville for children of all ages. Supervision required for children under 3. call 797-5233 for info

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\$9.00 per sale location- Make checks payable to:

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Please list some of the main items you are selling.

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 July 6: 20-minute Yoga for Anyone
 July 15: Breathing Practices for Beginners
 July 22: Stress Busters; July 29: Stretch Yoga
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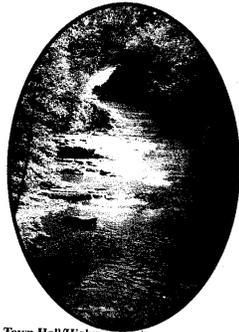
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Social number— 797-3218

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Social number—239-6780

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Rensselaerville Vol. Ambulance, 911
Information number—797-5233

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911, 477-9333

Town Board Meetings
Second Thursday, 7 p.m.; Working meeting
Tuesday before regular meeting, as needed.

Town Justice Court
Mondays, 7 p.m.

Planning Board
First and third Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals
Second Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer
Thursday, 8-10 a.m., 7-9 p.m.

Town Clerk's Hours
Monday - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, 1:30-7:30 p.m.
Friday, 9 a.m.-noon

Supervisor's Hours
Seven days a week, by appointment

Assessors' Hours
Thursday, 6-8 p.m.

Assessors' Clerk Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday mornings

Dog Control Officer
Cheryl Telft-Baisholts, 797-5201

Town Refuse Station Hours
Wednesdays, 7 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Saturday, 7 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Water/Sewer District Meeting
First Tuesday, 7 p.m.