

Town of Rensselaerville

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

Newsletter

Kudos

Every month we take time to thank some of our special citizens and highlight their activities.

Ann Vogel has been planning senior events, including transportation to doctor's appointments and shopping, etc. for some years. It was most apparent as to how much Ann does for our seniors, when she recently went on vacation and the clerk's at the Town Hall took the calls in her absence. We thank Ann for giving her time, and that makes her a special Rensselaervillian.

Kaycee Williams and Dixie Ouelette have represented Rensselaerville, for the last two years, in a program called "People to People Ambassador Program", a program initiated by President Eisenhower in 1956. Last year Dixie went to Greece and Italy and Kaycee is going to Holland later this moth. We are proud of both of you and wish you well in all that you do.

Daphne Pearson has spent the last 14 months on the Land Use Committee, spending hundreds of hours putting together our revised Comprehensive Plan, and now working on revising the Zoning and Sub-division regulations. Daphne is also working with FEMA and SEMA for funds to repair some of our roads. We thank her and respect the service she is giving the Town knowing full well she is taking exceptional care of her family and business at the same time.

The Greenville Rotary sponsored a Bike-A-Thon for our new senior/youth bus and contributed \$3,500.00 towards it's purchase. We are appreciative of their efforts and kindness for going beyond the call.

Rensselaerville is enhanced by these people and organizations, as well as the many people who are emergency volunteers, the Historical Society and Library, to name a few. We could not have our rich and exceptional history without you. Thank you.

Last but not least, I wish you all a Happy Birthday. We live in a great and amazing country that would not have been possible without George and Martha Washington, John and Abigail Adams, and the amazing group of people we know as "the Founding Fathers". I, for one, feel very lucky.

Jost Nickelsberg

"The same prudence which in private life would forbid our paying our own money for unexplained projects, forbids it in the dispensation of the public moneys."

Thomas Jefferson (letter to Shelton Giliam, 19 June 1808)

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The Rensselaerville Library



Bookmark

Summer is finally here!! Once again, the Rensselaerville Library will be participating in the **New York State Summer Reading program, beginning on July 1st.** This year, the theme is “Get a Clue!” Participants will get a free book upon signing up, and there will be a celebratory Bruegger’s Bagels party at the end of the program in August. Call the Library at 797-3949 for more information.

First Friday movies continue: Join us at Conkling Hall on **Friday, July 6 at 7:30 P.M.** for *Happily N’Ever After*. Featuring characters voiced by Sarah Michelle Gellar and Sigourney Weaver. An alliance of evil-doers, led by Frieda (Weaver), looks to take over Fairy Tale Land. But when Ella (Gellar) realizes her stepmother is out to ruin her storybook existence, she takes a dramatic turn and blossoms into the leader of the resistance effort. Run time is 87 minutes. Rated PG for some mild action and rude humor.

Thursday, July 26 from 7:00-8:00 PM, local author Marie Corcoran will

do a reading from her new book entitled *Death Straight Up* (written under the pen name of Fay Rownell). Call the Library for more information.

As we continue in the process of automating our collection, the Library would like to remind patrons that we are still issuing the new bar-coded cards. With these cards, patrons can access the services of all libraries in the Upper Hudson System, and can also order items online. If you haven’t yet gotten your new card, stop by the Library and get one today! We would also like to remind patrons of our fine policy. Late DVDs and movies will incur a charge of \$1.00 per day. All other items (books, periodicals, audio books, etc.) will incur a charge of \$0.10 per day. The Library Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Monday, July 2 at 7:00 PM.

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

Library Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday
10:00 AM to Noon, and
4:00-9:00 PM

Thursday & Friday
4:00—9:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

www.uhls.org/rvll_library

POST OFFICE INFORMATION
Rensselaerville: 797-3231
Medusa: 239-4826
Preston Hollow: 239-6111

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES
2" x 3.5" (Business Card) \$30.00
4" x 3" (Quarter Page) \$46.00
5" x 8" (Half Page) \$80.00
8.5" x 11" (Full Page) \$150.00
Separate Full Page Insert—\$300.00
Contact the Town Hall if you have a full page insert for the Newsletter.
Pay in Advance for a full year and get the 12th month FREE.

Conkling Hall—What's On In July

Conkling Hall presents "SATURDAYS ON THE SIDE-WALK": Join us as you run errands on Saturday morning. We will offer, coffee, tea, pastries, baguettes, sandwiches and more from other participants. Come sit with friends and neighbors and enjoy the pleasures of summer. We will be open from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Sunday, July 8: Community Potluck Luncheon and Forth Annual Cakewalk Auction. Come join the fun! Rensselaerville is known for its good cooks. Enjoy a delicious lunch which is followed by the Cakewalk Auction. Cakes will be on display for viewing during the lunch. Lunch begins at 12:30. Cakewalk Auction begins at 1:30. This is one of two fundraising events that Conkling Hall conducts during the year. It helps sustain us to provide events all year long. Each year the Auction has been a joyful event. Come join us. Contact Cynthia Nicholson to enter a made-from-scratch cake,

797 5154.

Tuesdays in July - Five Tuesdays of Ballroom Dance Classes, \$50. Per couple. Call Lisa Dudley to reserve a spot. 797 3121. (The first class, Tuesday, July 3, may be moved to another day of the week due to Holiday events.)

Looking Ahead:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4: SONNY AND PERLEY RETURN WITH FASCINATIN' RHYTHMS. Songs that highlight the music of great American composers. Appetizers start at 7:00 and the performance begins at 8:00. Food is \$10. Beverages are \$4. Performance is \$15.

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

Pilates: Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00 AM. Pilates mat class with Sarah Nelson Weiss. Strengthen your abdominals, gain long, lean muscles and work with good alignment. Appropriate for all



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

levels. Please call 239 6825 for more information and to confirm schedule.

Children's Playgroup: Thursdays 12:00 - 3:00 PM for children 0 to 5 years old. A fine opportunity to meet other children in our area. Call Sarah Nelson Weiss for information: 239 6825.

The Town Clerk's office will be closed on July 4th for Independence Day, and will close at Noon on Friday's in July and August.

Audubon Documentary to Air July 25

The PBS/American Masters documentary, *John James Audubon: Drawn from Nature*, will be shown on public television on Wednesday, July 25. The world premiere of this film was held on October 21, 2006, at The Rensselaerville Institute as part of a conference on Audubon which was hosted by the Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve as one of the special events to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Preserve.

Audubon was a famous painter of birds who also was a respected naturalist and prolific writer who helped document the rapidly changing frontier of early 19th century America.

Funding for the film was provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts, the W. P. Carey Foundation, and Roswell Eldridge, M.D.

June Town Board Minutes

The Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville held their Regular Meeting on the 14th day of June, 2007 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Nickelsberg and the roll was called with the following results;

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

ABSENT: Superintendent G. Jon Chase

There were 32 interested citizens present.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting – May 10, 2007, 2nd by Councilman Lansing. A roll call vote was taken was unanimously accepted.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to accept the minutes of the Work Meeting – May 8, 2007, 2nd by Councilman Lansing. A roll call vote was taken and was unanimously accepted.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting – April 5, 2007, 2nd by Councilman Chase. A roll call vote was taken and was unanimously accepted.

A motion Councilwoman Dorman to accept the minutes of the Emergency Meeting – May 15, 2007, 2nd by Councilman Lansing. A roll call vote was taken and was unanimously accepted.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting – June 6, 2007, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously accepted.

TRANSFERS: Councilman Chase questioned the voucher and transfer for \$132.06, Margaret Sadlmeir for a party for the Comprehensive Land Use Committee volunteers. Was this an open party for everyone in the town to attend. He has a problem paying this bill.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, no, it was for the Land Use Committee, these 13 people volunteered their time to work on the comprehensive land use plan, they had 2, 3 or 4 meetings per week, they had many hours of work toward this project. The \$132.06 is not relevant, look at the work they did.

Attorney Ryan will look into this bill and will report back to the Town Board.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to make the following transfer: From - A1990.4 Contingency - To – A8020.4 Planning Board - Amount - \$14,651.36 (bill for \$136.06 will not be transferred at this time), 2nd by Councilman Lansing. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

ABSTRACT 2007-06, VOUCHERS – 07-0364 – 07-0454: General Fund - \$48,965.26; Highway Fund - \$46,639.55; Lighting District - \$454.39; Water District - \$895.34; Sewer District - \$40.75; Agency & Trust – Total \$99,861.84.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to pay all vouchers except the one for \$135.06, 2nd by Councilman Lansing. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters were received from the following;

Albany County Legislature concerning the Albany County Municipal Services Board. This resolution was passed by the County Legislature on May 14 (Resolution No. 238 for 2007). This Board is to explore the potential for savings for shared services and resources as a means to lower the cost of local government and provide relief to taxpayers. The resolution request the governing boards to appoint a representative to serve on this Board on behalf of the municipality, the Legislature would like a response within 60 days.

Fred Lane – thanking the Highway Department for the excellent job they did on the roads over the winter.

Mr. & Mrs. David Stoudemire concerning the drainage problem by their home on Siebert Road.

REPORTS:

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-The following report was read for Superintendent Chase;

We have been working on the washed out roads from the April storm – grading, ditching, and installing culverts – on various roads. Martin Lloyd is retiring at the end of June. I will have 8 men left and one of them is on a medical leave. I started right after the April storms to gather information for FEMA just in case New York State was declared a disaster area and Albany County would be included. This was

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Extra Helpings Food Buying Club — Available to *Everyone*

Extra Helpings is a program of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and is offered to the community through The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC) in Westerlo. The program is open to all individuals regardless of age or income. Extra Helpings has changed the prices and the menus being offered. Anyone is welcome to purchase any or all of the package options. The menu for each month's Extra Helpings' offering will be published one month in advance. July's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

July's Regular Menu: \$20.00

- 1.5 lbs. of Chicken Breast stuffed w/Broccoli & Cheese
- 2 lbs. of Boneless Pork Chops
- 1.5 lbs. Home Style Beef Patties
- 4 lb. Bag Chicken Wings
- 1 bunch Celery
- 1 lb. bag Baby Carrots

Special #1: \$12.00

- 5 lb. Block Sliced American Cheese

Special #2: \$11.50

- 6 lbs. Italian Sweet Sausage Links (2-3 lb. boxes)

Special #3: \$30.00 MEAT BOX

- 3 lbs. Home Style Beef Patties
- 3 lbs. Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast
- 2.5 lbs. Boneless Center-cut Pork Chops
- 3 lbs. Maple Breakfast Sausage
- 3 lbs. Salisbury Steak

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

Please Note: Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by **July 5th** for pick-up on **July 24th**. HCRC distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:30AM to 12:30PM and at St.

Bernadette's Church in Berne from 12:00 to 1:00PM, and St. Lucy's Church in Altamont from 2:30 to 3:30PM on delivery days. The pick-up site must be noted with each order. Anyone wishing more information regarding Extra Helpings or other Hilltowns Community Resource Center services, please call 797-5256. HCRC's mailing address is: PO Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please include your phone number on all correspondence.



RHDA Annual Meeting - August 4th

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

Consumer Confidence Report Mailed

Please take notice that the Consumer Confidence Report for 2006 was mailed to all water users in the Rensselaerville Water District on June 11, 2007. If you did not receive the Consumer Confidence report, please contact the Town Clerk at 518-797-3798 and one will be mailed to you. The report has been posted at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, Rensselaerville Post Office and the Rensselaerville Library.

SENIOR CORNER

Need Information?

ElderSource Line (465-1903) has information at Senior Services to help in a variety of ways. Call between 8:30AM-12:30PM Monday through Friday.

Call for free assistance with housing options, insurance counseling, benefits and entitlements, community resources, adult daycare and caregiver options. This program is funded by United Way of North-eastern New York and Senior 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: Bryants Center, Greenville
Thursday: Cobleskill (WalMart)
Monday, Wednesday and Friday:
Van is available to travel to doctor

appointments.

Call Ann Vogel at 797-3376 regarding scheduling and/or arranging for van pick up.

Hiawatha Grange Lunches:

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

Do You Know The Difference?

RHS and RHDA, Two Local Organizations Concerned with History

by Janet Haseley and Jan Bishop

There are two organizations in the Town of Rensselaerville which have a special focus on history and because their names are very similar, people often believe they are one organization. However, their purposes and programs are quite different.

Both these organizations recently suffered large financial losses which wiped out their treasuries and both are beneficiaries of recent citizen efforts to raise funds to help them continue to operate.

Below are the missions and programs of The Rensselaerville Historic District Association and of the Rensselaerville Historical Society. We have placed them side by side to enable readers to compare their purposes and projects and immediate challenges. RHDA is focused on the village of Rensselaerville and RHS is concerned with the entire Town of Rensselaerville.

Both organizations are run entirely by volunteers and annual membership fees are very low. Both encourage new members. There is no residence requirement for members. For further information, or to become a member, contact the persons listed below.

Rensselaerville Historic District Association, P. O. Box 173, Rensselaerville, NY 12147; Chris Thorne, phone

765-9018 or Jan Bishop, 797-9727.

Rensselaerville Historical Society, P. O. Box 8, Rensselaerville, NY 12147; Irene Olson 239-4345, Edith Kuhar 797-3724, or Janet Haseley 797-3194.

Rensselaerville Historic District Association (RHDA)

Mission: The general purpose of RHDA is:

- To protect and enhance the historic Village of Rensselaerville – its history and architecture; its education and culture; its relationship to town, county, state and federal government; its social, organizational and recreational activity; its economy, safety and environment; its sense of community; and other aspects of village life.
- RHDA shall serve as a forum for raising, exploring, discussion, and addressing community issues. It shall foster willingness and commitment of Village residents and supporters to fulfill this purpose.
- Among its pursuits, RHDA may: select, plan and conduct its own activities; encourage others to pursue activities which are responsive to Village needs and desires; and seek to ensure that public and private actions which affect the Village are consistent with Village needs and desires.

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VOLUNTEER NEWS AND EVENTS

Rensselaerville VFD

Company Meeting: Wednesday, July 25 at 8:00PM

Ladies Battalion: No Meetings are scheduled for July or August

Medusa VFD***The Ernest E. Memorial Award 2007***

The Ernest E. Bell Award was given to three students, instead of the usual two, this year who are in the Special Education Classes in Greenville Central School.

Wyatt Beaumont, a fifth grader, received his monetary award due to his perseverance and diligence of studies. Ashley Lnahan, a junior with hard work and dedication and Karen Winnie, a senior with independent and vocational skills shared the monetary award. Both were deserving making it difficult to chose between them.

The Medusa VFC congratulates each one of the recipients and is glad to be able to give them recognition for their exceptional effort. Buelah Joy, Joyce Chase, and Julie Sikule presented the awards.

Company Meeting: Monday, July 2 at 8:00PM

Drill & Work night: Monday, July 9 and 16 at 7:00PM

Tri-Village VFD

Company Meeting: Wednesday, July 25 at 8:00PM

Upcoming Events: Annual Fund Drive

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Squad

Company Meeting: Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00PM

Tri Village Residents:

The B. Elsbree Memorial Park Committee is looking for new members and officers. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer need to be filled in August 2007. If you are interested in joining us or seek an officers position, please call Dorothy at 239-8417 for more details.

Our next park meeting will be on July 9th at 7:00 PM at the park.

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

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In 1983, through RHDA efforts, the village of Rensselaerville was placed on the National and State Registers of Historical Places.

Programs:

- Sponsor First Nite and/or New Year's Day Open House (free, RHDA's gift to the community).
- Sponsor Cabin Fever Party in February (free, RHDA's gift to the community).
- Sponsor Founder's Day on first Saturday in June with reception to honor a local citizen for his or her overall services to the village.
- Hold an annual meeting (open to the public) with speakers on timely subjects. Held the first Saturday in August.
- Sponsor *Rensselaerville Revue*, a variety show which is RHDA's major fund-raiser, held on the Sunday in October that is on Columbus Day weekend.
- Own and maintain the Pocket Park at the end of Route 85.
- Provide Christmas lighting and decorations on Main Street.

Membership is \$10.00 per year. Members do not have to live in the village, but should support the purposes of RHDA (see above under "Mission").

Challenges:

- To return to financial solvency after embezzlement wiped out the RHDA treasury.
- To increase membership – no residence requirement to belong.
- To increase public awareness of RHDA programs.
- To complete landscaping and plantings at Pocket Park.

To increase number of volunteers helping with RHDA events and projects.

Note: The RHDA annual meeting for 2007 will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 4 at Conkling Hall. The speaker will be Michael Devonshire who is a preservation architect. His topic: "A Tale of Two 'Villes: Spillville, Iowa and Rensselaerville, NY".

Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society (RHS)

Mission: The Rensselaerville Historical Society was chartered by the Board of Regents of the Education Department of the University of the State of New York

September 25, 1964 for the following purposes:

- To collect any and all materials which will help to illustrate and explain the history of Rensselaerville and its environs, the growth and development of the area, the lives and activities of the population, and the beginnings and progress of institutions and organizations in the community;
- To collect manuscript materials, printed documents, periodicals and other publications, pictorial items, artifacts and objects that relate to the natural history, and to the military, civil, social, cultural, and political; history of Rensselaerville;
- To preserve such materials and provide for their accessibility for scholarly use and study; and
- To disseminate historical information and arouse interest and pride in the past of Rensselaerville by holding meetings with addresses, lectures, papers and discussions, by publishing historical materials; by displaying historical papers and objects; by marking places of historical interest; and by other activities in keeping with the society's educational purposes.

Programs:

- The Rensselaerville Historical Society is concerned with the **history of the entire Town.**
- **Grist Mill tours.** The Rensselaerville Grist Mill (owned by the Historical Society) is the only water-powered mill left of 29 that once were in the township. There is no charge to visit. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays from mid-May to mid-October and noon to 2 p.m. on Saturdays from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- **Research.** Visitors and correspondents get research help from Historical Society volunteers and the Society's archive of genealogy, cemetery and land transfer records, photographs, old store and hotel ledgers, clippings, brochures and programs in the Research Room at the Mill.
- **Publications** of the Historical Society. A wide variety of historical publications and prints about the township are for sale at the Grist Mill, by mail, and at special places and times around town.
- **Parlor Talks.** A series of talks on a variety of subjects of historical interest are sponsored during the fall, winter and spring.
- **Historical workshops.** The Historical Society partners with The Rensselaerville Institute to present a "History You Can Touch" workshop for middle

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school children, showing them the Mill, items from the Society's archives, and conducting tours of the Rensselaerville hamlet, cemeteries, buildings and historical items in a local home.

- **Exhibits.** The Exhibit Room at the Mill has a different exhibit each year.
- **Speakers.** At the annual meeting a speaker talks about some phase of history as it applies to the town.
- **Historical Markers.** The Society chooses the wording and pays for the manufacture of historical markers at various places in the township.
- **Newsletter.** A quarterly newsletter is written and mailed to members. Copies are also available free at the Mill.
- **Traditional Arts** workshops are sponsored. Examples are chair caning and folk dancing.

Memberships and Discounts: Membership fees are \$5

for individuals, \$10 for families, \$25 for supporting membership, \$50 for business membership and \$150 for life memberships. Members can take a 10% discount on publications and workshop fees.

Challenges:

- The Historical Society's endowment and treasury has been embezzled. The interest from the endowment has provided a portion of the Society's operating funds for over 40 years.
- Annual insurance for the Grist Mill is \$1200.
- Two new Historical Markers (cost \$900 each) have not been paid for.
- The Grist Mill always needs minor repairs and a major one, repainting, needs to be scheduled soon.
- The flume (penstock), the wooden tube which carries water from the mill dam to the turbine in the mill, is in extremely poor condition and cannot hold water until rebuilt. Consequently the mill cannot be operated for demonstrations.

HEAP OFFERS HEATING HELP

HEAP is now available at Cornell Cooperative Extension CHOICES at Faith Plaza, Route 9W, Ravena. Please call 756-6850. The initiative is funded by the Albany County Department of Social Services.

Fuel Assistance Outreach dates at the Rensselaerville Town Hall is July 5 between 12:30-3:30PM.

REFUSE/RECYCLING CENTER

The Rensselaerville Refuse/Recycling Center is open on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 7:00AM -3:45PM. Please display your permit. If you do not have one, you can obtain one at the Town Clerk's Office.

Please cover your refuse so that it is not left on someone else's property. No sheetrock or shingles will be accepted.

Telecom Committee Residents' Survey

We want to know your opinion about internet and cellular services

The **Comprehensive Plan Survey** conducted during 2006 and the follow-up **Visioning Workshops** held in the hamlets showed that many residents were interested in better cellular coverage and access to high-speed internet.

The number 2 item listed in the "top 10 negative features of the Town of Rensselaerville" was "No high-speed internet or cell service (especially for EMS)"

These same two issues (internet and cellular) were raised by attendees during the Visioning Workshops held in the hamlets with several comments that we need to increase "Up to date technology - cable for everyone"; "Easy cell phone and internet access"; etc.

Why high-speed internet?

Here are some examples of things you can do with a high-speed internet connection:

- **Email** (faster downloading, especially attachments)
- **Web browsing** (no longer wait for pages to load)
- **Telecommuting** (working from home)
- **Downloading video** (Blockbuster, NetFlix, Google TV, etc.)
- **Subscribing to IPTV** (TV over the internet, like popular shows for \$0.99 per episode)
- **Reading daily newspapers** ("The New York Times" and many other newspapers are available as a downloadable document, all the pages including

the ads)

- **Downloading music** (iTunes or other peer-to-peer services)
- **Telephone** (typically a lower fixed price for calling anywhere in the US)

Why better cellular coverage?

Better cell coverage is not just for "convenience". It can be important for PERSONAL public safety, such as calling for roadside assistance, reporting accidents or even medical emergencies (such as strokes, heart attacks, etc.). It is not possible to increase coverage without additional cell sites and these sites can be shared services locations for wireless internet, cell and better fire/police/EMS communications.

Why another survey?

As part of our own analysis, the RTC is interested in finding out more about what the town residents' desire in these areas. To help us do that, we request that you complete the simple following survey and return it on or before August 1, 2007 (address info is at the very bottom). There are four questions about internet and two about cellular, so it should be a breeze to complete.

Please complete and return the survey by August 1, 2007 to be counted!

Summer Assessor Office Hours

There will be NO hours on July 5 & 12

July 19 – August 30 An Assessor will be available Thursdays 6 – 7 pm

Assessor clerk will be available at the regular hours.

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

Thank You from The Hilltowns Community Resource Center

The staff and advisory committee of the Hilltowns Community Resource Center wishes to express gratitude to those who so generously participated in the Months of Sundays fundraising events. Thanks to all who purchased tickets to attend dinners and teas for the benefit of the Resource Center food pantries. Thanks to hosts Cynthia Nicholson and Ken Storms, James Brookens and Stephen Peters, Betty Green and Dudley Reed, and Kathie and Greg Speck for the time and talent spent on preparing delicious fare for their guests. The consensus is that joining together with friends and neighbors to feast with a focus on helping others made the gathering more enjoyable.

The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC) is an outreach site of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of

Albany and has been serving the communities of Berne, Knox Westerlo and Rensselaerville since 1981. Our 'business' is providing basic needs assistance to individuals and families in need. Without question... business is booming! The Resource Center operates two food pantries in the Hilltowns. Maintaining an adequate supply of nutritious food at these sites is always a challenge. In 2006, HCRC served an average of 61 families, or 260 individuals per month. We can always use help in keeping our pantries full. We would like to continue our fundraiser feasts in the fall and winter months. Please contact the Hilltowns Community Resource Center at 797-5256 for more information about these events and about HCRC services.

CHURCH SERVICES



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

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

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

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

Honoring Diversity: A Path to Understanding.

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

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not new to me as I had 3 previous FEMA reports in the past. I attended the FEMA information meeting and spoke with the representative for our area. When the FEMA representative came out to check on the roads and discuss the project ahead, I showed them some of the worse places in town. On Tuesday, June 12, 2007 a meeting was called and the representatives came to the Town Building. I was called to the meeting knowing the Supervisor has put together a team of which I was not asked any opinion in the decision. I asked the Supervisor before the meeting started about my wife, Joyce Chase, being the FEMA clerk as she had done it 3 times before. I was told he already had a clerk. I asked how much she was being paid and was told \$15.00 an hour. I have also learned that the rest of the team is getting about \$15.00 an hour. Joyce would have done it for \$12.00 and hour and I am already being paid by the town. Somehow I thought we were pinching pennies to save money. I have been using my personal computer at home because mine is no longer working at the town building and the one I was told I could have is not to be found. As I see it, it is costing \$45.00 an hour for the TEAM. I gave the TEAM my pictures of just after the damage as well as work in progress and employee day sheets and wished them luck.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Supervisor Nickelsberg—NA, Councilman Chase—AYE, Councilwoman Dorman—NA, Councilman Lansing—NA, Councilwoman Pine—AYE

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Nickelsberg gave his financial and monthly report. Account Balances as of May 31, 2007. The Bank has been very help full in getting good interest rates. He would like to see tax saving passed back to the Town from the County and State governments. Under the FEMA issue Supervisor Nickelsberg read a letter to Attorney Ryan from Superintendent Chase concerning hiring his wife. Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that we do not hire spouses, there is no place for nepotism in business. Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that he appointed Daphane Pearson, Randy Bates and K.B. Cooke to work on the FEMA project. He mentioned their years of expertise that they bring to this position. Daphane Pearson will do most of the work herself.

These people were voted in at a special meeting of the town board. The vote was 3 ayes to 1 abstained.

Supervisor Nickelsberg explained the health insurance issue. We have not been getting written notices from the Empire. Capital Bauer also did not receive written notice from them concerning a problem with the policy concerning forms that needed to be filled out. When we found out that the policy was cancelled Capital Bauer and Empire were immediately called. The insurance was reinstated shortly thereafter and Empire agreed to pay any out of the pocket expenses that the employees incurred. From now on all correspondence from Empire will be sent to Capital Bauer, Supervisor Nickelsberg and the bookkeeper.

Councilman Chase asked if this cancellation was due to paying the bill late.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, the bill has been paid in the grace period but the issue that started this was a form that Empire needed filled, the form was not filled out the way that they wanted, this is what put us in jeopardy. From now on the bill will be paid as soon as we receive it.

Councilwoman Pine asked about the Machinery CD, are we getting interest on it.

Yes, we are.

Councilman Chase mentioned that these three people on your FEMA team will be costing \$45.00 an hour, do we get reimbursed for that.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, Daphane Pearson will be doing most of the work and they will get paid a percentage of the cost of the project.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to accept Supervisor Nickelsberg's report, 2nd by Councilman Lansing. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously accepted.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – MAY: The town Clerk reported the following; total collected in the Town Clerk's department - \$1,268.54, paid to Supervisor - \$1,090.57, paid to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$42.00, Albany County Treasurer - \$64.17, NYS Environmental Conservation - \$71.80. Water rents Collected - \$937.95. Sewer Rents collected - \$1509.48.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept the Town Clerks report for the month of May, 2nd by Councilwoman Dorman. A roll call cote was taken and unanimously accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

LAND USE COMMITTEE: Dorothea Cotter reported that the LUC held a meeting at the Rensselaerville Fire House on June 12th, they had about 25 people. There is a meeting at the Preston Hollow Fire House on June 26th and July 10th at the Town Hall, the meetings start a 7PM. Some of the issues brought up were the 25 acres, which is not in the law, the overlays and zones.

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WORK LIST FOR TOWN HALL: There is work that need to be done to the building, the Board discussed the records room (this is not fireproof and is in the building), the court room, lighting, heating , insulating the building.

Jeff Pine mentioned that something should be done about the heat situation in the assessor room and court room, the assessors room can be 90 degrees while the court room is 60 degrees. This can be fixed very cheaply.

Councilwoman Pine suggested working on the outside of the building while the weather permits and then go to the inside work.

The court room needs a jury box.

The Town Board will focus first on a special fireproof vault, not attached to the building, the cost about \$20,000. Work on the outside of the building for the next four months. Heating and lighting will be done an a parallel track.

PRESTON HOLLOW FIRE HOUSE – HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE REQUIREMENTS: Councilwoman Pine had a quote from JL Construction, 412 Maple Avenue Ext., Greenville, NY 12083 to make the Preston Hollow handicapped accessible to comply with the HAVA requirements. They quoted \$1004.00 for removal of the old sidewalk and a handicapped accessible sidewalk, and \$2250.00 removal of the old exterior door, installing a new metal door, removal of the old roof over the door and installing a new steel roof. The fire company asked for three quotes but only got on quote back.

The Town Board agreed that this should be done.

POTTER HOLLOW PARK: Attorney Ryan mentioned that he wrote to the owner of the land located in Potter Hollow who is interested in selling his property to the Town. He asked what the selling price would be. The owner has not yet gotten back to him.

Sue Lynch mentioned that he would like six thousand for the property.

Dorothea Cotter mentioned that she has three thousand dollars in donations for this project.

The Town had voted to pay for half of the cost for this land by the Potter Hollow School.

Attorney Ryan mentioned that the seller of the land needs to get in touch with him so we can move forward on this project.

TOWN INSURANCE – JULIE SIKULE: Mrs. Sikule was an employee of the Town for 9 years as an assessor. Empire will be contacted with this information.

TANGLEWOOD ROAD UPDATE – MR. SEEGER: The Town Board received a report from Lamont Engineers concerning Tanglewood Road. In this report Lamont Engineers did a preliminary review of Cross-Culvert Drainage – Robert Seeger Property, Tanglewood Road & County Route 354 (Potter Hollow Mountain Road). A brief background of this problem was given.

Councilwoman Pine would like to review this report and made a motion to review this report and postpone a decision until the next meeting. No second.

Mr. Seeger mentioned that it has been over two years since he brought this problem to the Town. He spoke to the engineer and they agree there is a problem. The culverts are poorly designed, there is erosion and he would like a reasonable time of the turn around of the problem.

Councilwoman Dorman would like to read the report before making a decision.

Supervisor Nickelsberg , we need time to review this report, we have a work meeting in July, we will let you know the date.

Attorney Ryan just got the report and he will review it.

WASTE OIL FURNACE – LOCATION: Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that we have a sketch showing two locations for the waste oil furnace to be located in the garage. We have to get this installed for the winter.

Councilman Chase asked if we received a permit for this yet.

Supervisor Nickelsberg hasn't heard from them but he will get back to them.

Councilman Chase, without a permit we can't burn the oil.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, we can burn our own oil, we can burn the oil we generate internally.

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Councilwoman Pine, we are collecting oil out there.

Councilman Chase, what are we doing with the oil now, are we stockpiling it.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, yes, we have it in large fiberglass containers that can be moved with a lift. It is one of the projects that Bob Bolte has been working on. We do need to buy a pump so that Jon Whitbeck can get that oil easily from the barrels to a larger container.

Councilwoman Pine felt that that pump was included in the list of things we received with the furnace.

We will check this with Clean Burn.

Councilman Chase, we are going to spend all this money on something that we don't have a permit for. Jon can't bring anything in here until we have a permit.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, we have a permit to use our oil. We have to get the oil out of the barrel and get it into a better containment area. I don't know how much the pump cost, I will check on this and report back at the next meeting. I will also check on the permit.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: Marion Cooke reported that the committee has been meeting twice a month, we discussed things to do but thought that we would ask the families what activities they would like. We will be having a meeting here on Saturday at 1 PM to see what activities people would like, we have discussed having a fund raiser so that every child that would like to attend an activity can go. The activities will be based on the ages of children we get. Anyone who has interested kids please come to the Town Hall on Saturday. We will have form made up for them to fill out and we would also like to have the information on the website for the activities coming up. The YMCA in Delmar is very expensive, we are not going to do this but there is a new kids place in Delmar, Marion will get more information on this, it may be something more affordable. Marion also mentioned that she has contacted the Town of Berne recreational director and she is telling us how they got started and what they do. There are a lot of free things they can do but we will try some fundraisers for activities that have to be paid for.

Marion asked about the swimming program up to the Lake, is it available to everyone in town or just the 2 mile limit. This information will be given to Marion on Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

MYOSOTIS LAKE DAM – WOIDT ENGINEERING & CONSULTING, PC – AGREEMENT: This agreement will allow Woidt Engineering to perform a dam break analysis for Myosotis Lake Dam located in Rensselaerville in accordance with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation – Dam Safety criteria and guidelines.

Councilwoman Dorman made a motion authorizing Supervisor Nickelsberg sign this agreement with Woidt Engineering & Consulting, PC, 41 Chenango Street, Suite 200, Binghamton, NY, cost not to exceed \$9920.00, 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned this is one of the issues that FEMA is involved in, we are very optimistic that FEMA will pay a good part of that. They came up, saw the dam which has been breached left and right and underneath. They understand that the next 100 years storm will probably dislodge the dam. They know it will probably be more expensive than it is now and we have it in play.

Councilman Chase asked if this comes out of the water district.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, yes, I think it is their issue.

BUS RESOLUTION: Supervisor Nickelsberg authorizing expenditures, are there any questions.

Attorney Ryan mentioned that you have this money in one of your reserve accounts, in order to take it out you need to pass this resolution.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, it is about \$56,000.00, I think we have raised privately, \$22,000.00 but have not gotten it all because we are getting \$5,000.00 from the State. When they get to \$57,000.00 they will reimburse the town for the bus loan. This issue has to do with paying for the bus in the meantime providing the money for the bus and we are hopeful that we get private contributions to pay the balance.

Councilwoman Pine, is that what the Youth Bus fund on your report is, it says \$9,387.00.

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Supervisor Nickelsberg, yes it is and we have several thousand from the state and several other sources.

Councilwoman Pine, actually we only have nine thousand.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, that is correct, we will get the \$5000.00 from the State in about 4 weeks and we have another source that we could get between ten and twenty thousand dollars from.

Councilman Chase, that money goes back into the general fund, it doesn't go back into that fund to pay the money back to that equipment account.

Attorney Ryan, it doesn't go back in to the reserve fund from which we are taking it from, it goes back to the general fund.

Councilman Chase mentioned that he was under the assumption that this vehicle was going to be purchased by donations from different groups. My questions is, since this expenditure is so high, should it of been put out to bid because we are actually taking the money out of our reserve account tot pay for it.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, we bought the bus through the State, it is one of the official approved State contract buses.

Councilwoman Pine asked if we are taking the full \$56,900.00 our or why not take out \$50,000.00 and use the \$9,000.00 that you have.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, right, and we are going to continue to build the private funds with donation as they come in. It is complex account-ing, we could do it but this way is easier. We could do it either way, we will check on this. We need to get the resolution passed.

Councilman Chase, what happens if the money doesn't get paid back .

Supervisor Nickelsberg, if it doesn't get paid back the town pays for the bus that they own.

Councilman Chase, which was originally brought up to the town board as a donation type vehicle for the taxpayers in the town.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, correct.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDATURE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$57,000 FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND (Resolution 061407-A)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to adopt this resolution, 2nd by Councilman Lansing.

WHEREAS, the "Equipment Reserve Fund" was established for the purpose of providing financing general equipment needs for the Town; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2007, the Town Board authorized the purchase of a passenger bus for the purpose of the transportation of citizens in the Town; and

WHEREAS, said bus will be owned and operated by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the passenger bus is to be manufactured at a state contract price by Shepard Brothers, Inc., at a cost estimated to be \$56,937.00; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Reserve Fund currently has \$80,711.06 in unspent and unallocated revenue; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized and directed to expend up to \$57,000.00 from the Equipment Reserve Fund for the purpose of said passenger bus as herein described.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Supervisor Nickelsberg—AYE, Councilman Chase—NA, Councilwoman Dorman—AYE, Councilman Lansing—AYE, Councilwoman Pine—NA

CODE OF ETHICS & EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL: Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that we are in the process of finishing our response to the State Comptroller investigative audit, we will finish that on Monday morning at which time all the group heads involved will have their chance to input that letter and we will fax that letter on Monday to the State Comptrollers office. We have been asking for the audit for 17 months, they finally came 6 months ago, we had the exit interview and the next step is to give them our observations, sugges-

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tions relative to how they did the report, content, etc., conclusions and then it will be in its final form and be on our website and it will be disseminated to the public. That is all coming in the next 45 days. One of the things that they wanted was the code of ethics and employee policy manual which we are voting on tonight.

Attorney Ryan mentioned that he used the old code of ethics and he brought it up to date and added the resolution that was adopted by the Governor on January 1, 2007. On the employee manual Jeff Pine had given him the manual from the Town of New Scotland and he took the old one and brought it current with the law.

CODE OF ETHICS – (Resolution 061407 – B): A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman that we accept the Code of Ethics, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. A roll call vote was taken and was unanimously carried.

EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL (Resolution 061407 – C): A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept the Employee Policy Manual, 2nd by Councilwoman Dorman. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

MIKE JARDINE – SHOP STEWART – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Mr. Jardine, on the insurance, you were going to have an answer in seven days on the when and why the cancellation of insurance happened.

Supervisor Nickelsberg will get this to Mr. Jardine.

Mr. Jardine, you made a motion which you were all in agreement for the safeguard of our employees this is not going to happen again. Are the safeguards in place that this is not going to happen again. You are saying one to two weeks are you talking seven to fourteen days, five to ten working days in reference to the hospital insurance being paid on time.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, we are going to be tougher than that, if we get the bill on Tuesday we pay it on Tuesday.

Mr. Jardine, in the event that you are out of Town, is the Deputy Supervisor aware of the situation and is he authorized to sign that check.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, yes.

MARTIN LLOYD – RETIREMENT: Martin Lloyd has been with us for along time and he is retiring on the 29th of this month. We wish him well and good luck.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the resignation of Martin Lloyd who is retiring from the Highway Department on June 29, 2007, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously accepted.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Many comments were heard.

ADJORNMENT: A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted;

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk

Approved for Newsletter Publication;

Jost Nickelsberg, Town Supervisor

NOTE: Full Town Board minutes can be found on the Town website (www.Rensselaerville.com) or at the Town Hall.

Independence Day



The Fourth of July is celebrated throughout the United States of America. This holiday commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence which occurred on July 4, 1776.

- Britain
- Colonies
- Declaration
- Fireworks
- Freedom
- Holiday
- Independence Day
- July Fourth
- Parade
- Philadelphia
- Picnic
- Self Government
- Stars
- Stripes
- Thirteen
- United States

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This famous American man wrote the Declaration of Independence. His name is hidden in the word search.

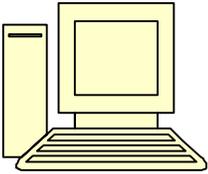
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Land Use Committee Update

The final of three question and answers sessions will be July 10th at the Town Hall at 7:00PM. Each will be held in a different hamlet, but all the citizens of Rensselaerville are encouraged to attend regardless of the location.

Weekly meetings are at 7:00 PM every Tuesday at the Town Hall. Public comments are welcomed at the end of the meeting. Comments can also be mailed to the Town Hall, c/o LUC, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120 or can be sent electronically to the following e-mail address planningboard@rensselaerville.com. Future editions of the Newsletter will feature answers to the questions received.



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Historical Notes from the Archives of the Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society

MR. JEFFERSON'S TEN RULES OF LIFE

The following rules for practical life were given by Mr. Jefferson in a letter of advice to his namesake, Thomas Jefferson Smith, in 1825:

1. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.
2. Never trouble others for what you can do yourself.
3. Never spend your money before you have it.
4. Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap.
5. Pride costs more than hunger, thirst and cold.
6. Never repent having eaten too little.
7. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly,
8. How much pain have those evils cost me which never happened.
9. Take things always by their smooth handle.
10. When angry, count to ten before you speak; if very angry, count to a hundred.

---From *Rensselaerville Historical Society Newsletter*, January 1973, Vol. III, Number 2.

MEDUSA VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALES

AUGUST 4th

9am to 3pm
RAIN OR SHINE

RUMMAGE SALE, MAPS,
REFRESHMENTS
IN CHURCH HALL

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PHONE _____

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Please list some of the main items you are selling.

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

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

The Sales Day is advertised in the Times Union, PennySaver, Greenville Local, News Herald, Greenville Press, Catskill Dailey, Altamont Enterprise, this newsletter, posters, and other means of communication.

The best time to have a garage sale is when there is a village-wide sale. It draws most people.

Lunch will be available at the Church Hall during the sale.

OUR TOWN NEWSLETTER

For the past few months, our town newsletter has been produced in house saving the Town approximately \$500.00 each month. If you have something you would like to see added or changed, let us know. We would also like your ideas and critique to determine if this is the way our community would like to see the newsletter. We ask that articles, ads, or community events be sent to the Town Hall via facsimile or email. The e-mail address is: clerk1@rensselaerville.com.

THE TOWN OF RENNELAERVILLE DEMOCRATIC SOCIAL CLUB THANKS COMMUNITY

The Democratic Social Club wishes to thank the community for the turnout at the Block Party held at the Rensselaerville Park on Friday, June 15th. The support and participation at this fund raising event was overwhelming. The community raised over \$6,300 to help support The Rensselaerville Library, Trinity Church, The Rensselaerville Historic Society and the Rensselaerville Historic District Association. All of the donations went directly to the non-profit organizations, with all costs of the event being donated. The food was plentiful and terrific (thanks to all who contributed), the music was wonderful (thanks to John Whitbeck, Lloyd Potter, Dana Montieth, and John Rice), the outpouring of community spirit was priceless. Thanks also to those who donated items for the raffle.

Although our Town is going through a very traumatic episode we are pulling together to help keep our community organizations going. It is a long road to recovery but together we can make it happen.

THANK YOU!

The Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve & Biological Research Station

Rensselaerville, NY

For more information or Reservations call 797-3440
or email at huyckpreserve@gmail.com

JULY 2007 Calendar of Scheduled Events

Sunday July 1st - Speaker Series: Land, The Importance of Place
Catherine Chalmers: *Art and Nature*
Eldridge Research Center, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Sunday July 1st - Birds of the Huyck Preserve:
featuring 30 familiar and unfamiliar prints from John James Audubon's
Birds of America reproduced in situ - 1856 octavo edition
Visitor Center, Main St. - opening 3:30-5:30 p.m.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Monday July 2nd - Tuesday August 14th - M, T 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- Registration required

NATURE STUDY

grades 3-5: Thursdays July 5th - 26th
grades K - 2: Wednesdays July 11th - August 1st
10 a.m. - noon; Eldridge Research Center - Registration required



Science Weekend at the Preserve July 14-15:

Saturday July 14th 10 a.m.

Science Symposium: Public program
with keynote speaker, T.B.A.

Sunday July 15th

Huyck Hikes from 10 a.m.
Eldridge Research Center

Saturday, July 21st - Speaker Series: Land, The Importance of Place
Suzannah Lessard: *Changes in the Landscape*
Eldridge Research Center, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

The Carriage House Restaurant



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**Friends, neighbors and patrons of the
Rensselaerville Library**

Thank you

We can't say it loud enough or as often as we'd like

Thank you

The staff and board of directors wish to thank all who have helped to support the library in this very difficult time of need.

The picnic at the playground was a delightful evening. The Democratic Club did a super job raising funds for the library, Trinity Church and The Historical Society, as well as throwing a great party that will be long remembered by all who attended.

Many thanks to all our friends and neighbors who attended the cocktail party on Saturday evening and so generously contributed to our diminished funds.

Unending thanks to all those patrons, neighbors and friends though unable to be here have kindly send their support.

It will be awhile to get back into full swing, but with the help and continued support of our community we will continue.

It is a pleasure to work for something worthwhile and this community has proven that the library is

**Free tennis lessons for kids 8 to 18
with Coach Jim Neal.**

Saturdays: July 7, 14, 21, 28, & Aug. 4
9:30AM Kessler Court Hamlet of Rensselaerville

Directions: Methodist Hill Road, 2nd driveway (white gate) on left coming from Main Street. Enter at the white gate. Court is up the hill behind the houses on Methodist Hill Road.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your kind thoughts and prayers for the loss of our Mother and Grandmother

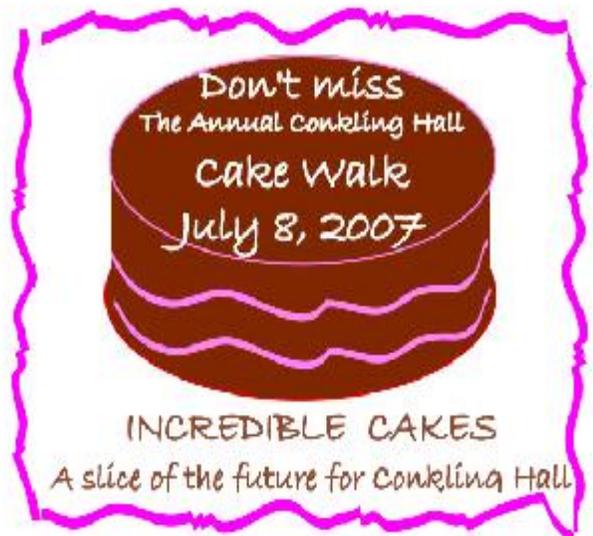
The Lewis Family

Rensselaerville Democratic Social Club
Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 5, 2007 - 1 PM till?
Bayard Elsbree Park, Preston Hollow

Free Food, Drink and Music.
Visit with friends and neighbors.
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Plan on having a good time

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**Groups and Organizations: The Chatham Peace Initiative; Veterans for Peace (Hudson Valley); NY Veterans Speak Out;
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518-239-6715

Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911
Social Number - 797-3218

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Social Number - 239-6166

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Information Number - 518-797-5233

Albany County Sheriff, 911
518-765-2351

State Police, Rensselaerville and the
Hilltowns, 911
518-477-9333

Dog Control Officer
Cheryl Tefft-Baitsholts
518-797-5201

IMPORTANT BUSINESS HOURS

Town Board Meetings
Second Thursday 7:00 pm
Working meeting Tuesday before regular
meeting 7:00 pm as needed

Town Justice Court
Monday 7:00 pm

Planning Board
First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals
Second Tuesday 7:00 pm

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer
Thursday 8:00-10:00am, 7-9 pm

Town Clerk's Hours
Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm
Thursday 1:30pm-7:00pm
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Supervisor's Hours
Wednesday 10am - 12 pm
Home office: 7 days 7:30am - 10:30pm

Assessors' Hours
Thursday 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Assessors' Clerk Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning

Town Refuse Station Hours
Wednesday and Saturdays
7:00am-3:45pm

Water/Sewer District Meeting
First Thursday 7:00 pm

IMPORTANT E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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