



# Town of Rensselaerville

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

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**Veterans Memorial Garden Dedication**  
**MAY 27, 2012 - 1PM**  
**RENSELAERVILLE TOWN HALL**  
**87 BARGER RAOD**  
**MEDUSA, NY 12120**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

### **DRAFT**

### **SUMMARY OF TOWN OF RENSELAERVILLE TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING MAY 10, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 10th day of May, 2012 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

**PRESENT WERE:** Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilpersons Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack, Sedlmeir, Attorney Fallati, TRK and Town Clerk Hallenbeck

Also present was Highway Superintendent Bates and 30 interested citizens.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

Donald Gardeski, Preston Hollow, NY spoke concerning the Catskill Creek Dyke problem in back of his property. What needs to be done in this area is to redirect the flow from the Potter Hollow Creek downstream in the Catskill Creek. Supervisor Lounsbury will investigate this issue and get back to Mr. Gardeski

### **REPORTS/BUSINESS**

**TRANSFERS, AMEND BUDGET AND PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:** Discussed were the transfers and amendments to the budget. Motions were made to do the transfers, amend the budget and pay all signed vouchers/bills.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** CDTA is going to discontinue the bus transportation for the Towns of Berne and Rensselaerville on May 27<sup>th</sup> due to the lack of riders.

Vic and Gail La Plante volunteered to help get the newsletter out.

### **SUPERVISOR LOUNSBURY:**

**Bayard Elsbree Park:** Supervisor Lounsbury thanked Phil Pearson for donating his time and equipment to remove the rocks off the Bayard Elsbree Park.

**Volunteers:** Supervisor Lounsbury mentioned that we had the following teenagers wash the side of the Town Hall. A private citizen paid them for doing this and they turned around and donated it to the Veterans Memorial Garden. Thank you to Megan Terrell, Sarah Amedure, Ryan Cooke and Casey Kuykendal for the donations.

**Hilltowns Website:** We received an email from Mr. Elberfield suggesting that each Town in the Hilltowns give \$500.00 per year to pay someone to keep the Hilltowns website up and running.

**Payroll:** The Payroll audit schedule was set.

**Bayard Elsbree Park:** A motion was made to do Request For Proposals for sod for the ball field.

**CornerStone Telephone Company:** The Town Board moved to accept the three year contract with CornerStone Telephone Company.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

**Cornell Local Roads Program:** The Town Board authorized Superintendent Bates to attend this conference, June 11 - 13<sup>th</sup>.

**2012 Town Highway Road Agreement:** Town Board moved to accept the Highway Road Agreement.

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RHDA is pleased to sponsor the annual

## Rensselaerville Regatta

at Lake Myosotis

in cooperation with the Huyck Preserve

Kayak and Canoe Races

Good Company and Picnic Lunch

Saturday, July 7, 2012

Noon to 3:00pm

(racing begins at 1:00)

Rain Date: The following day, Sunday, July  
9, same time

Picnic foods and beverages for sale

by RHDA on site

Contact Jan Bishop at 797-9727 to register to  
race

Rensselaerville Historic District Association

## FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION

RHDA presents its annual commemoration of  
all those, past and present, who have made this  
a special place to live.

This year's Honoree:

**JAN BISHOP**

All are invited to attend

Saturday, June 9, 2012

4:00 to 6:00 PM

On the Catalpa House lawn

(Conkling Hall in case of rain)

Light food and beverages provided

Admission is free

Rensselaerville Historic District Association

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### *Middleburgh Library*

**6/5, 12, 19, 26 - 3:30 PM - Reading with Indy** - Indy is back again this year to be a reading buddy to your child. Children ages 4-12 are encouraged to visit the Library and read aloud to Indy. Dogs make perfect pals because they are non-threatening, promote trust, and encourage children to take risks in learning by reading aloud, which enhances self-esteem by improving literacy.

**6/7, 14, 21, 28 - 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle** - These friendly ladies (*men are welcome, but we haven't seen any yet!*) knit and crochet, embroider and quilt, and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others. Drop in anytime - no registration required.

**6/7 - 7:00 PM - Digital Camera Basics** - Participants must have either a point & shoot or a DSLR and bring it to class with their manual. This class will cover the basics of understanding your camera and how it works. We will cover shutter speed, aperture and some of the pre-programmed settings as well. **Registration is required.**

**6/11 - 7:00 PM - In Concert - Lee Murdock** - He began his performing career in the Chicago area in the mid 1970's, expanding his repertoire of blues and popular music as his interest in folk music and the maritime tradition grew. He has been taking his Great Lakes music programs to school children and adult and family concerts ever since. *Tickets are available at the door. \$10.00 suggested donation.*

**6/19 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion - "Hugo Cabret" by Brian Selznick** - When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized. *Books are available at the circulation desk. No registration required.*

**6/29 - 5:30 PM - Dinner & A Movie - "The Artist" (PG-13)** - Step into the era of Old Hollywood as we watch the Academy Award winning movie "The Artist". The library will supply the pizza, salad and drinks and you may bring a dessert to share. **Registration is required.** *Please note that this film is rated PG-13 and is not appropriate for young children.*

For updated information check out our **NEW** website at [www.middleburghlibrary.info](http://www.middleburghlibrary.info).

## Rensselaerville Library

### What's New?

Weekend Movie, **June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** *A Bird Of The Air* Rated PG-13, 98 minutes at Conkling Hall. Trailer <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0448022/>

Children bring your favorite book or pick one up at the Library and read to **Helen of Troy on June 23 at 11am**. Parents, reading to a dog can improve literacy, makes reading fun, and inspires children to be lifelong readers. Reading to Helen is less scary than reading out loud to a person, she is nonjudgmental, does not make fun and reduces the anxiety of reading.

**Family Summer Reading Program** - Everyone in the family can create an online account, track your reading and win prizes! **Registration begins June 23rd** - Watch for event schedule including movies, crafts, discussions etc. on the web site and in the Library.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>, a Special Summer Reading Program Event** in cooperation with Berne and Westerlo Libraries at Westerlo Town Hall with professional story teller Regi Carpenter at **1pm**. <http://www.soaringstories.com/>

The **Library Board of Trustees Meeting** is on **Monday, June 18th at 7P.M.** Meetings are held at the Library and are open to the public.

Save the date for the next **Festival of Writers: Country and Conflict, July 26-29, 2012.**

**FEATURING:** Tim Cahill, Candace Christiansen, Bruce Dearstyne, Alice Feiring, David Fiske, Josh Friedman, Galway Kinnell, Bill Logan, Jack McNeney, Mary Morris, Howard Nelson, Uroyoán Noel, Larry O'Connor, Gerritt Platel, Rahna Reiko Rizzuto, Rone Shavers, Vinnie Wilhelm, Lizz Winstead, Hannah Zeavin. - To benefit the Rensselaerville Library - [www.festivalofwriters.org](http://www.festivalofwriters.org) Rensselaerville Businesses placing an ad in our program is an inexpensive and easy way to publicize your business or organization and to support the festival. All you have to do is to send us a copy of your business card and for a minimum charge of \$25.00 your ad will appear alongside our stellar roster of well-known writers as well as your fellow community entrepreneurs. If you don't have a business card, all you have to do is to send us your check and the information you would like in your ad and we will create the ad for you. Please make checks out to Rensselaerville Library.

The **Greenville Scott M. Ellis Elementary School Guided Reading** reference sheets are available at the Library. The sheets help parents support the reading instruction their child is learning in school.

We all have stories to tell, poems to write. We hope you will give yourself the opportunity to discover or refine your writer's voice. The Rensselaerville Library invites you to join its small, informal and supportive **writers' group**. Writers of all interests, backgrounds, and abilities are welcome. We currently have a mix of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry writers. You will always have time to write during our 2 hour session, and you will never be "forced" to share anything. Our currently very small (4-5 person) group is welcoming and supportive. If you have "works-in-progress" or would just like to put pen to paper, the library's writing group will give you the time and support you need. If you have any questions, you can call Linda Miller at 936-4402. Check the Library calendar for the next scheduled meeting.

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

Rensselaerville Library has **received a Community Arts grant** from The Arts Center of the Capital Region through the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency. The grant will support a new project, *Sense of Place*, to **capture local resident stories from the Town of Rensselaerville** which may otherwise be lost to history. Storyteller and author, **Bairbre McCarthy**, will be working with members of the community to share your personal stories that connect you to Rensselaerville; stories of growing up, working, visiting or moving to Rensselaerville. Contributors can digitally record their story either at the Library or with the Friends of the Library member Gail Haines. The digital recordings will be archived at the Library, shared on the Library's web site and offered as podcasts, similar to NPR's Story Corps. Participants will also be invited to perform their work in a free performance celebrating the stories. Bairbre McCarthy, will facilitate this performance and inspire other residents to record their



Library Board of Trustees Meeting

**Monday,  
May 21st at 7:00P.M.  
Open to the public**

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

*Library Hours:*

*Tuesday & Wednesday:*

*10:00 AM - Noon,  
4:00-9:00 PM*

*Thursday & Friday:*

*4:00 - 9:00 PM*

*Saturday:*

*9:00-1:00 PM*

*[rensselaervillelibrary.org](http://rensselaervillelibrary.org)*

*Staff:  
Kim Graff,  
Director*

*Katie Caprio,  
Library Technician*

*Amber Case  
Madeline Ouellette  
Pages*

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stories. Film-maker, Patrick Willems, will record the performance and produce a professional DVD that will be shown in the Fall and available for loan from the Library. Interested residents should contact the Library at 797-3949.

**Do you have an Ereader?** You now have access to **free ebooks and audio books** through the Library and your Library card. No Library card, just stop into the Library and we can help you. Visit <http://digitalcollection.uhls.org/> to start downloading. **Nook owners, are you having difficulty downloading library books at home? The Library can help!** We now have software installed on two public computers to assist Nook owners with downloading books. Nook owners, you need to bring your device, your Nook cord, your library card and if you have already established an account with Adobe, your Adobe user id and password.

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

The one bedroom **apartment above the Library is for rent** \$550 plus utilities but includes free Wi-Fi. Additional details can be viewed on Craig's List at <http://albany.craigslist.org/apa/2884773445.html>

The Library has a **new electronic newsletter** announcing programs and events at the Library. If you would like to have the newsletter delivered to your email account you can sign up online at <http://bit.ly/A3YQaa>.

Thank you for voting for the Rensselaerville **Library budget**.

Congratulations to all of our graduates!

### RENSELAERVILLE GRIST MILL MUSEUM OPENS MAY 26

The 2012 season opens at the Rensselaerville Grist Mill Museum with a bake sale and free mill tours on Saturday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Contributions for the bake sale will be appreciated. Bring them to the Grist Mill Saturday morning, May 26, or arrange for earlier delivery by calling 518-239-4345 or 518-797-5127. The Grist Mill is the large red building located at the bridge in the hamlet of Rensselaerville.

Visiting hours at the Grist Mill Museum for the remainder of the summer will be noon to 2 p.m. on Saturdays until Labor Day and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays until mid-October. There is no charge to visit and to take tours. Genealogy researchers are encouraged to come on Wednesdays as that day there will be several members of the Research Group available to help.

Proceeds from the bake sale will be used to support projects of the Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society which include maintenance and repairs needed at the Grist Mill. Persons interested in becoming involved in any aspect of Historical Society projects may contact president Ken Storms at 518-797-5154.

### Church Services



#### *Preston Hollow Baptist Church*

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

#### *Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church*

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

#### *United Church of Christ*

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

#### *Trinity Episcopal Church*

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

#### *Potter Hollow Union Church*

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

### Conkling Hall - What's On In June

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2:** (A) REMEMBER TODAY IS FOUNDER'S DAY. SEE RHDA ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ACTIVITIES DURING THE DAY. (B) SECOND SATURDAY MOVIE FOR GROWNUPS: "A Bird on the Wing" is a lovely, modern screwball comedy. Best when the parrot speaks!! Also includes a first-rate librarian, which we can all appreciate. 7:00 PM. BYO treats.



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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15:** CONKLING CAFÉ, an open mic event sponsored by Peter Michael. We encourage all forms of appropriate performance art for all ages. Mic, sound system, and piano are available. Donations are appreciated. Coffee, tea and treats are available. Performers arrive at 7:00 - 7:30 PM. Music follows.

### JULY, 2012

**GET READY:** "SATURDAY ON THE SIDEWALK" BEGINS SATURDAY, JULY 7 AND CONTINUES THROUGH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. NEW HOURS WILL BE 9:00 AM -NOON.

**GET READY:** CONKLING HALL'S FAMOUS CAKEWALK WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2012. COMMUNITY POT LUCK LUNCHEON FOLLOWED BY AN AUCTIONED CAKEWALK.

Classes with Sarah Nelson Weiss, for information call 517 239 6825  
Tuesdays 9:00 - 10:15 AM Yoga  
Wednesdays 5:45 - 6:15 PM Pilates  
Thursdays 9 :00 - 10:15 AM Yoga  
Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00 AM Pilates  
Classes open to all.

You can reach Conkling Hall at 518 797 3459 or read our website at [www.Conklinghall.org](http://www.Conklinghall.org). We send frequent announcements/reminders via email. If you wish to be added, please send your email address to [Info@ConklingHall.org](mailto:Info@ConklingHall.org).



**Waste Oil Collection Day:**  
**Saturday, June 30th**  
**7AM- Noon**



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## *Volunteer News and Events*

### **Medusa Volunteer Fire Department**

Monthly Meeting: Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM  
 Company Drill: Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM  
 Work Night: Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

### **Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department**

Calls as of May 14, 2012: 13

#### June:

4<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm Company Drill  
 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting  
 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm Company Drill  
 17<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day Breakfast 8-11 am  
 27<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

#### July

2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 pm Company Drill  
 9<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm Company Drill  
 25<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

#### Upcoming Events:

June 17<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day Breakfast 8:00 am - 11:00 am

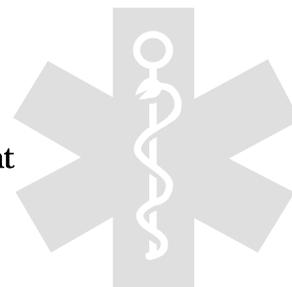
**Follow us/Like Us on Facebook - Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department**

### **Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department**

Company Meeting: Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00PM (Drill at 7:00PM)

### **Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department**

Company Meeting: Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM



## *Senior Corner*

**Need Information?** Elder Source Line (447-7177) has information about Senior Services to help in a variety of ways. Call between 8:30AM-12:30PM Monday through Friday. Call for free assistance with housing options, insurance counseling, benefits and entitlements, community resources, adult daycare, and caregiver options. This program is funded by United Way of Northeastern New York and Senior Services of Albany Foundation.

**Senior Citizens Club:** We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Medusa Firehouse at noon. \$1.00 is collected. ALL senior citizens are invited to join the club. Please bring a covered dish to share and/or dessert. Members need to bring their own plates and utensils. Coffee is provided.

**Senior Van:** Tuesday: Bryant's Center, Greenville Thursday: Cobleskill (Wal-Mart) Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Van is available to travel to doctor appointments. Call Town Hall at 797-3798 regarding scheduling and/or arranging for van pick up.

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

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

## FUND RAISER FOR PRESTON HOLLOW PARK HUGE SUCCESS

The Pork Dinner Fund Raiser for the benefit of the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park (Preston Hollow Park) held at the Medusa Fire House on Sunday, April 22, 2012, was a **HUGE SUCCESS** due to the generous spirit and cooperation of many, many people and businesses. There was a warm and friendly spirit present at the dinner due in part **to all the generous people who came out in the rain to support this event with their free will offerings, for which we are most grateful, in part due to the friendly atmosphere of people sharing at table, and in large part due to the great music and singing provided by Lloyd Potter and Debbie Becker, to which many danced and sang.** The proceeds totaled \$4,265.00.

The first and very special “thank you” goes to the Medusa Council on the Arts and Community for initiating this wonderful event. As a result of this initiative 18 volunteers, representative of all five hamlets of the Town of Rensselaerville, came forward and formed the planning committee. A huge “thank you” to Janice Duncan, Kerrie Duncan, Manny Abate, Cynthia Willis, Kirk and Linda Pracejus, Ted and Pat Rice, Kathleen Jones, April Caprio, Dave Bowdish, Allyn Wright, Shirley Trafton, Dorothy Reinhart, Anne Marie Vogel, Jeannett Rice, Margaret Sedlmeir and Irene Tanner. In addition to the planning committee, **wonderful volunteers came forward to help on the day of the dinner itself, so a huge “thank you” goes to them also:** Clara Potter, Julie Sikule, Sarah Motta, Peter Sedlmeir, Sarah Amedure, Megan Tyrell, Amanda Tyrell, Amy Matoraza, Casey Kuykendall. **A heart felt “thank you” to all who donated:** Jost and Ellen Nickelsberg, Walmart of Glenmont, Catskill, and Cobleskill, Price Chopper of Glenmont, Stewart’s Shops, Freihoffer’s, National Bank of Coxsackie, Hannay Reels, John and Nancy Tarocca, Cynthia Willis, Sandra Varno, Regina Lannon, Patricia Boland, Anne Marie Vogel, Dave Bowdish, Ron Bryan, and Freddie Dunn – Seven Town Hound, info. **Our gratitude goes to those who donated for the silent auction:** The Bank of Greene County, Christine’s “Flair for Hair”, Dottie Como, Artisan’s Gallery, Ed Reinhart – Shell Inn, Dorothea Cotter, P&L Deli, The Milk Run, Jane Hershey, Dorothy Reinhart, The Conglomerate, Mrs. K’s Kitchen, The Apple Barrel, NBT Bank and Ashley Duncan, The Original Applebee’s, Pasta and Grill, Greenville Deli & Pizza, The Saloon, Linda Pracejus, Guernsey Schoharie Nursery, Hilltown Farm and Garden, Jim Glorioso, Kathleen Jones, Medusa General Store, Mary LaConte, and Margaret Sedlmeir.

**Don Mower and his wonderful Catskill Mt. BBQ Team cooked, prepared, and served the 2 pigs (donated by Jost and Ellen Nickelsberg) for which we are most grateful.**

Last, but not least, a **BIG “THANK YOU”** goes to the Medusa Fire Company who so generously allowed this dinner to be held in the fire house.

### POSITION AVAILABLE

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

### Grist Mill Museum Exhibits

The special exhibits at the Rensselaerville Grist Mill Museum this summer are about schools, past and present, in the Town of Rensselaerville. Visiting hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays until mid-October and from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturdays until Labor Day.

There is no charge to visit and to take mill tours.

Genealogy researchers are advised to visit on Wednesdays because there will be several Research Group volunteers on hand on Wednesdays.

# **ATTENTION!**

## **FESTIVAL OF WRITERS**

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### **AWAKE! AROUSE!**

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### **COUNTRY & CONFLICT**

**JULY 26-29, 2012 HISTORIC RENSSELAERVILLE, NEW YORK**

**READINGS WORKSHOPS BOOK SIGNINGS ART EXHIBIT FILMS  
HIKE THE HUYCK PRESERVE VISIT THE WATERFALL STROLL HISTORIC MAIN STREET**

**FEATURING: TIM CAHILL, CANDACE CHRISTIANSEN, BRUCE DEARSTYNE, ALICE FEIRING,  
DAVID FISKE, JO SH FRIEDMAN, GAL WAY KINNELL, BILL LOGAN, JACK MCNENEY,  
MARY MORRIS, HOWARD NELSON, UROYOÁN NOEL, LARRY O'CONNOR, GERRITT PLATEL,  
RAHNA REIKO RIZZUTO, RONE SHAVERS, VINNIE WILHELM, LIZZ WINSTEAD, HANNAH ZEA VIN**

**To benefit the Rensselaerville Library**

**[www.festivalofwriters.org](http://www.festivalofwriters.org)**

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**New Hire/Seasonal Hires:** Superintendent Bates mentioned that he held interviews and asked that the Town Board consider the following appointees, Kevin Winn for full time employee and Doyle Shaver and Richard Rooney for seasonal employee's. The Town Board moved to accept these appointments.

**Stream Bank Authorization:** Superintendent Bates explained to the Town Board that he needs authorization to work in the streams on three FEMA projects, the Honor Roll and the Snyder Road areas. He can't do any work in the streams until June 15<sup>th</sup>. He will get all the necessary permits. The County will be doing the Dry Hydrant for the Medusa Fire Company.

The Town Board moved to give Superintendent Bates authorization to work on these areas.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Berne- June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Supervisor Lounsbury reported that the Towns' liability insurance will cover this and the company running the event has the pollution insurance coverage.

FEMA-Pearson Road: FEMA has closed this file, the funding received can now be used.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Cleaning Position - Resignation - The Town Board accepted the resignation of Kayla Lee from her cleaning position. The Town Board will put out letters of interest for anyone wishing to apply for the cleaning position.

Town Hall Sign/Camera - Councilman Bolte would like to make a new sign and also move the town's camera to point toward the Memorial Garden. The Town Board was in favor of these changes.

Pave Parking Lot: The Town Board discussed paving the parking lot. A motion was made to have the Highway Department do this.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** Handicapped parking signs should be put up. Any funding received for the Veterans Memorial Garden should be used for veteran's issues not for government projects. The Town Board and Highway Department have been doing a wonderful job and moving forward.

The Town Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

**This is a Summary of the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the complete minutes will be put on the web page after they have been approved by the Town Board.**

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk

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## Brookside Cemetery Association of Preston Hollow

Dear Friends and Families of Brookside Cemetery,

Our cemetery has sustained significant damage due to Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Many headstones were damaged and some are missing, having been washed away. The protective hedges were destroyed and had to be removed.; FEMA and other government resources do not have any funds available at this time. FEMA suggested requesting a low interest small business loan. When we pursued this, we were advised, that since we had no consistent income, this was not a possibility.

After weighing the many options for fences and/or hedges for the front of the cemetery, the committee concluded that to replace the hedges, would provide for the protection of the headstones and restore the previous rural atmosphere. The hedges are scheduled to be installed in June.

We work with a small budget, mainly sustained by donations, which pays for the annual grounds maintenance and repairs. However, our budget cannot support the additional cost of the damage done by the two storms in August. If you would like to assist us, we would welcome donations for this restoration.

We thank you for your past support and the concern you have expressed in regard to this matter and we hope to have the cemetery grounds restored by the end of June.

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

Sincerely, Charles Z. Radick, Assoc. Sec./Treas.

### Museum Hosts/Hostesses Sought

Volunteers are being sought to help show the Rensselaerville Grist Mill to visitors from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturdays this summer. Two people are needed each Saturday until Labor Day. Please call Janet Haseley at 518-797-3194 or e-mail her at [edhase@aol.com](mailto:edhase@aol.com) if you are willing to help for even one two-hour session. Written guidelines are available and individual training can be arranged if wished.

There are several maintenance and research chores that also need help. Contact Ken Storms at 518-797-5154 or e-mail [kenstorms2010@gmail.com](mailto:kenstorms2010@gmail.com) to volunteer for maintenance jobs or Haseley for research jobs.

# Youth Programs and Recreation Opportunities this Summer at the Huyck Preserve

## Wildlife Family Hour

Tuesdays, June 26-August 28  
10:00 AM, Eldridge Research Center  
Free Program, All welcome!

## Nature Study

**Grade K-2**

M - F, July 16-20  
1:00-3:30 PM

**Grade 3-5**

M - F, July 9-13  
1:00-4:00 PM

## Middle School Natural History Day Program

**Grade 6-8**

M - F, June 25-29  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Students will explore nature through studying wildlife, keeping an illustrated nature journal, and learning ecology research techniques.  
Cost: \$200 nonmember/ \$180 member.  
Financial aid is available.



## Swim Lessons

### Session 1

M, W, F July 9-20  
11:00 AM-12:30 PM

### Session 2

M, W, F July 23-August 3  
11:00 AM-12:30 PM

\$30 nonmember/ \$20 member per child per session for Swim Lessons or Nature Study

## 2012 Lake Myosotis Beach Program

The entire town is eligible!

Summer is almost upon us and we invite you to consider participating in the 2012 Lake Myosotis swim program. In order to purchase a lake pass, a family or individual must also be or become a member of the Huyck Preserve. First time members may join at the reduced rate of \$20 individual/\$25 family. As always, swimming in the lake is only allowed during stated hours at the designated swimming area when a lifeguard is present. There are a limited number of passes available and priority will be given to residents of the Town of Rensselaerville through the end of May. If you would like to purchase a lake pass (\$85) please contact the main office at (518) 797-3440.

The lakefront opens on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and closes on Labor Day. We may need to reduce hours the week before Labor Day because many of our lifeguards return to college around the third week



of August (details will be posted in August).

We hope that many town residents will take advantage of and enjoy this wonderful community gathering spot during the summer.

*Updated Contact Information*

Town Board Meetings  
Second Thursday 7:00 pm

Working Meeting  
Tuesday preceding regular meeting 7:00 pm

Town Justice Court  
Mondays 7:00 pm

Planning Board  
First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals  
First 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-7:30pm  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Supervisor's Hours  
Monday - Friday 1pm - 4pm

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

Assessors' Clerk Hours  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning

Dog Control Officer  
Cheryl Baitsholts  
518-797-5201

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

Water/Sewer District Meeting  
Fourth Thursday 7:00 pm

Town Hall  
518-797-3798; 518-239-4225  
Fax: 518-239-6339

Town Supervisor  
Valerie Lounsbury

Town Clerk & Collector  
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

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Gregory Bischoff  
Timothy Miller

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Robert Bolte, Marion Cooke,  
John Kudlack, Margaret Sedlmeir

Building Inspector  
& Code Enforcement Officer  
Mark Overbaugh

Assessors  
Donna Kropp, Richard Tollner  
Michael Weber  
Rachel Chase, Clerk II

Highway Superintendent  
Randy Bates

Planning Board  
Richard Amedure, Chairperson  
Kathy Wank, Secretary

Zoning Board of Appeals  
James Glorioso, Chairman  
Kathy Wank, Secretary

Deputy Town Clerk  
Dee Andrus

Clerk I  
Sarah Hunt

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518-239-4225, 518-797-3798

Sen. Neil Breslin, 46th Dist.  
Capital Bldg., Room 413  
Albany, NY 12247  
518-455-2800

Assemblyman John McEneny, 104th Dist.  
LOB, Room 648  
Albany, NY 12248  
518-455-4100

Co. Legislator, Deborah Busch, 39th Dist.  
518-872-0146

Albany County Highway Dept.  
518-239-6715, 518-239-6710

Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911  
Social Number - 797-3218

Tri-Village Fire Company, 911  
Social number - 239-6780

Medusa Fire Company, 911  
Back up emergency number,  
765-5979  
Social number - 239-6166

Rensselaerville Vol. Ambulance, 911  
For Information - 518-797-5233

Albany County Sheriff, 911  
518-765-2351

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

Hilltown Community Resource Center  
518-797-5256

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Ann Vogel, our Senior Coordinator had an accident. We are sure she would appreciate cards and well wishes. Let her know we are wishing her well. Please send them to: Ann Vogel, 506 CR 358, Rensselaerville, NY 12147