



Town of Rensselaerville

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On Patrol with Dog Control

As I ease into 2008 and reflect on 2007, I came to realize that an awful lot of dogs have just disappeared last year, never to be seen again.

So where have all the doggie gone?

Did they just drop off the face of the earth?

Did someone take them in?

Did some nice person pick them up along the road thinking they could help and took them home? Then what?

Did the dog get turned over to a rescue group?

Did the person who found the dog give it to someone else?

Do you know what to do if you find a dog?

Report a found dog immediately to your town's dog control/animal control officer. If you are driving down the road and are not sure what to do, stop and have someone call the sheriff's department. They will contact the proper local dog control officer to come and get the dog.

Never keep a dog that does not belong to you.

That dog is someone's pet, a member of the family, keeping it is larceny. If you think you would like to adopt the dog you have found, let the dog control officer do his/her job by trying to find the owner. If the owner is not found within a certain amount of time, the dog can then be adopted, legally.

This was written in loving memory of Magnum, a springer spaniel of East Durham, Roxy, a lab mix of Rensselaerville, and all the other missing dogs that have never found their way home.

Cheryl Baitsholtz, DCO
Towns of Rensselaerville and Berne
797-5201

Note: Cheryl houses these found dogs for a short time as she attempts to find their family, and blankets are needed for bedding. Call Cheryl if you can donate your old and unused blankets.

**THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MAY 26, 2008
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.**

Library Bookmark

May is Amnesty Month at the Rensselaerville Library. Don't forget to check under the beds, in the closets, or even under the car seats for any overdue materials, because all fines will be forgiven for those overdue previous to May! (Please note that fines will still be owed for any material that goes overdue during the month of May.)

The Library is also pleased to announce a **new lending policy** for materials. Books, audio books, and CDs will now circulate for 4 weeks instead of the previous 2 weeks. DVDs and videos will circulate for 7 days instead of 3. (Please note that new materials will still circulate under the old borrowing policies – 2 weeks and 3 days for books, etc. and movies respectively.)

First Friday Movies continue! Please join us at **Conkling Hall on Friday, May 2 at 6:30P.M.** for *Enchanted*. A classic Disney fairy tale collides with modern day New York City in a story about a fairy tale princess who is sent to our world by an evil queen. Soon after her arrival, Princess Giselle (Amy Adams) begins to change her views on life and love after meeting a handsome lawyer (Patrick Dempsey). Meanwhile, her Prince Edward (James Marsden) has come to bring her back to her own world. But can Giselle's story book view of romance survive in the real world? Run time: 107 min. Rated PG for some scary images and mild innuendo.

Help us pick the First Friday Movie for June! Cast your vote (starting **April 15**) at our website, www.uhls.org/rvll_library. You can also access our catalog and that of the Upper Hudson Library System from this site, and place orders for items you would like, using your bar-coded Rensselaerville Library card (if you do not yet have one, or would like more information, ask the librarian on duty).

It's not too early to start thinking about summer, and our annual **Summer Reading Program**, beginning **July 1st**. This year's theme is "Catch the Reading Bug". New this year is a special Summer Reading Program for teens with the theme of "Metamorphosis". We will be selling themed T-shirts this year as

well, so everyone can get in the spirit.

Though the Summer Reading Program does not officially start until July 1, please join us on **Saturday, May 10 from 1:30-2:30P.M.** for a special prelude, making **Butterfly Gardens**. Participating children will learn about the life cycles of butterflies, and about plants that they can grow in order to attract them. They will have the opportunity to plant starter seeds that they can take home and grow into their very own butterfly gardens. Call Candy at 797-3949 to pre-register for this program, as space is limited.

Join us on **Sunday, May 18 at 3:00P.M.** in the **Sanctuary of the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church** for a special benefit concert! The Helping Hands Concert Series final concert of the season will present the *Aztec Two Step*, the folk-rock duo of Rex Fowler and Neal Shulman. *Aztec Two Step* has been praised in countless major publications, including *Rolling Stone*, and has also appeared on a number of TV and radio shows, including *The David Letterman Show*. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and \$25 for families. Proceeds of this concert will benefit the Rensselaerville Library.

Please join us on **Thursday, May 22 at 7:00P.M.** for a special workshop entitled "**Save Energy, Save Dollars**", conducted by Cornell Cooperative Extension as part of the EmPower New York Program with funding from NYSERDA. It provides low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce your home energy bills, and links consumers with programs that provide energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans, or free services to qualifying households. Participants will receive a free energy kit with outlet/light switch gaskets, outlet caps, caulk, shrink fit window insulation kit and a refrigerator thermometer. This workshop is free of charge and will include refreshments. Space is limited, so call Maria DeLucia-Evans at 765-3559 to pre-register.

The Library's annual **Cocktail Party and Silent Auction** is upon us once



Staff:
Candy Wilson, Interim Director;
Katie Caprio, Assistant;
Barbara Husek, Assistant

Library Hours:

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

Thursday & Friday:
4:00—9:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00-1:00 PM
www.uhls.org/rvll_library

more! Please join us at **Stonecrop Estate** (on the Rensselaerville Institute campus) on **Saturday, May 24 from 5:00-8:00P.M.** Tickets are \$20.00. If you would like more information, or are interested in donating something for the Silent Auction, please contact Candy at 797-3949.

The Library Board of Directors will meet on **Monday, April 21 at 7:00P.M.**

Conkling Hall—What's On In May

FRIDAY, MAY 2: FIRST FRIDAY MOVIE (Presented by the Library) will be "Enchanted" at 6:30 PM. Adults \$2.00; Children \$1.00.

SATURDAY, MAY 10: "Springtime Fantasy: An evening of music, dance, food, and drink. This is a fundraising event for the Hilltowns Community Resource Center. And, it will be an opportunity to flash your "prom attire" and dress "to the nines". Suggested donation is \$10.00 and a non-perishable food contribution. The party begins at 7:00 PM. For further information call 797 5256.

FRIDAY, MAY 16: Noteworthy Coffeehouse presents The Gospel Train, an exciting musical/historical program of American spirituals and songs from the Civil War to the present. Music comes from the talented

Tom Lindsay and Michael Eck. Doors open at 7:30 PM. Performance begins at 8:00 PM. \$10. Cover charge or donation. Beverage and treats available at a nominal price.

Pilates: Saturdays 9 - 10 AM. Pilates mat class with Sara Nelson Weiss. Strengthen your abdominals, gain long, lean muscles and work with good alignment. Appropriate for all levels. Please call 239 6825 for more information and to confirm schedule.

You can contact Conkling Hall at (518) 797 3459 or read our website on www.ConklingHall.org. We send out frequent email announcements/reminders about our events. If you wish to be added to the list, please give us your email address at ConklingHall@Earthlink.net.



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

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

May's Regular menu: \$20.00

- 2 lbs. Angus Beef Patties
- 3 lbs. IQF Boneless Chicken Breast
- 4 (6 oz.) Chicken Cordon Blu
- 1 lb. All Beef Hotdogs
- 1 lb. Fresh Strawberries
- 5 lb. bag Potatoes

Special #1: \$ 12.50

- 5 lbs. Box Boneless Country-style Spare Ribs

Special # 2: \$ 17.50

- 10 lbs. Bag Fresh Boneless/Skinless

Chicken Breast

Special #3: \$30.00 MEAT BOX

- 3 lbs. Boneless Spare Ribs
- 3 lbs. Salisbury Steaks
- 3 lbs. 80/20 Beef Patties (4/4oz. per lb.)
- 3lbs. Chicken Tenders (2/1.5 lbs.)
- 2 lbs. Maple-flavored Breakfast Sausage Links

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

PLEASE NOTE: Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by **May 5TH** for pick-up on **May 27, 2008**. HCRC distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. and at St. Bernadette's Church in Berne from 11:30 to 12:00 p.m. on delivery days. The pick-up site must be noted with each order. Anyone wishing more information regarding Extra-Helpings or other Hilltowns Community Resource Center services, please call 797-5256. HCRC's mailing address is P.O. Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please include your phone number on all correspondence.

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

Helderberg Senior Services: Lunches are served

Monday through Friday at noon for \$3.75. The Grange would appreciate one day advance notice. Call Marie at 797-3652 between 9:00AM-1:00PM for information and reservations. The menu for April and May can be found on page 17.

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.



WANTED

BIDS FOR MOWING

BAYARD ELSBREE MEMORIAL PARK

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PARK COMMITTEE
PO BOX 520
PRESTON HOLLOW, NY 12469

DUE DATE: MAY 15, 2008

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

Rensselaerville: 797-3231
Medusa: 239-4826
Preston Hollow: 239-6111

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.

Resolution Adopting Rules of Order of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville

The following resolution was duly presented to the Town Board at its regular meeting held on February 14, 2008:

Whereas, a town board meeting is a serious matter during which it is necessary that the Town Board deliberate on and take action on various and sometimes numerous items of Town business The Open Meetings Law gives the public the right to attend Town Board meetings and to listen to Town Board deliberations. While the Town Board welcomes public interest and participation in town meetings, a balance must be struck so that meetings do not become disruptive and the Town Board has the opportunity to conduct Town business in an orderly, civil manner.

Whereas, Town Law, §63 provides that the Town Board may determine the rules of its procedure for the orderly conduct of its meetings and for the proper management of the business and affairs of the town; and

Whereas, the Town Board deems it necessary and appropriate to adopt general rules of procedure for the conduct of Town Board meetings so as to enable such meetings to be efficient, effective and civil:

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the following Rules of Order are hereby adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Town Law §63:

Rules of Order of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville

1. Quorum: The majority of the Town Board shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be defined as three members of the Town Board. If no quorum is present, the meeting shall not be held and no Town business may be discussed or acted upon.

2. Presiding Officer: The Supervisor or, in his absence, the Deputy Supervisor, shall preside at all meetings of the Board in accordance with these Rules of Order and shall preserve order and decorum in debate. If the Deputy Supervisor is required to preside at a Town Board meeting in the absence of the supervisor, the Deputy Supervisor has no vote unless he or she is a Town Board member. In that case, he or she votes by virtue of his or her position as a councilperson, not as Deputy Supervisor. In the absence of the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor, the Town Board may select one of its members to act as temporary or acting chairperson for that meeting. The temporary or acting chairman also must vote, but has only one vote to cast.

3. Agenda: The agenda for the regular monthly Town Board meeting shall be set by the Town Board by majority vote at the work/agenda meeting scheduled for each Tuesday preceding the regular monthly meeting. Anyone wishing to be put on the agenda is to contact the Town Clerk no later than 1:00 PM on the Tuesday preceding the regular monthly Town Board meeting, stating the specific reason for their request to be put on the agenda.

Items/requests received after 1:00 PM on the Tuesday preceding the Town Board meeting shall be placed on the agenda for the following month's regular Town Board meeting. The Town Board reserves the right to accept or deny requests for placement on the agenda. If a request is denied, the Town Clerk will make all reasonable efforts to notify the person prior to the monthly Town Board meeting. When an agenda item is up for presentation/discussion, remarks are to be specific to the agenda item(s) and limited to 5 minutes total. Copies of all documentation are to be provided to each Town Board member and to the Town Clerk.

At the regular meeting, a Town Board member may request the agenda be modified by adding an agenda item and such item may be added by majority vote of the Town Board.

4. Audience Comments:

a. Public participation at all regular and special Town Board meetings will be limited to commentary during established interval(s) as documented in each meeting agenda.

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Church Services

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

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

Medusa, 239-6119

United Church of Christ
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM

Potter Hollow Union Church
Potter Hollow, 734-5106
Worship: Sunday - 9:00AM
Bible Study and Prayer Group
Wednesday—6:30PM

Porter's Paintings—Most people are familiar with the paintings of local artist Porter Wright. Bill Moore has donated one of his Uncle Porter's paintings. It was painted in the 1960's for his mother-in-law, Maude Moore, Bill's grandmother. Porter gave many of his paintings to the Medusa Church for people to bid on as a fundraiser. Porter is now gone, but people can still bid on his paintings. Bids can be made during any church service, at the anniversary celebration, or during the Medusa Festival on May 31st. Some of his paintings have brought in over \$200.00. The winner will be announced on June 1st.

GRIEVANCE DAY

Grievance Day - May 27, 2008 - 3 to 5 PM; 6 to 8 PM - at the Rensselaerville Town Hall. People wishing to grieve their assessment may come during normal business hours to view the assessment rolls. The Assessors are available Thursday evening at the Town Hall, 6 to 8 PM and by appointment.

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MAY 31, 2008

9:00AM TO 4:00pm

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The Palmer House Cafe

Rensselaerville is, wonderfully, a small town. Word travels fast. As many of you have noticed, the Palmer House Café is for sale. Some members of our town's younger generation have come together and are trying to find a way to keep this vital part of our town's culture and sense of community alive. After years of delicious - often local - food, quality beer, and great conversation, just a minute's walk or a few minutes drive away; the thought of the Palmer House closing its doors indefinitely is unbearable and unacceptable.

Our goal for the immediate future is to keep the Palmer House open. We are working with community members to spruce up the place, showcase local art and provide monthly music events. Come in and see us soon!

Our next goal is to investigate whether it is feasible for us, with support from a group of interested,

committed community members, to purchase the restaurant and run it successfully.

We can't do it alone. We need your help, plain and simple. We've begun compiling a list of needs, everything from professional services to hands-on help -and, most importantly, your business! If you are interested in learning more about these needs let us know. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Stop by and share your thoughts with us, or email us or give us a call.

Becca Platel—518-797-3644; rplatel@gmail.com

Rochelle Rowlee—518-797-3679;

rochellerowlee@yahoo.com

Jerrine Wyman—518-872-9478;

jerrinewyman@gmail.com

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Town Board Minutes

The summary of the Town Board Minutes of April 10, 2008 will appear in the June newsletter after they have been approved by the Town Board.

BRING A DATE TO “THE PROM” AND HELP YOUR HILLTOWN NEIGHBORS

The Hilltowns Community Resource Center and Conkling Hall are joining forces to create an exciting evening: “Springtime Fantasy-a Prom for All Ages”. The party will take place Saturday, May 10 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Conkling Hall, Methodist Hill Road in Rensselaerville. A donation of \$10 at the door and a goodwill donation of non-perishable food and toiletries would be appreciated. DJ Richard Tollner will not only be spinning tunes, but will also act as MC hosting a variety of dance contests, distribution of door prizes and a raffle. An hors d'oeuvre buffet will be offered to Prom goers and beverages will be available to purchase. Attendees are urged to come dressed in their finest Prom attire. Lovely corsages and boutonniers will be available to purchase. Plan to dance the night away for a good cause...dust off your white sport coat and your vintage chiffon gown to support our local food bank. If you cannot attend and would like to make a donation to the Food Bank, please mail your tax deductible contribution to Hilltown Community Resource Center, P O Box 147, 15 County Route 1, Westerlo, New York 12193. For more information call Kathleen Speck at 797-5256.



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b. Any person wishing to comment shall clearly state his/her name, hamlet of residence, and name of the organization they represent, if applicable.

c. Any person speaking to the Town Board at all regular Town Board meetings will be required to address their remarks exclusively to the Town Board without engaging the public in debate. All remarks shall be addressed to the Town Board as a body and not to any member thereof.

d. Comments shall be limited to 3 minutes per person. Speakers may not yield any remaining time they have to another speaker.

e. No member of the public will be recognized twice.

f. Comments shall be respectful and in good order. Speakers may not make personal comments about public officials, town residents, or others.

g. All persons speaking will be given respect and courtesy and in return are expected to be respectful and courteous. The use of profane and inappropriate language is not acceptable.

h. Any speaker who disregards the directives of the Presiding Officer in enforcing the rules, disturbs the peace at a meeting, makes impertinent or slanderous remarks, or generally conducts themselves in an inappropriate manner, shall be barred from further participation and will forfeit any balance of time remaining for their comments.

i. No member of the public shall engage in any demonstration, booing, or otherwise disrupt the formality of Town Board meetings. Failure to adhere to these standards will result in a request for the offending party to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the Presiding Officer may direct that any law enforcement officer present shall remove the offending person from the meeting room.

j. At any time, the Presiding Officer may entertain a motion to adjourn, which shall be carried upon majority vote. At any time, the Board may vote to exhaust the agenda before inviting further public comment.

k. The Town Board, by majority vote, may suspend further audience comments when deemed necessary to do so in order to maintain control and decorum.

l. If any Town Board member, including the Presiding Officer, wishes to call on a member of the public audience outside of the public participation portion of the meeting, the Town Board may do so only upon the consent of a majority of the Board.

m. The Rules of Order set forth above may be waived only by the majority consent of all Town Board members present at any such meeting.

5. Actions: No action, resolution, local law or ordinance shall be adopted without the affirmative vote of a majority of Members then in office.

6. The use of handheld sound or video recording devices by the public is allowed, unless the recording devices or their use interrupt and interfere with the orderly conduct of the meeting or with the ability of the public to hear or see the proceedings.

7. If the above stated rules are or become at any time in conflict with the statutory law, the statutory law shall take precedence.

8. Amendment, Modification, or Repeal of the Rules: Permanent amendment, modification or repeal of the rules in whole or in part may be made at any time by a Resolution of the Town Board at a regular or special meeting.

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board

RUMMAGE SALE

May 31st, 9:00am—4:00pm

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Volunteer News and Events

Medusa VFD

Company Meeting: Monday, May 5th, at 8:00 PM

Drill & Work Meeting: Monday May 12th and May 19th, at 7:00PM

Upcoming Events: *Spaghetti Dinner*
Saturday, May 17th

Rensselaerville VFD

The "Club" you can join, where saving lives is the main activity... but enjoying life and community is also important!!

Total Calls for 2008 (as of 3/8/08) : 10
"Calendar of Meetings and Events"

May:

5th - 7:00 Company Drill
7th - 7:00 Ladies Battalion Meeting
12th - 7:00 Company Drill
17th - 9-3:00 Garage Sale Day
25th - 3:00 Fireman/Trinity Barbecue
28th - 7:30 Company Meeting

June:

2nd - Company Drill
4th - Ladies Battalion Meeting
9th - Company Drill
15th - DAD's Day Pancake Breakfast
25th - Company Meeting

Peek at the future:

* **May 25th** - Fireman's/Trinity Barbecue, 3pm - "Finger Lickin' Good"

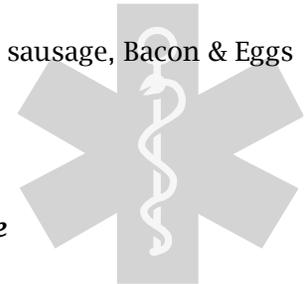
* **June 15th** - Father's Day Pancake Breakfast - TREAT DAD to pancakes, sausage, Bacon & Eggs

Tri-Village VFD

Company Meeting: Wednesday, May 7th, at 8:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Service

Company Meeting: Wednesday, May 21st at 7:00PM



5 Alarm Fire Destroys Residence And More

On Friday, March 21st, we responded to a structure fire on CR 353, Deter residence. When we arrived, the house, vehicle and an RV were fully engulfed in flames. This complicated by strong winds made this an extremely difficult situation. The home, vehicle, and RV were a total loss.

With the assistance of Rensselaerville Ambulance, Medusa, Tri-Village, Oak Hill and Westerlo Fire Departments, we were able to bring the fire under control in about 45 minutes. There were over 60 firefighters between the five companies on the scene with one minor injury to a Rensselaerville Volunteer Firefighter.

Please remember to test your smoke alarm. The Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department extends their well wishes for a speedy recovery to their injured member. We also extend the thanks to our brothers and sisters from our neighboring departments.

Though it appears that we had a high response, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you to JOIN your local fire department. We are in desperate need for help with various fire and non-fire support positions. All genders and ages are welcome...there is a job for everyone! Come to our house so we have someone to come to yours. Help us, help you!



SAVE THE DATE!!! Community Dance on Founder's Day

The Rensselaerville Historical Society will sponsor a Community Dance on Saturday, June 7, as part of the annual celebration of Rensselaerville hamlet's Founder's Day. All ages are invited.

The dance will be at historic Conkling Hall on Methodist Hill Road next to the Presbyterian Church, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Dances will include square dances, contra dances, polkas, waltzes and round dance mixers. No experience is necessary as each dance will be taught before the music is added. Singles are welcome also as the tradition is to change partners after each dance; everyone will have a chance to dance with everyone else.



Caller will be Fern Bradley who called the Founder's Day dance in 2007, and the live band will be the Fire-Flies which is composed of Sue Mead, Jim Mead, Jim Broden and Patricia Kernan. This band has played for several community dances in Rensselaerville over the past four years.

Admission will be \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for Historical Society members, \$5 for teens and \$2 for children ages 6-12. Ages 5 and under are free.

A special feature of the dance will be when Fern sings the calls for the square dances. This was the local tradition in earlier years when many Rensselaerville area folks learned to square dance at Conkling Hall when it was owned by the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company and frequent dances were held all year. However, the trend has been away from singing the calls and many square dance callers today only say the words, not sing them. "Singing squares" is an appropriate way to celebrate Founder's Day when the emphasis is on our rich history and traditions.

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Another Question About Town Roads

By Janet Haseley, Rensselaerville Historic Society Research Chair

Joan Kappel of Altamont wonders about the origin of Heins Road. She says, "I saw the article of road names in the February newsletter, and wonder if anyone has knowledge of the origin of Heins Road? It started at the top of Gulf Road and went west into the Town of Broome. The Rensselaerville end of the road fell into disuse when floods took out a bridge decades ago, which Schoharie County opted not to replace.

Currently, the Broome end of the road has an incorrectly spelled sign for Heinz Road. I haven't found any indication of a family by the name of Heins who ever lived on the road. Clues?"

If you know anything about this road, please respond to Janet Haseley at edhase@aol.com or 797-3194 and she will pass on the information to Joan.

Planning/Zoning Secretary Hours

*Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 AM—Noon*

*1st & 3rd Thursdays
6:00—7:30PM*

The Rensselaerville Library

cordially invites one and all to the annual

Cocktail Party at Stonecrop

at The Rensselaerville Institute

Saturday, May 24, 2008

5 PM to 8 PM

Silent Auction

Donation: \$20/person (includes 1 drink ticket)

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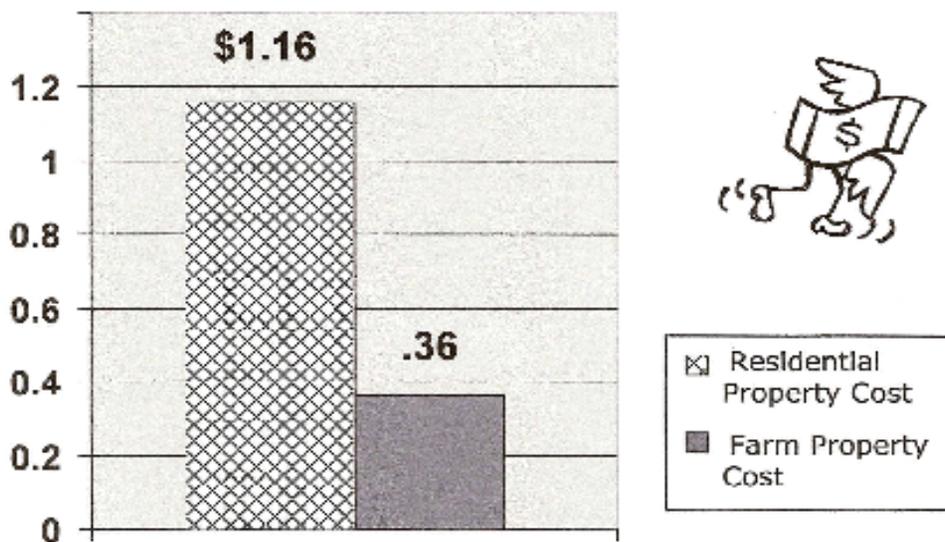
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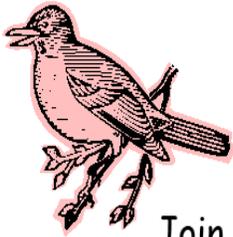
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Barbara DeMille, in *The Schenectady Gazette*, April 22, 2007.

WHAT PRICE BEAUTY?

The soft, gentle mountains southwest of Albany, in local parlance The Hilltowns, have served many people. A long, long time ago—in the 18th and up to the mid-19th century—they were a center of commerce: tanning, logging, dairy cattle, sheep and wool for the felt mill. Then the railroad came, but not to the towns in the hills, and the felt mill moved to the banks of the Hudson. Gradually the tanning and logging waned, the hemlock and forest consumed. Farms failed in the Great Depression, dairy farms failures hastened on in the early twentieth century by the wholesale testing and condemnation of tubercular herds.

Soon after city people laid claim to the huge vacant houses, once boarding houses and taverns serving the mill hands. And for awhile local residents—those born on the land as their fathers had been—coexisted with temporary influxes of summer residents. Those immense houses suited a summer overflow of vacationing, extended families. They were drafty and impossible to heat in the winter.

But as those summer families began to dwindle and dissipate, losing interest in a summer spent in a hinterland, well-off residents of The City (For some, there is only *one* city, and it's located one hundred and fifty miles down the Hudson.) began to look for peace, green space, and clean air at a reasonable commuting distance. They bought the large, drafty houses for second homes. Some of them even moved quite enthusiastically from The City into full time rural life.

And herein lies the rub. The vision of endless, green, and open rolling hills cherished by former city dwellers is often at odds with the views of those who've worked to wrest a living from the hard, stony soil. There never was much money in farming in these hills; the soil is too poor, the climate too hard. Hay sells for little. Sometimes, especially in a rainy season, it's more effort than the crop is worth.

There was some money in dairy cattle until the standards set by the Department of Health became harder and more expensive to meet. And finally the larger dairy operations subsumed the independent man and his small herd. There was never much money in sheep after the felt mill moved. The logging continues, hampered by environmental regulations, on a small scale. All of this diminishment of ways to make a living leave former farmers with their one basic asset: the land itself. And there is the controversy.

Those seeking relief from urban congestion came for their view of this land, wide open and unencumbered except for a quaint old farmhouse and a sagging barn or two. Some actively oppose the landowners right to sell, except in amounts of acreage which would effectively preclude its development. In short, they oppose the farmer's right to convert their acreage into cash.

Unfortunately these relatively new arrivals oppose this from a superior advantage, having sufficient assets of their own. The question then remains: must these often hard-pressed, hard worked landowners sacrifice realizing their assets in order to potentially increase the assets of these open-space loving, nature-venerating newcomers? Given that the newcomer's homes increase in value from the unobstructed view.

It is a controversy, hard argued these days wherever a few residents of these Hilltowns meet. Feelings are high. Potential and much needed income is at stake. What price Beauty? And who shall bear the cost?

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Town Board Meetings
Second Thursday 7:00 pm

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Jost Nickelsberg

Town Highway Department
518-239-4225, 518-797-3798

Working Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 pm
before regular meeting as needed

Town Clerk & Collector
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Sen. Neil Breslin, 42nd Dist. LOB,
Albany, NY 12247
518-455-2800

Town Justice Court
Mondays 7:00 pm

Town Justices
Victor LaPlante,
Victoria Kraker

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102nd Dist. LOB,
Albany, NY 12248
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Planning Board
First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm

Attorney for the Town
Joseph Catalano

County Legislature, 39th Dist.
Alexander (Sandy) Gordon
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Zoning Board of Appeals
Second Tuesday 7:00 pm

Deputy Town Attorney
Jon Kosich

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

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

Councilpersons
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J. Robert Lansing, Sherri Pine

Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911
Social Number - 797-3218

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

Building Inspector
& Code Enforcement Officer
Mark Overbaugh

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

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

Assessors
Jeff Pine, Peter J. Hotaling, Jr.,
Donna Kropp
Rachel Chase, Clerk II

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Back up emergency number,
943-9010
Social number - 239-6166

Assessors' Hours
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Highway Superintendent
G. Jon Chase

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Assessors' Clerk Hours
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518-765-2351

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

Deputy Town Clerk
Dee Andrus

Water/Sewer District Meeting
First Thursday 7:00 pm

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Patricia Britton

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