



Town of Rensselaerville

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

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July Town Board Minutes Summary

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The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on July 9, 2009, 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 Marie Dermody, Councilman J. Robert Lansing, Councilwoman Sherri Pine, Town Attorney Joseph Catalano, Superintendent G. Jon Chase, Town Clerk, Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

There were 32 interested citizens present.

HALL OF FAME: The Town Board inducted Mrs. Ann Marie Vogel into the Town's Hall of Fame for the many years of volunteer service she has given to the Town.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Gerald Wood spoke on behalf of the Fire Company and Ambulance Squad concerning the Pearson Road culvert; he is concerned about this project. Is that road going to be opened by the time school starts? Superintendent Chase mentioned that the contractor was here last Friday; he plans on starting on Monday. A lengthy discussion was held concerning the paying of the bills for the Pearson Road Project, the easements, and how the project will continue throughout the summer. The project is slated to be completed before the beginning of the school year in September.

Jeff Pine asked if the signs for the senior bus could be taken down.

There is one in Cooksburg; it will be taken down.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the minutes of the Work Meeting held on June 9, 2009, the Regular Meeting held on June 11, 2009, and the Special Meeting held on June 30, 2009; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

TRANSFERS: Bookkeeper Cornwell explained the following transfers to the Town Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to make the following transfers; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

From:	To:	Amount:
General Transfers:		
A1990.4	A1430.4	\$100.00
Contingency Account	Personnel Contractual	
Water Transfers		
W910	SW 8310.4	\$10,000.00
Fund Balance Un-appropriated	Admin Contractual Water	

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

WARRANT 2009-07, VOUCHERS, BILLS: Vouchers V09-423 through V09-487. The General Fund - \$15,041.68; Highway Department - \$35,475.57; Water District - \$492.42; Hydrant District - \$338.87; Sewer District - \$600.00; Lighting Districts - \$166.17. Total - \$52,114.71. Pre-paid vouchers - V09-415 through V09-422 - \$15,504.85.

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Library Bookmark

The Board of Trustees and staff of the Rensselaerville Library would like to welcome our new director, Elizabeth King. Liz comes to us with a wide range of library experience, and we look forward to this exciting new chapter for our library! We invite the community to stop by and meet Liz to help welcome her in this new endeavor. The Board and staff would also like to bid a fond farewell to our out-going director, Candy Wilson. We thank Candy for all of her hard work and wish her the best of luck with her education and future plans.

Thank you all for participating in our celebration of writing and reading, Rensselaerville's Festival of Writers 2009. The library is grateful to those who made this benefit for the library so successful. First of all, we are grateful to our dedicated and hard-working Board members who supported this event with time and energy: our three Festival Planners, Liz Britton, Linda Miller and Betty Reed; and Trustees David Weiss, Rosie Kuhar, Deb Gordon, Jim Hutchins, Kris Tanner, Lee Pearson, Dianne Rizzo, Myra Dorman; and our diligent library staff: Director Candy Wilson, Librarian Katie Caprio, and Zach Wellstood. We are also grateful to the Rensselaerville Institute and Meeting Center for its donation of time and space, and for the hard work of its staff, Sue Shufelt, Alison Gardner, and Nancy Hofstader in particular, and we are especially grateful to our Festival co-planners Chuck Houghton and Linda Davis. Next, our thanks go to William P. Carey who sponsored the Festival's elegant cocktail party at Huyck House on Saturday night. Special thanks to Rensselaerville-ites John Arrighi, Jan Bishop, Jason Paulson, Maryann Ronconi, Alberto Caputo and Molly O'Neill, who contributed ideas along the way, to Carolina Ward, Marlene Omlor, Rebecca Lubin, Katie Lenane, teen members of our D & D Club, the wonderful chefs, staff, and owners (Bill Bensen and Susan Lenane) of the Palmer House Restaurant, musician Dana Monteith, the Board of Conkling Hall, and Vermonter Claire North who volunteered their time and talents during our three-day celebration, and to those lovers of books and libraries who came from far and wide, to support our first Festival of Writers. Festival of Writers' planners would also like to thank Margaret Bernstein for the lovely music at our Festival Cocktail Party, and the Greenville Booksmith and The BookHouse in Albany for the beautiful book displays and for their contributions of a percentage of sales to the library. But, most of all, we are grateful to the incredible roster of Festival writers: to William Kennedy and Andy Rooney, to Helen Benedict, Natalie Bober, Dan Hofstadter, Bill Logan, Deb Lucke, Lance Morrow, Stephen O'Connor, Molly O'Neill, George Pendle, Owen Sheers, Hudson Talbot, the late H.B. Gilmour, and our moderators (who are authors in their own right), Ed Breslin, Josh Friedman, and Paul Grondahl. We are grateful to our writers not only for volunteering their time in support of our Festival, but for their gifts of insight, observation, intelligence, inquiry, imagination, and humor that have made library patrons savor and support their libraries for generations.

Thank you also to everyone who participated in our successful Summer Reading Program. Everyone had a great time reading and participating in the events. Congratulations to the winners of our teen raffle: Dixie Ouellette, Amber Case, Grace Kudlack, and Julian Jacobs (who won gift certificates to the Greenville Booksmith) and Anna Kelly, Katie Pondiscio, and Julian Jacobs (who won gift certificates to I-tunes). Thanks also to our local sponsors Conkling Hall, the Greenville Booksmith, and Stewarts Shops, who helped to make this year's program such a success.

Please join us for our **Annual Lawn Party on Saturday, September 5 from 4:00-7:00P.M.** The party will once again take place on the back lawn at Richard Ballinger's house (rain location: Conkling Hall). Tickets are \$15.00, which includes one drink.



Staff:

Candy Wilson, Director;
Katie Caprio, Assistant;
Barbara Husek, Assistant;
Zachary Wellstood, Page

The next **Library Board meeting** is on **Monday, September 21st at 7:00P.M.**

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

Conkling Hall—What's On In September

Pilates: Saturdays 9 - 10 AM Mat class. Strengthen your abdominals, gain long, lean muscles and work with good alignment. Appropriate for all levels. Open to all. Call Sarah Nelson-Weiss 239-6825 for more information.

Yoga: Tuesdays 9 - 10:15 AM. Move, breathe and relax. Good for what ails you. Open to all. Please call Sarah Nelson-Weiss at 239-0825 for more information.

You can contact Conkling Hall at 518-797-3459 or read our website at www.ConklingHall.org. We send 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

Co-op Weathers Crisis But Needs More Support!

We have come a long way since last fall when the alarm went off about the financial situation of the Co-op. So many of you rallied to the cause of keeping the store running, and we did it despite many challenges. We survived and are no longer in debt because of the effort from you, our dedicated working members, donors, and board members. For this we are thankful.

Now we are facing the normal issues of a growing cooperative. We are in need more volunteers and more shoppers.. Sales are substantially down from the summer of 2008. Part of this may be due to the slower economy. That we can't do much about. However, a lot of this drop has to do with the fact that we are now 100% staffed by working members (as a financial necessity). We know that if we were open more hours we would have more customers, but we do not have enough working members to fill even the smaller number of hours we are now open.

We, as Cooperative Community, have done a lot to revamp the product assortment of our Hilltown Market to appeal to more local shoppers. With the organic foods, gluten free products, and farm fresh eggs/meats/veggies the store has stocked since the beginning, we have expanded the number of regular priced conventional foods. Along side the natural sodas there is Coca-Cola. Next to the organic cereal there are boxes of Cheerios. We have organic flours AND conventional flours. We continue to be open to your product requests and changes.

Also, we hope you are all checking out the Farmers' Market on Saturdays featuring locally roasted coffee, home made gourmet breakfast treats, quiches and Bread Alone breads. The markets will run though at least Labor Day - perhaps longer (weather permitting) - but if you all do not make an effort to shop both the market and the store more frequently, it will be very difficult to survive.

Don't forget, the Co-op is just up the street and a lot closer for most of you than grocery stores in Slingerlands or Greenville (or Honest Weight). So while we may not be able to beat larger stores in price because we can't order large quantities of goods, it's a shorter trip, you spend less gas, and its less stressful trip to the store when the roads become icy.

What were asking is more participation from you as regular shoppers, working members, and board members (board meetings really are fun - sometimes we even have yummy snacks). We will lose a few retiring board members this fall and we need concerned members to step up and take positions of responsibility as well as regular store working members.

Please contact Susan Story to volunteer as a working member: smstory@earthlink.net

Please contact nominating committee chair, Loretta Pyles (lorettapyles@yahoo.com) if you are interested to serve as a board member or committee participant for Community Outreach, Product Selection, Store Operations, and other Co-op committees.

As President Barack Obama has said: "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." This is our Hilltown Co-op. Let's continue our proud tradition of cooperative operations and local food access.

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. 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.

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

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

RESOURCE CENTER'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

The old adage 'always be prepared' is certainly true when it comes time to return to school in September and begin the task of learning new and exciting things. Arriving in school that first day well prepared for learning sets the tone for success throughout the school year. The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC), an outreach site of Catholic Charities of Albany and Rensselaer Counties, wants to ensure that many of the children in our community are set for success in the next school year.

HCRC is conducting a BACK-TO-SCHOOL drive in the townships of Berne, Knox, Westerlo and Rensselaerville. Community members can help with the Resource Center's efforts by purchasing a variety of school supplies and dropping the items off at the following locations throughout the area: Post Offices in East Berne, Berne, Knox, Westerlo, Medusa, Preston Hollow and Rensselaerville; transfer stations and Libraries in Rensselaerville and Westerlo. Back-to-School items that can be donated include new boys/girls sneakers (all sizes), Book Bags/Backpacks, pens, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, markers, highlighters, pencil holders, pocket folders, primary school writing tablets, 1", 2" and 3" 3-ring binders, loose-leaf paper, binder dividers, 3 and 5 subject spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, rulers, protractors, calculators, erasers, 3x5 index cards, tissues, post-it notes, and small and larger zip-lock bags. The Resource Center is also seeking individuals and organization willing to adopt-a-student in order to provide him or her with new clothing for school. Monetary contributions are always welcome. Checks can be made payable to HCRC and can be sent to the Hilltowns Community Resource Center, P.O. Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please call 797-5256 with any questions.

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 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. September's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

September's Regular menu: \$21.00

- 2 lbs. Pulled BBQ Pork
- 3 lbs. IQF Boneless Chicken Breast
- 3 lbs. John Morrell All Meat Franks
- 1.5 lbs. Holton 1/4 lb. Beef Patties
- 1 lb. Bag IQF Strawberries
- 1 lb. Bag IQF Mixed Berries (Blackberries, Blueberries, Strawberries)

Special #1: \$ 17.50

- 8 lbs. Fresh Boneless Center Cut Pork Loin

Special # 2: \$ \$ 11.25

- 5 lbs. Block Sliced White American Cheese

Special #3: \$32.00 MEAT BOX

- 2 lbs. Cranberry & Apple Stuffed Pork Chops
- 3 lbs. Honey Mustard Flavored Chicken Breast
- 3 lbs. Home-style Beef Patties
- 2 lbs. Maple Breakfast Sausage Links
- 3 lbs. Chicken Patties

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

PLEASE NOTE: Orders *with payment* are due at the HCRC office by **September 5th** for pick-up on **September 22nd**. HCRC distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:00 to 12:00 p.m. and at St. Bernadette's Church in Berne from 11:15 to 11:45 p.m. on delivery days. *Please note the new pick-up times.* 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.



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We support the election of officials who put the Town and its citizens **FIRST** regardless of party affiliation! We promote ethical, honest, and competent town government.

SAVE THESE DATES

Sunday Sept 6th 2 - 4 PM at Conkling Hall OR:
Saturday Sept 12th 2 - 4 PM at Conkling Hall

We have issued an invitation to both candidates for Town Highway Superintendent to join in a Moderated Discussion about *The Highway Department and Town Roads in Rensselaerville*. For full information about this event, check our August Newsletter.

Contact us by mail, email, or telephone:
PO Box 159, Rensselaerville, NY 12147
Rensselaervillecitizens@gmail.com
518-797-3296
<http://groups.google.com/group/concerned-citizens-of-rensselaerville>

Remember to vote!! Primaries September 15th

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The Assessors' Corner

Many of you have recently received a copy of the Concerned Citizen's latest newsletter. In this newsletter there is a misleading graph showing that taxes in the Town of Rensselaerville are roughly double the surrounding towns of Westerlo and Berne. In fact, in a town with a small full-time population like ours, the per capita equation as shown in the article is almost useless.

With the help of the New York State Office of Real Property and my fellow local assessors, I have prepared a more realistic comparison of taxes paid by residents in the Towns of Rensselaerville, Berne, and Westerlo. The chart below was created using the average value in each town of a single family home of conventional type construction on lots of ten acres or less. Exemptions have not been included for simplicity. The total taxes on an average home are a truer representation of the how our town compares to other towns. As you can see the difference between towns is minor.

Town	Average Home	School District	Land & School
Berne	\$184,000	BKW	\$3,933.00
Westerlo	\$177,250	BKW GCS	\$3,804.00 \$3,824.00
Rensselaerville	\$177,800	GCS MCS	\$3,845.00 \$4,128.00

Few would debate the unfairness of the increasing real estate tax burden on home owners in this state, in particular the school taxes. But let's debate this issue fairly and honestly. It is vital that all taxpayers be informed of the facts.

Jeff Pine, Assessor

The Huyck Preserve presents....
**First Annual Benefit
 Beach Party!**



Live Irish Music by Bell/Blake Duo
 Door Prize Drawing: a new kayak!



Silent Auction



Join us for fun in the sun!
Saturday, August 29, 2009
 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Lake Myosotis Beach
 Pond Hill Road
 Rensselaerville, NY

Rain location: Eldridge Research Center Porch
 by Lincoln Pond, Pond Hill Road

BBQ Picnic food
 available after 4:00 p.m.

Tickets \$10; under 18 free
 Tickets & memberships are available
 at the Preserve Office and the door.
 Call for further information at 518-797-3440.

Games and activities begin at 3:00 p.m.
 for kids and kids at heart

Swimming from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Meet Your Board of Ethics

The Town of Rensselaerville Board of Ethics has been meeting since March 26, 2009. Diana Hinchcliff and Georgette Koenig were selected co-chairpersons, and the job of secretary is rotated monthly with the three other members of the Board. They have created an inquiry form which is now available on the Town's website (www.rensseleerville.com; click on Town Laws/Maps/Forms). Forms are also available at town hall.

The members of the Board of Ethics are as follows:

- Diana Hinchcliff has been a resident of the Town of Rensselaerville for 25 years. She has spent her professional career in public service and public policy, working within state government or representing clients on issues related to government and public policy. She has helped craft environmental and education legislation and regulations. She currently is director of governmental relations for the New York State Education Department. Diana is a past president and current board member of the State Academy of Public Administration, a past president of the Capital District Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, a former member of the Greenville Central School District Budget Advisory Committee, and serves on the board of directors of Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville.
A believer in open and honest government, she is honored to have been appointed to the town's Board of Ethics.
- Georgette Koenig has resided in Rensselaerville since 1992. She has 22 years of state service, currently employed with the Department of Taxation and Finance as a front line supervisor in their Compliance and Resolution Center.
Georgette is honored to have been selected to this board. It is her belief that this board can work towards the common good for all residents.
- Maryanne Overbaugh has lived 42 of her 50 years in the Town of Rensselaerville. She attended the "little school" in Rensselaerville for 3rd grade before heading to Greenville from which she graduated in 1976. She graduated from SUNY Cobleskill with a degree in Early Childhood Education and graduated from The College of Saint Rose with a BS in Elementary Education and a minor in English. She has taught at Greenville since 1980 at a variety of grade levels. She has been a member of the Greenville-Norton Hill Methodist Church for 29 years, a member of the Medusa Fire Company for 25 years (serving as treasurer for 12 years and co-treasurer for another 3). She was a member of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance from 1980 until 1992 and rejoined in 2008. She is a certified EMT.
Maryanne is ready to fulfill her duty to our Town government and believes the Ethics Committee to be an important endeavor for the Town Board. She feels privileged to serve.
- Arthur Pizzigati has been a Medusa resident since 1971. He had a 30 year career in the building trades industry, working in the competitive outside sales market covering a territory that went from Plattsburgh to Newburgh and western Massachusetts to Oneonta. Arthur has served on the Board of Directors for the Builder's Association and on the Albany Sub-Contractors Association.
Like his fellow board members, Arthur is proud to have been appointed and hopes to see his hometown come together for the common good.
- Margaret Sedlmeir has lived in Preston Hollow for 15 years. Her background is in education, having taught elementary school in Westchester County for 17 years. She was the trainer for new personnel for the Long Island Division of Chase Manhattan Bank for 4 years, and for the past 9 years had been a Teaching Assistant at the Durham Elementary School. She retired in June of 2008. Presently, Margaret is serving on the Board of Directors for Catholic Charities of Columbia and Greene Counties. She has also been volunteering at the Hilltown Market and Natural Food Co-op for the past 2 1/2 years. In the past, Margaret served on the Board of Trustees for the Rensselaerville Library for 3 years, 2 of which she served as President of the Board. She also was a Volunteer for the Community Hospice for 11 years.
Margaret is pleased to have been chosen as a member of the Ethics Board. Her hope is that the five-member board will work as a team for the common good and well-being of all of the citizens of our wonderful township.

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, 239-6119
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

The Town Hall will be closed
September 7 in observance of Labor Day
& will close at 10:30am September 25
to attend a Town Clerk's Meeting

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Harvest Dinner
Saturday, September 19
4:30 to 6:30 pm



Rensselaerville Firehouse, Rt. 85

Trinity Episcopal Church's
Annual Pork Dinner with homemade gravy,
mashed potatoes, green beans,
red cabbage, applesauce, biscuit and
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Vegetarian meal available.

Adults \$10.00
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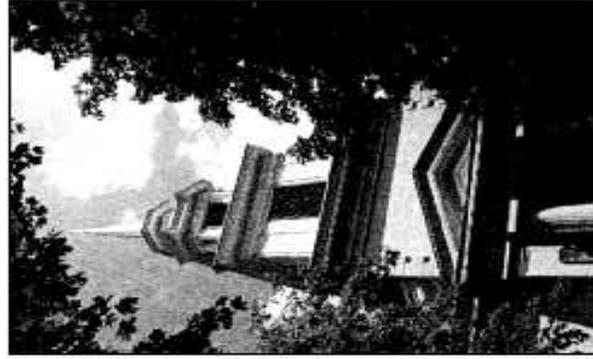
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"WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO."

MATTHEW 6:29



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| June 28 | "Treasures of the Heart."
The Reverend Dr. Joseph W. Shook
Moderator of Session,
Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church.
<i>Communion Service</i> | August 9 | "The Heart Transfigured by the Bread of Life."
The Reverend Canon George W. Brandt, Jr.
Rector, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, NYC
<i>Communion Service</i> |
| July 5 | "If We Fail in Love, We Fail in All Else."
The Reverend Dr. Herbert W. Anderson,
Brook Presbyterian Church, NYC, retired | August 16 | "Building Spiritual Equity."
Professor Yehczek Landau, Hartford Seminary,
Hartford, Connecticut |
| July 12 | "Jesus, Priceless Treasure."
The Reverend Dr. Lee H. Wesley,
Interim pastor, New Hope Lutheran Church,
Jamaica, NYC | August 23 | "Developing A Healthy Relationship
With the Bible."
The Reverend Richard E. Spalding
Chaplain, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. |
| July 19 | "Treasure Trove."
The Reverend Dr. Miriam Lawrence Leopold,
Co-pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Albany | August 30 | "Green Sabbath."
The Reverend Donna Schaper
Pastor, Judson Memorial Church, NYC |
| July 26 | "Adjusting Our Definition of Treasure."
The Reverend Dr. Norman Kamsfield, Senior
Scholar in Residence, Drew University,
Madison, NJ | Sept. 6 | "Two Things."
Dr. Barbara G. Wheeler
Director, Center for Theological Education
Auburn Seminary, NYC
<i>Communion Service</i> |
| August 2 | "Where is Your Heart?"
The Reverend Cass Shaw,
Stated Clerk, Albany Presbytery | | |

**2009
Summer Services**

at the

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rensselaerville, New York

11:00 a.m.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Presbyterian Church of Rensselaerville to offer summer worship services featuring voices from several faith traditions to help us, as part of the world's family, to serve our community and neighbors.

Will Pearson, Organist
Alan Wilson, Music Coordinator

Potter Hollow Union Church News

Potter Hollow Union Church Fellowship Hall * 4824 Potter Hollow Rd. Potter Hollow, NY
 nathandmiles@hotmail.com * (518) 263-4478 * www.thepotterhollowchurch.weebly.com

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

Morning Worship
10am

Mustard Seed Coffee Hour,
Youth & Adult Bible Studies
11:30am

Praise & Prayer
6:30pm

Midweek Bible Studies

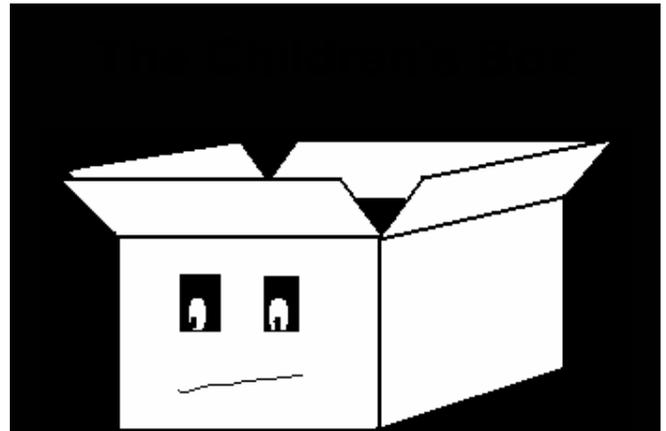
Call for location and details.

Second Sundays... Food and Fellowship!



September 13th
&
every 2nd Sunday!

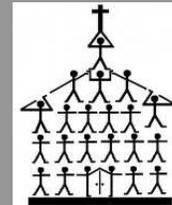
Special Guest Chris Yarger from Mountaintop Ministries will be sharing with us followed by an old-fashioned Pot Luck Luncheon. (no youth or adult Bible studies on these weeks!)



*is coming to a town near you!!!
 We will be out and about this summer, bringing fun crafts, games, AND bible stories to you. So be on alert! When you see "the box" it means there's fun in store! Do you want to know where to find the box? If you want to know when and where we will be, call or e-mail us to be added to our phone chain.*

(518)263-4478 nathandmiles@hotmail.com

Potter Hollow Union Church
is on the web!



www.thepotterhollowchurch.weebly.com

Get connected w/ us! Event updates, post your prayer requests and more!

We want your input. If there is a need in the community or a workshop topic that you would like to see covered, give us your feedback and ideas. Call or e-mail Pastor Nathan Miles with your thoughts.

Middleburgh Library Happenings

The library will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7th for Labor Day Holiday.

Tuesday's in September -

Sept. 8, 15, 22, & 29

10:30 - **Drop-in Storytime** for preschoolers and their caregivers.

3:30 - **Reading with Indy** - Practice your reading skills by reading to our friend Indy the Therapy Dog. Indy is in the Children's room.

Wednesday's in September -

Sept 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

10:30 to 12:00 - **Beginning Acrylic Painting**, taught by Carol Coltrain.

1:00 PM - **Wednesday Matinee's** - Free Popcorn. Movie Titles not scheduled by press time.

Sept. 14 - 7:00 PM - **Board of Trustees Meeting**. Public is Welcome

Sept. 15 - 7:00 PM - **Hospice - What you need to know**.

Sept. 21 - 6:30 PM - **Get Creative with Paper**.

Oct. 1 - 6:30 to 8:00 PM - **Mavens of Mayhem**.

THE BAYARD ELSBREE MEMORIAL PARK

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Summer is here and the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park in Preston Hollow is as beautiful as ever and buzzing with activity. We're sure that all of you have enjoyed the park, whether it was by taking part in a Little League game, keeping time with the music on a Friday night, having a picnic, enjoying a graduation or birthday celebration, taking the little ones for an afternoon of fun in the sun, daily exercising, or just driving by and enjoying the beauty of the park. The generosity of the Elsbree family and years of dedicated volunteer work from so many have blessed our community with a "jewel" for all to enjoy.

Of course the work to maintain this "jewel" will never be done nor will the need for funds to pay for the necessary work. It is with this thought in mind that the park committee is sending this letter. We have several larger maintenance projects that need to be addressed. The tennis court is in need of resurfacing, the fence around the tennis court needs some repair, the pavilion could use a ceiling to prevent the birds from constantly nesting and creating a very messy pavilion, the bike path will need to be sealed, and the list goes on.

As all government bodies are finding it necessary to cut back on their budgets in an effort to save money, the park committee is finding a shortfall of funds to cover necessary maintenance at the park. Our budget has gone from \$10,000, to \$8,000, and this year it was cut to \$6,000. The committee is doing its best to cover the expenses at the park on the \$6,000, and we will be able to cover the routine expenses, such as electric bills, mowing and trimming, port-o-lets, small repairs of equipment, and so on but we do not have the funds to do the larger and very necessary maintenance to preserve the assets that we all enjoy. We are asking for your help, and with it we can continue to enjoy our park.

Please, help us preserve the beautiful park that we have by sending a donation. Your tax deductible donation can be sent to:

The Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park
c/o Valerie Lounsbury, Treasurer
2979 SR-145
Preston Hollow, NY 12469

Sincerely,
Cathy Fallon, President
The Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park Committee



ATTENTION Senior Hunters and Fishermen



Now is the time....

....to consider the purchase of
a lifetime license

Newly adopted legislation approved an increase in sporting license fees for this fall

When Licenses go on sale:

- The minimum age for Senior License types has been raised from 65 to 70
- If you are age 65-69, a Sportsman license will now cost \$47.00 this fall
- A Deer Management Permit application will cost you \$10.00 this fall
- A Turkey Permit will cost you \$10.00 this fall

Consider this:

- ✓ **A LIFETIME Senior Sportsman License is only \$50.00**
- ✓ **You only need to be 65 or older and purchase it by September 30!**
- ✓ **The Deer Management Permit application fee is waived - forever!**
- ✓ **A Turkey Permit is included - forever!**
- ✓ **Best of all...it lasts a lifetime!**

Do the math...

...but purchase by September 30, 2009!

Ask your license issuing agent about purchasing a Lifetime Senior License now!
You may also purchase licenses through our website at www.dec.state.ny.us

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Bookkeeper Cornwell explained that the abstract has been changed since the Work Meeting. One bill was corrected causing the abstract to be \$200.00 less.

Bookkeeper Cornwell talked about EarthTech. This bill was submitted in November 2008, and we received a reminder in May 2009 to pay this bill. This bill was discussed at length.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase giving permission to Bookkeeper Cornwell to write a letter to EarthTech concerning the bill; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Bookkeeper Cornwell mentioned that she has three vouchers from the Grievance Board. What needs to be done with them? Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that there is nothing in the budget for them. Bookkeeper Cornwell will put a note on them stating that the Board noted not to pay them.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to pay all signed bills and vouchers; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Randy Barkman notifying the Town Board that he is retiring on September 29, 2009. Mr. Barkman is a Highway Department employee.

Stephen Kenney sent a copy of a letter he sent to the "Concerned Citizens for Ethical Government" concerning the mailer he received from them. He mentioned the misleading information included in the flyer and suggested a realistic comparison between the four towns. Councilwoman Dermody read this letter to the Town Board and audience. (Letter on file at the Town Hall for anyone to view)

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

BOOKKEEPER CORNWELL REPORT: Bookkeeper Cornwell submitted the financial reports and explained them to the Town Board: Revenue and Appropriations YTD by Fund, Profit & Loss Budget VS Actual YTD, Abstracts of Monthly Vouchers July 2009, printout from the Bank of Greene County showing balances in accounts as of 07/07/09. She also reported the work completed to date.

Bookkeeper Cornwell also spoke about Albany County Civil Service and the Budget Committee.

Supervisor Nickelsberg reported that the County is getting a waste pick up plan together and they are going to let us know the timing of that and let us know when we can join it. They are also getting a plan together to allow us to join their self-funded health care program. We are going to write a letter letting know that we are interested in hearing what they have to offer and see how it compares to what we have.

SWIPE CARDS: Mr. Daniel J. Heimbach, Sales Representative from Northeast Tank Petroleum Technologies Inc., spoke concerning a swipe card system for our gas and diesel disbursement from the tanks. The cost for the whole system would range between \$9,000.00 and \$11,000.00. The Board discussed this subject briefly.

Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that they would get back to Mr. Heimbach concerning the swipe card system.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Bookkeeper's report and the Supervisor's Report; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Superintendent Chase read his monthly report to the Town Board which included information on the SEMO* project and CHIPS* funding, the total revenues expected to be received by the Highway Department, and the roads they are currently working on.

*SEMO stands for New York State Emergency Management Office

*FEMA stands for Federal Emergency Management Agency

*CHIPS stands for Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program

Superintendent Chase spoke about the old county road near the Pearson Road Culvert Project. It hasn't been used by the County and they would like to dedicate it to the Town for a dollar and the Town can do whatever they want with it. This conveyance to the Town from Albany County must be done in writing from the County. They need to do a deed and survey and it must be approved by the County Legislature.

Who would pay for the survey? This would be done by the County.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg that we accept the paperwork on the conveyance on the con-

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cept that the Town Board is subject to approval, then we will go further; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the monthly report from Superintendent Chase; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected for the month of June 2009; Total collected for the Town Clerk's Department - \$719.14. Fees were paid to the Supervisor (Fees), Albany County Treasurer (Dog License), NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets (spay/neutering program), NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (Sport License). Water Rents Collected - \$413.10; Sewer Rents Collected - \$405.96. Town Clerk also gave the Town Board a brief summary on the Tax Collection Seminar she attended June 14th through 17, 2009.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept the Town Clerk's report for the month of June 2009; 2nd by Councilman Lansing.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh reported the following for the month of June 2009: two new home construction renewals, one new home construction, one building repairs (deck), and one zoning residential use. Total collected for the month of June 2009 - \$200.82. CEO Overbaugh also reported that there have been some zoning violations which have been taken care of.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to accept Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh's report; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Attorney Catalano reported that the shared services agreement for the Senior Bus has been signed by Supervisor Nickelsberg and sent back to the Town of Westerlo for their signature.

The other items that he needs to discuss are on the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept Attorney Catalano's report; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

ASSESSORS: Assessor Pine mentioned that there was misleading information in the paper concerning the 61 agriculture exemptions we have in Town. There are not 61 farms in Town. The agricultural exemptions are done by parcel, not by farms. Farmers can also use someone else's land for agricultural purposes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the Assessor's report; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Joli Pizzigati reported for the Budget Committee. The Committee recommends that they look into something that will improve the budget process. They are looking for a recommendation for the Committee to give to the Town Board a timeline because there is no timeline for our fees and things like that. They have requested a lot of information from Andrea and she thanks her for all the work and effort for getting it to them quickly.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept the Budget Committee's Report; 2nd by Councilman Lansing.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CURRENT EVENTS

Marion Cooke mentioned that Lloyd Potter's Band plays at the Preston Hollow Park every Friday night.

Jeff Pine mentioned that the Farmers Market is every Friday at Jimmy Walkers Greenhouse. It was suggested that perhaps the senior bus could pick up the seniors and take them to the Park for the music and also to the Farmers Market.

The Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Company is sponsoring a Blood Drive on July 24, 2009, 1 to 6:30 PM.

Mr. Muselli, Crystal Lake Association, mentioned that they have will be having a meeting on Saturday morning. Any candidate that is up for office in November is invited to come up and speak.

WIND POWER COMMITTEE: Noel Abbott requested that the Board give him feedback of any concerns or questions. He recommended that the public hearing date be set up for July 30th.

Attorney Catalano explained that the Town Board needs to hold a Special Meeting to introduce the local law. He has

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to do a full environmental assessment form and put the proposed local law together. At the special meeting they can set the date for the public hearing on the local law for August.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to set a Special Meeting for July 28, 2009, 7 PM to discuss the proposed local law for Wind Power; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Attorney Catalano asked if he could have permission to have Rebecca Platel help him on the environmental assessment form since she has expertise in this field.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg authorizing Rebecca Platel to work on the environmental assessment form for the wind power local law with Attorney Catalano; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

BOARD OF ETHICS: Georgette Koenig handed to the Town Board the Inquiry Form that would be used by a person submitting a complaint. This is online along with a timeline for handling any inquiry that is forwarded. They are working on template letters to handle this process. Their next meeting will be July 30, 2009.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the Board of Ethics report; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

PAYROLL REPORT: Councilwoman Dermody reported that she examined Payrolls 1, 2, 8 and 9 and explained to the Board what she had found.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the payroll report submitted by Councilwoman Dermody; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

BIDS - 2008 OR NEWER VEHICLE

Bids were received and opened at the Work Meeting on July 7, 2009 from the following vendors for a gas-efficient vehicle to transport our senior citizens and disabled residents:

Catskill Buick Pontiac GMC Cadillac, Catskill, NY - 2009 Pontiac G-3 for \$15,490.00.

Gable Auto & Truck Center, Inc., Cobleskill, NY - 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt with 12,600 miles for \$13,900.00.

De Paula Chevrolet Hummer, Inc., Albany, NY - 2009 retail Chevrolet HHR Front Wheel Drive with 7898 miles for \$15,200.00.

Vision Ford, Rochester, NY - 2010 Ford Fusion for \$15,028.00

Vision Ford, Rochester, NY - 2010 Ford Focus for \$11,628.00

Councilwoman Dermody did a spreadsheet comparing all the options on the bids submitted and she also went online to get the Kelly Blue Book prices.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase that the Board put these bids on hold to give ample time for possible monies to come in; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

WASTE OIL PLATFORM: Do we put the platform for the waste oil tank in or outside of the garage? Superintendent Chase said that he has no room inside and that it must go outside. This was discussed briefly. Before you do a request for proposals, you need to have all the measurements of the platform. We could have Main Care and the waste oil furnace company come in and give us some ideas on what to do.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to contact Main Care and the waste oil furnace company to come and give us recommendations on what we need to make this project work; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Have you checked with your insurance company concerning this waste oil? The Town Board is following the rules set forth by DEC; this should be sufficient for the insurance company.

CLEANING TOWN HALL - LETTERS OF INTEREST

The Town Board received two letters of interest from people interested in cleaning the Town Hall. Councilwoman Dermody suggested putting another notice in the newsletter asking if anyone is interested please submit a letter of interest by August 1, 2009.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine that Councilwoman Dermody put a notice in the newsletter asking that anyone interested in the cleaning job please have their letters of interest in by August 1st so that the Town Board can hold interviews at the August work meeting; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

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A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Mr. Bolte mentioned that Erica Catalano, the person doing the cleaning, is doing an excellent job, the place is spotless.

VAULTRES: Councilwoman Dermody reported that after Tuesday's meeting she called and asked what we are being charged \$120.00 a quarter for. Radical looked and noticed that we are paying for two domains. Dawn from Radical will investigate this and get back to the Town. Councilwoman Dermody also mentioned to her about delays in getting service once a call was made; she will tell the people about this.

NEW BUSINESS

REFUSE RECYCLING TRUCK: Councilman Chase mentioned that we have looked at the State contract prices and the prices that Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck had gotten. Councilman Chase reported that we can save a lot of money on a couple of trucks that are out there for sale from the same dealers that have the State Contract; the trucks were purchased under state contract. CEJJ is the company that would install the roll-off mechanism. The Town Board went over the prices submitted for this installation.

The Town Board discussed trading in the old truck. This topic will be discussed further at a Special Meeting on July 28, 2009. This would allow the Town Board to gather more information.

Councilman Chase mentioned that one of the boxes is getting rotten. There is a local place that refurbishes these types of boxes. Mr. Whitbeck would like approval of the Town Board to take the box over there and get it repaired and go from there on the other boxes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine authorizing Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck to take the box over and get an estimate on the cost to fix it; 2nd by Councilman Lansing.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

GRANT WRITER: Supervisor Nickelsberg reported that there is a person who is willing to work with the Town for grants. He will come and give a presentation to the Town in the future.

SHARED SERVICES - WESTERLO & RENSSELAERVILLE: Supervisor Nickelsberg reported that he signed the paperwork on Monday.

HEALTH & DENTAL INSURANCE: Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that the insurance policy renews on September 1st. A meeting will be set up with the employees to go over changes and proposals. This topic will be discussed further on Special Meeting on the 28th.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Discussed during audience comments were the Pearson Road Culvert Project, the contract with the Town of Westerlo on the use of the Senior Bus, cell towers in the area, *The Altamont Enterprise* and *the Greenville Press* as official newspapers. It was noted that *The Greenville Press* attends all our meetings.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to rescind the appointment of *The Altamont Enterprise* as our official newspaper; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to appoint *The Greenville Press* as our official newspaper; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and that Bookkeeper Cornwell and Attorney Catalano be invited to attend; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody. (9:50PM)

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to come out of Executive Session; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. (10:25PM)

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody that from this point on any requests from the Budget Committee for documentation from the Clerk be presented to the Town Board at the monthly work agenda

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meeting for the Town Board to decide which documentation should be given to the Committee; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

It was suggested to amend the motion to include not just the Clerk but any information that they need.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to amend the motion to include not just the Clerk but any information that they need; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 PM; 2nd by Councilman Lansing. Motion Carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Town Clerk

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



Volunteer News and Events



Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Monday, September 7th, at 8:00 PM

Drill & Work Meeting: Monday, September 14th and 21st at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

The days are beautiful in the summer SUN, won't you join us, help neighbors & have fun?

Calls as of August 10, 2009: 33

September:

- 2nd - 7 pm Ladies Battalion
- 7th - 7 pm Company Drill
- 12th - Food Drive Hill-town Resources Begins
- 13th - 8 am-11 am Pancake Breakfast
- 14th - 7 pm Company Drill
- 30th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

October:

- 5th - 7 pm Company Drill
- 7th - 7 pm Ladies Battalion
- 10th - Food Drive Hill-town Resources Ends
- 11th - 8 am-11 am Pancake Breakfast
- 12th - 7 pm Company Drill
- 24th - 7:30 am- 12:30, Red Cross Blood Drive
- 28th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting
- 31st - Halloween Party

Special Events - September

10/10 - End Hill-town Resource Centre FOOD DRIVE

10/11 - 8 am to 11 am Pancake Breakfast!!

Bring the family or Meet up with your neighbor's for a social treat!!!

10/31 - Join Us for activities throughout the day: Arts and Crafts, Snacks, Party at the Library

Looking into the future:

11/1 - 11/29 Hill-town Resource Center Toy Drive

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, September 2nd at 8:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00PM



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Do You Have Any Missing Persons on Your Property?

By Janet Haseley, Research Chair, Rensselaerville Historical Society

Many properties in the Town of Rensselaerville have one or two gravestones in a field or a grove of trees and the Historical Society wants to know about them.

In the 1960s a dedicated group of Historical Society researchers documented names on many of these gravestones but there may be others which were missed. Can you be a detective and help update the Society's records by identifying tombstones and inscriptions on them which you have seen on your property?

This is the information which is needed:

- Name, 911 address and telephone number of person on whose property the gravestone is located;
- Full inscription on stone (if legible), including name of deceased, birth and death dates and any other information;
- Note if inscription is faint or illegible;
- Condition of stone (if broken or lying down, etc.);
- Permission for Rensselaerville Historical Society researcher to go on property to photograph, draw, or examine stone;

Please give this information to the Research Group of the Rensselaerville Historical Society. It can be snail mailed to RHS, POB 8, Rensselaerville, NY 12147 or brought to the Grist Mill on a Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or e-mailed to Marion Williams (fabricsquirrel@nyair.net), Joyce Chase (jacpeace2@aol.com) or Janet Haseley (edhase@aol.com).

Important Contact Information

Town Board Meetings
Second Thursday 7:00 pm

Working Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 pm
before regular meeting

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
Wednesdays 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

Dog Control Officer
Cheryl Baitsholts
518-797-5201

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

Water/Sewer District Meeting
First Thursday 7:00 pm

Town Supervisor
Jost Nickelsberg

Town Clerk & Collector
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Town Justices
Victor LaPlante,
Victoria Kraker

Attorney for the Town
Joseph Catalano

Deputy Town Attorney
Jon Kosich

Councilpersons
Gary Chase, Marie Dermody,
J. Robert Lansing, Sherri Pine

Building Inspector
& Code Enforcement Officer
Mark Overbaugh

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Donna Kropp
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G. Jon Chase

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

County Legislature, 39th Dist.
Alexander (Sandy) Gordon
144 Beebe Road, Berne, NY 12023
518-872-2602

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

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