

# TOWN OF RIGA

## NEWSLETTER

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### RIGA TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

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### Supervisor's Report

It's amazing how quickly time flies. It seems only yesterday that we were anxiously awaiting the pleasant warmer weather summer brings. Well, here we are!

With summer weather here, our Town Highway Department will continue to do the important work of maintaining and repairing our roads. As they do their work, your patience and courtesy are greatly appreciated.

Our Riga Planning Board has another opening available as a Planning Board alternate member. The alternate member fills in for regular Planning Board members who are unable to attend a Planning Board meeting. I encourage you to consider becoming an alternate Planning Board member. It is a great way to get involved in local town government and provide input in how our Town grows. If interested, please contact me by phone or email.

The Planning Board is currently reviewing an application for a 98 lot subdivision on a 130+ acre parcel, just west of the Churchville-Chili High School on Buffalo Road. Forest Creek Equity Corp. is the applicant for the subdivision. We will keep you posted as the Planning Board moves through this process.

The joint Town/Village Comprehensive Plan Committee continues to meet as we work on updating this important document.

Working closely with our consultant, we are reviewing each page of the document, making proposed changes accordingly. I would like to thank everyone involved in this project. It is a painstaking and rigorous process. The members' commitment and hard work will benefit our community for years to come.

Later this summer we will begin the actual work of creating our 2017 Town Budget. Throughout the year, the Town Board continually reviews the current year's Town Budget and how Town activities may affect next year's Budget and beyond.

Summer in western New York seems to fly by so quickly. I hope you are able to get out and enjoy all that Riga has to offer. The Lions' Club Country Fair will be held August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Please consider attending any of the concerts at the gazebo. Take advantage of everything our parks, lodges, and Black Creek have to offer as we enjoy this wonderful time of year.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other Town Board member.

**Submitted By:**  
**Brad O'Brocta,**  
**Supervisor**



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## Swimming Pool Permit's

With the return of warmer weather this summer season, swimming pools will begin appearing in many backyards in our town and village. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), "Each year, nationwide, more than 300 children under 5 years old drown in residential swimming pools, usually a pool owned by their family. In addition, more than 2,000 children in that age group are treated in hospital emergency rooms for submersion injuries."

Please be reminded that **all** "swimming pools" require a building permit be issued before installation. Final approval is required within 90 days of being issued a permit, before the pool is put into use.

Whether you are contemplating purchasing swimming pool from a big box store or a used pool, please check with the building department in advance so we can help you better understand what work will need to be completed to bring it into compliance. Often the two hundred dollar pool will end up costing you much more.

### Definition of "swimming pool"

The term "swimming pool" is defined in the NYS Uniform Building Code as "any structure, basin, chamber or tank which is intended for swimming, diving, recreational bathing or wading, and which contains, is designed to contain, or is capable of containing water more than 24 inches (610 mm) deep at any point. This

includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground pools; indoor pools; hot tubs; spas; and fixed-in-place wading pools (inflatable pools/storable soft sided).

Please contact the Town of Riga Building Department/Code Enforcement Office at 293-3880 x124 with any questions.

**Submitted By:**  
**Building Inspectors:**  
**Bob Panik and Ken Kuter**



Stop it to register and for more details.

### Schedule of Summer Reading Programming:

June 30<sup>th</sup> at 3pm  
Tell Me A Story, Mike?  
July 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm  
Martial Arts Demonstration by the Fighting Arts Training Center  
July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

We are pleased to announce that Churchville's own concert guitarist Steve Brew will be returning home for a special performance. Please join us for an evening of beautiful music.

July 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm  
Magic Guy!  
July 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm  
Ribbit and Croak  
Wegmans Zoo Mobile  
July 26<sup>th</sup> at 3pm  
Surprise! It's Library Day!  
(indoor/outdoor games)

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A heartfelt thank you to all those who supported the library during the Churchville Walk About and our annual book sale. With the help of Alice Kingdon and her team of volunteers, we raised \$414 for the library. The winners of our basket raffle are Barb Borgesen (Children's) and Tim Rowe (Adult).

By popular demand, the Newman Riga Library has expanded our convenience services by including color printing and fax capability. Here is a summary of our prices:

Photocopying  
\$ .20 image  
Printing (black and white)  
\$ .20 page  
Printing (color)  
\$ .50 page  
Fax  
\$1.00 (1<sup>st</sup> page)/\$.50 remaining

## Newman Riga Library

### Win a trip for two!

The Rochester Red Wings' reading game "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" is on again this year. It runs from **June 24<sup>th</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup>**. Get a contest entry for every book read to qualify for great prizes. Grand prize is a trip for two to see a Minnesota Twins Game. Details are in the library.

### Newman Riga Summer Reading Game (June 27<sup>th</sup> - August 11<sup>th</sup>)

Don't forget the Summer Reading Game begins Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Children who participate in the school-aged program can play the game anytime the library is open! There are also summer reading games for preschool, young adult and adults - all with great prizes.

**LIBRARY ARTICLE CONTINUED**

August 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm  
Race Through History  
with Teresa Wood  
August 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm  
Bagel Party and prize  
raffle for registered game players

**Summer Library Hours:**  
The library will be closed on  
Saturdays starting June 18<sup>th</sup> through  
September 10<sup>th</sup>.  
**Our summer hours will be:**  
**M-W-F:** 11am – 5pm  
**T-TH:** 11am – 9pm

**SA:** Closed  
**SU:** Closed

**Submitted by:**  
**Lynn M. Brown,**  
**Librarian**

**HARVEY C. NOONE LEGION NEWS**

My message is gratitude. Thanks to everyone who participated in or attended our Memorial Day Services, held to express our gratitude to those who died while defending our freedom. Also thanks to the Riga Young Republicans who donated \$1,700 to our "Raise the Roof" campaign. For those who bought raffle tickets or made donations toward our roof at

the Walk-About, thanks to you as well. Every gift, regardless of size, is much appreciated.

As we prepare for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, I encourage you to read the Declaration of Independence. Go to the library, search on-line, and look up facts to share with friends or family in a conversation or a contest. For example: Who was

the author? Where is the Liberty Bell located? When was it written? Besides being a nice addition to traditional picnics and fireworks, this teaches children about our history and makes adults recall our blessings and freedoms. Happy Birthday America!

**Submitted by:**  
**Gil Budd, Commander**



**You Can Now  
Renew Your Dog  
License Online !**

The Town Clerk's Office has worked to expand the animal licensing program to include a new online option. Pet owners may now renew their dogs

existing license by visiting [www.townofriga.com](http://www.townofriga.com) and clicking on **Renew Your Dog's License**. Your dog must have a current rabies vaccination on file to utilize this option. Our vendor adds a \$1.75 convenience fee per transaction.

Please remember the Town of Riga requires all dogs over the age of four months to be licensed. Each owner is required to obtain a license within 30 days of moving a dog into the Town of Riga.

**Submitted by:**  
**Kimberly Pape, Town Clerk**



**LIONS CLUB CORNER**

**Come To The Fair!**  
The annual Churchville Lions Club Country Fair will be held on Saturday, August 13th and Sunday, August 14th. A parade at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday will kick off the festivities. Saturday night will feature a fireworks display at dark. Entertainment is to include Josie Waverly on Saturday afternoon and the Johnny Bauer Band on Sunday. Leanne Hennessy's Tie Dyed Creations, Robert Benedict's Adirondack Furniture, Sue's

Practical Treasures (trellis jewelry), and Christine Kutzer Richard of Tastefully Simple are some of the returning vendors. Returning food vendors will include Artic Kool Chillerz, Lemar Blue's Sugary Delights, and Lugia's Ice Cream. The Kid Zone will be larger this year and feature some new games. The auction booth will be open both days so come and check out the beautiful baskets, gift cards, and individual items that are being auctioned, and of course, the Li-

Chicken Barbecue on Sunday starting at 12 noon. This is a place to have some good clean fun and enjoy. Hope to see you all there!!

**Submitted by:**  
**Debby Landers**  
**Churchville Lions Club**

**Saturday,**  
**August 13**  
**and**  
**Sunday,**  
**August 14**



# RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

**Purpose**

Our purpose as the Riga Highway Department is to provide efficient roadway transportation at all times for our residents and users of our town's roadways. We continually seek to improve service to our residents in a cost effective manner, and within budget. As we endeavor to maintain and preserve quality roadway surfaces, please remember to slow down and be aware of construction crews working in and around the roadways in our town and county. It would be appreciated if grass clippings are not blown onto roadways while we are working on them. We have had to repeatedly sweep some roadways prior to fog sealing or chip sealing treatment as liquid asphalt will not stick to grass clippings.

**UPDATE on 2016 PROJECTS:**

**Sanford Road South**

In place recycling was completed the last week of May. This is a major upgrade for this road, improving it to modern standards. Chevron signs were added at curves on Sanford North and South where they did not exist previously. Mailboxes were moved to 15' from the centerline, getting them back away from the reach of the snow plows. Surface seal oil and stone were scheduled for the middle of June weather permitting. We have received many positive comments from residents, school bus drivers, and business owners who use South Sanford Rd who like the improved smooth surface and wider lanes for traveling.



*South Sanford Road In-Place Recycling*

**Gough Road**

Many potholes in this gravel road

have been filled, graded and rolled. The State DOT has been contacted and requested to install apron off Buffalo Road onto Gough Road.

**North Johnson Road- Jenkins Road**

Stone was hauled in the first week of June. We surface treated Jenkins, west of Stearns Road, and North Johnson Road the second week of June. This is the most cost effective process. We added Rapid Set oil to the surface, revitalizing the pavement, and sealing to keep water from penetrating the asphalt. Adding the 1A stone effectively creates a wear layer and traction for vehicle tires.

**County Roadwork- Palmer Road**

Michael Slattery, our County DOT Maintenance Manager, and I walked the length of Palmer Road checking driveway pipes, drainage ways and cross culverts. A sizable job list was compiled, planning all of the work needing completion prior to paving later in the summer. Last week we worked on a drainage project in front of 59 Palmer Rd where the cross culvert has frozen in the last cold winters causing the roadway to flood with the spring melt.

**Savage Road / Baker Street**

Scheduled to be surface treated/sealed with oil and stone later this summer. In preparation, we true and leveled on June 1<sup>st</sup>. There were quite a few holes and imperfections in the pavement that were filled during the process.



*Savage Road True and Level with towns' grader and dump trucks*

**Other county work this summer:**

**Gilman Road, Kendall Road** – Will be true and leveled in prep for 2017 surface seal treatment. We will be

milling and paving the approaches to the Black Creek Bridge on ***North Main Street***.

Estimated revenues for Riga labor and equipment on these county projects are \$107,000.

**Memorial Day**

Our Highway Department participated in the day, lowering flags to half staff, and pulling our town wagon with legion members unable to walk in the parade. The weather could not have been better.

**Don Jacobs / Bruce Becker**

The Lions Club purchased two trees to dedicate to the remembrance of Don and Bruce for their service to our town and community. We planted, staked, mulched and will continue to water these new trees in South Sanford Park near the playground throughout the summer to get them off to a good start. The dedication was made at the last Lions Club meeting.

**Household Hazardous Waste**

There will be a household hazardous waste drop-off at the Town of Gates DPW 475 Trabold Rd., Gates, 14624 on Sat., Sept. 17, 2016 from 7:45AM to 12noon. This is by appointment only by calling the Gates Highway Dept. dispatcher at 247-2911 or going to the Monroe County webpage at: <http://www.monroecounty.gov/hhw> Click on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept to see available times and make an appointment.

**Roadside Mowing**

Our second time through all county and town roads is now complete. The third mowing for the season will begin early this July, depending upon rainfall.

**Submitted by:**  
**David Smith,**  
**Highway**  
**Superintendent**



## THE ROOTS OF A COUNTRY FAIR

In just a few weeks, the Churchville Lions Club will be hosting the annual "Churchville-Riga Country Fair." Celebrating its 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the fair will be held on August 13 to the 14<sup>th</sup> at Churchville Park, located on West Buffalo Street.

Before I present a brief history of the Country Fair, I must state that the Town of Riga is no stranger to community fundraising celebrations. Newspapers reveal that the local churches took the lead and in 1873 the St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic Church held what was advertised as a church picnic to raise money for the church. Then in 1893 the Catholic Church raised over \$1,300 in hosting what was called a church fair. The Union Congregational Church, which continues to host a Strawberry Festival at the Churchville Walkabouts, actually started that event, off and on, since the 1890's. Then, there were the fireman's carnivals which were started in 1890 as a Firemen's Inspection and Field Day. A fund raiser for the fire department, those field days ran until the 1950's when a series of devastating rain storms put an end to the carnivals.

The beginnings of what we now know as a "Country Fair" can be traced back to the year 1982 when members of the St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic Church decided to host a fundraising event to pay for parish improvements. In that year, the event was held in the church parking lot and basically consisted of game and food booths. Eventually the venue outgrew the parking lot and the location was changed to the

grounds of the American Legion Post on East Buffalo Road.

When the fair moved to the American Legion Post in 1983, a Suburban newspaper article detailed the event and captured St. Vincent de Paul's priest, Father Dominic as follows: "Sure we're looking to add money to our building fund", says Father Dominic, "but that's only our second goal, our first is to build our community, and hopefully through this we will succeed."

The activities of the St. Vincent de Paul's "Country Fair" grew over the years and included such attractions as carnival rides, food concessions, game booths, momentary prizes, games of chance, a parade, auctions, tug of war contest, pig catching contest, mud wrestling, beer tent, and music including the appearance of Nik and the Nice Guys, and the still famous Churchville Lions chicken barbecue. Then in 1992, after a run of ten years, the members of the St Vincent de Paul's Church hosted its last "Country Fair," adding for the first time a fireworks display.

As the year 1993 arrived, many changes were happening in the community. It was a time when the village created a cable TV committee to investigate the new technology, the Mill Seat landfill began operations, the village parking lot located on South Main St. was upgraded with brick planters and curbing, the Village Park subdivision on Bangs Road began development, the library's name changed from the Riga Free Library to the Newman Riga Library, and the Churchville Lions Club accepted the challenge to

continue with the theme of a "Country Fair."

Hosting for the first time in 1993, the Churchville Lions Club titled its "Country Fair" as the "Churchville-Riga Country Fair." This was to be a four day event, starting on August 12<sup>th</sup> and was held at the parking lot of AM&A's Graphics which was located on North Sanford Road. The Lions Country Fairs continued with food concessions, game booths, a parade, auctions, carnival rides, momentary prizes, fireworks and music as it does today.

Then in the late 1990's the Country Fair moved from its location on North Sanford Road to the Churchville Park lot on West Buffalo Road.

Through the years, the organizations hosting the event, its location and activities have changed, but one element has not changed - and that is the help given by the many volunteers who without them this event would certainly not be possible.

And so today - 2016, with the help of the Churchville Lions Club members and Friends, the "Country Fair" will continue to be a great community event, just as it has been for the past 33 years. So plan to attend this year's fair and support the Churchville Lions Club's efforts to help the Riga community.

**Submitted By:  
Ron Belczak  
Town Historian**



## RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

The annual meeting of the Riga Cemetery Association was held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Directors elected John Loser, President, Eleanor Filowick, Vice President and Julie Eckrich, Secretary-Treasurer. We want to thank the Riga Town Board for their financial support of the cemetery which enabled us to replace our 17 year old lawn mower with a new Dixie Chopper. It has made the job of mowing the cemetery more efficient. A large pine tree that was damaged by lightening, was professionally removed, the stump was ground out and the area was reseeded. These were major expenses and the funds made these improvements possible.

Our volunteers have been working on the flower garden. New patio blocks were added to improve the east side. This year, again, the

McCarthy Family provided the flowers and planted the walkway area in the veterans section. As you know, we are always looking for volunteers. Many people plant flowers for their loved ones, but live far away. Volunteers can water some plants so that they continue to blossom.

We have two projects planned for this year: straightening and repairing headstones and putting up a new sign on the property. To date, about 40 stones have been repaired. This is a time consuming, costly job. We have a fund raiser project underway – BBQ-Your Way-Any Day-from Alex's in Batavia at a cost of only \$10.00 per ticket. Tickets are available by calling 303-4638. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> project is placing an appropriate sign at the cemetery. We are a historic cemetery with veterans dating back

to the Revolutionary War. We have a designated area for our veterans and spouses with a reduced price of only \$400 per plot. The board recently expanded the discounted price to include First responders, EMTs, firefighters and those in any type of community service. We would be happy to have you visit the cemetery and welcome your inquiries.

Many of the local streets and roads in Riga were named for the early settlers who are buried in Riga Cemetery. Perhaps you'll find your street name there. Remember, we are looking for volunteers - just a few minutes of your time could help. Call us for your BBQ tickets as you'll be helping maintain a piece of Riga history.

**Submitted By:**  
**Eleanor Filowick, VP**

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**14 N. MAIN STREET, CHURCHVILLE**  
Annual Garage Sale!

July 16th From: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Bag Sale - 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
293-1665

Vacation Bible School - "Joseph's Amazing Coat" July 25-29 9AM - Noon, with a Friday evening program for families and the community. Union Congregational UCC, 14 N. Main St., Churchville This community activity is open to any youth who have completed grades K-5. It will be a mix of Bible study, crafts and games with a special focus on music! Staffed by volunteers from local churches. For more information please call 585-802-8850 or e-mail Cheryl Valvano at [chezvalvan@aol.com](mailto:chezvalvan@aol.com)



**CHURCHVILLE UNITED**  
**METHODIST CHURCH**  
**24 WEST BUFFALO STREET, CHURCHVILLE**  
(WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:15 A.M.)

**Church**  
**News**

### JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7/6/16 (Weds) Annual Michigan Hots Dinner. Eat In or Take Out!! From 5:00 - 6:30 or sold out. Dinner includes: Hot dog with Michigan sauce (a tangy-sweet hamburger sauce) / sides / beverage / cookies / \$7.00 Adults \* \$4.00 6-12 yrs \* 5 + under free

7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28 (Thursdays): Bible Study from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

7/10/16 (Sunday) COMMUNITY LUNCH FOR JULY, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

This month's feature TBD. Call 402-0311 for more info. Lunch is open to all.

### AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/3/16 (Weds) Annual Michigan Hots Dinner. Come and enjoy before the Gazebo Concert! Eat In or Take Out!! From 5:00 - 6:30 or sold out.

Dinner includes: Hot dog with Michigan sauce (a tangy-sweet hamburger sauce) / sides / beverage / cookies / \$7.00 Adults \* \$4.00 6-12 yrs \* 5 + under free

8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25 (Thursdays): Bible Study from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

8/14/16 (Sunday) COMMUNITY LUNCH FOR AUGUST, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. This month will feature Chicken. Lunch is open to all. . Donations accepted.

## ASSESSORS OFFICE NEWS

### STAR EXEMPTIONS

The BASIC STAR exemption will be \$30,000 of assessed value, and the ENHANCED STAR will remain at \$65,300 of assessed value. *Please note that due to the [2% limit on STAR savings increases](#), the savings on your individual tax bill may not reflect the entire value of the certified STAR exemption.*

Breakdown of STAR savings by school district:

	Basic	Enhanced
Byron-Bergen	\$722	\$1,489
Caledonia-Mumford	\$568	\$1,145
Churchville-Chili	\$723	\$1,506

On the state's Office of Real Property Services website, [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov), you will see that the maximum income to be eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption, for the 2016-2017 school year, is \$86,000. Resident property owners, who are at least 65 by the end of 2016 (born on or before December 31, 1951), whose 2015 Federal Adjusted

Gross Income (minus any taxable IRA distribution) fits into this category, must apply by March 1, 2017. If a husband and wife or siblings own a property together and at least one of them is 65 and a resident property owner, you may be eligible. For those who are currently Enhanced STAR recipients, renewal notices will be sent to you at a future date.

If you have questions and I can be of assistance, please give me a call at the town hall – 293-3880 extension 126.

### STAR PROGRAM CHANGES

As a result of recent law changes, the STAR program is being restructured. Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, **new** STAR recipients will receive a check directly from New York State instead of receiving a school property tax exemption. The amount of the benefit will be the same.

### What to do next

To be eligible for a STAR check, you needed to register with the

New York State Tax Department by July 1, 2016 in order to receive a check by September. If you did not register by July 1, you can still register, but you will not receive the check by September; it will come at a later date.

Visit [www.tax.ny.gov/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star)

Or Call 518-457-2036

For those that already have an existing exemption on file as of March 1, 2015, you will continue to receive your exemption as long as you own your current home. If you move, you will have to register with NYS for the STAR check.

If you currently have a Basic Star exemption, continue to own your current home, and will be eligible for Enhanced, you can continue to apply for the exemption with me. You do not have to register with NYS, and you will see the exemption on your school tax bill. You will however, have to reapply with me every year.

**Submitted By:**  
**Lori Frongetta**  
**Assessor**



## GREATER CHURCHVILLE-RIGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, July 25, 2016 at the Churchville Golf Course, 643 Kendall Rd

Dinner at the East/West Lodge Churchville Park

Golf—\$80 per person includes: 18 holes of Golf, Golf Cart, Lunch, Dinner and refreshments

Dinner Only—\$ 25 per person

Hole Sponsor—\$ 80

Schedule: 10AM-11AM—Registration  
11AM—Shotgun Start –Scramble Format  
5PM—Social Hour  
6PM—Dinner

Proceeds will benefit the Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post roof repair project and updating the community event sign at the library.



Scan to Register



Or register online at:  
[www.tinyurl.com/2016chambergolf](http://www.tinyurl.com/2016chambergolf)



## RECREATION NEWS

As the summer season fast approaches we hope that everyone takes advantage of the outdoor recreational opportunities the Town of Riga has to offer: from Churchville Park (with Tennis, Pickleball, Soccer, Disc Golf, Fishing, Kayaking, Golf, playground and walking trails) to the Buffalo Road and Sanford Park venues. There is something for all!!!

Our popular Riga Summer Camp is back once again to Churchville Elementary School with Miss Jessica Hinchey and her counselor staff ready to help make the campers experience a most memorable one. The staff has planned many new activities for the youth of our community and are eager to get going once school lets out. Registrations forms can be found online as well as the Town/Village offices and the Riga-Newman Library.

The Churchville Soccer Club and CYA Baseball/Softball have enjoyed a nice start to their spring seasons. CYA is offering a

“summer league” for baseball and softball, in response to their terrific signups this year!

The Summer Gazebo Concert series co-sponsored by the Town of Riga and the Village of Churchville begins on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm with “Big Mike & the Motivators” leading off. The “MusicMakers”, “Eight Days A Week”, the “Eastside Swingtet”, and “Just 4 Fun” follow on successive Wednesdays. Remember that these are “**Rain of Shine**” events. In case of inclement weather we move to the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall.

The Riga winners of our local Scott’s Turf/Major League Baseball “Pitch-Hit & Run” contest travelled to Genesee Valley Park on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> to compete in the Rochester Sectional “PHR” event hosted by the City of Rochester Recreation Department. Over 75 boys and girls from as far away as Buffalo competed. At the close of the competition two Riga residents came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in their

respective age groups....Bailey DiGiacomo (7-8) and Ashley Northup (13-14) won medals. Congrats to all the Riga boys and girls that took time out of their busy schedule to represent the Town in this event!

On Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> we had a group of seniors visit the Jello Museum and take the LeRoy Barn Quilt Tour and thoroughly enjoyed themselves as Mr.& Mrs. Bob DeNormand graciously helped with the transportation portion of the trip. We may even do another trip in the future if we get more inquiries.

As always, if you have a certain recreation activity that you would like to see added, PLEASE feel free to contact this office and we will try to get it included into our programming.

Coming in September.....the return of “ZUMBA” with Karen!

Submitted by:  
**Dave Thomas,**  
Recreation



## S.C.O.R TRAVEL

Whether you have traveled with us or not this year, there is still time to join in. On Monday, August 8, we will have a luncheon cruise on the Niagara Belle after a stop at the Niagara Fashion Outlets with some time to shop. Then on to a guided tour of the Niagara Power Project Visitors Center. Our last stop will be at Kelly’s Country Store with browsing and shopping time. We leave at 8:45 am. Cost is \$64 for members and Riga senior residents, \$98 for non-members or non seniors. To sign up call Shirley Miller at 752-4109



### NYS 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course

When: July 9th... 9 am - 2 pm or August 27th... 9 am - 2 pm

Where: Riga Town Hall - 6460 Buffalo Rd, Churchville

This course provides more than the minimum information and certificate to pass a road test. In addition to the basics, students will leave with knowledge of skills and habits for a lifetime of safe driving.

Walk-ins welcome, but pre-registration is advised.

Cost: \$40.00

Registration: Call 802-9859 or [streetskills.net/drive](http://streetskills.net/drive)

# JULY/AUGUST RECREATION PROGRAMS

We are always in search of energetic parents/coaches to volunteer to help teach/instruct programs!  
Interested individuals should contact the Recreation Department 293-3880 x130

## Senior Recreation Van Trip

**Mondays 9:30am—1pm at the Ogden Senior Center**

Recreation Van will pickup interested Seniors  
Call Rec Office to sign up



## Scrapbooking with Anne

Saturdays, July 16 & August 13  
9:00am-3:00pm @ Riga Town Hall  
Call Rec. Office to register



## Concert at the Gazebo Series

Wednesdays starting July 6th 6:30-8:00 pm  
FEATURING "Big Mike & Motivators as the leadoff group  
July 13—Mucis Makers July 20— 8 Days a Week  
July 27—Eastside Swingset August 3—Just 4 Fun & Luminaries' Lighting  
Rain or Shine with Cobblestone Hall as needed!



## Mid-Summer "BALF" Classic

Thursday, July 14—6pm tee off  
Robinson Golf Course—7810 Buffalo Road  
Bergen—\$10 fee (includes use of "Clat" bring your own Putter & Golf Ball)



## Scott's Turf & MLB "Pitch, Hit & Run"

**FREE** lessons provided by the Recreation Department  
Call Office to set up time and date  
We have all the equipment that you'll need  
This is the BEST course in Monroe County in which to learn this game for ALL ages!!!



### **Town of Riga to fill Alternate Planning Board Member position**

The Town of Riga has an opening for an Alternate to the Planning Board.  
Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Riga.

Send a letter of interest to the Town Board by regular mail or email to [townclerk@townofriga.org](mailto:townclerk@townofriga.org)



## Riga Senior Jam

Wednesdays  
2:00—4:00pm



## CYA Baseball/Softball... Churchville Soccer

Call Recreation Office for further information

## Summer Day Camp

Begins Monday, June 27th  
Applications can be obtained at CES, FRS, CRS Online ([www.townofriga.com](http://www.townofriga.com)) or at the Riga Town Hall and Village of Churchville Office



## Pickleball at Churchville Park

ANYTIME at Churchville Park  
All ages are encouraged!  
We provide the equipment (Paddles & Balls)  
This is a GREAT family activity!!!



## New Tennis Courts at Churchville Park

Play Tennis or Pickle ball ANYTIME!  
Sunrise to sunset

## Lodge Rentals

Please call 585-293-3880 x 121 or x122 to reserve either the Maher Lodge on Sanford Road Park, Buffalo Road Park or the Cobblestone Hall. Reservations can be taken 12 months in advance with application & payment.



Register by calling Riga Recreation Office at 293-3880 x 130

**ALL programs close registration 1 week before activity.**

Riga Recreation also offers "Reduced Ticket" prices to:

**Darien Lake Tickets \$30.00**

**Martin's Fantasy Island Tickets \$18.00**

**Buckman's Car Wash**

**Basic \$6.50 & The Works \$11.00**



## SENIOR CITIZENS OF RIGA

Tune into the sounds of summer. Hear the cheers and laughter of baseball and soccer players. Feel the quick summer rain shower and winds blowing in the trees. Frogs croak in the pond. children will be enjoying the visit of Wegman's Zoo Mobile at the Newman Riga Library. Ummmm. Good smells come from the park and backyard grills. On July 12th, SCOR members will picnic and bid for mystery gift auction items at the Sanford Road Maher Lodge. Along with the buzz of bees, we find shoppers at the Farmers' Market in Churchville on Tuesdays and in North Chili on Saturdays.

Hear the tractors working in the fields, we know there will be trucks hauling corn, wheat, cabbage to market. Flour milling at Star of the West Co. says their business is thriving in Churchville. The Town and Village support Wednesday evening concerts at the Gazebo starting on July 16th with delightful sounds of various musical groups. In August SCOR members do **not** gather for luncheon or meeting. Many do participate in the Churchville Lions parade and country fair, August 13th and 14th, for good food, kids games, craft booths, tractor events and

musical entertainment. On September 13th, Senior Citizens of Riga (S.C.O.R.) gather for free lunch and meeting at American Legion Hall on Buffalo Rd. Our guest speaker will be Steve Brew of the Monroe County Legislature. For more information about SCOR activities contact any member or call Bea Eiss at 293-2489. For trip and travel news contact Shirley Miller at 752-4109.

**Submitted by:  
Dolores Perry,  
Publicity Chairperson**



### RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, July 25th, 2016  
1:00 PM—6:00 PM

### 6460 BUFFALO ROAD-COMMUNITY ROOM

Please give the gift that lasts a lifetime.

Please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to schedule your lifesaving donation.

Walk-ins are also welcome!!



## MILL SEAT LANDFILL OPEN HOUSE

entities that work in conjunction with the landfill including engineers, contractors, consultants, regulators, vendors and elected officials. Community partners, such as the Churchville Lions Club, Churchville Fire Department, local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and many others help make this annual event a community wide success.

program at the open house with a focus on pollinators. Pollinators-like bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds- are critical to our food and ecosystems. Many pollinator species are on the decline, so we've made efforts to enhance their habitat at Mill Seat through a pollinator garden, with plants that provide nectar and food for pollinators. The Open House is perfect for all ages and we encourage you to come explore our facility at this free community event.

The Waste Management Open House is a free educational event that provides insight on how Mill Seat Landfill operates from construction and design to renewable energy production. Highlights of the event are landfill tours by bus, kid-friendly games, WM trucks and equipment on display, and prizes. At information booths, you'll find

The WM Open House will be Thursday July 28, 2016 from 3pm - 7pm at Mill Seat Landfill, 303 Brew Road Bergen, NY 14416. Visit our website at millseatlandfill.wm.com or call (585)494-3000 for more information.

This year we will be featuring Mill Seat's Wildlife Habitat Council

**Submitted By:  
Nicole Fornof  
Communications  
& Municipal  
Relations Manager**



# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



## July

- 1 Offices Closed— Independence Day Holiday
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- 8 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at American Legion
- 9 NYS 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course—Town Hall—9am-2pm
- 12 SCOR luncheon—American Legion
- 25 Red Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 25 Chamber of Commerce—Golf Tournament
- 28 Mill Seat Landfill—Open House 3pm—7pm



## August

- 8 SCOR Senior Trip—Luncheon Cruise on the Niagara Belle
- 12 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at American Legion
- 13 Lions Country Fair

10:00 AM parade/float contest (starts at Churchville Elementary and winds around Churchville village, ending at the fairgrounds) 11:00 AM-9:00 PM craft/food vendors, kids games, dunk tank, bounce houses 11:00 AM-8:30 PM Lion's auction 3:00 PM-8:00 PM Western NY Garden Tractor Pullers 4:30 PM-until gone Lion's clams/potatoes/corn dinner 5:00 PM-6:30 PM, 7:30 PM-9:00 PM Josie Waverly 9:15 (dusk) fireworks

### 14 Lions Country Fair

7:00 AM-10:30 AM Boy Scout Troop 133 pancake breakfast 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Genesee Valley Antique Tractor Pullers 11:00 AM-3:30 PM Lion's auction 11:00 AM-5:00 PM craft/food vendors, kids games, dunk tank, bounce houses 12:00 PM-gone Lion's chicken barbecue dinner 4:45 PM raffle drawings totaling \$6,000.00

### 20 Town of Riga FREE RABIES CLINIC—1-3 pm—Riga Hwy Dept.

### 27 NYS 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course—Town Hall—9am-2pm



For further information regarding Riga Rec, Senior, Library and CYA programs, call 293-3880 X130, or refer to the Town's website: [www.townofriga.com](http://www.townofriga.com)

Contact sponsoring organizations for further information regarding their events. Submit your ideas and comments for further enhancements to the Editor.

### Submit comments and/or upcoming events to:

**Town of Riga Newsletter**  
 6460 Buffalo Road  
 Churchville, NY 14428  
 Fax 585-293-1917 or  
[townclerk@townofriga.org](mailto:townclerk@townofriga.org)



## THE Churchville Community Farmers Market

The local farmers and vendors will provide fresh vegetables, meats, eggs, baked goods, honey, jams and jellies, hand made soaps and a number of other locally produced items.

**Tuesdays 4-7pm**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> – October 18<sup>th</sup>**

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## TOWN OF RIGA

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**David Smith**, Highway Superintendent

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**Scott Okolowicz**, Town Justice

### OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE

[WWW.TOWNOFRIGA.COM](http://WWW.TOWNOFRIGA.COM)

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### MEETING SCHEDULE

All Town Board Meetings, Workshops and meetings of Appointed Boards and Committees are open to the public. Most meetings are held at the Town Hall at 7 pm according to a regular schedule.

**TOWN BOARD:** 2nd Wednesdays.  
Workshops as needed.

**CONSERVATION BOARD:** 4th Mondays.

**LANDFILL CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD:**  
3rd Tuesday of the Month in January, April, July,  
and October at 6 pm at MillSeat Landfill.

**PLANNING BOARD:** 1st Mondays.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** Scheduled as  
needed on 1st Thursdays at 7:30 pm.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:** No meetings scheduled at  
this time.

## TOWN OF RIGA FREE RABIES CLINIC



**AUGUST 20th**  
**1:00 – 3:00 PM**

**6475 Buffalo Road**  
**Riga Highway Department**

*All dogs & cats MUST be:*

*At least 3 months of age & on a leash  
or in a pet carrier!!*

*If you have any questions, call the  
Town Clerks Office at  
293-3880 Ext 125*

*In order to receive a 3yr vaccine, we  
will need proof of a prior vaccine*