

# TOWN OF RIGA

## NEWSLETTER

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### RIGA TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

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### Supervisor's Report

This winter season in western New York has given us a taste of everything Mother Nature has to offer. Between the bouts of snow, wind, rain, and days with warmer temperatures, it has been quite the roller coaster ride. Without a doubt, we are never bored by the weather in our beautiful part of the world!

The Highway Department has been busy plowing and salting our roads during the various snow events we have had. Although snow amounts have not been outrageous, the continual temperature shifts we have seen have prompted them to spend quite a bit of time salting our roads. We appreciate their hard work and diligence while many of us are at home avoiding the weather conditions winter brings.

Here at the Riga Town Hall, we have been busy on many fronts. The proposed Embling Heights Subdivision project on Buffalo Road (near Churchville-Chili High School) continues to be in the planning stages. The proposed project is scheduled appear before the Planning Board at their March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting for consideration of the conventional subdivision site plan.

The Comprehensive Plan update committee has made significant

progress on updating the Town of Riga & Village of Churchville 2017 Comprehensive Plan. A draft plan is complete and available for review at the Town and Village offices. It is also available on the Town and Village websites. A public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan will be held March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., at the Riga Town Hall. Comments and questions are certainly encouraged as we move closer to adopting this important plan for our community.

We currently have an opening for a member to our Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as an opening on our Board of Assessment Review. Anyone interested in either position should contact me by phone or email ([bobrocta@townofriga.org](mailto:bobrocta@townofriga.org)). Please consider getting involved in our local town government. It is a great opportunity to provide input on how our community develops.

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

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



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## Town Clerk's Office



Town Clerk Office Hours

Monday	9-4
Tuesday	9-4
Wednesday	9-5
Thursday	9-4
Friday	9-4

We hope that this will be convenient for those who cannot get here during the day. Your payment will be processed the very next business day and a receipt or license will be mailed back to you.

As Tax Collector I will be accepting Town & County Tax Bill payments here in the Town Hall until June 1st.

### Interest Schedule

March 1-31	3%
April 1-30	4.5%
May 1-31	6%



I would like to remind residents that there is a drop box located at the back of the Town Hall, to the left of the entranceway.

The secure drop box allows access for residents after hours.



(585) 293-3880 x 122



(585) 293-1917



[townclerk@townofriga.org](mailto:townclerk@townofriga.org)



6460 Buffalo Road  
Churchville, NY 14428

### **Submitted by:**

Kimberly Pape,  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector



## 2017 CONSERVATION TREE AND SHRUB PROGRAM

Winter has arrived and spring will be here before you know it! In preparation, the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District has released their Conservation Tree and Shrub species list for the spring of 2017.

This year, property owners will have the opportunity to pre-order more than 42 different species of bare-root conifers, hardwood trees, shrubs, wildflowers and groundcovers, as well as seed mixes and other products used for conservation projects. Packages range in unit size and price, from a bundle of 10 plants for as low as \$11, to bundles of 100 plants for as low as \$70. The district will be offering the following new species this year: Arrowwood, Silverberry, Wild Plum, Bearberry, and Purple Coneflower. An edible fruit multi-packs and a new wildlife food plot seed mix will also be offered this year. The new edible fruit pack will provide an opportunity for you to grow and harvest your own

fresh fruit including: cold tolerant strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, and two varieties of blueberry plants. These fruits are also great for attracting wildlife!

“Planting trees and shrubs is perhaps the most effective way for individuals to help keep our environment clean and green,” said District Executive Director Kelly Emerick. “In addition to providing shade, privacy, wildlife habitat, borders, windbreaks and snow fences, trees provide many environmental benefits not visible to the eye.” She explained, “They work as filters to help protect drinking water, clean the air of pollutants, stabilize soil to prevent erosion, and reduce noise by acting as sound barriers. Trees can help cool your home in the summer, and break cold winds in the winter, helping to reduce energy use. They can even add value to your property.”

The Conservation Tree and Shrub

Program is a pre-order program with a deadline for ordering on March 3, 2017. We have a limited availability for plant stock so to ensure we can meet your needs, order early! The distribution of the plan material will occur at the Monroe County Ecopark on April 20-21, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Those interested in this program can find the order form at your **Town Hall** and our full color catalog on the District's website: [www.monroecountyswcd.org](http://www.monroecountyswcd.org) or you can pick up an order form at your local Town/Village Clerk Department. If you have any questions or you'd like the form sent to you, contact the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District at (585) 753-7380, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### QUESTIONS:

[karenevay@monroecounty.gov](mailto:karenevay@monroecounty.gov)  
or 585-753-7663 for details.

## RIGA BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWS

With the coming of spring, many residents will start thinking about new projects on their properties. The Riga Building Department would like to remove some of the mystery around building permits and whether or not a permit is necessary. Hopefully the following information will be helpful.

Please contact us if you have any zoning or building questions Town outside the Village at 293-3880 ext 124. If your project is within the Village of Churchville limits and you have zoning or building questions, please contact 293-3720 ext 134 .



### Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Building Permits

#### What is a building permit?

A building permit is a document which grants legal permission to start the construction or alteration of a building or other structure in accordance with approved drawings and specifications.

#### Why do I need a building permit?

Permits ensure that construction within our municipality meets with standards set out in the New York State Building Code and the Code of the Town of Riga. Your home renovation project must meet basic requirements for health,

safety and structural soundness. Beyond this, the permit process makes sure that your plans are in line with other town requirements, such as zoning regulations and historic building designations.

#### What happens if I do not get a permit?

**The property owner may be subject to legal action for failure to obtain a building permit.** If you carry out a renovation project that requires a building permit without having one, the Town can issue a "Stop Work" and or a "Cease and Desist" order, which remains in effect until you obtain a permit. If the work doesn't meet the requirements of the Building Code, you may well have to redo the work at your own cost. A new fee was approved by the Town Board on January 3, 2011. **A one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fee plus permit costs will be applied to construction projects started or completed before approved building permits have been issued.**

Work performed without a required building permit may hold up the sale of your property in the future and may also affect an insurance claim. Before any work begins on your home, check with your insurance representative, who can explain exactly what is needed to ensure continuous and adequate coverage, both during and after the renovation.

#### When do I need a permit?

A building permit is required for any new building, any addition to an existing building, and any alterations to an existing building which impacts the following: the building's structural design;

heating/cooling and ventilation systems, electrical, and plumbing systems; and the use of buildings or parts thereof. Below you will find a list of typical residential projects that require a building permit:

- All decks, porches, and three-season rooms ;
- Additions, interior alterations, finishing a basement or a portion thereof;
- Fireplaces, wood-burning stoves, chimneys and gas inserts;
- Attached or detached garages, sheds;
- Pole Barns;
- Installation of sanitary, and water service systems;
- Alterations to windows or doors;
- All pools that can hold 24 inches or more of water and hot tubs;
- Extensions or modifications to the plumbing, heating/cooling, ventilation and electrical systems;
- Generators

Some repairs may not require a permit. These include re-roofing, re-siding, flooring and cabinet installation, and replacement of windows and doors (provided the opening is not enlarged). In brief, work that does not entail changes to structures or systems.

**When in doubt check with the Town of Riga Building Department to be sure if your project requires a building permit.**

#### What paperwork do I need to get a permit?

The specific requirements depend on the type of work you are planning. For simple interior projects, a scale floor plan will often be adequate. For larger projects involving additions, large decks or major structural renovations, a full set of working

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## Newman Riga Library

The Newman Riga Library is fortunate to have the solid support of the Town of Riga, the Village of Churchville and our community. Without this three - legged stool, we would slowly fall apart.

This week, I received word that one of our volunteers has decided to retire. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Gathmann and her family for 15 years of service to the community. Linda and her family started adding "extra touches" to the landscaping around the library in 2002. Many of these flowers and plants have come from her home gardens. In 2003, Linda Gathmann received the Chamber of Commerce Churchville Beautification Award for the Newman Riga Library Park.

Linda's gardening expertise and commitment to the grounds in addition to the work of the Village Department of Public Works has kept the landscaping around the library vibrant and beautiful.

In 2016, Linda, Mayor Nancy Steedman and I formed a committee to access the current state and future of the library grounds. The Village put in a beautiful new sidewalk and removed overgrown bushes and plantings. The Greater Churchville -Riga Chamber of Commerce donated proceeds of the 2016 Golf Tournament to assist in replacing the aging community sign located on the library lawn. Mayor Steedman and the Churchville Lions Club are in the process of raising the remaining

funds needed to bring this to fruition. Our committee will continue this work until our goals are reached.

We are eagerly looking for a volunteer to take Linda's place on the committee and to continue her work in the library gardens. Please contact me at 293-2009 if you and/or your family are interested.

### Winter Library Hours

**M-W-F:** 11am – 5pm

**T-TH:** 11am – 9pm

**SA:** 10am – 2 pm

**SU:** Closed

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



### Congratulations to all Greater Churchville/ Riga Chamber of Commerce 2016 Winners

Citizen of the Year  
**Kathleen Stephany**

Business Persons of the  
Year Award

**Peg Naughton**  
Johnson House



### Civic Beautification Award

**Brian Wilkins & Denise Haggerty/ Wilkins RV**

Chamber of Commerce Member  
of the Year Award

**Sue Davis**

**Annual awards  
Dinner—March 9, 2017**

**7 pm—Naughton's Johnson house**  
Tickets are on sale at the Town & Village Halls

## RIGA BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWS (continues)

drawings and a site survey map may be required. The Building Department can tell you exactly what is needed.

### When is the permit complete?

A final inspection is required when all work has been completed. **It is**

**the applicant's responsibility to call in advance for proper inspections.** When it has been determined that the project meets the applicable codes and standards, a Certificate of Compliance or a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued.

**You cannot use or occupy the space until either certificate has been issued.**

Submitted  
By:  
Riga Building  
Department



## RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS



(Pushing back banks with excavator )

If winter ends as it has been going we will have enjoyed two mild winters in a row. The last two winters have been exact opposites of the 2014 and 2015 winters. As of this writing, snowfall has been about average but the warmer than normal temperatures have nicely melted ice and snow after each snow. High winds after many of this season's snowfall have caused treacherous driving conditions in much of our region, and usually at drive times. Slow down and please make sure tires on your vehicle and tread on your footwear are adequate for safe travel, stops and starts. If the winter finishes like it has been going, our fuel usage and over-time will be a bit below average. Salt for the 60+ inches of snow we have received is about the same as an average year. Freezing rain events have kept snow totals down but have increased the amount of salt we have used. Stay tuned for updates. 24-hour snow watch coverage continues into the month of March. This will discontinue when weather conditions dictate that coverage is no longer needed. During significant snow storms, damage to mailboxes from the force of snow or direct contact may occur. This is never intentional but an unfortunate consequence of snow

removal. From past experience, we have found that plastic mailboxes and posts do not withstand abuse from the snow, from plows, hitting them. We are looking forward to spring. I am thankful for dedicated staff members who have diligently worked around the clock to keep the falling snow plowed off the roads, and blowing and drifting snow pushed back. If you encounter a Town or County highway condition that needs attention, please call the Highway Department.

**Town Highway Department--  
293-2530**

**Superintendent's Phone: Dave  
Smith-- 733-3808**

### **Brush and Limb Pick-up**

The fall and winter seasons have been problematic for many of our trees. Many limbs and branches were broken from the ice and high winds we have experienced this winter. Our Highway Dept. is planning to pick-up brush once in the spring, and again in the fall. This will be a town wide outside of the Village pick-up, with no appointment necessary. The tentative date of our spring pick-up is scheduled for the week of April 17. Please have all limbs at the roadside before the start date of April 17<sup>th</sup> as we will only make one trip through the Town. All limbs (up to 8" in diameter) must be placed neatly with cut ends to the road, at the edge of the road. **Please do not** block or cut the limbs into short lengths as feeding them into the chipper or loading on the truck is more difficult. This date is tentative depending upon weather

conditions and unforeseen emergency road repairs.

### **Brush Piles**

Don't forget the benefit of brush piles in woodlots or along hedgerows for soil improvement, bank stabilization, and wildlife protection. If you are so inclined to not move brush all the way out to the roadside, and have room on your property, consider piling limbs and fallen branches into a brush pile. Rabbits, birds, toads, frogs and the trees will be appreciative. There are many ideas online from various conservation groups about the advantages and opportunities brush piles make for bird watching, improving wildlife habitat, cover protecting small animals from predators, and soil enhancement. The wood naturally breaks down into organic matter.

### **Household Hazardous Waste**

**Please save the date.** This is a date change from the past, which usually occurs in September.

The County has scheduled our regional HHW collection to be held this spring on **Sat., April 22, 2017 at the Town of Chili DPW.**

This will be by appointment only by going to the County webpage. Click on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April to make an appointment. <http://www.monroecounty.gov/hhw> or Call Dispatcher phone at Chili Highway Department at 889-2630, prompt#2.

### **HVAC Maher Lodge**

We have received quotes and plan to upgrade the furnace/HVAC system this spring. I have also requested quotes to add

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## RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS (CONTINUES)

additional light poles with lights to the south, along the roadway to the lodge, to improve evening visibility.

### Planned Town Roadwork for 2017

The following Town roads are scheduled for maintenance this summer. Project dates have not yet been scheduled.

**Kendall Road** –we plan to pave the Town's section from Macintosh Road to the Town/ County line;

**Sanford Road South and North** - Surface Chip Seal;

**Fairbanks Road**- True and Level prep for Surface Chip Seal 2018;

**Lentine Road**- Crack fill;

**Town Hall**- Crack fill parking lot and drive surfaces.

### Monroe County DOT Road projects for this summer:

**Palmer Road**- work will continue from last summer's work continuing on the north section to Robertson Road. Tree work and drainage improvement work will begin as soon as weather permits and pavement work will begin later in the summer.

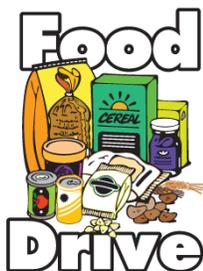
There may be some additional County road work happening but the County is still finalizing plans for the 2017 construction season.

*Note; All projects listed above are tentative.*

Submitted by:  
David Smith,



Highway Superintendent



BOY SCOUT TROOP 133 will be collecting non-perishable food for the Churchville Lions Club non MARCH 18th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Buffalo Road Lodge — 6477 Buffalo Road, Churchville, NY.



## The Lions Club Corner

The Churchville Lions Club would like to thank the community for their recent support of the Winterfest Chicken Barbecue. We sold over 500 chicken barbecue dinners. Thank you Lion President Al Arilotta for the great organization of this event and to all the Leos and Lions that participated, whether it was cooking, serving, or running. Nice job everyone!

There will be a blood drive on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at one of the Churchville-Chili Schools. The start time is yet to be

determined.

The Annual March Mayhem basketball game will be held on SATURDAY, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. at the Churchville-Chili High School gymnasium. Proceeds from this event will be donated to Churchville-Chili Junior Alex Voglwede and his family. Alex is currently battling leukemia and our hope is to help with the cost of medical expenses.

Mark your calendars now! The Country Fair this year will be



on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>. New events and entertainment are

being planned so you won't want to miss it!

Submitted By:  
Debbie Landers  
Churchville  
Lions Club



## THE INVESTIGATION

In the last issue of the Riga Town newsletter, I revealed the story of the 1967 UFO encounter at Churchville and the many other related UFO sightings that day. Continuing with that article, I now present Part 2 - "The Investigation."

With little delay, the local authorities sent the report of the Churchville UFO incident to Washington, DC, where officials at the pentagon handed it over to the NICAP. The NICAP, better known as the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, was a University of Colorado project financed by the United States Air Force. Its mission was to investigate UFO sightings. The field investigators for the NICAP were not paid and generally they were individuals from the local area.

Meanwhile, in the days after the incident, local reporters flocked to Churchville to get the latest scoop on the UFO invasion. Sidney Zipkin, the individual who originally reported the flying saucer and aliens, was interviewed by a Rochester Democrat and Chronicle newspaper reporter who reported the following: "Were you drinking Monday night? No, I'm a teetotaler. What did you do after work? Went right home and to bed. Did you sleep well? Believe me, I stayed awake for long, long time thinking about this, and then I had a bad sleep. What kind of a reaction do you get when you tell people about this? They think I'm either a drunk or a nut. One person who thinks Zipkin is neither is Alvan Grant, county

parks director. Grant said Zipkin has a reliable employment record, and that his terrified condition when he called the Sheriff's Department bears out that he saw something. Grant, however, would not say that he believes the story. You hear about these things all the time, but, I guess you never really believe it until you see it yourself, he said."

Additional news reports circulated and word of the investigators coming to town was described as follows: "Sidney Zipkin may not have any believers yet, but his bizarre report of seeing a flying saucer Monday night at Churchville Park is gaining some credibility. Enough, in fact, that he no longer has to worry about men in white suits coming to see him about the report that he saw a cigar shaped saucer manned by midget-like men in black suits. Because of several semi-corroborating reports, including new ones yesterday from Brockport, his only certain visitors are investigators for a U.S. Air Force-sponsored committee which thinks the story is credible enough to check out. Jeffrey Gow, staff member for the NICAP said here yesterday that he and other NICAP members will interview Zipkin Monday night. Gow did not disclose the time and place, but said: "so many persons have reported seeing UFOs either Monday night or Tuesday morning that Zipkin's report has some probability of being valid. But I want to emphasize that we are not backing the story just investigating." More than a dozen UFO reports have been made to authorities since Zipkin, 50-year-

old guard at Churchville Park, reported his sighting to sheriff's deputies Monday night at about 10:15. Yesterday, four law enforcement officers in the Brockport area and 10 persons associated with the State University College at Brockport said they saw a UFO at about 2 a.m. Tuesday morning. Included in the college group, which had just finished a play rehearsal at the Fancher Campus in Orleans County, were Robert A. Denning; assistant to the president for planning and development, and Mrs. William E. Kenerson a Brockport Central schoolteacher. Mrs. Kennerson said the UFO was large in front, tapering to the rear, and did not change shape as it passed overhead. Mark Scarborough, a cast member, described the object as coming from the northwest and disappearing over woods in the direction of Holley. He said it became bright red as it vanished."

Reactions from the local villagers seem to indicate that they were quite skeptical. "It's hard to believe, but it would put Churchville on the map if it's true," said Robert McDonald, pharmacist at the Churchville Pharmacy. "I doubt that it happened," said a waitress behind the pharmacy soda fountain. "I don't mean to call this man a liar," said Gordon Hill, 44, who lives across the street from the park, "but it seems strange that a flying saucer would want to stop out here in Churchville - of all places."

To be continued -

**Submitted By:**  
**Ron Belczak,**  
**Historian**



## RECREATION NEWS

Winter Fest 2017 was held the last Sunday in January at the Churchville Elementary School in partnership with the Churchville Lion's Club. Their "World Famous" Chicken BBQ was the main event as all outdoor activities had to be cancelled due to the uncooperative weather. Thanks go out to the following organizations and individuals who helped to make this a FUN day for family and friends. Generation Cool with caricaturist Dave "Bippy" Boyer & the Wild Life Educators Coalition, Massages by Kayla, Sue Walker's local Girl Scout troop #916, along with assistance from Marty Molinari and the Churchville "LEO" Club.

Additional "Kudos" go out to the Churchville-Chili School District for facility use and the Churchville Elementary School's terrific kitchen/custodial staff for their graciousness and attention to the "nitty-gritty" details of running the BBQ. Last, but not certainly not least, a BIG thank you to the Churchville Lion's Club for bringing the community together for this traditional community event!

Our Riga Recreation Youth Basketball program expanded this season with 2 teams ( a 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade level). They participated in the Sweden-Clarkson Rec. League. All players experienced a 9 game season and showed continuous growth in learning the game plus having FUN. Thanks to Mr. Dave George and Laurie Jeffers for all the "behind the scenes" work in getting this program off the ground and running!

The Churchville Youth Association added a VERY Girl's Little League Softball last year to compliment its longstanding baseball program. They are once again holding registration and wish to invite any boy or girl to join them this coming season. They will be having "Spring Training" sessions at Churchville Elementary School this March and April. See their link on the Town of Riga website to register online or in person.

We are now in the process of fine-tuning our Summer Day Camp program. The program numbers have been steadily declining these past few years and we may be in jeopardy of

cancelling it if this trend continues. Please contact this office with any questions/concerns that you may have along with intentions to have your child/children attend so that we may make adjustments in hiring staff and other items that need to be addressed for the upcoming summer. Please check the Town of Riga website, the Suburban News, along with the CCCSD "Virtual Back Pack" for updates around the Camp.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Maher Lodge. See the Recreation Page for details.

The schedule of artists for our popular Summer Gazebo Concert Series (Headlined by "8 Days A Week") is all set. Check the aforementioned media outlets and the May-June Riga Town newsletter for each group's date of performance.

PLEASE remember to call 585-293-3880 x121 or 122 to check on lodge rental information.

**Submitted By:**  
**Dave Thomas,**  
**Recreation Supervisor**



## AREA CHURCHES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH/APRIL

### March Calendar of Events

3/1/17 (Weds)  
Ash Wednesday  
Ecumenical Service to be held at Union Congregational UCC, 7:00 p.m. (14 N Main Street, Churchville)

3/9/17 (Thurs) Ecumenical Lenten Gathering with Soup & Bread, 6:30 p.m. at Union Congregational (14 N. Main Street, Churchville)

3/11/17 (Sat) Turkey Dinner, 4:30 p.m-7:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church of Riga (7057 Chili Riga Center Road, Churchville)

3/16/17 (Thurs) Ecumenical Lenten Gathering with Soup & Bread, 6:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul (11 N Main Street, Churchville)

3/23/17 (Thurs) Ecumenical

Lenten Gathering with Soup & Bread, 6:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church of Riga UCC (7057 Chili Riga Center Road, Churchville)

3/30/17 (Thurs) Ecumenical Lenten Gathering with Soup & Bread, 6:30 p.m. at Churchville United Methodist Church (24 W Buffalo Street, Churchville)

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# MAR/APR RECREATION PROGRAMS

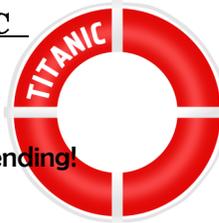
We are always in search of energetic parents/coaches to volunteer to help teach/instruct programs!  
Interested individuals should contact the Recreation Department 293-3880 x130

## **SENIOR RECREATION VAN TRIP**

### **"Titanic....The Musical" at the JCC**

When: Wednesday, May 17  
Where: Center Stage at the JCC  
Time: TBA

\*Cost: Dependent upon how many are attending!



### **EASTER EGG HUNT 2017**

When: Saturday, April 8th  
Where: Sanford Road Park Facility  
Be dressed for the weather **NO** Pre-Reg.  
\*\* Ages 2-5 & 6-10 start at 10:00am



## **SPRING RECESS PROGRAMS**

When: Mon.-Fri. April 14—April 21  
Where: Various Venues  
Who: Boys & Girls Grades K-5  
Cost: Dependent upon Activity & Registrants  
\*\* Check Town website for programs and dates!



## **PICK UP THE PARKS PROGRAM**

When: Saturday, April 15th....9:00am  
Where: Churchville Park  
Who: Any "Community-Minded" Person  
All materials supplied by Park's Dept  
\* Register thru Riga Recreation or the Monroe County Park's Departments

## **RIGA/CYA BASEBALL-SOFTBALL SPRING TRAINING**

When: 3/2-14-16-30 & 4/4-11-13-25-27 from 6:00-8:00pm  
Where: Churchville Elementary School  
Who: Boys and Girls ages 6 and up  
Polish your skills for the upcoming season!

### **Churchville Soccer Club, 2016**

Go to [churchvillesoccerclub.com](http://churchvillesoccerclub.com) to register

NEW: "Say NO to Toxins" by Melissa in May!

## **SCOTT'S TURF-MLB "Pitch, Hit, & Run"**

When: Saturday, May 13th....9am  
Where: Sanford Road Park #1 Little League Field  
Cost: FREE (NO Pre-Registration Needed)  
\* Registration Forms in C-C Schools 4/10/17 or at site!

## **NEW CYA Girl's Softball League**

Rookie League...Ages 6-7 Minor League 8-9  
Major League....Ages 10-11 Sr. League 13+  
[www.leaguelineup.com/cyabaseball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/cyabaseball)

## **SCRAPBOOKING with ANNE**

When: Saturdays, March 11 & April 8  
Time: 9:00am-3:00pm  
Where: Riga Town Hall Multipurpose Room  
Cost: TBA



## **CYA Baseball Program for Ages 6-12**

When: Tu-Th-Sat. in April, May, June  
Where: Sanford Rd. Park  
To Register: See Riga website or call Rec. Office



## **RIGA SINGERS & SENIOR JAM SESSIONS**

Singers-Weds. & 2:00-4:00pm  
Where: Riga Town Hall  
Cost: FREE



## **NYS SAFE BOATING COURSE**

When: Sat. May 13th, 7:30am-4:30pm  
Where: Riga Town Hall  
Cost: FREE Call Rec. Office to register!!  
Instructor: Mr. Mark Kesselring

Register by calling Riga Recreation Office  
at 293-3880 x130

ALL programs close registration 48  
hours before activity.

Riga Recreation also  
offers "Reduced Ticket"  
prices to:

Buckman's Car Wash

Basic \$6.50 & The Works \$11.00 at  
Town Clerk's window



## SENIOR CITIZENS OF RIGA

Seniors, in the month of March do you relish eating pancakes with maple syrup? Maple syrup is one of the more popular sweeteners today. Some will claim it is more nutritious than sugar. True, it does contain a decent amount of some minerals, especially manganese and zinc, but keep in mind that it also has a whole bunch of sugar. Dark syrups have a stronger maple flavor and are usually used for baking while the lighter colored ones are used as syrups; on pancakes for example. You can experience a 19<sup>th</sup> century maple sugar making festival at the Genesee Country Village March 18-19 & 25-26 and enjoy their pancakes with pure maple syrup.

Also Seniors, we have the March 14<sup>th</sup> gathering for lunch at the American Legion Post to hear

Todd Allen, Quartermaster for the Sheriff's Office, talking on the history of the Monroe County Sheriff Office.

On Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, SCOR members first 2017 trip will be to Buffalo's Broadway Market for Easter ham, and then to the Seneca Niagara Casino. Covered Wagon Tour Bus departs at 8 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Members' cost is \$19.00 and non-members is \$39.00.

We will be back to the American Legion Post Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> for a buffet lunch. We have an interesting talk on "operation livesaver" by Devan Lawton from the railroad industry.

We are off to Buffalo on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, for "Swinging Stars and Stripes" performance at Kleinhans Music Hall, home to the Buffalo

Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus, dine at Webster's Bistro and tour the Botanical Gardens.

Riga Seniors are welcome as guests to one dish-to-pass regular luncheon meeting before becoming members. Our goal is to provide opportunities to make new friends, to participate on committees, to share stories, and to enjoy delicious buffet luncheons. For more information, contact Verna Linney, 293-9068 or contact any member of SCOR. For travel information, contact Shirley Miller, 752-4109.

**Submitted by:**  
**Dolores Perry,**  
**Publicity Chairperson**  
**585-293-1819**



## AREA CHURCHES CALENDAR (CONTINUES)

### April Calendar of Events

4/6/17 (Thurs) Ecumenical Lenten Gathering with Soup & Bread, 6:30 p.m. at GO Christian Center (22 S Main Street, Churchville)

4/9/17 (Sun) 7:00 p.m. St Vincent de Paul Church: Step Up Close to Jesus: A Children's Presentation of the Passion of Christ (11 N Main Street, Churchville)

4/13/17 (Thurs) Maundy Thursday Ecumenical Service to be held at First Congregational Church of Riga UCC at 7:00 p.m. (7057 Chili Riga Center Road, Churchville)

4/13/17 (Thurs) Holy Thursday Service at St Vincent de Paul Church at 7:00 p.m. (11 N Main Street, Churchville)

4/14/17 (Friday) Good Friday Ecumenical Service to be held at Churchville United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. (24 W. Buffalo Street, Churchville)

4/16/17 (Sun) Easter Sunday at Churchville United Methodist Church (24 W. Buffalo Street, Churchville):

8:00 a.m. "Son-Rise" service  
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Family Service

Easter at First Congregational Church of Riga UCC, (7057 Chili Riga Center Road, Churchville):  
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Worship  
Easter at St Vincent de Paul's RC Church (11 N Main Street, Churchville)

10 a.m. Easter Mass at Union Congregational UCC, (14 N Main Street, Churchville)

7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service  
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

4/20/17(Thurs) Faith Studies – What We Believe – Parklands of Chili Clubhouse 7:30 p.m. (1700 Hill Park Court Churchville, NY 14428)



# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

## March

- 7 Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing at Joint Town/Village meeting  
—7 pm—Town Hall
- 9 Chamber of Commerce—Annual Awards Dinner  
Naughton’s Johnson House
- 12 Daylight Savings—Turn Clocks ahead 1-hour
- 14 SCOR Luncheon at American Legion
- 18 Pancake Breakfast—8 am—Union Congregational Church Cost: \$5.00 – Under 5yrs. Free
- 18 Ham Dinner –4 pm—Union Congregational Church Cost: Adults \$10.00,  
children 5-12 \$5.00 – Under 5yrs. Free



## April

- 10 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 11 SCOR Luncheon at American Legion
- 13 Chamber of Commerce— Noon—Naughton’s Johnson House
- 14 Town Office Closed for Good Friday
- 15 Pancake Breakfast– 8 am —Union Congregational Church
- 15 Pick up the Parks Event— 9 am at Churchville Park
- 16 EASTER SUNDAY ...



For further information regarding Riga Rec, Senior, Library and CYA programs, call 293-3880 X130, or refer to the Town’s website: [www.townofriga.org](http://www.townofriga.org). 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:**  
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 Churchville, NY 14428  
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**Churchville Lions Club  
Medical Loan Closet**



The Churchville Lions Club has a wide variety of medical equipment for loan including canes, crutches, wheelchairs, hospital beds, etc. If you or someone you know, is in need of medical equipment for loan, please contact us to make arrangements at (585) 594-2103 or [medicallloan@churchvillelions.org](mailto:medicallloan@churchvillelions.org).

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### 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 pm.

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



**American  
Red Cross**

1-800-GIVE-LIFE [donatebloodnow.org](http://donatebloodnow.org)

## RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, April 10th 2017  
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.

If you donated on or before February 15th  
you are eligible to donate.

Walk-ins are also welcome!!

Please Bring ID!