

TOWN OF RIGA

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RIGA TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

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Supervisor's Report

At the October 14, 2015 Town Board meeting, the 2016 Town Budget was approved. The budget shows an increase in spending of approximately 3%. Increases in salaries and benefits, road maintenance and additional highway equipment, and additional assistance to the Riga Cemetery were the main reasons for the budget increase. Costs have also been included in the budget for updating the Comprehensive Plan, capital projects, which include improving acoustics at the Cobblestone Hall and Sanford Road Lodge. Our department heads and Town Board members worked very hard to control costs. I am especially pleased with the long term plan that was presented by Dave Smith, our Highway Superintendent. We now have a 10-year plan for road maintenance and equipment replacement that will provide future boards with a tool to help them plan for the future. We feel that the increase in funding for the additional equipment will make us more efficient. Our board also listened to the groups in our town that provide benefits to our residents, and provided the additional funding where increases were justified.

This year the Town of Riga once again will continue with a 0% tax rate. The budget shows using 80 to 85 % of the

revenue that the town receives from its Host Community Benefit payments. The Host Community Benefit Reserve Account continues to grow for our future needs. However, with the revenue from the landfill decreasing and spending increasing, the amount added to the total surplus is decreasing each year. Future boards will need to exercise caution to keep costs in check or face having to impose taxes on our residents.

Below are some of the individual highlights from the budget:

1. The budget for health care costs in the budget is projected to increase by 12%. This reflects a change in the plan for 2016 and an increase in the deductible that the employees pay.
2. The contribution for the NYS Retirement is projected to increase this year.
3. The salary increases for 2016 were reviewed. An increase of 3% for all part-time and full-time employees is proposed.
4. The Newman Riga Library and the Senior Citizens of Riga (SCOR) will receive an increase in funding for 2016, due to the rising costs associated with their independent

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- operation.
5. The Riga Cemetery will receive additional funding from the Town to help with their operations.
 6. The Highway Department's budget for capital improvements and road repair increased by 4%. David Smith, the Highway Superintendent, has provided the Town Board with a 10-year plan for all Town roads to help with future planning.
 7. The budget includes funding for replacement of the backhoe and skid steer loader. We will also purchase a wheeled excavator and a utility vehicle.
 8. Overall spending increased by 3%. Increases in salaries, benefits, road maintenance, highway equipment, and additional assistance to the Riga Cemetery were the main reasons for the budget increase.
 9. We have included costs for completing the update of our Comprehensive Plan. We also included capital projects for 2016, including improving acoustics at the Ray Adams Cobblestone Hall and the William Maher Sanford Road Lodge; improving the floor in the Buffalo Road pavilion; and replacing exterior doors at the William Maher Sanford Road Lodge.
 10. We are still realizing savings from the outsourcing of dog control, use of private contractors for mowing and cleaning services, and overall control of operational costs. Additional savings are coming from an extension of the life cycle of some of our larger trucks in the Highway Department, as well as an aggressive replacement policy on some of the heavy pieces of equipment used in highway maintenance.
 11. In 2015, we used \$1,288,513 from the HCA Reserve Account to balance our budget. For 2016, we expect to use \$1,526,331 from that account to balance the budget. At the end of 2015, we anticipate the balance in the HCA Reserve Account to be about \$6.1 million. By the end of 2016, that balance should grow to \$6.4 million.
 12. For the Town, outside the Village, the 2016 revenues are expected to exceed expenditures. Therefore, no taxes will be placed on either the Town-wide budget or the budget for the Town outside the Village.
 13. Town taxes for 2016 will be **zero** for all residents.

Submitted by:
Bob Ottley,
Supervisor



Girl Scout Troop 60630 Silver Award Completed With Great Success

Scottsville Veterinary Hospital saved over 900 animals last year. We decided to raise money and animal products to help them. We would like to thank those in the community that donated and helped us complete our Silver Award, especially ANG, Slice Pizzeria, Stone's, and Pontillo's. We not only reached, but surpassed our monetary goal of \$500, not to mention all the other supplies that we collected. So many people were very generous and kind hearted to our cause.

As a result of the monetary donations, we were able to purchase items off of the shelter's wish list, including Kuranda dog and cat beds. Scottsville Veterinary Hospital was in great need of the beds and we are very happy that we had enough money to purchase them. Seeing the dogs on the beds instead of the concrete floor makes them seem more appealing, and makes the dogs very happy.

The shelter greatly appreciated all of the donations. When we went

there to unload the last of the donations, they took pictures. You can see the photos at <http://www.petadoption.com>.

Once again, we would like to thank everyone that helped us. Without you, we would not have been able to achieve our goal.

Submitted by:
Madi Zabawa and Jillian Sauer



NEWMAN RIGA LIBRARY NEWS

In early October, we converted our check-out process to utilize receipt printers. As it turns out, we are one of the last libraries in the Monroe County Library System to adopt this technology. Instead of stamping each individual item, a convenient receipt will be printed with a listing of all items checked out with their respective due dates. This new process will help with the accuracy of our transactions and speed up the check-out process. You may also find these receipts useful for keeping track of the books you have read as the library system does not keep this information.

As a mom, I found this helpful for keeping track of the piles of books my girls would check out from libraries that had this technology.

I posted it on the fridge and when the time came to round up all the books from under the couch, bedrooms, playrooms and all the other hiding places, I would have a handy list of what we were looking for.

Don't forget that you can also log into your library account on-line to check due dates and renew items as well.



Mark your calendars for some important library events:

Evening Story Times

Tuesday, October 27th @7pm
 Tuesday, December 27th @ 7pm
 Suitable for Families with Children Up to Age 5

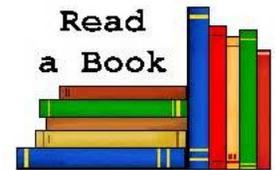
Meet Molly, WWII America (American Girl Doll Program)

Tuesday, November 7th 7-8 pm

Teresa Wood of History Houses will be commemorating Veteran's Day by learning all about WWII through the eyes of a child. This special program is chock-full of interesting facts, props, stories, and a miniature house.

Submitted by:

Lynn Brown,
 Librarian



Don't forget that at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 1st, you will need to turn your clocks back one hour, marking the end of Daylight Saving Time (DST).

The Office of the Fire Marshal also recommends that one of the simplest things you can do to protect your family is changing the batteries in your smoke

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS/ CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

alarms/detectors and carbon monoxide detectors at the same time.

Any elderly or disabled residents who need assistance changing their smoke alarm batteries can call the office for this free service at (585) 293-3880 X124.

A fire can double in size every 30 seconds. The sound of the alarm will give you and your family those few extra seconds to get out and stay out of your home. **When your smoke alarms/detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order – they save lives!**

Submitted By: Bob Panik and Ken Kuter Building Inspectors/Code Enforcement Officers

RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

As the beauty of fall winds down and turns to winter, your Highway Department is finishing up many projects through our town and readying equipment for the upcoming winter season. Salt is stockpiled in the salt storage building. Sanders and plows are being mounted on trucks. In this season of Thanksgiving, I am thankful for a dedicated staff who work together to provide safe travel ways for our residents, and those who visit our great community.

Work completed on Town Roads this past summer:

Leibeck Road, Appletree Road, Robertson Road and Jenkins Road were surface treated to seal road surface.

N. Sanford, Kendall, and Stearns roads have been crack-filled to keep water from penetrating cracks.

O'Brien Road— The turnaround has been built and the road paved.

Work completed on County Roads this past summer:

Hosmer/ Winslow Roads were hot paved jointly with the Town of Wheatland.

Savage Road— Ditching was completed to drain water away from road, edges were milled and paved and road was true and leveled by paving edges with our grader in preparation for surface treatment next summer.

Betteridge Road, Bromley Road, - Drainage work was completed this summer and surface treatment/seal was done early August.

Gilman/Kendall Roads— Ditch cleaning and True and level prep for surface treating 2016.

Roadside mowing: Mowing of town and county road edges has been completed for the fourth and final time. Typically we mow roadsides

three to four times per year. As rainfall continued to be above normal this growing season we mowed roadsides a fourth time. You will notice we mow back two or three passes to the edge of the right away on many of our roads to keep trees and brush from growing up and encroaching on our roadways and improve sightline distance at intersections. State highways (Routes 33, 33a and 36) are mowed by State DOT equipment and personnel.

2016 Roadwork Plan:

Bovee, Fairbanks, Sheridan Roads— True and level, clean ditches and shave shoulders to improve water drainage from roadway in preparation for oil and stone surface treatment in 2017.

South Sanford Road— mill edges add base CR-2 and pave on west section of road, true and level remainder in prep for oil and stone surface seal in 2017.

North Johnson, Jenkins Roads— Oil and stone surface treat.

At the writing of this there is no information on County roadwork committed for 2016.

Snow Fence: As crops are harvested from fields within the town we will be putting up snow fence at historical drifting zones. Please take care to slow down when passing crews working on road sides.

Winter Readiness: As we ready equipment for the coming winter season, please remember on personal vehicles to check your tires, anti-freeze, wipers, belts and hoses, and lights on your vehicles. We all know variable conditions are likely in this region we live in. Adequate tread depth on your tires is required for starting as well as stopping. Proper footwear with good tread is also a good idea as icy spots can be encountered in our walkways, steps, drive-

ways and many parking areas. In every case a good rule of thumb in the coming winter season is Slow Down.

Mailboxes and ROW: Please know that we never intend to knock over mailboxes with thrown snow off the plows or contact, but sometimes this happens due to wet heavy snow and or oncoming traffic. Plow rigs are 14' wide and most of our town and county roads have ten to twelve foot lanes leaving little room when there are oncoming vehicles. Please be sure your mailbox is at least 15 feet from the center line of the road to the front of the box. Over the next weeks prior to snow is a great time to check distance from center of road and replace rotted posts and repair failing mailbox systems. Posts larger than wood 4"x4"s should not be used as DFOs (deadly fixed objects) are created for traveling public. A reminder also about decorative boulders must be placed outside the ROW (**right of way**) as they can be a DFO danger to neighbors traveling by and snow plow equipment pushing snow back for the next storm. Most of our roads in the town are 4 rod roads having a 66 foot ROW, or 33' from the centerline. A three rod road is 49.5 feet making the ROW 24.75'. Often utility poles are on the right of way line.

We wish you safe and Happy Thanksgiving, Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Concerns or questions can be emailed to:

highwaysupt@townofriga.org

Office: 585-293-2530

Cell: 585-733-3808

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





NEWS FROM THE ASSESSORS OFFICE

It is that time of year again!

ALL EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS must be filed with me by Taxable Status Date, MARCH 1, 2016. If you have moved since last March 1, and the prior owner had exemptions, unless you apply for your own exemptions by March 1, the prior owner's exemptions will be removed. If you are a homeowner, there could even be taxes you have to pay back.

Enhanced STAR renewal applications were sent out in September. To be eligible for this increased exemption from school taxes, you must be a resident homeowner **who will be at least 65 in 2016** (born by December 31, 1951), and whose **income is no more than \$84,550 on your 2014 tax** return that was filed last April. If you are currently receiving Basic STAR, or if you

are a new homeowner, and meet these criteria, you should contact me to see if you may be eligible for this increased exemption from school taxes.

Low Income Senior Citizen exemption renewals will be mailed around the first of the year. You must be 65 before the end of 2016 and meet the income requirement, which includes Social Security, including Medicare. The State, County, Town, and Village have set the maximum income to \$37,399.99 to be eligible for any percent of this exemption. The school district maximum is different in each of the three districts in Riga.

Basic STAR has maximum income requirement of \$500,000 and does not have to be renewed. However, if you are a new resident and have just applied with me, New York State will be sending you a letter requesting that you register with the Department of Tax and Finance. This is a one-time only registration process. You must register with the Depart-

ment of Tax and Finance to continue receiving the Basic Star exemption. If you do not register, the Department of Tax and Finance will notify me and they will remove your exemption. If you are the resident owner, you may be eligible, but you must apply.

If you live in the mobile home park, own your mobile home, will still be living there on March 1, 2016, and you don't have a STAR exemption on file, call me. Since we do not get deeds or notice of transfers for people in the park, it is up to you to file an application with me.

Agricultural renewal applications will be sent out around the first of the year, as will Clergy, Non-Profit, and Disabled with Limited Income.

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

**Submitted by:
Lori Frongetta,
Assessor**

RIGA TOWN HALL DROP BOX



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

The secure drop box allows access for residents after hours. Our weekly hours are 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Mon, Tue, Thu, + Fri; and 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Wed. We hope that this will be convenient for those who can't 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.

Submitted by: Kimberly Pape, Town Clerk

Give a Toy & Spread Some Joy!



The Town of Riga will again be working with the Churchville Lion's Club in collecting donations of new unwrapped toys suitable for children ages 1-12, at the Riga Town Hall from November 9th till December 11th.
(Toys need not be expensive)

The toys will be distributed by the Lion's Club to children of less fortunate families during the holiday season. If you have any questions please call 293-3880 ext 121.



CHURCHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 24 WEST BUFFALO STREET, CHURCHVILLE

RIGA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
7057 CHILI RIGA CENTER ROAD
CHURCHVILLE
293-2070 OR 293-2777

Rummage Sale—November 7
7am to 2 pm (come early for best selection)

Craft Sale of local vendors—November 14
10 am to 2 pm

Christmas Eve Service—6:30 PM

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
14 N. MAIN STREET, CHURCHVILLE

Harvest Dinner & Bazaar
November 14th —1 PM
Dinner starts at 4 PM
Takeout at 3:30 PM
Adults \$12 Children 5-12 \$6 Under 5 Free

Pancake Breakfast
November 21st – 8 AM – 10 AM
Union Congregational Church
14 North Main St.
Cost: \$5.00 – Under 5 - Free

11/3/15 (Tuesday) Chicken & Biscuit Dinner
Election Day 4:30-6:30 pm
Eat in or take out for take out orders call
293-3282

\$9.00 Adults, \$6.00 Children ages 5-12,
under 5 free
ENTER AT BACK OF THE CHURCH

11/8/15 (Sunday), Free Lunch for November,
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Lunch is open to all. Come simply to enjoy a
good meal in the presence of your neighbors.

11/22/15 (Sunday), FREE THANKSGIVING
DINNER!! 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Turkey and all the fixings!! Come and eat your
fill and enjoy the fellowship of others from
your community.

11/25/15 (Wednesday), Pie/dessert sale from
1:00 - 3:30 pm (or sold out).

12/13/15 (Sunday), FREE LUNCH for DECEM-
BER, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Lunch is open to all. Come simply to enjoy a
good meal in the presence of your neighbors.

12/24/15 (Thursday) Christmas Eve
Service, 6:30 p.m.

THE ART OF WALKING CORRECTLY



There is no doubt that we all truly enjoyed this past September, with all its record breaking warm weather. During those days, many individuals were taking advantage of this warm stretch by walking the sidewalks of the village and with extensions made over the years; one can now enter parts of the town.

I now present to you a rather interesting article, discussing the "art of walking correctly" which was headlined as being "conducive to health, happiness and peace of mind." This editorial appeared in the Batavia Times newspaper in 1906, a time in our history when the old wooden sidewalks of our village were being replaced by concrete.

"Walking correctly and systematically will give one a good digestion and consequently a good complexion. It will rouse one's liver and thus make one optimistic and good-tempered. It will keep one young and save one from double chins and other horses

of middle age and obesity.

Hold your head up. Feeble, shaky old women are compelled to hold their chins down. It is a matter of balance. If they were to lift the head high they would fall. A woman whose heart is weak will bow her head and cast her eyes upon her feet as she moves. It is a mark of invalidism.

Learn how to carry your hands when you walk. In the young women's boarding schools they teach various methods of disposing of them. Try to rest the hands comfortably in front of you. Clasp them when you walk in the house. It is a pretty trick.

The good walker carries her shoulders well back. The dyspeptic carries her shoulders forward. The woman with weak lungs draws her shoulders up; the woman with a weak back lifts one shoulder higher than the other, while the woman whose headaches will always rest one shoulder against something and let her head fall to one

side.

When you walk, walk. Don't stand. The person who meets you in the street and keeps you standing is a bore. The person who calls and stands half an hour in the doorway is wearisome, as is the one who is always standing the one who never walks.

There are women who are called haughty; they hold the head so high. But you admire them just the same. There are women who are called proud, exclusive, and names still more disagreeable. They get it by their erect, beautiful carriage. But all admit that it is elegant. Never mind a little criticism. Begin to hold yourself erect and to walk well. It will repay you for the trouble which you had at first trying to get used to it."

**Submitted By:
Ron Belczak, Historian**

RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

It is hard to believe that fall is here. It has been a busy time at the Riga Cemetery. Three long-time board members have retired: Richard Betteridge, Arthur Gay, & Ester Harris. These members have each served over 30 years. We thank them for their loyal, devoted service. They will be missed.

New board members were elected: Cathy Barnes, Rita Filowick & Julie Eckrich to complete the board. Our secretary treasurer, Gail Craig, has resigned her position. She will remain a board member and will assist our new board member & new secretary-treasurer, Julie Eckrich. October 3rd was a work day at Riga Cemetery. Joann Yahn donated garden stones to complete the berm. With the help of Ken, Sue and Amy Kuter, the Boy Scouts Troup 31 Bergen and members of the board, the berm was completed and spring

bulbs & mums were planted. The flags were collected by Cathy Barnes and Thomas Barnes, and will be stored for next year. We are grateful that the Riga Town Board has appropriated funds to assist us in replacing our 19 year old lawn mower, along with funds to trim our large pine trees. Since we are a small, non-profit cemetery, these expenses were beyond our ability to handle without assistance.

At the Sept. 21st meeting, the board voted to honor our Firefighters, EMT's, First Responders, and Law Enforcement Officers by offering burial plots at the same price as veterans plots. We feel these individuals risk their safety & lives to protect us and should be recognized for their contribution to the wellbeing of our community.

We are planning on straightening

some of the older stones that are tipping. In many cases, there are no family members available to help us. Remember, many of these people were the founding fathers of Riga & Churchville, with veterans as far back as the Revolutionary War. This will be a costly endeavor. We appreciate any cash donations to help with this project. Because we are a non-profit, your donations are tax deductible and very much appreciated. We are always in need to volunteers to help us maintain the property. If you have some spare time, we will be pleased to have you help us. Also, if you have suggestions for the improvement of the property, we would appreciate hearing from you. Since this is the only cemetery in the Town, we want it to be a beautiful resting place for our loved ones.

**Submitted by:
Eleanor Filowick**

RECREATION NEWS

We are now into our fall season programs and look forward to the start of our indoor programs. Please look through our offerings to see if there is anything there that might interest you, your family, and/or friends. We hope to have something for you. If not, feel free to make suggestions and we'll do our best to get them included in our program schedule.

On Saturday, October 17th, Riga Recreation sent the following boys and girls to the new East High School Stadium to compete in the Rochester Area "Punt, Pass, and Kick" Sectional event. Jenna Northup, Melissa MacCowan, Braedon, Naujokas, Colin Rea, Joshua Warner, and Rick Hubbard, Jr. represented the Town of Riga. As of this printing we have not received any results. If any of these players finishes first in their age division they will go to the Home of the Buffalo Bills (Ralph Wilson Stadium) in November to participate in the New York State PPK finals!

On Saturday, October 31st, Riga Recreation once again partnered with the Churchville Lion's Club to host the annual Halloween Parade that started at Churchville Commons and ended at the Church Lodge in Churchville Park.

As they paraded, the goulis group was judged on their costumes. Thanks to Lioness Ruth Stewart and Assistant Recreation Supervisor, Penny Sexton, for coordinating this event, as well as the Churchville Fire Department community for providing a safe journey up Main Street to the park.

One new program that we would like to have more participants for is the Zumba class at the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall each Wednesday and Saturday. The group that meets tell me that there is room for more to get up and move to the music! "Walk-Ins" are more than welcome.....

As 2015 comes to an end we would like to thank the following groups and individuals for all their support: The Riga Town Board, Town Highway Department, Town of Riga office staff (Kim, Lori K., Lori F., Dawn, and Jennifer), the Village of Churchville, Monroe County Park's Department, recreation van drivers, Bob DeNormand and Goldie Waldo, the Churchville-Chili School District, businesses in the Riga/Churchville community, and all the performers at our Summer Concert Series, our instructors for providing leadership of our recrea-

tion offerings: Mark Kesselring, Anne Chirick, Frank Perry, and finally our terrific group of summer camp counselors that provided a wonderful camp experience this past summer. An EXTRA SPECIAL "Thank You" goes out to Penny Sexton, who is finally retiring from both the Churchville-Chili School District and The Town of Riga after nearly 20 years! It is very rare indeed to have someone so dedicated to the youth of our community for the length of service Penny has achieved.

Finally, come and join us, once again, at the Cobblestone Hall to celebrate the holiday season with a musical tribute performed by "Riga's Own"...Just 4 Fun...on Friday, December 4th.

PS... Be on the "Look-Out" for Santa and his Elves as they sleigh through the Riga landscape, to check out all the finely decorated homesteads in a "SECRET SANTA" trip the week of December 14th to 18th.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to All,

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



NYS 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course

When: Saturday, November 7th...9 am - 2 pm or Saturday, December 5th...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 requested.



Cost: \$39.00

**Registration: Call 802-9859 or
streetskills.net/drive**



NOV/DEC 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

Recreation Van Trip

Robert Wesleyan Christmas Concert

Sunday December 6th at 3 pm
Van will leave Legion at 2 pm
Cost: \$8—to reserve seat call rec. office by Nov. 20th



Scrapbooking with Anne

Saturday, November 21st
9:00am-3:00pm @ Riga Town Hall
Call Rec. Office to register



A Christmas Celebration at the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall

Friday, December 4th 6:30-8:00pm
"JUST 4 FUN" for the Holidays!!!
COST: Free PLEASE call Rec. Office to reserve your seat!!!!!!



"SECRET SANTA" Holiday Decorating Contest

Decorate your home for the Holidays!!!! Santa and his Elves will be traveling the roads of Riga on The evenings of December 14 and 15 to see all the wonderfully decorated homes and give out some surprising gifts to welcome in the "Season To Be Jolly!"



ZUMBA CLASSES by Karen!

Cobblestone Hall
Cost: \$5.00 - Walk-ins Welcome
Wednesdays, Nov. 4, 11, 18 & Dec. 2, 9, 16 from 6 pm—7 pm and
Saturdays, Nov. 7, 14, 21 & Dec. 5, 12, 19 from 8:30 am—9:30 am

Pickle ball for Beginners III

Wed. Nov. 4, 11, 18 & Dec. 2, 9
Churchville Elementary School Gym
6:30—8:00 pm
Cost: \$20.00 We will supply pickle balls and paddles



Barn Quilts of LeRoy Trip

Saturday November 14th
Van will leave Legion at 10 am
Cost: FREE we will have lunch after trip at a local restaurant The Van seats 11 and you must reserve seat by November 9th

OPEN Adult Basketball

Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12, 19 & Dec. 3, 10, 17
6—8 pm at Churchville E.S.
Cost: FREE but bring your own ball



Riga Recreation's Youth Soccer Academy

Details coming in December



Riga Youth Volleyball Academy

Boys and Girl's Grades 3-4, 5-6 TBA

Youth Basketball League

Saturdays, Starting Dec. 5th thru March 19th
Games at Sweden Recreation Center
Boys & Girls grades 3-4, 5-6
Cost: \$40 includes team jersey and referee costs
This is a 15-week program with 4 weeks of practice and an 11-Game season schedule

New York State Snowmobile Safety Course

Saturday, December 5th, 7:30 am—4:30 pm
Riga Town Hall, 6460 Buffalo Road
Youth (ages 10+) and Adults (30 Max)
Registration Deadline, Friday, Nov. 27th



Register by calling Riga Recreation Office at 293-3880 x130
ALL programs close registration 1 week before activity.
Riga Recreation also offers "Reduced Ticket" prices to:
Buckman's Car Wash
Basic \$5.50 & The Works \$10.00
"Great Stocking Stuffers"

SENIOR CITIZENS OF RIGA

The blessings of fruitful fields and blue skies have been wonderful. We gratefully acknowledge the many gifts of this past year (2015) and look for continuing friendship and enjoyment in coming year.

The S.C.O.R. motto has been "we experience each new day as we enjoy connections with our past". It is expressed in the SCOR brochure that is available in the Village and Town offices.

Our goal is to give opportunities to make new friends, to gather with others, to share our stories, to participate on committees of

service, and to enjoy delicious table fare with seniors from our community.

On November 10th, our Thanksgiving buffet luncheon is prepared and served at the American Legion Hall, Buffalo Rd. at noon. Riley Leibeck, 8th grade student at Allendale Columbia School, will share photos and information about her mission journey to Nicaragua in May 2015.

The annual Christmas party is December 8th at the Whittier Party House and sure to delight us all. On December 12th, members will take time to ring in the

holidays with a trip to Auburn for the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse musical "Plaid Tidings".

If you are a resident of Village of Churchville, Town of Riga and are 55 years and older, and want more information about the Senior Citizens of Riga doings, contact Bea Eiss, 293-2489 or any member of SCOR. For travel info, contact Shirley Miller, 752-4109.

Submitted by:
Dolores Perry,
Publicity Chairperson



LIONS CLUB CORNER

Watching the leaves change color is a sign that the holidays are fast approaching. Once again this year the Lions Club will be collecting non-perishable foods and putting together our holiday food baskets. These baskets are then hand delivered by our members to less fortunate families in the community. The deliveries will be made the Sunday before Thanksgiving and the Sunday before Christmas.

The Lions Club will also be joining in with the Town on their annual collection of toys for Christmas. Each of the past few years, there have been a couple hundred toys collected which are also delivered to children in our area. The toy donations made by the residents and the generosity of this community has been amazing! I believe this year's donations will be just as amazing. The Lions Club and the Town of Riga truly appreciate

the response we receive during this season of giving.

Submitted by:
Debby Landers
Churchville Lions Club



2015 HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Please save the date for the 2015 Holiday Craft Show, sponsored by CESP.A.

The show will be Saturday, December 5 from 10AM - 3PM at the Churchville Elementary School. We will have craft vendors, food and other activities.

Admission is free. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Regina Arlauckas at regina.arlauckas@gmail.com or [585-704-7208](tel:585-704-7208).

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



November

- 1 Daylight Savings Reminder—Turn your clocks back one hour
- 7 NYS 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course—Town Hall—9am - 2pm
- 10 SCOR Thanksgiving Buffet at American Legion
- 11 Town Offices CLOSED for Veterans Day
- 12 Chamber of Commerce—Veterans Luncheon at Noon—American Legion
- 26 & 27 Town Offices CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday

December

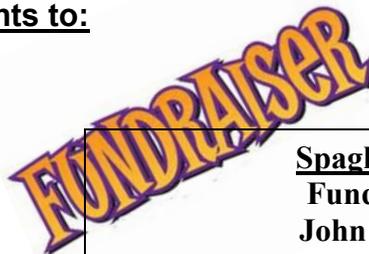
- 4 Christmas Celebration at Cobblestone Hall—6:30 pm
- 5 NYS 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course—Town Hall—9am-2pm
- 5 NY State Snowmobile Safety Course—7:30 am—Register through Rec. Dept.
- 5 CESPAs Holiday Craft Show—Churchville Elementary School 10 am—3 pm
- 7 Red Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 8 SCOR—Christmas Party—Whittier Party House
- 10 Chamber of Commerce—Holiday Luncheon at Noon—TBA
- 12 SCOR Trip -to Auburn for the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse musical "Plaid Tidings".
- 24 & 25 Town Offices CLOSED for Christmas Holiday



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.
 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
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Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser for:
John Shakeshaft
 —Moose Lodge—
 5709 Chili Riga Center Rd. Churchville, NY
 14428
 Saturday, November 21st 5:00 - 7:00
 •\$8 adults •\$5 kids (3 to 10)
 2 and under free
 Chinese Auction & 50/50 split raffle
 Take-Out Available



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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.



**American
Red Cross**

1-800-GIVE-LIFE donatebloodnow.org

RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, December 7th 2015
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 October 15th
you are eligible to donate.

Walk-ins are also welcome!!

Please Bring ID!