

# TOWN OF RIGA

## NEWSLETTER

### Riga Town Board Members

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### Supervisor's Report

The town completed the purchase of the property located at 651 Churchville Riga Rd. on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This will be a nice addition as it abuts Sanford Road Park, and completes that section of town-owned land. Given its location next to the park, the property will benefit our community for many years to come.

Keeping with Sanford Road Park happenings, new kitchen countertops and a new sink were installed at Maher Lodge. This was a much-needed improvement as we continue to try to properly maintain our town assets.

At our December 2017 Town Board meeting, we passed two new local laws. Both were a result of the legislation that compelled the town to update its code. The first local law updated the solar, wind energy, and farm waste energy systems opt-out exemption. The second law removed the 10-year sunset provision from the Cold War Veterans Exemption for real property taxation (as long as

they remain qualifying owners pursuant to Real Property Tax Law). As a reminder, our Town Code can be found at our website — [www.townofriga.com](http://www.townofriga.com). Just click on the link "Town Code" to view Riga's code.

Through the hard work of our Recreation Department Director, Dave Thomas, Riga has been awarded a \$50,000 grant for the construction of a pickleball court at Sanford Road Park. The grant was awarded through State Senator Michael Ranzenhofer's office and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY). We will keep you updated as we move through the application process, which can take up to 12 – 18 months.



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## Supervisor's Report Continued

I recently met with representatives from Monroe County and Waste Management for an update on the Mill Seat Landfill expansion.

Construction of the first cell is underway. They hope to have it completed by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The

wetland mitigation project will continue once warmer weather returns. The project is approximately 30% complete.

We will continue to monitor progress of the expansion and provide updates as new information becomes available.

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**



## Harvey C. Noone Legion News

### Centennial Anniversary of Churchville Hero Harvey C. Noone

One hundred years ago today, Americans were training to fight in WWI. Among them was 17 year old, Harvey C. Noone, a Churchville resident who worshiped at the Congregational Church (now UCC).

Imagine what he thought leaving our little farming community for France, to defend the principles of democracy? A big job for a youngster. And yet, each time youngsters have been called upon to put their dreams on hold and their lives at risk, members of our community have stepped forward to serve and defend.

Thankfully, most of them have returned home safely. Tragically, a few, like Harvey, did not. In September 1918, he died at the Battle of San Quentin, France.

Across America we join together on Memorial Day to honor the bravery, nobleness, and sacrifices

of local heroes. Adults reflect on the ultimate sacrifice that those honored made for future generations. Children learn about local heroes, like Harvey.

On May 28, 2018, we will conduct our annual Memorial Day Ceremony to honor those who have died serving our country. Since it is the Centennial Anniversary of the death of our namesake, Harvey C. Noone, we would be especially honored if you join us. The Ceremony begins at 10:30 at CES and is followed by a parade to the Veterans Memorial in Churchville Cemetery.

**God Bless You and Our Country,**

**Gil Budd, Commander**



### CALENDAR EVENTS

Harvey C. Noone Legion:



March 2, 2018  
Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

March 16, 2018  
Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

April 6, 2018  
Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

April 20, 2018  
Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

May 4, 2018  
Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

May 18, 2018  
Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

May 28, 2018      Memorial Day  
Services Conducted by American Legion. Commencing at 10:30 am at CES, followed by a Parade to the Veterans Memorial at Churchville Cemetery

## RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

**Winter Highlights:** By the middle of February we had received just over 80 inches of snow for the season, which is a foot above average for season to date. Normal season total is 99 inches. We are ready for spring and summer weather.

Salt usage over the last many years: To date in 2018....<2000 tons; 2017....2099 tons; 2016....1114 tons; 2015....2100 tons; 2014....2451 tons; 2013....1294 tons, 2012....1024 tons; 2011....1058 tons; and 2010....1755 tons.

The difference a year makes is always amazing. In the coming weeks we will be working on; roadside cleanup, brush pickup from winter winds, removing snow fence, getting trucks ready for the construction season, removing rust, replacing worn out parts, and painting plows and sander parts for next year's snow season. We have also reset signs knocked down by fallen trees/windstorms, and filled countless pot holes on town and county roads.



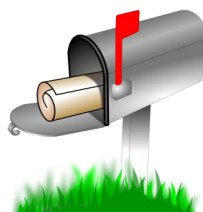
### **Brush Pickup:**

This is planned for the week of April 16th. Please have brush out to the roadside before that week. We will make one trip down each road and cannot make return trips once we have been down your road. We will be bulk handling the piles of brush on our dump trucks with a rented prentice loader.

Construction materials, boulders, and concrete will not be picked up with brush. If you have materials other than brush to be picked up, please call a disposal company for those types of materials.

### **Roadside Boulders + Posts:**

As a reminder, boulders in the highway right of ways and entrances to driveways often cause damage to our plow equipment. These items are hazardous to the traveling public as well as highway maintenance equipment. Highway law and insurance companies consider these obstructions in the right of way "deadly fixed objects." Under Highway Law, any landscaping boulders, posts, or retaining walls must be outside the 33' right of way, measured from the center of the road. Your cooperation is appreciated.



### **Mailboxes:**

Our plow drivers endeavor to take all precautions to avoid striking mailboxes with the wing of the

plow.

Here are some tips for mailbox placement to help reduce damage during winter plowing. The face of each mailbox should be at least 15' from the center of the road, because the plow with wing makes a 14' wide path. Mail box post size must not exceed 4" x 4" for a wooden post, as posts that are more substantial in construction like a 6x6 are also considered "deadly fixed objects." These are not permitted within the highway "right-of-way" as there can be liability issues. Please

consider using the spring season to check posts for rot and deterioration, particularly at the base, to insure they will not break when hit with heavy wet snow. The Town of Riga cannot be responsible for repairing rotted posts that are part of a home owner's regular ongoing property maintenance.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Riga Highway Department is to provide efficient roadways for our residents and we continually seek to improve service to our residents in a cost-effective manner, within budget. As we endeavor to maintain and preserve quality roadway surfaces, several town and county roads are slated for work this summer.

### **Planned Town Roadwork for 2018:**

Note that project dates have not yet been scheduled.

**Kendall Rd., South Sanford Rd., Sheridan Rd., Fairbanks Rd** – chip seal surface treatment.

**Chili Riga Townline;** - In place recycle with added stone to improve base drainage, and surface.



*Pushing back drifted snow banks on Palmer Road*

## Highway News (Continues)

**Bridge NY**— NY has a program to improve county and town road bridges and culverts. We have submitted our application to our NYS DOT for culvert replacement on Percy Road south of the Onion Creek crossing. As of publication date, we are in the planning and engineering stage. Work will likely occur in 2019.

**Malloch Road**— pave from 33A south to Bridge-man  
**Griffin Road**— from 36 to Palmer Rd. - edge mill and fill, prep for 2019 Chip seal



Brush Pickup—fall 2017

**Monroe County DOT Road Projects for Summer of 2018:**  
**Palmer Road, - Robertson Road, - Attridge Road, and - Bridgeman Road** - Chip seal.

*Note: all town and county projects listed above are tentative, subject to budget approvals and priority of other work.*

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

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



The Churchville/Riga Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce their 2017 Award winners:

Citizen of the Year –  
 Mayor Nancy Steedman

Business of the Year –  
 Dwayne's Barber Shop, Owner,  
 Dwayne Berg

Civic Beautification –  
 Thompson Builds, Inc.

Chamber Member of the Year –  
 Joan Hawthorne

Mayor Nancy Steedman has been an active member of the community. Our residents continue to benefit from her vision to enhance our downtown business area and improve our village for all who live here or visit!

Dwayne's Barber Shop has been a main street anchor for more than 40 years.

Thompson Builds Inc. purchased a previously unoccupied building and refurbished it. We now have an eye pleasing facility, for all of Riga to appreciate.

Please join us for our annual Awards Dinner on March 8, 2018 to honor our recipients. Naughtons Johnson House 6:30pm – social time, and 7:00pm – dinner. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and may be purchased at the town or village offices, The Johnson House, or online at [www.churchvillechamber.org](http://www.churchvillechamber.org). The deadline for tickets is March 1<sup>st</sup> and will not be available at the door.

Please join us or consider volunteering at our upcoming events:

- Youth Awards May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Annual Golf Tournament – TBD

• Village Tree Lighting & Celebration - December

• Holiday Home Tour

Dates and information will be provided on our website when available.

Please consider attending our monthly meetings. We have a line-up of speakers that might be of interest to you. As always, we are open to and encourage suggestions for topics or activities at these meetings. The Chamber meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Naughtons Johnson House. Please call for reservations.

**Submitted by:**  
**Joan Hawthorne**  
**Chamber President**



## A Near Disastrous Spring Thaw



The date is Thursday, March 26, 1896. Many of the town's citizens have traveled the snow covered roads to the Churchville railroad depot, once located on South Main Street, to await the arrival of one of their most famous citizens, temperance reformer, and women's suffragist leader; Frances Willard. Miss Willard had planned to visit with family and friends, and speak at the Churchville Congregational Church. The joyful moment is silenced as a telegram reveals she will not be able to arrive until next week.

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. A violent thunder and lightning storm struck the Town of Riga. The storm lasted for about an hour and added significantly to the already rising water level of Black Creek.

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. On the day after the intense thunderstorm, the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle newspaper detailed the deteriorating conditions occurring along Black Creek at Churchville. "The warm wave of yesterday and today, coupled with the showers of Sunday evening, have almost entirely removed the snow from the fields around Churchville and the roadways are now clear, excepting where the snow had collected in great drifts, and these are being shoveled out today. The quick melting of the snow has flooded every brook and stream and Black Creek rose over two feet in the last twelve hours. It has now reached the highest point ever known to the inhabitants of the village and crowds visited the east bridge crossing the creek

(Buffalo St. bridge) below the mill dam to witness the flood. The ice has not yet broken away above the dam, but the force of the current will probably cause it to move today. The flats west of the village are completely underwater and fences and drift-wood are being swept into the stream. If the water continues to rise, several bridges on the small streams will be carried away."

Tuesday, March 31. The flooding at Churchville seems to be improving but now there is evidence that the mill dam, once located on Black creek just north of Buffalo Street, has been damaged, as reported by the local newspapers. "Though the water has fallen somewhat in Black creek today, it is now feared that the mill dam may be washed out. This afternoon, it was discovered that the heavy timbers on the east side of the dam had been carried away by the water and at the present time an immense volume of water is rolling over it at the breach. If the stone work below should not prove strong enough to resist the force of the current the entire dam may be washed out. In that case the low lands below the village will be flooded worse than at any time since the water begun to rise, as an immense body of water will be allowed to go down."

For most of its earlier life, the Churchville mill dam was constructed of field stones and wooden timbers. It was not until 1911, that Frank Potter, owner of the Churchville grist mill, built a concrete dam at a cost of

\$4,000.00.

Wednesday, April 1st. The subscribers of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle newspaper open their newspaper to reveal its shocking headline: **"THE BRIDGE GAVE WAY; Narrow Escape of a Central Train; Just Crossed in Time; Sinking of the Bridge Over Black Creek."** "Just as the fears of the people of Churchville, arising from the flooding of Black creek, were being removed, as the water began to subside, they were again excited last evening by the unexpected announcement that the mill dam was threatened; that the ice and water of the previous day had torn away the heavy timbers, and removed the earth from the top of the dam, and had prepared the way for its entire destruction. The rumor that Feeley's dam, a few miles down the stream, had gone out, and flooded the country below, served only to strengthen their fears, and those whose buildings and property bordered on the creek, and which would be damaged by the rush of water, should the dam give way, were in somewhat of a panic, and watched the surging waters, especially in the direction of the mill, with intense interest. Those living on the street parallel to the Central (railroad) tracks, where the water the night before necessitated the removal of several families by means of boats, were most deeply alarmed, for the effects of the immense volume of water that would rush down should the dam fail, would be felt most severely at this point.

## A Near Disastrous Spring Thaw (continued)

They directed attention to the huge cakes of ice that had been left by the receding waters, on ground, that within their recollection, had never-before been inundated, and pictured the result of the coming down on them of the body of water above the dam. Watch was kept at the mill during the night, and, although the dam is much damaged, the main part of it apparently is unharmed, and it is hoped it may stand the severe strain. In the meantime, no thought of danger being down to the bridges on the West Shore or Central (railroad) seems to have entered the minds of any, although a heavy train stood on the bridge of the West Shore (railroad) that night previous. Early this morning, while the fast passenger train was going east, it was so badly shaken up while passing the bridge that some of the passengers thrown from their seats. The train was stopped, and a trainman sent back to ascertain the cause. He failed to see that the south part of the bridge, under tracks 1 and 2 was going down. The discovery was a made by Mr. Edwards, the Central night operator, just in time to stop the fast freight. The bridge under the freight tracks is in the form of an aqueduct, and is in no way damaged; but the water rushing through the arches, struck the abutments of the iron bridge adjoining it with such force that they were undermined, and the water rushed through behind the stonework, and was tearing away the embankment under the tracks. When it was discovered, shortly after the train had passed, the

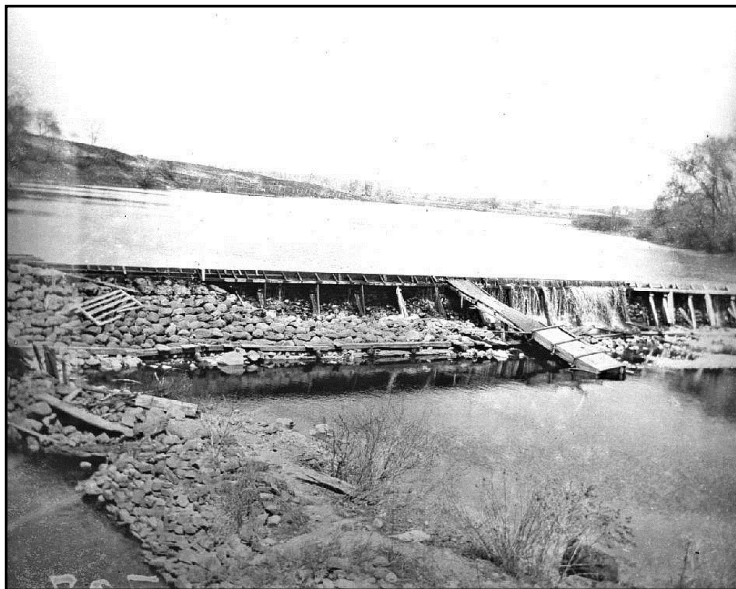
bridge had gone down over six inches, and it was exceedingly fortunate that the passenger train succeeded in keeping the rails, for had it left the track, the entire train would have been hurled into the rushing stream below. The work train was summoned quickly, and arrived on the scene about 11 o'clock this forenoon, and a large gang of men began the work of supporting the bridge, in order-to prevent it from sinking further. They worked all day without interruption, but find it difficult to drive the heavy piles. A night crew came at 6 o'clock to relieve those who worked during the day, and the task of driving piles will be continued if material for working can be secured, if not, work will have to be discontinued until tomorrow morning. The water still-continues to wash out the foundation of the abutment, but the workmen have chained the heavy iron trestle, work to prevent it from falling into the stream. The pier in the center of the bridge is also being undermined and piles will have to be driven to support

the bridge at that point. From the progress made today it will be several days before the bridge will admit of the crossing of trains. Many of the fast trains are compelled to take water as they cannot use the pans on the passenger tracks and all the mail trains have to come almost to a standstill to admit of the transfer of mails."

In the next few days, the water level of Black Creek subsided, allowing for further repairs on the Churchville dam and railroad bridges, opening the railroad tracks to passenger and freight traffic once again. Those individuals displaced by the flood waters of Black Creek, will return home to assess and repair the damage to their property.

Never again, in the history of the village, will the citizens of Churchville face a similar crisis.

**Submitted by:  
Ron Belczak  
Historian**



## Swimming Pool Permits

With the return of warmer weather this summer season, portable 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 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.

### Definition of "Swimming Pool"

The term "swimming pool" is defined in the NYS 2017 Uniform Code Supplement 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)

### Swimming Pool FAQ



Are There Property Line Setback Requirements For A Swimming Pool?

Yes. Generally swimming pools and appurtenances (filters, pumps, etc.), concrete aprons and pool decks have side and rear property line setback requirements and vary per land use district. Please call the office for setback distances. Overhead Electric Lines must be located at least 10 feet horizontally from the water's edge of the pool, hot tub or spa.

### Do I Need To Install A Fence or Barrier (Enclosure) Around the Pool?

Yes. New York State Residential Code Appendix G - Outdoor Swimming Pool. An outdoor swimming pool, including an in-ground, aboveground or on-ground pool (INFLATABLE), hot tub or spa MUST be provided with a barrier which shall comply with the following:

1. The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches (51 mm) measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. Where the top of the pool structure is above grade, such as an aboveground pool, the barrier may be at ground level, such as the pool structure, or mounted on top of the pool structure. Where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4 inches (102 mm).

2. Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere.

3. Solid barriers which do not have openings, such as a masonry or stone wall, shall not contain indentations or protrusions except for normal construction tolerances and tooled masonry joints.

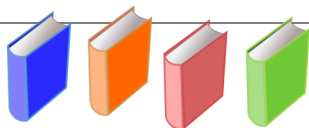
4. Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is less than 45 inches (1143 mm), the horizontal members shall be located on the swimming pool side of the fence. Spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 1.75 inches (44 mm) in width. Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing within the cutouts shall not exceed 1.75 inches (44 mm) in width.

### What Type of Gate do I Need?

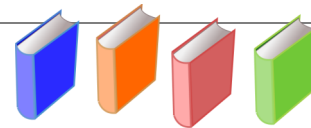
Gates installed in the enclosure need to be self-closing self-latching and must open outward (away) from the pool. If the self-latching device is located less than 54" from the bottom of the fence it must be installed on the pool side of the gate, at least 3" below the top of the gate. There can be no openings greater than ½ "within 18" of the latching device.

### What about Pool Ladders?

Where an aboveground pool structure is used as a barrier, or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure and the means of access is a ladder or steps, then there are



## Newman Riga Library



As a member of the Monroe County Library System (MCLS), the Newman Riga Library is fortunate to have many additional resources available to our patrons. I would like to call your attention to the following system-wide programs:

Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival The Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival has been a great success since 2006. This year it will be held Saturday, May 19th from 8:30am to 5:00pm at Nazareth College. There are many amazing authors that will be present including Bruce Coville, Margaret Peterson Haddix, Terry Trueman and Tamora Pierce. Check out [teenbookfest.org](http://teenbookfest.org) for more information and the full list of authors.

Rochester Reads 2018 MCLS is partnering with Writers & Books on the Rochester Reads program. The

book is *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande. It is available in eAudiobook format without any wait times until March 31st. We also have a copy here at Newman Riga.

Check out the MCLS website at [libraryweb.org](http://libraryweb.org) for other programming and resources available.

Don't forget about our in-house programs...

Toddler Storytime

Our Winter/Spring Toddler Storytime Session still runs through April 17th, with the exception of April 3rd. It is held Tuesday mornings from 10:30-11am and is open to children 18 months to 3 years.

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and finger plays!

Lego Club®

Our Lego® Club for children ages 3

and up is held on the 3rd Saturday of the each month through June. Come play and enjoy the fun of sharing your creations with others. We will provide the Legos® and Duplos®.

Remaining Club Dates

(11am-12pm):

March 17

April 21

May 19

June 16

Keep checking our website for additional programming: [newmanrigalibrary.org](http://newmanrigalibrary.org)

Winter/Spring Library Hours

M-W-F: 11am – 5pm

T-TH: 11am – 9pm

SA: 10am – 2 pm

SU: Closed



**HOURS**

**Submitted by:**

**Lynn M. Brown, Librarian**

## SWIMMING POOLS PERMITS (CONTINUES)

Specific requirements The ladder or steps shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access, or the ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier that meets the requirements of Section 105.2, items 1 through 9. When the ladder or steps are secured, locked, or removed, any opening created shall not allow passage of a 4 inch diameter sphere.



**Do I Need A Pool Alarm For The Pool?**

All swimming pools installed after December 14, 2006 require a pool alarm that sounds an alarm poolside, and at another location

on the premises, where the swimming pool is located.

It must be capable of detecting a child entering the water, and give an audible alarm when it detects entry into the water.



**Are There Electrical Requirements?**

Yes. Electrical requirements are based on the National Electrical Code/2017 Uniform Code Supplement

Please contact a qualified electrician or electrical inspection agency.

Please have a safe swimming pool season. Remember, many of the above requirements also pertain to pre-existing swimming pools on your property.

Please contact the Town of Riga Building Department - Code Enforcement Office at 293-3880 x 124 with any questions.

**Submitted by**

**Building Officials:**

**Ken Kuter and**

**Bob Panik**





## 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 in the 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 inquire whether your project will 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



## ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES PLANNED

Four local churches will join together for worship and fellowship during the coming Lenten season. The following five Thursdays at 6:30 pm, the churches will serve free Soup and Bread Suppers along with a short meditation and good fellowship.

Riga Congregational Church at Chili Riga Center Road will host the first supper on Thursday, February 22. Union UCC Church will host the second supper on Thursday, March 1st. St. Vincent DePaul Church on North Main Street will host the third supper on Thursday, March 8. United Methodist Church on W. Buffalo Street, will host the fourth supper on Thursday, March 15. Union UCC Church will host the fifth supper on Thursday, March 22. Susan Garofalo, Pastor of Riga Congregational Church, will conduct a worship service on Monday Thursday, March 29, at 7:00 pm.

Pastor Carlos Rosa-Laguer will conduct a Good Friday service on March 30 at the United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm.

Please join us in worship during this period of Lent. All services are open to the public.

### **United Congregational United Church of Christ**

Thursday, March 1 – Ecumenical Lenten Soup and Bread Supper – 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 10 - Annual Ham Dinner – 4 – 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 15 - Ecumenical Lenten Soup and Bread Supper – 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 17 – Pancake Breakfast 8-9:30 am

Sunday, March 22 – Earth Day Service and Celebration – 10:00 am

Sunday, April 1 – Special Easter Service – 10:00 am

Sunday, April 22 – Earth Day Service and Celebration - 10:00 am

Sunday, May 13 – Mother's Day Cupcake Sale after 10:00 am worship service

Sunday, May 28 – Memorial Day Breakfast for Community – 7:30 – 9:30 am

### **Churchville United Methodist Church**

24 West Buffalo Street

585-293-3282

Pastor Carlos Rosa-Laguer

Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday Evenings: Spiritual Formation 6:30 p.m. (call for information)

March 30, Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m.

March 31, Easter Desert and Pie Sale, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (or sold out)

April 1, Easter Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.

April 20 – 21 "New to You" Sale, Friday 9 – 2:00 p.m. and Saturday 9 – 12:00 p.m. (\$3.00 bag sale)

### **First Congregational Church of Riga, UCC**

#### **Calendar of Events**

March 10, 2018 Rummage Sale 7:00AM--2:00PM

March 24, 2018 Turkey Dinner 4:00PM--7:00PM

March 25, 2018 Crafting for Good 2:00PM--5:00PM

March 29, 2018 Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30PM--7:30PM

April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday Worship 10:00AM--11:00AM

April 21, 2018 Spring Craft Show 10:00AM--2:30 PM

May 12, 2018 Turkey Dinner 4:00PM--7:00PM

**SAVE THE DATES:** Spring is coming, along with opportunities to stop in at Riga Church! There's a lot

going on! Here are some highlights:

Early Spring Rummage Sale on March 10, 2018. 7:00AM to 2:00PM.

Turkey Dinners: March 24 and May 12, 2018. 4:00PM-7:00PM. Home-made Turkey Dinners with all the yummy trimmings. \$9.00 Adults \$5 Children

Spring Craft Show - April 21, 2018. 10AM-2:30PM Wonderful local vendors offering surprises for everyone! Gifts for those you love & you!

Crafting For Good - March 25, 2018. Riga Church Hosts Crafting For Good: a forming nonprofit that combines the joy of crafting and the call to serve the community. 2:00-5:00PM.

Community Maundy Thursday Worship Service at Riga Church: Thursday, March 29, 2018, beginning at 6:30PM.

Through SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Ministry), Riga Church can supply a nutritionally-balanced grocery bag of food for people in need. All requests MUST be made through the SWEM office: 585-235-4494.

You are warmly invited to join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10:00am, with fellowship immediately following. Questions? Please contact Pastor Susan. 585-293-2070 or visit our website: [www.rigachurch.org](http://www.rigachurch.org).

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Pastor Susan Garofalo**

7057 Chili Riga Center Road



## Mill Seat Wetland Preservation Complex

After completing a ten-year permitting process with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the Town of Riga, and the Army Corps. of Engineers, Mill Seat Landfill recently received all state and federal permits specific to the southern expansion and wetland creation project.

Construction of the wetland mitigation area, a roughly 195-acre parcel south of the landfill and Bovee Road, will begin late this summer. To relieve impacts to 13.4 acres of wetland and 1,500 feet of a federally protected stream in the permitted landfill footprint, 86 acres of wetlands will be created, enhanced, and protected. Forecasted work includes regrading, tree clearing, and plantings that will restore native flora and fauna to the ecosystem. These areas will remain protected in perpetuity under a conservation easement held by the Town of Riga.

The wetland preservation complex is a long-term project that will be completed in three phases: Phase I: Construction, Phase II: Restoration, Phase III: Management. The initial construction activity will involve site grading and is anticipated to take place over a three-year period.

During the restoration phase, major efforts will take place to restore, enhance, and create vegetation and biological diversity. These tasks include reducing non-native and undesirable native

vegetation species prior to seeding and planting, restoring hydrology, disking, seeding, and planting of native plant species.

The restoration will incorporate storm water management features which will protect both water quality and quantity, so that adjacent wetlands and streams will not be adversely impacted. Continued implementation of operational practices to prevent the excessive release of sediment and other materials to Hotel Creek will also help to mitigate potential water quality (turbidity) impacts. Additionally, a Proposed Stream Mitigation Plan will establish and enhance riparian buffers along approximately 1,965 linear feet of Churchville Park Tributary and Black Creek. Brew Road is proposed to close from O'Brien Road south to Bovee Road. O'Brien Road is proposed to close at the county's property line east of its intersection with Brew road. Closing O'Brien Road prior to its travel through the mapped freshwater wetland will protect the wetland community from unnecessary traffic and loitering, and will allow to remove the existing roadway embankment and culvert within the wetland, to provide a more continuous connection within wetlands.

No impacts to state protected, rare species, or natural communities are anticipated as part of, or because of,

the proposed action. In addition, no observations of other protected species, unique plant assemblages, or significant natural communities were noted.

After achieving initial vegetation and hydrology goals, the management phase will begin. Tasks during this phase will include spot herbicide treatments, remedial plantings, prescribed burning, and other approved management activities. During this phase, opportunities for long-lasting personal involvement by residents and employees in land stewardship begin. Direct involvement in site stewardship and wildlife observations can provide an important and meaningful way to engage our community in the restoration project.

The Waste Management and Monroe County team at Mill Seat Landfill look forward to a bright future in the Town of Riga.

Please direct any questions regarding this project to:

Tess Donovan  
[tdonova2@wm.com](mailto:tdonova2@wm.com)



## RECREATION NEWS

WinterFest 2018 was more like a "SpringFest" but the turnout for this annual community event at the Churchville Elementary School was a terrific success. The Churchville Lion's "World Famous" Chicken BBQ was the Main Event followed by the Kid's Carnival. The event would not be possible if not for the following organizations and individuals: The Town of Riga, the Churchville LEO Club with leaders Marty Molinari & Mary Pat Dewey, Sue Walker and the local Girl Scout troop, caricaturist Dave "Bippy" Boyer, Air Play Juggling, Air Affair Bounce House, and air brush tattoos by Arlene's Costumes. Additionally, "kudos" to the Churchville-Chili School District for facility use and their TERRIFIC kitchen/custodial staff (especially Mark & Gladys) for their graciousness and attention to the nitty-gritty details of hosting this event. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to the Churchville Lions Club for bringing the community together for this tradition.

Thanks to local resident, Courtney

Hoerner, for providing leadership in initiating an "Open" Youth Basketball program at Churchville Elementary, and with the help of the Churchville Soccer Club, the long running Riga Rec "Soccer Academy." This K-4 program was started 10 years ago by Scott Zorn. We are thrilled to have this program back after a year's hiatus!

As mentioned in the Winter Newsletter, the Town of Riga has now converted to a seasonal newsletter. Please check our recreation insert for all March-April & May programs. Jessica Hinchey, our Summer Camp Director, is now in the process of updating our Summer Recess Camp. This year's camp will return to Churchville Elementary School.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be early this year.....March 24<sup>th</sup>. Check the insert for further information. Additionally, check out the CYA and Churchville Soccer Club websites for this summer's baseball, softball, & soccer programs.

We have finalized our schedule

for the summer Village Gazebo Concert Series. This year's series will start on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> with the Jimmy Jam Band, followed by The Don Newcomb Band on July 18, The Swooners on July 25, Blue Sky on August 1, and 8 Days A Week on August 8<sup>th</sup> followed by the annual Luminaria Relay for Life right after the concert.

You may also access additional information regarding our recreational programs by going to the CCCSD "Virtual Backpack, Facebook (LIKE Riga Recreation), and the Suburban News.

For information regarding lodge rentals (Maher, Buffalo Road or the Cobblestone Hall) please call 585-293-3880 X 121 or 122.

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



## RIGA BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWS (CONTINUES)

renovations, a full set of working drawings and a site survey map may be required. The Building Department can tell you exactly what is needed.

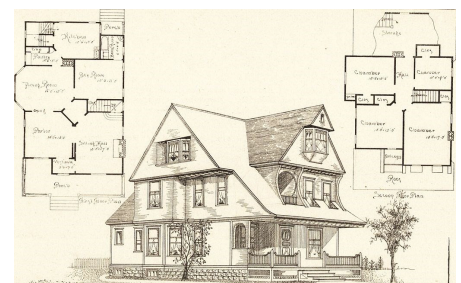
### **When is the permit complete?**

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**  
**Ken Kuter and Bob Panik**



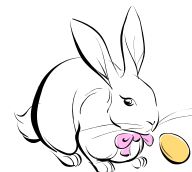


# MARCH-APRIL-MAY 2018 RECREATION PROGRAMS

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

## March

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. Mar. 24, 9:00am-3:30pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) CYA Baseball/Softball for Ages 6-15 [www.leaguelineup.com/cyabaseball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/cyabaseball)
- 3) Easter Egg Hunt 2018 March 24th at Sanford Road Park for Ages 2-5 & 6-10  
Ages 2-5 will start Hunt at 10:00am SHARP! NO Pre-Registration  
Ages 6-10 will start Hunt at 10:45am SHARP
- 4) Riga Senior Jam Sessions Thursdays 2:00-4:00pm at the Riga Town Hall
- 5) Riga/CYA Baseball-Softball Spring Training
- 6) Churchville Soccer Club.....[www.churchvillesoccerclub.com](http://www.churchvillesoccerclub.com)



## April

- 1) April -Spring Recess Programs...Bowling at Rose Garden and Gymnastics at Bright Raven
- 2) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. April 21, 9:00am-3:30pm at the Riga Town Hall
- 3) Pick Up the Parks Program at Churchville Park, Sat. April 12 9:00am-12 Noon



## May

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. May 19, 9:00am-3:30pm at Riga Town Hall
- 2) Scott's Turf/MLB "Pitch-Hit-Run", Sat. May 12 9:00am for Boys & Girls Ages 7-14  
NEW fields at Sanford Road Park...Registration at site
- 3) Riga Senior Jam Sessions, Weds. 2:00-4:00pm at Riga Town Hall
- 4) NYS Safeboating Course, Sat. May 19, 7:30am-4:30pm at Riga Town Hall
- 5) Pickleball at Churchville Park Play ANYTIME: We have supplies you may borrow.
- 6) Senior Nutrition Program at Ogden Senior Center, Mondays, 10:00am-2:00pm



**Lodge & Facility Rental:** Please call 293-3880 x121 for information  
\* \* \* Buffalo Road, Maher Lodge & Cobblestone Hall

## SCOR—SPRING NEWS YOU CAN USE

Seniors, have your calendars handy. We have some spring activities coming up.

Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, we gather at the American Legion Hall for a luncheon and meeting. Guest speaker is France' McCloskey who will share hints for "Brain Fitness": planning, personality, memory storage, decision-making and language functions.

Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> is a day trip to Seneca Niagara Casino and Buffalo's Broadway Market.

When April comes, look for the Big Spring Moon, or the Maple Moon, or the Moon When Nothing Happens.

Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, members will feast at the Legion Hall, enjoy the ham buffet, and hear of the latest American Red Cross programs and services (barring any area emergencies).

In Roman mythology, the month

of April symbolized the renewal of the cycle of life. The Romans donned colorful robes, often green in color, and decorated everything with flowers. This time of feasting was called *Florolia* and it spread throughout Europe and Britain. Soon it would be known as *May Day*.

May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Covered Wagon scheduled trip to Lancaster, Pa. to the Sight & Sound Theatre Stage presentation of "Jesus". Included in the trip is an Amish Farm House visit and family style dining.

Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> will be the regular buffet luncheon and meeting. Guest speaker is Kate Zuba of the Wegman's School of Pharmacy @ St. John Fisher College. Her topic of discussion is "opioids and opioid epidemic" that is prevalent in the news these last

months, she will share how pharmacology science courses prepare students for the future.

What is SCOR and what do we do? We are a group of senior citizens who gather monthly for lunch, table talk, information, to make new friends, and to participate on committees. We hear presentations from a variety of speakers on topics that interest seniors. We offer a variety of trips for one day or more during the year. For travel information contact Shirley Miller at 752-4109 and for SCOR gatherings contact any member. Our brochure is also available at the Village of Churchville office and the Town of Riga offices.

**Submitted by:  
Dolores Perry,  
Publicity for SCOR  
293-1819**



## RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

With SPRING just around the corner, we are making plans for the work to be done at Riga Cemetery. We are pleased with the improvements that have been accomplished during 2017 and look forward to continuing this year. Our biggest and most ambitious project is planting trees in the south section of the cemetery. We are trying to raise funds so that we can purchase 10-15 trees, probably Red Bud or Flowering Crab to enhance the attractiveness of the cemetery. If you have loved ones in the cemetery, this is an opportunity to provide a lasting tribute to their memory. Remember, your donation, in any amount, is tax

deductible. Have you ever wondered about the name of the street or road you live on—Betteridge, Johnson, Parnell, Griffin? If you walk around Riga Cemetery, you might find the final resting place of YOUR namesake. Was Churchville named for all the churches in town? NO! The Church Brothers are in our cemetery. How about Hutton Circle? Did you know that Charles & Maxine Hutton lived on a farm just north of Village Park. The man who built 41 homes on Hutton Circle, Buddy Filowick, is buried in the south section? This small rural cemetery is full of the history of "Our Town". We invite you to

come to the cemetery, walk around, and learn. You are also WELCOME to attend the annual meeting held on the 1st Tuesday in May in the Town of Riga community room. Watch for the notice in the Penny Saver. Donations and volunteers are greatly appreciated. Contact John Loser, President, at 538-2951, or Eleanor Filowick, VP at 303-4638 with questions, comments, or to volunteer.

**Submitted by:  
Eleanor R. Filowick  
Riga Cemetery  
Association**



## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **March**

- 2 & 16 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 8 Annual Chamber Awards Dinner
- 13 SCOR Luncheon—Legion
- 24 RIGA EASTER EGG HUNT
- 26 SCOR Senior Day Trip to Seneca Niagara Casino

### **April**

- 9 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 10 SCOR Luncheon—Legion
- 16 Start of Brush Pickup in Town of Riga
- 6 & 20 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion

### **May**

- 1 & 2 SCOR trip—Covered Wagon trip to Lancaster PA
- 8 SCOR Luncheon—Legion
- 4 & 18 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 19 Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival—Nazareth College
- 28 Town Hall Closed—Memorial Day
- 28 Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade



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:**

**Town of Riga Newsletter**

**6460 Buffalo Road**

**Churchville, NY 14428**

**Fax 585-293-1917 or [townclerk@townofriga.org](mailto:townclerk@townofriga.org)**



### **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**

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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.



## **RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE**

**Monday, April 9th 2018  
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 16th  
you are eligible to donate.  
Walk-ins are also welcome!! Please Bring ID!

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