

TOWN OF RIGA

NEWSLETTER

Riga Town Board Members

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**Jun/Jul/Aug
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Supervisor's Report

Approximately 136 acres of land adjacent to the Churchville-Chili Central School District (CCCSO) on Buffalo Road has been sold to the CCCSO. The purchase was approved by district voters as part of the 2018-2019 school budget vote held May 15th. The land was the subject of a proposed housing development (Embling Heights Subdivision) that was before the Riga Town Planning Board. As a result of the sale, the proposed subdivision will not go forward.

Work to demolish the house on Town owned property located at 651 Churchville Riga Road has begun. Asbestos abatement has been completed, and demolition work is scheduled to be done shortly. Removing the house gives the Town more options on how to best use the lot, as we continue to improve Sanford Road Park. The lot abuts Sanford Road Park.

With warmer, summer-like weather upon us, many of us will spend more time outdoors. One outdoor concern to be aware of is the litany of invasive species that have been brought into our local environment. Giant hogweed, kudzu plant, emerald ash borer, deer ticks that cause Lyme Disease, and many others can cause great harm. Monroe County's Cornell Cooperative Extension and NYS Department of Environmental

Conservation can help with identification and guidance if you think there might be an invasive species on your property.

The Town of Riga's Planning Board has an opening available for a Planning Board alternate member. The alternate member fills in for regular Planning Board members who are unable to attend a Planning Board meeting. If interested, please contact me by phone or email (bobrocta@townofriga.org).

Riga Recreation's summer camp begins June 25th and runs through August 3rd. Summer camp is open to children entering kindergarten through 8th grade. Registration forms are available on our website. For more information please go to www.townofriga.com/recreation.

The Lion's Club Country Fair will be held August 18th and 19th. It is a wonderful event and we hope to see you there! Also, be sure to attend the concerts at the gazebo in the Village. Concerts are every Wednesday from July 11th through Aug. 15th.

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

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



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The Infamous “Year Without a Summer”

We all realize that this past spring has been extremely cool and wet but how would you like a summer where the formation of frost, ice and accumulation of snow was a common occurrence. This actually occurred in 1816, just some ten years after the first pioneers settled in this area. It was called the “eighteen hundred and froze to death” or simply the “year without summer.” The following is an account of that event, printed in 1907 by the Batavia Times Newspaper, as told by a resident of the Village of Churchville whose family had in their possession a diary that detailed that occurrence.

“This a good time to recall a summer when the iceman found his occupation gone and when

blazing fires and winter wraps were a necessity. Miss Minerva Nicholls, an elderly lady of North Main Street, of this Village, says that such a summer was that of 1816.

The sun's rays that summer seemed to be destitute of heat and all nature was clad in sable hue. Men and women became frightened and imagined that the heat of the sun had become exhausted and that the world would soon come to an end. Ministers took the phenomena for the text of their services, while fanatics took advantage of the occasion to form religious organizations.

January of 1816 was mild, so mild indeed that people allowed their fires to go out. A severe cold

snap came in February, but soon passed away. March had no unusual high temperature. April was the advance guard of the strange freak in temperature. The early days were warm and bright but as the month lengthened the cold increased, until at the end there was an abundance of ice and snow, with a very low temperature.

To those who delighted in balmy days and loved to watch the budding flowers, May 1816, was a bitter disappointment. True buds came out, but so did the frost and in one night laid all vegetation a blackened waste. Corn was killed and the fields had to be made ready for another planting. Ice of the thickness of half an inch formed on Black Creek.

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Harvey C. Noone Legion News

Founded by Patriots Our Rich Heritage of Patriotism Continues

Settled by soldiers who served under General Washington during the Revolutionary War, patriotism was one of the principals Riga was founded upon. This heritage continues and is visible around our community.

Have you noticed the banners at the four corners? As our community honors the 100th Anniversary of the death, during WWI, of Private Harvey C. Noone, the Town and Village purchased these banners.

Where the Westshore Rail Trail intersects Richmond Avenue, for

its 2018 Arbor Day planting, the Village planted an oak honoring Harvey. Directly South is where Richmond Park, named after Civil War Major Henry Richmond, was once located. By the flagpole at Churchville Elementary there is a Memorial Stone honoring the teachers and pupils who fought in WWII. The ten who died are listed and, along the driveway, there is a red maple honoring each of them.

All are reminders that freedom is not free; it is purchased by those who defend us.

God Bless America and Happy 4th of July,

Submitted by:

Gil Budd, Commander

EUCHRE

Harvey C. Noone Legion:



June 15, 2018

Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

July 20, 2018

Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

August 17, 2018

Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion



RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Winter finally ended Sunday April 29

with a wet accumulation on grass and roofs. After taking down snow fence the week before, and removing most salt spreaders and plow equipment, we were up at 4 AM checking roads and bridges as the temperature had fallen to 33 degrees with moderate snow falling. Thankfully we did not need to spread more salt on the roads. With 120.5 inches of snow for the season, being about 20" above average. A normal season's total is 99 inches. We have been very ready for spring and summer. Salt usage over the last many years:

2018....2200 tons, 2017....2099 tons, 2016....1114 tons, 2015....2100 tons, 2014....2451 tons, 2013....1294 tons, 2012....1024 tons, 2011....1058 tons, 2010....1755 tons.



Fall Brush pickup

This is planned for the week of October 15th. Please have brush out to the roadside before that date. We will make one trip down each road and cannot make return trips after we have been down your road. We will again be bulk handling the piles of brush, loading on our dump trucks with a rented prentice loader. Construction materials, boulders, and concrete will not be picked up with the brush. If you have materials other than brush to be picked up please call a disposal company for those materials. *If you are a landowner and don't care to drag brush to the roadside, consider making brush piles for wildlife and return organic matter back to the soil. There are great*

resources on the internet for additional details.

Purpose

The purpose of the Riga Highway Department is to provide efficient roadways for transportation for our residents and users of our Town's roadways. We continually seek to improve service to our residents in a cost-effective manner and within budget. If you notice a road condition that needs attention please call the highway office 293-2530. As we endeavor to maintain and preserve quality roadway surfaces, the following Town and county roads are slated for work this summer.

Planned Town Roadwork for 2018

Please note that project dates have not yet been scheduled.

Kendall, South Sanford, Sheridan, Fairbanks Roads –Chip Seal surface treatment.



Chili Riga Townline.

In-place recycle with added stone to improve the base, and drainage jointly

with Town of Chili. Chip seal will take place in the next weeks to seal water out and provide wear surface.

South Johnson Road- We plan to bring the road to the standard width as funding allows. This 1.9-mile-long road will take a few years to complete. We will work on a section at a time to improve the road.

Bridge NY- A funding program to improve county and town road bridges, and culverts is available. Riga has submitted an application to the State DOT for the **Percy Road** culvert replacement at the south Onion Creek crossing. The application has been submitted and

we are awaiting notification from NYSDOT. Work will likely occur in 2019.

Monroe County DOT Road projects for this summer:

Palmer Road, Robertson Road, Attridge Road, and Bridgeman Road, to be chip sealed.

Malloch Road- paving from 33A south to Bridgeman Road.

Griffin Road- From 36 to Palmer, mill and fill, prep for 2019 chip seal. Box culvert replacement at Hotel Creek is scheduled for 2019.

Note; All Town and County projects listed above are tentative, subject to budget approvals and priority of other work, weather emergencies, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Shared Services

between towns happens on most summer road projects. You will often see Ogden, Chili, Sweden, Clarkson, Rush, Parma, Wheatland, Churchville, and Spencerport trucks and equipment working in Riga, helping with County and Town road projects. We also provide equipment to surrounding towns and the Village for County work, as well as town roadwork, requiring more manpower, equipment and trucking then we can provide. We work together to complete projects in a timely and cost-effective manner. There has been a push by the Governor's office toward consolidation of services and elimination of smaller governments, such as villages. The Town of Riga and surrounding towns and villages have been working together diligently to save taxpayers' dollars for many years.

Submitted by:
David Smith,
Highway
Superintendent



Star Exemptions

The BASIC STAR exemption will be \$30,000 of assessed value, and the ENHANCED STAR will be \$66,800 of assessed value. *Please note that due to the 2% limit on STAR savings increases, the savings on your individual tax bill may not reflect the entire value of the certified STAR exemption.*

Breakdown of STAR savings by school district:

	Basic	Enhanced
Byron-Bergen	\$713	\$1,549
Caledonia-Mumford	\$567	\$1,191
Churchville-Chili	\$732	\$1,567

If a husband and wife, or siblings, own a property together and at least one of them is 65 and is a resident property owner, you may be eligible. For those who are currently Enhanced STAR recipients, renewal notices will be sent to you at a future date.

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

On the state's Office of Real Property Services website, www.tax.ny.gov, you will see that the maximum income to be eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption, for the 2018-2019 school year, is

Submitted by:
Lori Frongetta
Assessor



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Finally! Spring has sprung! It was an extremely long winter, so we are all basking in the change to more seasonable weather. Our annual Chamber Awards Dinner was held on March 8th. It was a lovely evening as we celebrated this year's honorees. Citizen of the Year was Mayor Nancy Steedman; Business Person of the Year was Dwayne Berg, owner of Dwayne's Barber Shop. The Beautification Award went to Paul Thompson, owner of Thompson Builds, Inc. Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year was Joan Hawthorne.

The Chamber has been busy planning activities for 2018. Our annual golf tournament is once again on the agenda. The date will be Monday July 23rd. More details to follow as they become available. We are hoping to organ-

ize a Holiday Home Tour for December 8th. We would like to showcase some of the historical, notably festive, or decorative homes in the Churchville/Riga area. The funds raised from ticket sales will go to the Make a Wish Foundation.

The Annual Youth Hall of Fame awards was held at the Village Offices on May 14th. This year's inductee was Chandler Scott.



As always, the Chamber welcomes new members and new ideas from our community. Please consider joining us at one of our meetings or functions. The Chamber meets the second Thursday of each month at the Johnson House, September through May. Information on membership can be found on our website:

www.churchvillechamber.org

Submitted by:
Joan Hawthorne
Chamber President



Fire Safety

GAS GRILLS

SAFETY CHECKS FOR THE GRILL

At least once every year, check the Venturi tube for blockage by insects, spiders, or food drippings. Clear any blockage, either with a pipe cleaner or with a wire. Push any blockages through the tube to the main part of the burner.

Check the grill's hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there aren't sharp bends in the hose or tubing.

Make sure hoses are as far away from the hot surface as possible. Make sure to keep hoses away from areas where grease could drip on them. If you can't move hoses, have a heat shield installed.

Check for liquid propane gas leaks whenever you reconnect the grill to the liquid propane gas container or if you smell gas. To check for leaks, open the liquid propane gas supply valve fully, and apply a soapy solution (one part water, one part liquid detergent) with a brush at connection points. If bubbles appear, there is a leak. Turn off the liquid propane gas and tighten the connection. If this does not stop the leak, close the container valve, and take the grill to your liquid propane gas dealer or a qualified appliance repair person.

If a leak is detected, don't attempt to light the grill until the leak has been repaired. If you are using the grill, turn off the liquid propane gas.

TIPS FOR SAFE GRILL USE

Make sure there are no lighted

cigarettes, matches, or open flames near a leaking grill.

Never use a grill indoors due to carbon monoxide (CO) and fire hazards. And use the grill at least 10 feet away from your house or any building. Do not use the grill in a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, or under a surface that will burn.

Always follow the instructions that accompany the grill.

Never leave a grill unattended.

Keep children away from the grill. The outside surface of the grill can get hot and burn when touched.

Keep a kitchen fire extinguisher nearby.

If the grill's flame goes out, turn off the gas supply at the propane tank. Propane gas can build up underneath the grill racks and pose a dangerous explosion hazard. Open the grill lid and wait at least 5 to 10 minutes for the gas to dissipate before restarting the grill.

Liquid Propane GAS CONTAINER TIPS

When Storing:

Always keep containers upright.

Never store a spare liquid propane gas container under or near the grill.

Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill.

Never use or store an liquid propane gas container indoors.

When Transporting:

Transport the container in a

secure, upright position.

Never keep a filled container in a hot car or car trunk.

When Refilling:

Have the container refilled only by your liquid propane gas dealer or by a qualified service station operator. **DO NOT FILL THE CONTAINER YOURSELF.** Consider using a cylinder exchange.

When Connecting:

Remove the container valve plug from the container valve.

Thread the container connector securely into the container valve outlet (turn counterclockwise).

Tighten, but do not use excessive force.

After connected, check for leaks.

When Disconnecting:

Before disconnection, turn off the grill's burner and container valve.

Disconnect the container (turn clockwise).

Place the container valve plug securely into the container valve outlet.

TIPS FOR PURCHASING A GRILL OR LP GAS CONTAINER

Buy grills and containers that bear the mark of a nationally-recognized testing laboratory.

Submitted by:

**Building Inspectors
Bob Panik and
Ken Kuter**



The Infamous “Year Without a Summer” (continued)

June the month of roses, was a month of ice and desolation. The oldest inhabitant was surprised, for never before had the thermometer sunk so low in these latitudes in the last month of spring. Frost, ice and snow were common. Almost every green thing that had taken advantage of a few warm days to develop was killed, and various kinds of fruit were nearly all destroyed. One day snow fell to a depth of three inches.

July was accompanied by frost and ice. Those who celebrated the Glorious Fourth, not wisely but too well, found an abundance of ice handy for immediate use the next morning. It was not very thick, not more than one sixteen of an inch, but it was ice and it caused the good people of this vicinity to look grave. That month Indian corn was destroyed in all but the most favored locations, only a small quantity escaped.

Surely, August would bring an end to such cold weather, but the farmers were doomed to disappointment. The midsummer month was, if possible, more cheerless than the days that had already passed. Ice formed even thicker than it had the month before and corn was so badly frozen that it was cut for fodder. Almost every green plant was

frozen.

What little corn ripened in the unexposed states was worth almost its weight in silver. Farmers were compelled to provide themselves with corn grown in 1815 for the seed they used in the spring of 1817. The seed cost \$5.00 per bushel.

The last month of summer ushered in bright and warm weather and for two weeks the now almost frozen people began to thaw out. It was the mildest weather of the year, but just as the inhabitants began to appreciate it old Boreas and Jack Frost came along and whitened and hardened everything in their path. On the 16th ice formed a quarter of an inch thick and winter clothing that had been laid away for a few days was again brought forth and wrapped around shivering humanity.

By this time the people had given up all hope of again seeing the flowers bloom or hearing the birds sing, and began to prepare for a hard winter. October kept up the reputation of its predecessors, as there was scarcely a day that the thermometer registered higher than 30 degrees. November was also extremely cold. Sleighing was good the first week of the month, but strange to relate,

December was the mildest month of the entire year, a condition which led many to believe that the seasons had changed about.

Of course, this cold spell sent breadstuffs to an unheard-of price, and it was impossible to obtain for table use many of the common vegetables, as they were required for seed. Flour sold in 1817 in the cities for \$13.00 per barrel and the average price of wheat in England was 97 shillings per quarter.”

It is hard to believe this story, but it is well documented in the annuals of history. The cause of this incident was mainly due to an 1815 volcanic eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia. The eruption released an estimated 150 cubic kilometers of ash into the upper atmosphere or about 150 times more than the 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens. At its peak of activity, the volcano had lost about 4,200 ft. of its 13,00-ft. height and about 92,000 people lost their lives in the immediate vicinity.

**Submitted by:
Ron Belczak
Historian**



GO CHRISTIAN CHURCH FREE FOOD PANTRY

Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:00

We are happy to have the opportunity to make available a wide selection of items due to the very generous contributions of local vendors. We offer bakery items, frozen vegetables, fresh produce, and much more. The items are free.

22 South Main Street

Village of Churchville

585-454-9152

Overheated Clothes Dryers Can Cause Fires

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that in just one year, clothes dryers were associated with 15,600 fires, which resulted in 20 deaths and 370 injuries. Fires can occur when lint builds up in the dryer or in the exhaust duct. Lint can block the flow of air, cause excessive heat build-up, and result in a fire in some dryers.

Unfortunately we have seen an increase in clothes dryers being the cause of a structure fire in the Town of Riga, please review the following information and make the appropriate changes to help prevent future loss.

To help prevent fires:

- Clean the lint screen/filter before or after drying each load of clothes. If clothing is still damp at the end of a typical drying cycle or drying requires longer times than normal, this may be a sign that the lint screen or the exhaust duct

is blocked.

- Clean the dryer vent and exhaust duct periodically. Check the outside dryer vent while the dryer is operating to make sure exhaust air is escaping. If it is not, the vent or the exhaust duct may be blocked. To remove a blockage in the exhaust path, it may be necessary to disconnect the exhaust duct from the dryer. Remember to reconnect the ducting to the dryer and outside vent before using the dryer again.

Clean behind the dryer, where lint can build up. Have a qualified service person clean the interior of the dryer chassis periodically to minimize the amount of lint accumulation. Keep the area around the dryer clean and free of clutter.

- Replace plastic or foil, accordion-type ducting material with rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct. Most manufacturers specify the use of a rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct, which pro-

vides maximum airflow. The flexible plastic or foil type duct can more easily trap lint and is more susceptible to kinks or crushing, which can greatly reduce the airflow.

Take special care when drying clothes that have been soiled with volatile chemicals such as gasoline, cooking oils, cleaning agents, or finishing oils and stains. If possible, wash the clothing more than once to minimize the amount of volatile chemicals on the clothes and, preferably, hang the clothes to dry. If using a dryer, use the lowest heat setting and a drying cycle that has a cool-down period at the end of the cycle. To prevent clothes from igniting after drying, do not leave the dried clothes in the dryer or piled in a laundry basket.

Submitted by:

**Building Inspectors
Bob Panik and Ken Kuter**

Do you know how to “recycle right” in Monroe County? First, it’s important that all materials are clean, dry and empty (no liquids or food remaining!). Recycle items by shape including bottles, cans, tubs, cartons, paper and cardboard in your curbside bin. You no longer need to remove caps. After emptying bottles, reattach caps and lids, and toss them in the recycle bin together. For a full list of what is acceptable visit www.monroecounty.gov/recycling.

Some summer items that should NOT be placed in curbside recycling bins include:

Hoses- garden hoses, ropes, cords, chains, plastic bags and other “tangles” wrap around screening equipment at the recycling center, causing equipment failure and downtime while operators work to dislodge the obstruction. These items should be disposed in the garbage if no other reuse option is available.

Propane tanks- while 20 pound propane tanks can be refilled and reused, 1 pound propane tanks are often placed at the curb for pick-up with gas still inside, creating an environmental and safety risk when they reach the recycling center. Empty propane tanks should be brought to the ecopark for safe recycling. Please visit www.ecoparkmcny.com.





Newman Riga Library



HOURS

Annual Book Sale and Basket Raffle

Our annual book sale will start in conjunction with the Union Church Strawberry Social Event on Thursday, June 7th at 4pm and will continue through Saturday, June 9th. Keep an eye open for special deals each day of the book sale.

Our basket raffle ticket sale started May 1st with tickets at \$5 or 3 for \$10. The drawing will be held on the last day of the book sale (winner need not be present.)

Book Sale Dates:

Thursday, June 7th (4-8 pm)
Friday, June 8th (11-5 pm)
Saturday, June 9th (10-2pm)

"Libraries Rock!" Summer Reading Program

This year's summer reading theme is "Libraries Rock!" and will run from June 25 through August 9. We have games for everybody! Adults, young adults, middle school, elementary school, pre-school—come in this summer and play for prizes, both big and small. As in previous years, preschoolers and elementary school-aged children will get a task-oriented game board; adults and young adult readers will play a self-directed game. Please visit

the library for more information. Registration will begin on June 25.

Programming for the summer includes some old friends and some new ones. At long last, the Happy Pirates are coming for a musical afternoon of pirate fun. Hello Cello and Adventures in Chemistry are also on the schedule. A special treat is a visit from master storyteller Bill Iveson. Dates and times are listed below.

Schedule of Summer Reading Programming:

June 26th at 3pm: The Happy Pirates

July 3rd at 3pm: Movie! Movie! (Title TBD)

July 10th at 3pm: K9 Demonstration with U.S. Border Patrol Office Milo Durand

July 12th at 3pm: Storyteller Bill Iveson

July 17th at 3pm: Hello Cello with Adele Mockevicius

July 24th at 3pm: Adventures in Chemistry

July 31st at 3pm: Make a Musical Instrument

Aug 9th at 3pm: End of Game Bagel Party for Game Players

Library Hours:

Please remember the library closes on Saturdays during the summer months.

M-W-F: 11am – 5pm

T-TH: 11am – 9pm

SA: 10am – 2pm (closed Saturdays June 16th - September 8th)

SU: Closed

Library Services:

Photocopying \$.20 image

Printing (black and white) \$.20 page

Printing (color) \$.50 page

Fax \$1.00 (1st page)/ \$.50 remaining

Check our website for additional library information:

www.newmanrigalibrary.org

Submitted by:

Lynn M. Brown, Librarian



Strawberry Social at Union United Church of Christ

On Thursday, June 7, Union Church will hold their annual Strawberry Social.

They begin serving at 4:30 pm and end at 7 pm. Not only will they offer strawberries, ice cream and hot fudge topping over home-made biscuits, brownies, or angel-food cake, but you can also purchase delicious hot dogs and soft drinks.

This is a rain or shine event and is held in conjunction with the Newman-Riga Library Book Sale. Come and invite your friends to enjoy these community events.



LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

United Congregational United Church of Christ

Musical Vacation Bible School

It's not too early to enroll your child in Vacation Bible School to be held at Union Congregational United Church of Christ in Churchville. Children, ages 3 (toilet-trained) through students entering grade 6 are welcome.. It will begin on Monday, August 6 and end with a final performance by the children on Friday, August 10. The program will run from 9:00am to 12:00 noon each day and the performance is scheduled for Friday at 7 pm. The churches of Churchville will join to make this an exceptionally good week for your children. The musical "Life of the Party" will be directed by Steve Valvano. Each day will be spent learning the background of the Bible story of Mary and Martha and rehearsing the musical. Cheryl Valvano, Kathy Kuntz and others will provide fun activities and learning experiences for the children. Already a number of children have been registered. Please call Cheryl Valvano at 585-802-8850 for registration or if you have any questions. This opportunity is made available for your children at no cost. Registration forms will also be available at the Strawberry Social and the Library Book Sale. Volunteers and aides are needed. Teens and adults interested in helping, please call Cheryl Valvano. We all look forward to a wonderful week together August 6-10.

Strawberry Social Info on bottom of page 8



Churchville United Methodist Church

24 West Buffalo Street

585-293-3282

It is with great pleasure that Churchville United Methodist Church would like to share the wonderful news of our newly appointed Pastor Meg Morin. As of July 1st 2018 Pastor Meg will be serving



CUMC along with the community of Churchville and our surrounding neighbors. Pastor Meg Morin is coming to us from Brockport United Methodist Church. We are very excited to have her as a passionate, energetic, and authentic teacher of the ministry of Jesus Christ. CUMC will be having a welcoming get together this July. There will be a poster on the board at ANG and the post office giving details about this soon. All are welcome! Come and help celebrate this new chapter in Pastor Megs and CUMC's journey to serve God.

It is also with great joy we share the news of our current Pastor Carlos Rosa Laguer. Bishop Mark Webb has appointed Pastor Carlos to oversee all the Hispanic ministries in the Upper New York Conference and will be the United Methodist Churches Superintendent of the Niagara District. We will miss him at CUMC but are very excited for him at the same time. We have been very blessed to of had our time with Pastor Carlos.

The annual Michigan and Chicago Hots dinners will be held on Wednesdays, July 11th, and August 8th. Eat in, or take out from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. or sold out. Menu includes your choice of Michigan or Chicago hots, mac salad, chips, pickles, beverage and dessert. \$7 adults, \$4 for children 6-12 yrs., under 5 yrs. are free. Call 293-3282 for take outs.



First Congregational Church of Riga, UCC

7057 Chili Riga Center Road
Mark Your Calendars!!

July 19, 2018: 'Meet Your Neighbor' Community Event at Riga

Church! From 4:00PM-7:00PM

Please join us for a meet and greet of the neighbors and friends of the Riga/Churchville area. This is a FREE event. It is an opportunity for the members of our community to come together, and for our local civic groups and businesses to highlight the products and services that they provide.

Civic Groups and Businesses: Tables will be provided for you to display your promotional materials and samples of your goods, as applicable. There is NO COST involved, but please reserve your table space by June 19, 2018 through one of the methods noted below. Bring your flyers, your business cards and any samples of the services you provide. (Please note that no actual sales will be permitted at the event). All we ask is that you promote this event within your organizations. Every wins when we work together!

Members of the Riga/Churchville Community: Come prepared on July 19, 2018 to 'Meet Your Neighbor'. Bring a friend and meet a friend! Visit with representatives of our local civic groups/businesses and other members of our community, while enjoying warm hospitality and refreshments. Compliments of Riga Church. No Reservations Required.

Contact Tim at 585-293-2777 or the Riga Church Office at 585-293-2070 for more information or to register (civic groups and businesses). Again, registrations should be in by June 19, 2018.

'Meet Your Neighbor' - Hosted by Riga Church. Participation is at the discretion of Riga Church.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Open House

GREEN ENERGY

RESPONSIBLE • RENEWABLE

OPEN HOUSE

MILL SEAT LANDFILL
JULY 26TH, 3-7 PM



Food & Games • Bus Tours • WM Trucks

Information Fair • Guided Nature Walks

303 Brew Road • Bergen, NY 14416

www.millseatlandfill.wm.com

Open House

HELP WANTED

The Town of Riga seeks candidates for a clerical position for the Town Clerks Office and Assessor's Office. Part Time (up to 16 hours a week). Excellent administrative, organizational, phone and people skills required. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, and Excel.

Must be able to multi-task and be flexible.

The Town of Riga is an Equal Opportunity Employer. A copy of the job description/duties is available at the Town Hall.

Resumes will be received through June 15th, 2018.



DROP BOX



American Red Cross

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.

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.

Submitted by:

Kimberly Pape, Town Clerk



RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE'S

**Monday, June 4th 2018 &
Monday July 30th 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.

Walk-ins are also welcome!!

Please Bring ID!

1-800-GIVE-LIFE donatebloodnow.org

MILL SEAT LANDFILL OPEN HOUSE 2018

Once again, Waste Management will open its doors this summer for its annual Open House event, taking place at the Mill Seat Landfill on Thursday, July 26th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Bus tours of the facility and an information fair provide insight on how the landfill operates from construction and design to renewable energy production and wildlife habitat conservation.

Typically, over 1,000 attendees visit Waste Management's Open House events, which are free and open to the public, each year.

In addition to tours, there are also games, food, Waste Management trucks, and other equipment on display.

This year's event will have a special focus on Green Energy. Today's modern, engineered landfill is an environmentally sound system for waste disposal.

Landfills offer a clean, renewable energy resource that is generated continuously through the decomposition of the waste.

This resource is known as landfill gas.

The Mill Seat Renewable

Energy Facility generates enough power to nearly 6,000 homes.

For more information, call 585-494-3000, or email Tess Donovan at tdonova2@wm.com.

(See Flyer on Previous Page)

RECREATION NEWS

As the summer season is finally upon us (although it does not seem like it at times) we hope that you take full advantage of all the outdoor opportunities that the Town of Riga and Village of Churchville have to offer: Churchville Park, with its many different activities from kayaking, walking trails, disc golf, tennis, pickleball, golf, soccer and our own parks at Sanford and Buffalo Roads. There is something for everyone!

Our popular Riga Summer Camp will return to the Churchville Elementary School. Jessica Hinchey returns with her veteran staff eager to start with many daily activities, along with occasional field trips. Registration forms can still be found online as well as hardcopies in the offices of the Town and Village, as well as the

Riga Newman Library.

The Churchville Soccer Club, CYA Baseball/Softball, and the Churchville-Chili Lacrosse Club have started their respective seasons. The Town of Riga repurposed the two former baseball fields to accommodate softball. R&M Landscaping did a terrific job on making these fields into a playing surface that is safe and looks GREAT! A third field to house the ever expanding program is planned soon.

In addition, we did secure a grant to construct a pickleball venue in Riga. Initially, the plan was to install at the Sanford Road Park but after review it was deemed a better fit to install it at the Buffalo Road Park near the playground and basketball court. We are now in the process of collecting bids for the construction with a 2019

anticipated completion date.

Please check the Summer Recreation Program list to see the June-July and August offerings. If you see or hear of some new activities that would be of interest to the community, do not hesitate to contact this office and we'll do our best to get them included. We have some new offerings this summer. Please call the office for further information.

Submitted By:
Dave Thomas,
Recreation Supervisor



LIONS CLUB CORNER

HERE COMES THE FAIR! This year's Lion's Country Fair is scheduled for August 18th and 19th. It will kick off with the parade on Saturday honoring the 100th anniversary of the American Legion Post. Anyone interested in participating in the parade can contact Lion Barry Nobles @ 478-5819. Along with the monster tractor pulls and antique tractors obstacle course, the fair will also include an extrication demonstration by the CHURCHVILLE FIRE DEPT, the music of INSIDE OUT, RUBY SHOOZ, and JOHNNY BAUER. Of course, we will also have the clambake, fireworks, kid zone, auction tent, and chicken BBQ, along with all the food and craft vendors. THE LEO CLUB will hold its annual Luminarias Ceremony on

August 8th with the entertainment from EIGHT DAYS A WEEK. Their car wash is scheduled for August 11th @ the Kwik Fill in North Chili. Proceeds from both of these events will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Submitted by:
Debbie Landers, Lions Club

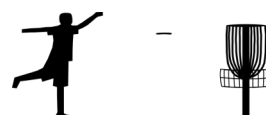
JUNE-JULY-AUGUST 2018 RECREATION PROGRAMS

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

June



- 1) *Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. June 23rd, 9:00am-3:30pm Riga Town Hall*
- 2) *Riga Summer Camp at Churchville Elementary School starts June 25th and ends August 3rd.....Call Rec. Office for additional information*
- 3) *Senior Nutrition Program at Ogden Senior Center, Mondays 9:30am 1:00pm*
- 4) *CYA Baseball/Softball and Churchville Soccer Club Programs....Call for info*
- 5) *Play Disc Golf at Churchville Park.....we give FREE lessons!!!!*
- 6) *Pickleball/Tennis at the Park.....Play ANYTIME at Churchville Park.....we have equipment you can borrow!!*
- 7) *Empire State "Senior" Games at SUNY Cortland...June 9-16....There is a competitive activity for YOU!!! Call Rec. Office for details*



July

- 1) *Concerts at the Village Gazebo.....6:30-8:00pm "Rain or Shine"*
7/11.. Jimmy Jam Band 7/18...Don Newcomb Band 7/25..The Swooners
8/1...Blue Sky 8/8....8 Days A Week 8/15.....Just 4 Fun
- 2) *Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. July 14th, 9:00am-3:30pm at the Riga Town Hall*
- 3) *"Meet Your Neighbors Community Event" at the Riga Church, 7057 Chili-Riga Center Road....4:00-7:00pm*
- 4) *"HORSESHOES Anyone"? Play this exciting game at the Irondequoit Town Hall*
For additional information call: Dick Dowling (671-0342) or Jim Mabellis (323-2577)



August

- 1) *Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. Aug. 11th, 9:00am-3:30pm at Riga Town Hall*
- 2) *Monroe County Girl's Sports Festival @ Frontier Field, Noon to 5:00pm FREE!!*
- 3) *Gazebo Concert Series continues.....see above schedule....*



Lodge & Facility Rental: Please call 293-3880 x121 for information

* * * Buffalo Road, Maher Lodge & Cobblestone Hall

SCOR

"June is bustin' out all over" is a quote and song from Oscar Hammerstein II musical Carousel.

June is the month of iced tea, romance and marriage, flag day and the "poppy".

Red poppies are a symbol of pleasure, sacrifice and remembrance. So too are "Peace Gardens".

On June 12th, members of SCOR gather for lunch and a presentation by Paula Savage on Peace Gardens. A botanical

garden is created to commemorate the end of a conflict or as an expression of commitment to peace. Locally, the "Butterfly Bench" and tour of the Batavia Peace Garden near Tonawanda Creek is a favorite.

July is busy time for picnics and celebrations. A trip for members is planned for Tuesday, July 3rd to Thursday, July 5th on Covered Wagon tour bus to the "Signs, Stripes and Fireworks on the Hudson". On July 10th, we picnic at the Sanford Road Lodge for food and games.

August is our NO meeting month, but members will travel to Auburn, NY, to the Merry-Go-Round playhouse for Irving Berlin musical "Holiday Inn" and then dine at Springside Inn.

We will look forward to gathering on September 11th at the American Legion Hall for the free lunch and a presentation about Harvey C. Noone who is the namesake of the Legion Post in

Churchville. This is the "anniversary year" of Harvey Noone who was killed in combat in France in WWI.

For more details about SCOR and our offerings for seniors, contact President Verna Linney at 293-9068 or any SCOR member. For trip information contact Shirley Miller at 752-4109. A brochure is available at the Village Office of the Town Hall of Riga.

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



RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

The annual meeting of Riga Cemetery Association was held on May 1st at the Riga Town Offices in the Community Room. The board regrettably accepted the resignation of the Secretary-Treasurer, Julie Eckrich, due to family obligations. Julie did a great job, was an asset to the board and will be missed. Our newest board member, Bonnie Loser, agreed to take the position. The President has been digitizing the cemetery records and, to date, has records from 2018 to 1997 accomplished. This is difficult, time consuming work and the board appreciates the efforts it takes to get these records updated for the future. Last year, we were able to have the building painted and a metal roof installed. We also worked on straightening and repairing some

of the headstones in the oldest section of the cemetery. We have contacted Bob Leonard, owner of McGee Monuments in Rochester, and a Riga resident, for help and advice on this project. Plans for this year include: continue updating the records, develop a map of the cemetery, improve the driveway by adding gravel, and adding plantings to the north side of the cemetery property. Our long term plan includes planting trees in the south section. Currently, we have donations totaling \$400 in the Tree Planting Fund. If you would like to donate to the tree fund in memory of a loved one, you can send your tax deductible donation, of any amount, to the Riga Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 527, Churchville, 14428. Yes, we finally got a Post Office Box.

We encourage you to visit Riga Cemetery to see the progress being made to preserve this historic cemetery for future generations. If you are interested, we would be happy to have you volunteer to help with this work. Any suggestions or comments regarding improvements are welcome. Remember, we have discounted rates for veterans, fire-fighters, and EMT's. Respectfully submitted, Eleanor R. Filowick, VP

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



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

June

- 4 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 7 UCUC—Strawberry Social 4-6 pm in conjunction with Library Book Sale
- 10 UCUC—Youth Sunday – special performance by youth
- 12 SCOR Lunch
- 15 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 16 UCUC—Pancake Breakfast 8-9:30 am (last until September)

July

- 3-5 SCOR Senior Trip to “Stars, Stipes and Fireworks on the Hudson”
- 4 & 5 Offices Closed for Independence Day Holiday
- 10 SCOR Picnic—Sanford Road—Maher Lodge
- 20 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 21 UCUC—Annual Garage Sale -- 8am – 1pm
- 22 UCUC—Pet Blessing – outdoors if weather permits – 10:00 am
- 30 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm

August

- 17 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 8 THE LEO CLUB will hold its annual Luminarias Ceremony
- 18 & 19 CHURCHVILLE LIONS COUNTRY FAIR

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:

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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.



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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.

TOWN OF RIGA FREE RABIES CLINIC



SEPTEMBER 8th
1:00 – 3:00 PM

6475 Buffalo Road
Riga Highway Department

All dogs & cats MUST be:

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

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

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