

TOWN OF RIGA

NEWSLETTER

Riga Town Board Members

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Supervisor's Report

I hope everyone has enjoyed this summer and looking forward to a nice a warm fall season.

As part of the current Town Budget, the Town Board allocated funds to conduct a feasibility study to help determine if a community center is needed and wanted by our Town of Riga residents. For many years there has been discussion about a potential community center in our town. The time has come to take a serious and comprehensive look at this idea. The Town Board has contracted with MRB Group (an engineering and architectural firm) to assist us in this endeavor. Their validated expertise and experience in helping communities work through the decision-making process will be invaluable.

The completion of a feasibility study should provide the answers to the question of cost for a center, and financial implications to the taxpayers of Riga. These questions can be answered once we have a concept plan of a potential center that will gives us a general idea of size, number of rooms in the center, and amenities, etc.

We are working with MRB Group on the concept plan for a potential community center. Once this is completed, the Town Board will work with a financial consultant that can provide us with an estimate on what it would cost to build, maintain, and operate a center on an

ongoing basis. With a project of this size and scope, the Town would most likely need to bond (take out a loan) for a sizeable portion of the cost to build a center.

With this information in hand, the Town Board will hold public information meetings to present the concept plan, cost estimates, and any related data. Residents will have numerous opportunities to comment on the plan as a whole. Your feedback is essential as we move toward answering the question of whether a community center in Riga is feasible.

Fall in Riga means budget time. The Town Board will soon begin working on the 2019 Town Budget, spending a considerable amount of time meeting with all interested parties and departments to review their budget requests. These meetings give us the ability to review each budget line to be sure all requests are properly justified. Our goal is to ultimately produce a practical budget that meets the needs of our community, while providing financial stability well into the future.

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

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



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Churchville Volunteer Fire Department

The Churchville Fire Department would like to announce that on September 20, 2018 we will no longer be providing ambulance service to the Village of Churchville or Town of Riga. The Churchville Ambulance will cease to exist. Unfortunately, there are a multitude of reasons associated with this difficult decision. An aging ambulance (purchased in 2000), limited emergency medical technicians (EMT's) that can respond, and increasing call volume are a few of the reasons. For over a year, we have been using Monroe Ambulance to respond to emergencies from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. As of September 20th, they will increase their hours of operation to 24 hours a day from the firehouse on Washington Street.

The ambulance began service in 1956 with a group of citizens and firefighters headed up by the local physician. We purchased a used 1949 ambulance and took 30 calls for service the first year. It was housed at the first firehouse at 9 East Buffalo Street. Last year we responded to over 300 calls for illnesses and injuries.

The 100% volunteer Churchville Fire Department will still respond to life threatening calls with a fire truck when the ambulance is already out on a call, needs assistance at a call, or other circumstances. We are committed to providing the best fire protection and emergency medical service possible to our community. Each truck is equipped with a first aid bag, oxygen, and an AED. We fully comply with the state, local laws, and guidelines to ensure the best possible care of everyone that lives, works, visits, plays, and travels within our community.

The decision to use Monroe Ambulance is considered the best option. They have been used successfully in a similar manner by other fire departments in and around our county.

We understand the significance of emergency medical care. We are your neighbors and depend on the same response as you do. Our society has changed dramatically in the last two decades. Working parents, fewer truck workers, the length of time it takes to become an EMT, certification, as well as the cost of equipment and providing service has compelled us to make these changes. This decision has been considered for some time. All efforts, resources and alternatives were consulted and considered. We assure you that this is the best option available to the fire department and the community at this time.

You should not see any difference in response and we expect a seamless transition. If you have questions, please contact President Scott Flagler or Chief Andy Vargo at the firehouse, (585) 293-3770.

www.churchvillefiredept.org

www.monroeambulance.com

Both agencies also have Facebook pages.

Always at your service,

Submitted by:
President Scott Flagler and Chief Andy Vargo
Churchville Volunteer Fire Department



The Solar Land Development Process

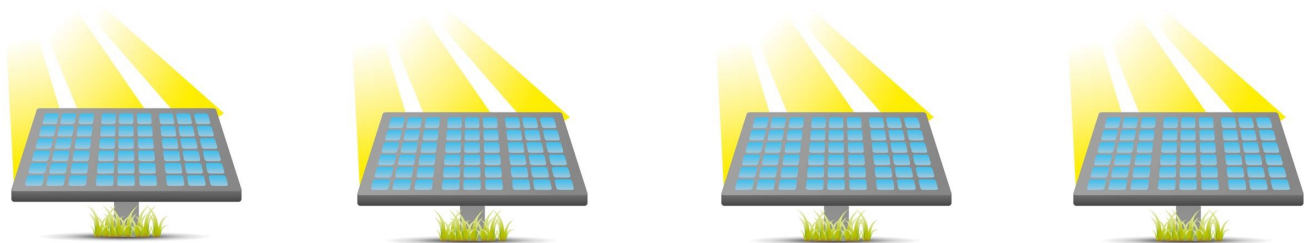
The Riga Planning Board recently reviewed a conceptual site plan to install a community solar PV project (Solar Farm). After their review, the Board made a recommendation to the Town Board to create a Solar Energy System Overlay District. At the time of this writing, the Town Board is working through the rezoning application process. Many residents are receiving

information in the mail from solar farm developers to either sell or lease land for the development of solar farms. The terms and conditions of a solar lease agreement can vary substantially. The Town of Riga regulations can be found in our Town Code section 95-31 which is available online at our website.

information directly handled through the building department with the submittal of a unified solar permit. All other solar projects will require Town Board approval.

If you have questions or wish to obtain more information, please contact Town of Riga Building Department at 293-3880 ext. 124

Submitted by:
Building Inspectors
Bob Panik and Ken Kuter



Riga Cemetery

This fall the Riga Cemetery plans to plant new trees in the cemetery. Look for them as well as the flowers that we have planted in the "Berm" on the south side of the cemetery, around the shed, and by the

flag in the Veteran's section. They look nice this time of the year.

We are working with the NYS Division of Cemeteries to obtain a grant to repair broken headstones.

If you need a final resting place and want to relieve your children and relatives of finding a grave site at the last minute, please visit the Riga Cemetery (corner of Rt 36 and 33A), pick up a brochure

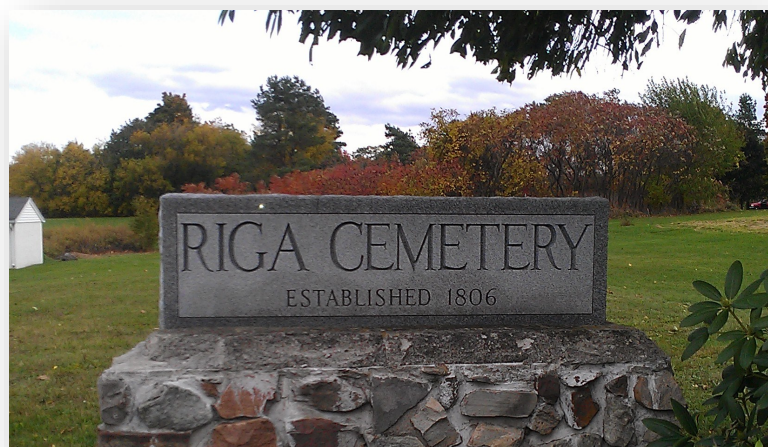
at the shed, and give John Loser a call at 538-2951.

You can also learn more about the cemetery on the web at <http://www.townofriga.com/riga-cemetery/>.

We also welcome volunteers to help with our projects and donate to the Riga Cemetery.

Submitted by:

John Loser,
Riga Cemetery



Enhanced Star Registration Reminder

Because of recent law changes, the Enhanced STAR program has been restructured. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, all Enhanced STAR recipients are required to enroll in the Income Verification Program (IVP).

The Income Verification Program allows NYS Department of Tax and Finance to verify your income based on the social security numbers of the owner(s) and the spouse(s) of the owners who reside on the property. With this program in place, Tax and Finance will determine if you are eligible for the Enhanced STAR Exemption program. You will NOT need to renew every year with the Assessor's office. Should there be any questions on the part of Tax and Finance in the future regarding your eligibility for this program, they will contact you directly to resolve any issues.

What to do next

New Enhanced STAR renewal applications and new IVP supplement forms were sent out on July 12. You will

need to fill out those forms and return them to the Assessor's office along with a copy of your 2017 income tax return. If you do not file a tax return, then you will be required to fill out and file an RP-425-Wkst (Income for STAR Purposes Worksheet). You can pick one up at the Assessor's office, it can be mailed to you, or you can download it from the link below:

https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/orpts/rp425worksheet_fill_in.pdf

All forms must be submitted to the Assessor's office no later than September 21, 2018.

If you have questions regarding the new mandated IVP Enhanced STAR enrollment you can call the NYS Tax and Finance office at 518-457-2036.

IMPACT ON APPLICATIONS FOR THE LOW-INCOME SENIOR (RP-467) EXEMPTION

The new provisions remove the connection between applications for the

senior citizens exemption and the Enhanced STAR exemption. To be eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption for the 2019-20 school year, property owners applying or reapplying for the senior citizens exemption must also submit the following forms:

- Form RP-425-IVP; and either
- Form RP-425-E (for first time applicants), or
- Form RP-425-Rnw (for those renewing an existing exemption)

The Low-Income Senior Exemption will still be administered by the Assessor's office and renewal applications will be sent out by the end of the year. You will still be required to fill out the renewal application and return it to the Assessor's office, along with a copy of your prior year's income, by March 1.

**Submitted by:
Lori Frongetta, Assessor**



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

After a beautiful summer, we are looking forward to a busy Fall.

The Chamber hosted its annual golf tournament in July. This year's winners were Tom Felton, Luke Giannone, Paul Thompson and Mike Tucci. Thank you to all of our businesses who either donated door prizes or were hole sponsors. The rain held off and it was a fun day for all.

The Chamber's Youth Hall of Fame inductee this year was Chandler Scott of Riga. Congratulations to Chandler and his family. We also awarded two scholarships to Churchville-Chili students, Gabrielle Batz and Payton Gleason.

Congratulations and best of luck for their future.

We will be hosting a "Holiday Home Tour" on December 8, 2018. Eight homes have been chosen for the tour based on their historical and/or decorative significance. We are excited to show off some of Churchville's beautiful homes, especially during the holiday season. Tickets are \$15.00 each. They will be available soon on our website and at these three locations, the Village office, the Town office and Westside Community FCU. All proceeds from this event will benefit The Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Other programs to look forward to include:

November: Annual Veterans Day Luncheon

December: Holiday Luncheon

March: Annual Awards Dinner (Look for nomination forms soon for Citizen, Business and Beautification Awards)

We will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month starting up again in September. You do not have to be a member of the chamber to attend but reservations are needed. As always, we welcome new members and new ideas for programs and activities.

Check out our website at www.churchvillechamber.org.

**Submitted by:
Joan Hawthorne
Chamber President**



RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Fall Brush pickup

Tentatively planned for the week of October 15. 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 be bulk handling the piles of brush loading it onto 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 types of materials. If you are a landowner and don't care to drag brush to the roadside, consider making brush piles for wildlife and returning the organic matter back to the soil. There are great resources on the internet if you would like to learn more.



Purpose

The purpose of the Riga Highway Department is to provide efficient roadways for transportation for our residents and users of our towns roadways. We continually seek to improve service to our residents in a cost-effective manner, 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.



Chili Riga Townline Rd: completed in-place recycle adding stone to improve the base, and drainage jointly with Town of Chili. Final chip seal will take place in the next weeks to seal out water and provide a wear surface. This was our major town funded project this summer.

Other Road Work continues this summer on county roads and in neighboring towns. Malloch Road has been paved, shoulders backed up, and striping completed. We replaced a cross culvert on the east end last week. Other projects around the county we have worked on in the past month include Paul Road and Ramblewood in Chili, Redman Road and West Sweden Rd in Sweden, Hubble Road in Ogden, and Mumford and Wheatland Center Roads in Wheatland. Our next project for the county is Griffin Road in our town.



Paving Malloch Road

Town Roadwork: This summer we have chip sealed Fairbanks, Sheridan, Sanford South, and Kendall roads. We have also worked on replacement of failed cross-culverts which are causing sink holes on the north end of Stearns and one on Griffin Road. Also, we have been working on ditching in the 300 block of Stearns where water has been flowing out of driveways deteriorating roadway's and creating icy conditions in the winter.

Shared Services between the towns happens with most summer road projects. You will often see Ogden, Chili, Sweden, Clarkson, Rush, Parma, Wheatland, Churchville, and Spencerport equipment, working in Riga helping with county and town road projects. We provide equipment to surrounding towns who require more manpower, equipment and trucking than a single town 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 to move 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



The Journey of Harvey C. Noone



This year, the Churchville Harvey C. Noone, American Legion Post #954 is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the death of Harvey C. Noone. Harvey was a young army private who was killed at the battle of the Hindenburg Line during WWI. Initially, Harvey was buried in a military cemetery in France. In 1921 his body was brought back to America and reburied with full military honors at Creekside Cemetery, Churchville, N. Y.

His funeral, which was held on March 23, 1921 in Churchville, was captured by the following newspaper article: "Following the burial of Private Curran, the escort from Robertshaw Post, a total of forty men, in charge of Sergeant William C. Cavanaugh, post commander, immediately left in seven motor cars for Churchville to attend the funeral of Private Harvey Noone, whose body had been removed to the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Noone, in that village. The funeral took place from the Congregational Church of Churchville. Rev. Harry Handy, pastor of the church, officiating. Members of the Ferris-Goodrich Post of Spencerport took part in the funeral service at Churchville

in conjunction with the Rochester men of Robertshaw Post. At the grave in Churchville Cemetery the escort fired three rifle volleys in salute and Bugler Davis sounded "Taps."

But before the body of Harvey C. Noone could be brought back home to Churchville, a series of events would occur that makes this story so interesting.

After his death and according to historical sources, the body of Harvey C. Noone would have probably been placed in a creosote soaked canvas bag and buried in a shallow grave just behind his unit's encampment. His name would have been recorded by his commanding officer and a simple wooden cross, identified only with his name stamped on a tin plate, placed on his grave. Due to a lack of equipment and logistics, the bodies of the fallen soldiers would not be recovered until after the war ended and then they were interred in designated military cemeteries on foreign soil.

Up until the end of WWI, the United States government would not pay for the removal, transporting back home, or funeral of deceased servicemen

buried on foreign soil. That policy was eventually changed by the pressure exerted on government officials from the parents and spouses of the deceased WWI servicemen. But wait, there was just one more catch. In 1919, the French government enacted a law preventing the removal of all foreign servicemen from their soil for a period of three years. The reason for this policy was that the French leaders believed that the trains and trucks packed with thousands of bodies would shock the French people and prevent them from concentrating on rebuilding their nation. That law would be eliminated in 1920 when the United States government successfully persuaded French officials to do the right thing and allow the bodies to return home.

In 1920, the United States government had completed an assessment of the war's casualties and it was decided that a questionnaire would be sent to the surviving parents and/or spouses asking them if they wanted their loved one to be returned to the states or forever rest with their fellow comrades on foreign soil. Over 80,000 requests were sent out with about 46,000 individuals identified as wanting their sons returned home. For those servicemen who remained on foreign soil, the United States government was only willing to pay all the expenses for the mother to travel and visit her son's gravesite.

Finally, on March 14, 1921, the body of Harvey C. Noone arrived on U.S. soil aboard the transport Somme.



But that is not the end of our story. Also arriving were five other bodies of servicemen from Rochester, New York. To pay tribute to these men, the city of Rochester, New York hosted one of the greatest homecoming celebrations ever witnessed by its citizens on Tuesday, March 22, 1921.

Arriving via the New York Central Railroad, the flag draped wooden caskets, including that of Harvey C. Noone, were removed and paraded through the Rochester streets, which were reportedly lined with over ten thousand people including school children. Unfortunately, the casket of Private Basel Warner never did make it to the Rochester ceremonies. The casket did arrive at the Rochester station, but was mistakenly removed and sent on to his hometown in Webster, N.Y.

On that cold gray morning, the line of parade consisted of the mothers, "Gold Star Mothers," of the deceased servicemen, military officials and soldiers, local and state public officials, military and local bands, the American Legion and many other civic groups. The procession led by automobiles preceded up Clinton Street to Main Street and ended at the Rochester State Armory where special services were held. The local newspapers displayed

such headlines as: "Rochester Pay Tribute To Its Heroes," "Thousands Pay Tribute To War Slain Heroes," "City Bows As Cortege Passes By," "Former Comrades, Gold Star Mothers and Civic Societies Give Homage and Prayer."

For the evening paper, the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle newspaper conveyed the following: "Something of the bitter agony, the martial fervor, the dauntless resolution, the hopes, the fears and the tears of those days when Rochester sons were fighting and dying somewhere in Europe while their loved ones at home could only wait and wonder, returned with sudden insistent force yesterday morning when five flag-draped caskets, holding the bodies of five Rochester members of the 108th Infantry who gave their lives, were conveyed through the heart of the city between lines of silent, reverent spectators, and deposited in the Rochester State Armory. Even more vividly than the return of the triumphant 27th Division just two years ago did this solemn spectacle bring home to easily forgetful Rochesterians the meaning of the war and its costliness.

No funeral cortege could have received more sincere or impressive respect and no famous public man could have

aroused more genuine expression of sorrow than the sight of these five caskets slowly transported in draped funeral cars to the accompaniment of a dirge played by the Park Band and escorted by the mounted members of Troop H and the Rochester battalion of the 3d New York Infantry. Not since the scenes attendant upon the close of the war had the military atmosphere so obtruded itself upon the city. But the "home-coming" of these dead boys called in sharp contrast the reception given the returning heroes of the 27th two years ago, with the hysterical cheers of an adoring the burning of red fire, the triumphant music and the happy hearts. The five caskets yesterday provided an entirely different picture to the mute multitudes that watched."

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the bodies were escorted to their respective communities for burial and there ended the journey of Harvey Charles Noone.

**Submitted by:
Ron Belczak
Historian**



Harvey Charles Noone

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 medicalloan@churchvillelions.org.



Newman Riga Library

"Books with Barb" Book Club

On **Thursday, September 27th** at **7pm**, we are holding an informational meeting to discuss creating a book club here at Newman Riga Library. Barbara Mitrano has graciously volunteered to lead the effort and will be here to kick it off. Please come to sign up and share your thoughts and ideas!

Preschool Storytime Fall Session

Children ages 3 – 5 yrs. are invited to join Mrs. Sarah for Tuesday Morning Preschool Storytime! The Fall Session will start on **Tuesday, October 2nd at 10:30 a.m.** and will run approximately 10 weeks. There will be stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays! No registration is necessary.

Session Dates:

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 27 (no Storytime

Thanksgiving Week)

December 4, 11

"Who Really Killed President JFK" program - Thursday, November 1st, 6-8pm.

Back by popular demand, Churchville resident Marty Molinari will present an encore performance of his **"Who Really Killed President JFK"** program. Marty originally presented this program here in 2016 and continues to uncover additional and intriguing information on the subject. Even if you have seen this program before, it's still worth joining us.

Program Description:

One of the greatest crimes of the 20th century was the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Nov 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas. Arguably, an even greater crime was the subsequent investigation and cover-up of that assassination. Now five decades later, Marty follows the trails of

evidence disclosed since the Warren Commission Report was released and analyzes the details and subsequent testimony of witnesses over these decades.

A special thank you to the Town of Riga Recreation Department and Dave Thomas for providing refreshments for this event! Please call or stop by the library to register.



Fall 2018 HOURS

M-W-F: 11am – 5pm

T-TH: 11am – 9pm

SA: 10am – 2 pm (starting September 15th)

SU: Closed

Check our website for fall programming:

www.newmanrigalibrary.org

Submitted by:

Lynn M. Brown, Librarian



MONROE COUNTY SOLID WASTE UPDATE



Don't let your leaves go to waste.

A 2010 study of items disposed by Monroe County residents found that **17% of local garbage is yard waste** that can be recycled, including grass clippings, tree trimmings, garden debris, and leaves. Many local municipalities have seasonal programs that handle certain types of yard debris, diverting it from the landfill and providing a valuable resource in the form of mulch or compost. In the Village of Churchville brush and lawn

debris is picked up the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. Leaves are picked up regularly in the fall and should be in a pile in the right of way, free of sticks and any other debris. The Town of Riga offers brush and limb pick up during the week of October 15th. All limbs (up to 8" in diameter) must be placed neatly with cut ends to the road, at the edge of the road. The Town and Village offer a great service with curbside yard waste pickup, so be sure to follow their guidelines to ensure these materials can be collected

and processed properly. **Yard waste should NEVER be put in your recycling bin.**

Fall recycling and reuse tips:

- Jack O'Lanterns past their prime are a great item to compost.

If you're shopping for a Halloween costume, consider browsing one of the many thrift stores in our community or arrange a swap with family and friends to trade old costumes.



LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

United Congregational United Church of Christ

14 N. Main St, Churchville

Sunday, September 9 – Rally Day

– Beginning of Sunday School program – 10:00 am

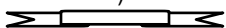
Saturday, September 22 – Pancake Breakfast – 8:00–9:30 am Third Saturday of each month (Sept – June)

Sunday, November 4 – Memorial Remembrance Day - 10:00 am

Remembering those who have passed during the past year

Saturday, November 11 – Harvest Dinner – 4:00 pm

Annual Bazaar – 1:00 pm (crafts, food, gift items, basket raffle)



Churchville United Methodist Church

24 West Buffalo Street

585-293-3282

Pastor Meg Morin: 585-391-3527, or 585-953-7521, pastormegmorin@gmail.com

Church Office Hours: Tuesdays from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm (or by appointment at another time).

Oct 12 & 13 “New to You” and Bake Sale, Fri. 9 – 2, & Sat. 9 – 12 (\$3.00 bag)

Nov. 6th Election Day Dinner

Nov. 21st Annual Pie & Dessert Sale

The NEW worship time starting in Sept. is 9:30 am on Sunday mornings, followed by Sunday School at 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome and valued!

We invite you to join us in a welcoming celebration for Pastor Meg on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2:00 p.m. A light buffet will be served in the church lower hall. Please RSVP your name and number of persons attending by Sept. 9th to 585-293-3282.

Interested in a book study? Small groups will begin gathering for discussion and faith development on Sundays in September from 3:00 – 5:00 pm and Mondays 6:30 pm – 8:00pm. Call Pastor Meg for detailed information.

First Congregational Church of Riga, UCC

7057 Chili Riga Center Road

Calendar of Events

September 22 Turkey Dinner

4:00-7:00PM

October 5 Rummage Sale Preview

4:00-7:00PM

October 6 Rummage Sale

7:00-2:00PM

October 20 Chicken & Biscuit

Dinner 4:00-7:00PM

November 17 Craft Show

10:00-2:00PM

On behalf of the congregation of Riga Church, I would like to thank all who participated and attended the ‘Meet Your Neighbors’ Community event. We could not have asked for nicer weather, or nicer neighbors!

Mark Your Calendars!!

The summer season is just flying by. Before we know it, the leaves will begin turning color as summer turns to autumn, and you know what that means: Dinners! The Rummage Sale! The Craft Show! The fun begins September 22, 2018, 4:00-7:00PM, with our first dinner (Turkey) of the season! Tickets are \$9.

The fun continues with the Rummage Sale. We have a preview scheduled on October 5, from 4:00 -7:00PM, and the Rummage Sale scheduled on October 6, from 7:00AM-2:00PM.

Our second dinner (Chicken & Biscuit) of the season is scheduled on October 20, 2018 from 4:00-7:00PM. Tickets \$9.

The Craft Show is an opportunity to support local vendors, while getting some early holiday shopping done. It will be held on November 17, from 10:00AM-2:00PM.

Speaking of Crafts: Did you know that Crafting For Good, Inc, a local nonprofit, is sharing space at Riga Church? If you are a crafter, and are looking for supplies and community, stop in most Thursdays,

Fridays, Saturdays from 10:00AM to 2:00 PM. You will find an abundance of both, with thrift-store prices to boot! The proceeds fund food donations for the hungry, and resources supporting clean water where it is needed. Look for special events to be scheduled, too!! (Check the Events Calendar on our website www.rigachurch.org).

You are warmly invited to join us for worship each Sunday morning at 10:00am, with fellowship immediately following. Questions? Please contact Pastor Susan. 585-293-2070 or visit our website for more information about upcoming events: www.rigachurch.org.



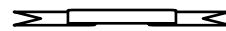
St. Vincent de Paul Church

11 North Main Street

585-294-3085

Patrick Place Tea

Join us for our 7th Annual Patrick Place Tea, “Tea You in September.” This year will be September 29th at 12:00 pm at the Cobblestone Building in Churchville. Tickets are \$10 each and \$5 for kids 10 and under. All proceeds go to Patrick Place, a Comfort Care Home in Scottsville. You can purchase tickets by calling St. Vincent de Paul Church at 294-3085 or signing up at the church. This event is open to the public and we invite everyone to come.



Go Christian Church

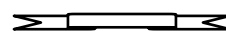
22 South Main Street

585-454-9152

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.



TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

The Riga Town Clerk's Office takes great pride in serving the people in the community and works hard to give town residents prompt and courteous service. The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerks look forward to helping Town residents with all their local government needs. Some of the services the Town Clerk's Office provides, include:

- Selling New York State Hunting/Fishing Licenses
- Issuing handicap parking permits (for Riga residents only)
- Collecting Town and County taxes. (January 1st - May 31st)
- Responding to Freedom of Information requests.
- Providing clerical services and record keeping for all Town departments.
- Performing state-required services for the election process. Voter Registration Forms are available at the Town Hall
- You can now renew your dog's license online on the Town Website. Your dog must have a current rabies vaccination on file to utilize this option. Our vendor adds a \$1.75 convenience fee per transaction.
- Posting legal notices, filing and maintaining a book of local laws and maintaining minutes for support boards and committees.
- Free Notary services.
- Lodge rentals.
- The Town Clerk is available to perform your Civil Marriage Ceremony within the township.
- Offering discount Darien Lake Tickets, 2 for \$50.00 with free parking

The Town of Riga has lodges that can be rented for your birthday party, graduation party, wedding, baby shower, etc.

Frequently Asked Lodge Questions:

Q. How do I reserve a lodge?

A. Payment and Lodge Reservation Form must be received via mail or in-person to rent a lodge. Dates cannot be reserved until payment and forms come in. Payment accepted includes check, cash or money order and credit card.

Q. Can I enter facilities the day before to decorate?

A. No, you can only enter facilities on the dates and time you requested on your permit. Entering the lodge at a time other than the date/time on your permit, will result in an additional rental charge and the loss of security deposit.

Q. When and where do I pick up the key to the lodge?

A. Key pickup is the day before your rental or Friday if your rental is on a Sunday by 4:00 pm at the Town Clerk's window at the Town Hall, 6460 Buffalo Road. Your refundable security deposit is due at the time of key pickup in check or cash form.

Q. Where do I leave the key?

A. All keys must be returned to the Town Clerk by Tuesday at 4:00 pm following your rental date. There is a drop box located at the doors to the Town Hall where a key may be dropped. Security Deposit will be returned pending the policies have been followed; facility, and grounds are found to be in satisfactory condition, and if key has been returned.

Q. Is alcohol allowed in the park? Is there a separate fee?

A. Alcohol is allowed in all facilities, as long as the alcohol permit is filled out in application. No additional fee. (PLEASE NOTE: Glass containers are NOT allowed in the park)

Q. How far in advance can I reserve a lodge?

A. Reservations are ongoing. Town of Riga residents may reserve 1 (one) year in advance; non-residents may reserve 6 (six) months in advance.



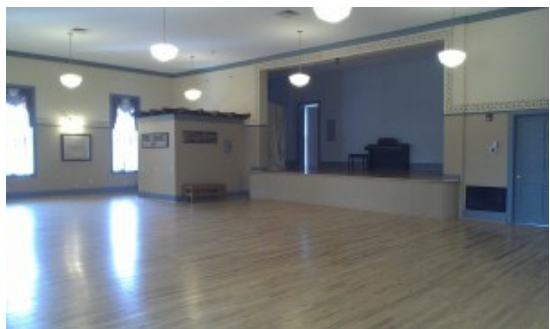
MAHER LODGE

Rental Fee: Resident \$150.00 Non-Resident \$200.00



**BUFFALO RD LODGE**

Rental Fee: Resident \$100.00 Non-Resident \$125.00

**COBBLESTONE HALL**

Rental Fee: Resident \$125.00 Non-Resident \$175.00



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.

Don't forget our **FREE RABIES CLINIC** September 8th from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Highway Garage.

Office Hours:

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

Submitted by:

Kimberly Pape, Registered Municipal Clerk
585-293-3880 x122
Townclerk@townofriga.org

Harvey C. Noone Legion News

TRIBUTE DINNER TO HONOR HARVEY AND MARY NOONE

Throughout 2018, the Legion has sponsored or participated in a number of events to honor, Hometown Hero, Harvey C. Noone, who was killed in WWI on September 29, 2018. We have also honored his mother, Mary E. Noone, who through his death became a Gold Star Mother. All Gold Star Mothers hold a special place in the collective heart and soul of all Americans, but Mrs. Noone holds a special place of honor in our community because she is also the benefactress of our Legion Home. Living over three decades after

his death, when she died, those many years later, she left money to build the Legion Post Home in honor of her beloved son. Gold Star Mother Day is the last Sunday of September. This year, it is September 30th, one day after the 100th Anniversary of the death of her son.

Accordingly, it is fitting that we gather together as a community that weekend, and pay tribute to both Harvey and Mary. Please "Save the Date" and join us the evening of September 29, 2018 for a dinner at the Johnson House. Tickets will go on sale in August and will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

The interest and support of the community in this young man and his mother have been inspiring. We thank the entire community. We look forward to joining with you on September 29, 2018 to honor these remarkable individuals who through courage, sacrifice, loss, love, patriotism and generosity have left an indelible mark on our community for a century.

God Bless You and Our Country,

**Gil Budd,
Commander**



RECREATION NEWS

Riga Recreation, once again, had a very busy and exciting summer. The Summer Camp program returned to Churchville Elementary after being relocated for the past two years due to renovation projects in the CCCSD. This summer, as we all know, was an extremely warm one with many days in the 90s. The campers and counselors were able to adjust their activities and enjoy the camp atmosphere. During the 6-week program the boys and girls went on field trips to Adventure Landing, the Seneca Park Zoo, Chili's Spray Park, and the Riga-Newman Library to listen to storyteller, Bill Iveson, spin his yarns! Thank you to Jessica, Carli, Courtney, Emily, Laura, and Alex (our summer camp staff) along with Mark and Gladys (the CES custodial staff) for jobs well done! And, of course, the campers and their parents!

During the months of July and August the Town of Riga, Village of Churchville, and Waste Management played host to our popular Summer Gazebo Concert Series each Wednesday evening. Thanks to: The Jimmy Jam Band, The Don Newcomb Band, The Swooners, Blue Sky, 8 Days A Week, and "Riga's Own", Just 4 Fun for providing our community varied musical experiences. Attendance was terrific, highlight-

ed by The Relay For Life/Luminaria event after the 8 days A Week Concert on July 8th. This event honors those that have survived cancer as well as paying tribute to those that have succumbed to it. A heartfelt thanks goes out to the Churchville LEO Club, mentored by Marty Molinari and Mary Pat Dewey. The LEOs did all of the "Behind The Scenes" work preparing the luminary bags for presentation. The Churchville Lions also cooked hots and burgers for this event, which had to be relocated to the Cobblestone Hall due to the prospect of inclement weather that night.

Thanks to the following local businesses that took part in our raffles for concert goers: Main St. Deli, Stone's Countryside, OK Market, Slice Pizza, Speedway, Tim Hortons, and Dunkin' Donuts.

We look forward to the continuation of these popular concerts. If anyone has any particular group that they would like to see perform do not hesitate to contact this office.

The Churchville Soccer Club and the CYA Baseball/Softball programs continue to increase their enrollment. As this has been occurring, the Town of Riga has responded by repurposing the "old" baseball fields into multipur-

pose fields to accommodate the growing girl's program and also a new third field this fall. The Town is planning for two additional "Tiny-Tot" soccer fields.

As you may or may not know, the Riga Rec Department secured a \$50,000 grant through New York State to construct a 2-court pickleball venue in Buffalo Road Park. The Riga Highway Department will soon be prepping the site for the asphalt paving which is to take place in late August or early September. After that this facility should be up and running by late September or early October with a grand opening to follow. Stay Tuned.

Please check our fall program schedule on the next page as we have our regular offering's along with some new and exciting ones such as "Becoming a Notary Public," and an "Introduction To Drones" to name a few!

Submitted By:
Dave Thomas,
Recreation Supervisor



RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE

**Friday, October 5th 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.



SEP-OCT-NOV 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

September

- 1) *Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday Sept. 9th Riga Town Hall*
- 2) *Thursday at the Public Market, September 13th, Rec Van leaves Legion at 9:00 am A minimum of 8 participants required*
- 3) *BALF (It's "Baseball Golf") Fall Classic at Buttonwood Golf Course, Trimmer Road in Spencerport... Tee Off at 10:00 am*
- 4) *Jam Sessions at the Town of Riga Multipurpose Room, Mon. & Thurs. 1:00-3:00 pm*
- 5) *Youth NFL-Style Flag Football Saturdays 9/22, 9:00-11:00 am at Sanford Road Park (Grades 3-4 & 5-6)*
- 6) *Riga Recreation "1st EVER" Cornhole Tournament at Buffalo Road Park Basketball Court for Youth, Men, Women Divisions on September 19th 6:00pm 'til?*
- 7) *Cardmaking with Vynne-Jo Thurs. Oct 13th at Riga Town Hall 6:30-8:30 pm*



October

- 1) *Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Oct. 20th Riga Town Hall*
- 2) *Do you want to become a "Notary Public"? Kristin Cavallaro will teach you....Sat. Oct. 13th from 9:00 am-2:30 pm at the Riga Town Hall*
- 3) *Jam Sessions at the Riga Town Hall, Mon-Weds. 1:00-3:00 pm*
- 4) *Toxin-Free Living with Lori Bruton, Weds. 10/3 at Riga Town Hall 7:00 pm*
- 5) *Natural Solutions for Your Health with Lori Bruton, Weds. 10/10 at Riga Town Hall 7pm*
- 6) *Be an Entrepreneur with Lori Bruton Weds. 10/17 at the Riga Town Hall 7:00pm (All 3 of these courses are \$10.00 each)*
- 7) *Annual Halloween Parade with Lion's Club, Weds. Oct. 31st Meet at 6:00 pm @ Churchville Commons and walk to Church Lodge at Churchville Park*
- 8) *Cardmaking with Vynne-Jo Oct. 18th at Riga Town Hall 6:30-8:30 pm*
- 9) *"Becoming Dr. Ruth"...A Rec Van trip to JCC's "Centerstage Theatre" thru SCOR October 6-7-11-13-14-18-20 or 21 and they will decide*



November

- 1) *The JFK Assassination. An Update with Marty Molinari at the Riga-Newman Library.....2:00-4:00 pm & 6:00-8:00 pm*
 - 2) *Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. Nov. 3rd Riga Town Hall 9:00am-3:30 pm*
 - 3) *Barn Quilts of LeRoy Tour, Fri. Nov. 9th Rec Van will leave Legion at 9:30 am We need a minimum of 8 participants for trip*
- *** Additional Program... "Introduction to Drones" with date and time to be announced soon!**



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

SCOR

Relish the fall colors—rich reds, oranges and yellows! Tree leaves change color in part because of cues taken from dropping temperatures and less daylight.

And, how about the fall “harvest” moon closest to the autumn equinox! Before rural and urban areas electrified, the bright harvest moon was essential for farmers to harvest late year crops.

Thanks to longer, clearer nights, the “Northern Lights” show occurs twice as often during fall and winter months. Another trivia factor according to a New England Journal of Medicine report, Americans’ rate of heart attacks has been known to fall following the end of daylight savings time in

November. Maybe it is that extra hour of sleep!

SCOR seniors gather for their free lunch on September 11th at the Legion Hall. Our presenter will share the Harvey C. Noone story, the WWI soldier who is honored as the American Legion Post’s namesake.

On Monday, September 17th there is the guided tour of Seneca Army Depot, Historical Society Museum and lunch at Belhurst Castle. October 9th we go on the annual “mystery” trip. Lockport Canal & Lock cruise, Medina train ride and the Tillman’s Village Inn dining is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17th.

Thursday, November 8th is trip to

Cortland Country Music Park and entertainment by “Stars of the Grand Ole Opry,” then dinner and shopping at destiny USA.

Thanksgiving buffet is served on November 13th, at Legion Hall followed by election of SCOR officers for 2019.

Enjoy our “fall” changes provided by “Mother Nature” and events on SCOR members’ social calendar. For trip information contact Shirley Miller at 752-4109. Find our brochure at the Village and Town offices.

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



THE LIONS CLUB CORNER

*Thank
You*

Another Country Fair is over!

The weather cooperated after about 10 a.m. Saturday morning. The Lions Club would like to thank everyone in the community that supported this year’s fair. We would not be

able to have this event if it wasn’t for those in the community that are willing to help out.

Thank you Lion President Al Arilotta for organizing the fair this year, its quite an undertaking!

The chicken barbecue and clam dinner were awesome! Did everyone see the auction tent? Thank you Brenda Adam for making 138 beautiful baskets!

We hope to see everyone again at our Winterfest Chicken Barbecue in January.

**Submitted by,
Debby Landers
Churchville Lions Club Secretary**

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

September

- 8 FREE RABIES CLINIC 1-3 at Riga Highway Department
- 11 SCOR Lunch—American Legion Hall
- 17 SCOR Trip—Seneca Army Depot, Historical Society Museum and lunch at Belhurst Castle
- 21 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 29 Annual Patrick Place Tea—St. Vincent de Paul Church—held at the Cobblestone Building at noon
- 29 **TRIBUTE DINNER TO HONOR HARVEY AND MARY NOONE**



October

- 5 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 5 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 5 Riga Church –Rummage Sale Preview 4-7
- 6 Riga Church –Rummage Sale 7-2
- 8 Offices Closed for Columbus Day Holiday
- 9 SCOR Trip—Annual Mystery Trip ????
- 12 & 13 United Methodist— “New to You” and Bake Sale
- 17 SCOR Trip– Lockport Canal & Lock Cruise
- 19 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 31 Annual Halloween Parade with Lion’s Club, Meet at 6:00 pm at Churchville Commons and walk to Church Lodge at Churchville Park



November

- 2 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 6 ELECTION DAY
- 6 United Methodist—Election Day Dinner
- 8 SCOR Trip—Cortland Country Music Park and Dinner
- 11 UCUC—Annual Bazaar—1 pm
- 13 SCOR Lunch—American Legion Hall
- 15 Chamber of Commerce—Annual Veterans Day Luncheon—American Legion
- 16 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 17 Riga Church– Craft Show 10-2
- 21 United Methodist– Annual Pie & Dessert Sale



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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WWW.TOWNOFRIGA.COM

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OF MONROE COUNTY
1809

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*