

TOWN OF RIGA

NEWSLETTER

Riga Town Board Members

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Supervisor's Report

Spring is officially upon us, however mother nature isn't cooperating! Wind, rain, and cooler than normal temperatures have been the norm so far. Western NY weather certainly keeps us on our toes. With spring here, the Highway Department will be out repairing and maintaining our roads. Please be patient and attentive to our road crews so they can safely do their work.

LLP to assist the Town in regulating 5G small cell wireless communication deployment within the town. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has placed limits on how much control local authorities can have. That being said, we are in the process of doing what we can within the limits of the law to address this issue.



The Town of Riga has been selected to receive the **2019 PERMA (Public Employer Risk Management Association) Triple Threat Award** for scoring highest, out of all PERMA Members, on three separate reports: timely claim reporting, best return-to-work rate and best medical-only to indemnity ratio over the past 5 years. The Town will be recognized at PERMA's annual member conference May 23rd and 24th. This award reflects the professionalism and dedication shown by each and every town employee.



The Town Board recently enlisted the services of the law firm Hodgson Russ



The Town of Riga's Planning Board has two openings available for Planning Board alternate members. 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).

It was a privilege and pleasure to host the 13th Annual Greater Churchville-Riga Chamber of Commerce Youth Hall of Fame Award ceremony held on May 13th. The ceremony was attended by many government officials, school officials, and inductees' family and friends. This year's recipients were Hunter Potts and Taylor Shakeshaft, students from Churchville-Chili Central School District and Town of Riga

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Building Department

Abandoned, uninspected, unlicensed, inoperative, discarded or junk vehicles:

The Town has noticed that there has been an increase in the number of unlicensed, abandoned and junk vehicles. Section 89-1 thru 89-17 of the Code of the Town of Riga regulates abandoned or junk vehicles.

The outside storage of unlicensed, abandoned, or junk vehicles on privately owned properties within the Town of Riga is a source of annoyance to members of the public and to

owners and occupants of adjacent land. The outdoor storage of such vehicles on private property is unsightly and constitutes an attractive nuisance to children and a peril to their safety. This legislation is intended to protect public health and safety and to curb the deterioration of the community environment.

With the sharing of information, we are hopeful property owners in violation will correct the situation on their own. If not, the Town will be forced to issue violation notices and court appearance tickets.

Please help keep this issue under control.



Submitted by:
Building Inspectors
Ken Kuter & Bob Panik

Harvey C. Noone Legion News



July 4th

The Declaration of Independence was written during the Revolutionary War by Jefferson. On July 4, 1776, it was adopted by the Continental Congress, and July 4th became America's birthday.

Birthdays are celebrations of family and friends. For America's birthday, concerts, parades and fireworks are added. But, what about gifts? And, to whom would you give a gift?

Here are my suggestions. Adults can share the gift of knowledge by incorporating into the day's festivities, an explanation of the history of America's birthday to children. Read the Declaration of Independence aloud or lead a discussion about the Revolutionary War and its heroes and heroines - Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Betsy Ross or Molly Pitcher.

You can also make a gift to a Veterans' program. We collect and send personal care items, snacks, and games to those serving overseas and to those in the Post-Traumatic Stress program run by the Batavia VA. If you wish to contribute, contact me.

Euchre Calendar



June 14, 2019 Euchre Fundraiser
@ 7 pm at Legion

July 12, 2019 Euchre Fundraiser
@ 7 pm at Legion

August 9, 2019 Euchre Fundraiser
@ 7 pm at Legion

God Bless America
Gil Budd, Commander



SUMMER RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Purpose

The purpose of your Riga Highway Department is to provide efficient roadways for transportation for our residents and users of our 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.

Grass clippings blown onto the road are dangerous, and in many municipalities including Riga, illegal. It is illegal to blow and leave those excess clippings on the roadway because the



clippings pose a pollution problem for creeks and streams, clog drain ways and storm sewer catch basins, and puts bicyclists and motorcyclists in danger. Leaving grass clippings on the lawn is a beneficial practice. The clippings will decompose quickly and naturally actually adding nutrients back to the soil. The trick is to cut often enough to only take 1/3 off the top of the lawn leaving 2/3 being 2 to 3 inches final height. However, some homeowners prefer to either get rid of those clippings or leave them in the roadway, which is a combination of laziness, carelessness, and neglect. Grass and grass

clippings are about 85 percent water. It doesn't matter if those clippings are wet or dry when they are in the street. They can be a danger to motorcyclists. When grass clippings come between a bicyclist's or motorcycle's tires and the pavement, things can get scary, especially on curves. Contact between the tires and the roadway is paramount. You may have never thought about it, but grass clippings can act as a sheet of ice in the middle of the summer. It is very easy to cut your grass in a way that does not blow the clippings into the road. You can cut the grass so that the discharge chute is aimed back at the yard for the first few passes. If you do not want the clippings in your yard, simply bag them or rake them up and add to your compost pile.

Fall Brush Pickup

Is planned for the week of October 21st. 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 and loading on our dump trucks with a rented prentice loader. Construction materials, boulders and concrete will not be picked up with brush. If you have materials other than brush to be picked up please call a disposal company for those types of materials. *If you are a landowner and don't care to drag brush to the roadside, consider making brush piles for wildlife and returning organic matter back to the soil. There are great resources on the internet for details.*



As we endeavor to maintain and preserve quality roadway surfaces the following town and county roads are slated for work this summer:

Spring Brush Pickup

started April 22nd and was not completed until May 1st this year. We typically pickup and haul 60 to 70 tons of brush and woody material, but this spring hauled 179 tons of brush and trees. The Emerald Ash Borer had made significant impact on our suburban and rural forest. Brush pickup during an average spring takes 3-4 days to complete. This year it took more than 7 days to finish.

Planned Town Roadwork for 2019

Project dates have not yet been scheduled.

Stearns Road –In place recycle and chip seal.

Johnson Road South- Prep for widening, drainage improvements. This 1.9-mile-long road will take a few years to complete as we begin to work on one section at a time to make improvements.

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Highway News (Continues)



**Monroe
County
DOT
Road projects**

for this summer:

Bovee Road, Griffin Road- Chip seal

McIntosh Road- Pave from Reed Road to Kendall Road.

Park Road- Pave from Rt.33 to North Main St.-

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



Shared Services between the 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 our village to do County work, as well as Town roadwork requiring more

manpower, equipment and trucking than a single town can provide. We work together to get projects done 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. This practice is nothing new.

Submitted by:
David Smith,
Highway Superintendent

Supervisor's Article (Continues)

residents. We are extremely proud of Hunter and Taylor, and look forward to following their achievements in the years to come.

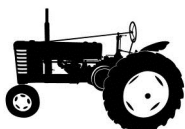
Riga Recreation's summer camp begins June 27th and runs through August 9th. Summer camp is open to children entering kindergarten through 7th grade. Registration forms are available on our website and at the town hall. For more information, please go to www.townofriga.com/recreation.

It's a wonderful event with lots of great food and activities for all ages. We hope to see you there.

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



Submitted by:
Brad O'Brocta
Supervisor



The Lion's Club Country Fair will be held August 17th and 18th.

Also, be sure to attend the concerts at the Gazebo in the Village. Concerts are every Wednesday from July 3rd to July 31st.

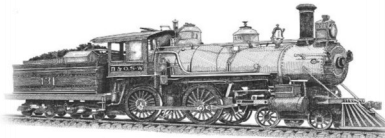


Death Along The Tracks

For the past few newsletters, I have introduced the railroad tramps and the problems they caused in the Town of Riga. In this article, I will conclude the series by presenting the troubles that the tramps experienced that often times resulted in their death. But, before I get to that subject, I would like to bring forth an early 1900's newspaper article that provided a more positive solution to the tramp problem in the community. "Four tramps who were stealing a ride on the freight fell into the clutches of Officer Miller (Village of Churchville Constable). The men were brought before Judge Richmond for trial. Henry Moray who hailed from Rochester was discharged, but Frank Brown, John Kelley and Frank Deboar were sentenced to serve twenty days in the penitentiary.

As the men were being escorted to the lockup, Herman Schneider observed the trio. Mr. Schneider has an extensive apple orchard (in the Town of Riga) and has been experiencing great difficulty procuring help to pick the yield. He went to the judge and plead that he would be only too glad to give the men work if they could be released. The men were equally glad to escape the penitentiary and promised that if their release could be

affected they would gladly pick apples. Brown and Kelley were then brought before Judge Richmond a second time. The judge agreed to suspend their sentence and they were allowed to depart with Mr. Schneider who promised to keep them busy for the full twenty days and more if they would stick."



Riding the rails was no easy task for these tramps. They had to deal with the motion of the train, the personality of other tramps, the police and the weather. The weather alone was extremely dangerous. Along Savage Road, for about a 1 ½ miles, was the location of the New York Central railroad water pans. These water pans were once located between the rails on just two of the six tracks, and enabled steam locomotives to take on water at a speed of about 70 mph without having to stop.

In the winter time, there are



newspaper accounts of tramps being frozen to death by the over spray of the water as the train was scooping water out of the pans.

Arriving in Rochester, the frozen tramps were discovered and were removed by chipping out the ice that encased them.



Then in October of 1900, tragedy strikes as the lifeless body of a young boy is discovered near the Village of Churchville. Here is that account as recorded in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle newspaper and titled: **"MUTE BOY TRAMP KILLED BY CARS. Almost Lifeless Body of a Young Man Found Near Churchville. His Pitiful Plea.** Friends, I am deaf and dumb. I have no friends to go to, so I ask you to be kind enough to give me a little bit to eat.

That was the plea of a boy supposed to have been deaf and dumb, who was fatally injured near Churchville early yesterday morning. His almost lifeless body was found beside the New York Central tracks. What was done at Churchville is told in the following special dispatch to the Democrat and Chronicle:

An unknown man was fatally injured this morning at Churchville

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Death Along The Tracks (continues)

on the New York Central tracks about one-fourth mile east of the crossing. It is not known how he was injured, but it is thought that he was struck by engine No. 422 on track 4. He was first discovered by James Lawler, of Churchville, who notified the train crew of engine 1,872, on which as the fireman of this train claims to have seen him in DeWitt the previous day. The crew removed him to the New York Central depot's baggage room. Mr. Doxtater, a night workman at the boiler house, notified the Town of Riga overseer of the poor, John Lemon, who took charge of him.

Dr. Egelston was summoned and found the man unconscious and hurt internally and badly bruised about the head. John Lemon was about to send him to the hospital at Rochester, but he died at 7:43 A. M., just before the train arrived. He was then taken to the undertaker's room and Coroner Sibley, of Rochester, summoned. The coroner found that the body was that of a boy about 18 years old, with dark hair, blue eyes, dark complexion, five feet three inches in height, and weighing about 115 pounds. The remains will be left in the undertaker's room for a day or two for identification.

There was found on the body a small photograph of a young boy, perhaps the one that was killed, and on the back of the card was

written: Master Harry Grooms. Send to Charles R. Hawkins. There was also another photograph with Enterprise Photo Co., Hubbard Block, Watertown, N. Y., printed on the back with a rubber stamp. Neither photograph is the likeness of the dead lad, as he appeared recently. It was evident the fellow was tramping, because in his pockets was found the usual possessions of a tramp; soap, matches, tobacco, needle and thread, and eight stubs of pencils. There was also a copy of the Syracuse Post-Standard of September 27th, with the name C. B. Dawley, 8 Nov. 1900 on the label. There were several scraps of paper bearing writing, and from the collection the following memoranda was gleaned, which may lead to the lad's identification: Miss Cosgrove, at DeWitt. From Charles R. Skenkle, in Buffalo East, Cor. William street. Corner 7th avenue and 32nd street, N. Y. city. Mr. Raymond More, No. 73 East 110th street, New York city.

On one slip it appeared that he had been answering questions, and one sentence said: I live in Tampa, Florida and Last night I came from Albany. There was one slip bearing directions for reaching Florida by various railroads. A card bore the name of "W. W. Frizzell, shoe dealer, No. 454 Queen street, west, Toronto. Coroner Sibley has not yet decided to hold an inquest."



By the 1940's the tramp problem seems to almost disappear in the Town of Riga. Many reasons can be suggested for this decline such as a stronger economy and low unemployment, faster trains which make hitching a ride more difficult, an increase in railroad cops, often called "bulls," and the availability of public assistance and housing.

**Submitted by:
Ron Belczak
Historian**



Assessor News

STAR EXEMPTIONS

The BASIC STAR exemption will be \$30,000 of assessed value, and the ENHANCED STAR will be at \$68,700 of assessed value

Breakdown of STAR savings by school district:

	Basic	Enhanced
Byron-Bergen	\$680	\$1,515
Caledonia-Mumford	\$530	\$1,181
Churchville-Chili	\$690	\$1,536

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 2019-2020 school year, is \$88,050. Resident property owners, who are at least 65 by the end of 2019 (born on or before December 31, 1954), whose 2018 Federal Adjusted Gross Income (minus any taxable IRA distribution) fits into this category, must apply by March 1, 2020. 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 are no longer required.** Last year Enhanced STAR recipients were required to enroll into IVP (Income Verification Program). This is a one-time registration that allows the State to monitor your income for Enhanced STAR purposes. You no longer need to bring your tax information to the Assessor's office. However, if you are a first time Enhanced STAR applicant (meaning you already have the Basic STAR and you believe you're entitled to the Enhanced STAR) you will need to file an Enhanced STAR application with the Assessor. This is a one-time application that gets you into the IVP program.



STAR What's new?

Due to recent changes in the law, beginning this year:

- the value of the STAR credit may increase by as much as 2% each year, but the STAR exemption cannot increase; and

- the income limit for the Basic STAR exemption is now \$250,000.

Who must switch

If your income is more than \$250,000, you **must** switch to the STAR credit to continue receiving your benefit.

If your income is \$250,000 or less, you have the **option** to switch.

How to switch to the STAR credit

1. Notify your assessor that you wish to withdraw your STAR exemption.
2. [Register for the STAR credit:](https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm) <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm>

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

Submitted by:
Lori Frongetta,
Assessor



GO CHRISTIAN CHURCH FREE FOOD PANTRY

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 and the Pantry is open Wednesday's 6:30pm at 22 South Main Street in the Village of Churchville. Go Christian Church - 585-454-9152

THE LIONS CLUB CORNER

Save the Dates!

The Lions Club Country Fair is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th and Sunday, August 18th. This year we will have a demonstration from the Churchville Fire Dept., tractor pulls, a clam bake, and a chicken BBQ along with many vendors. We will also have marching bands performing. The bands scheduled to play so far are "Gone Fishin'", Johnny Bauer Band, and music from "Allegro", an 8 piece party band playing everything from The

Beatles to Bruno Mars. If you've never heard them check out the demos of their music at allegroentertainment.net. And of course the parade on Saturday morning. The Auction Booth will be open both days. This is a great time to have some good clean family fun!

We are also collecting non-perishable food items for our Thanksgiving & Christmas food deliveries. A collection box is currently at the Riga Town Hall

with more collection boxes to be placed in other spots around the town and village. So many families in the Riga Community are in need so please consider donating any non-perishable foods.

Submitted by:

Debby Landers
Churchville Lions Club



TOWN CLERK NEWS

Rentals



Rental Fees will be as follows:

For the **Buffalo Road Pavilion**, the fee for Monday through Thursday rentals will now be **\$50.00 for residents**, and \$100.00 for non-residents. Weekend rentals, Friday through Sunday, **\$100.00 for residents**, and \$125.00 for non-residents.

For the **Maier Lodge** the fee for Monday through Thursday rentals will now be **\$75.00 for residents**, and \$150.00 for non-residents. Weekend rentals, Friday through Sunday, fee is **\$150.00 for**

residents, and \$200.00 for non-residents.

The **Cobblestone Building** fee has been reduced. Monday through Thursday rentals will now be **\$65.00 for residents**, and \$125.00 for non-residents. Weekend rentals, Friday through Sunday, fee is **\$90.00 for residents**, and \$175.00 for non-residents.

Please remember the Town can only accept reservations with a complete application and paid rental fee.

The Town still sells discount Buckman's Car Wash Tickets.

Prices:

Basic Soft Touch
[Includes 24-hour guarantee]
\$7.25 a piece
\$36.25 a book of five



The Works
[Includes 5-day guarantee]
\$11.25 a piece
\$58.75 a book of five



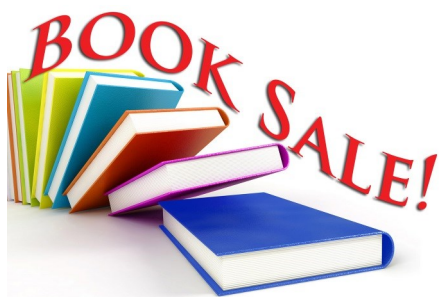
We also have Darien Lake Tickets on sale: \$30.00 per ticket. Each ticket includes free parking for the day.

You may purchase tickets at the Town Clerk's window.

Submitted by:
Kimberly Pape,
Town Clerk

Please do not hesitate to call my office with any questions at 293-3880 x121 or x122

Newman Riga Library



Annual Book Sale and Basket Raffle

Our **Annual Book Sale** will start along with the Union Church Strawberry Social Event on Thursday, June 13th and will continue through Saturday, June 15th. Spend \$5 or more at the book sale and get a free raffle ticket for a \$25 Visa Gift Card!

Book Sale Information:

Thursday, June 13th (3pm-8 pm)

Friday, June 14th (11am-5 pm) – Buy one, get one free*

Saturday, June 15th (9am-1pm) - \$3 bag sale *

- Only books, DVDs and Books on CD. Specialty items not included.

A special thanks to Alice and Richard Kingdon for their donation of the raffle basket loaded with at least \$70 of gift cards. The raffle runs **May 1st - June 15th** with tickets available for \$5 or 3 for \$10. The drawing will be held on June 15th (winner need not be present.)



"A Universe of Stories" Summer Reading Program

"A Universe of Stories" is the theme for 2019 and the program

will run from June 27 through August 8. If you are between the ages of 2 and 200, we have a game for you! Come in and play for prizes, both big and small. Just like last year, middle, elementary, and preschool-aged children will get a task-oriented game board; adults and young adults will play a self-directed game. Please visit the Library for more information.

There is a lot of fun planned for this summer at the Library, including Magic Joe, a magician with an out-of-this-world show, and African drum master Mayukwa Kashiwa. Beekeeper Mike Van Edwards will be bringing a beehive (**without bees**) and we'll help him harvest the honey while learning about bees and bee gardens.

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission to the moon, our summer reading kick-off program on June 27th is Barry Noble's Backyard Lander. This half-scale lunar lander will be displayed on the library lawn during the afternoon with a 3pm program geared towards children and a 7pm program for adults. For more information, please check out Barry's website at backyardlander.com.

Schedule of Summer Reading Programming (all programs start at 3pm):

June 27: Barry Noble's Backyard Lander (3pm children's program, 7pm adult program)

July 9: African Drum master Mayukwa Kashiwa

July 16: Magic Joe

July 23: Movie! Movie! – *Star Wars: A New Hope*

August 1: Beekeeper Mike Van Edwards

August 8: End of Game Bagel Party!

Makerspace returns! Thanks to BOCES there will be ample opportunities this summer to discover robotics and to experiment with 3-D printers, robots and coding here at Newman Riga. Please keep checking our Facebook page or website for dates and times.



Library Hours: 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 15th—September 7th)

SU: Closed

Library Services:

Photocopying
\$.20 image

Printing (black and white)
\$.20 page

Printing (color)
\$.50 page

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

Submitted by:
Lynn M. Brown,
Librarian

Solutions for
Printing, Copying & Faxing

CHURCH CALENDARS

United Congregational United Church of Christ

14 N. Main Street

JUNE

Sunday, June 2
YOUTH SUNDAY

The 10 am service will be held in the Lower Hall. It will be a combined Worship Service and Tureen Breakfast. Do join us for this special service.

Thursday, June 13
STRAWBERRY SOCIAL 4:30—6:30 pm for all the community

June 21-22
ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

(Donations accepted after June 2nd
If access is needed, call 293-2006)

Friday, June 21 – 5-7 pm - Early Bird Shopping

Saturday, June 22 – 8 am – 1 pm – Shopping for all (Half price after 12 noon)

JULY

Sunday, July 14
“CHRISTMAS IN JULY” celebrated at 10 am worship service (Bring a wrapped gift for the church – see needs list on website—**Churchvilleucc.com**)

Sunday July 28 PET BLESSING SERVICE – 10 am (Outdoors if weather permits, otherwise, in Lower Hall of church)

AUGUST

Sunday, August 18 CAMPFIRE WORSHIP SERVICE - 10 am (Outdoors in back parking lot)

Aug 19 – 23 COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Union Church (Mon – Fri) Children in pre-school through 5th grade

Special program on Thursday, (22nd) at St. Vincent's

Closing program on Friday at 12:00 noon at Union Church

Call Kathy Kuntz at 294-3085 to register (no fee)

Children in 6th grade and above may be helpers.

August 17-18 (Sat-Sun) FISHING BOOTH at Lions Country Fair

(Watch for our church float in the parade preceding the Fair)

Churchville United Methodist Church

24 West Buffalo Street

585-293-3282

Sunday worship time—9:30 a.m.

ALL are welcome!

churcunitedmethodist.wixcite.com/oursite

Pastor Meg Morin (585)953-7521
pastormegmorin@gmail.com

Coming Up:

Fri. June 14: Free Family Movie and Lego Building night, hot dogs, popcorn and beverages provided bring your Legos and/or use ours

July 24: Michigan /Chicago Hots dinner

August 7: Come see us at the Churchville Fair

Aug. 28: Michigan /Chicago Hots Dinner

Fall : Go M.A.D.D. (Make A Difference Day) Our volunteers will be seeking homes and yards for FREE help to clean up yards, rake, garden clean-up, windows. Please call the church at

293-3282 or pastor Meg at 953-7421 for more info or to get on the list.

Chicken BBQ Saturday September 14th 3 to 6 or until sold out. Drive thru only \$10 presale. \$12 day of \$5 children.

Call 689-7513 for questions or tickets.



First Congregational Church of Riga, UCC

7057 Chili Riga Center Road

Thank you for your support of our recent events: the Dinners, the Craft Shows, the Rummage Sales. Thank you, also, for your support of this year's Lenten Season events. We had record attendance at the Lenten Soup and Bread meals, and at the combined worship services hosted by Riga church and Churchville UMC.

It is taking it's time, but Summer is coming! Wherever the next few months lead you, 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.

Pastor Susan Garofalo

HOW TO PROPERLY RECYCLE YOUR TEXTILES

As we welcome the summer season and closet clean outs, we'd like to remind you to rethink your recycling habits. Tossing your unwanted clothing into your recycling bin creates major issues for the recycling facilities that are built to handle paper and containers. When clothing and other textiles are put in your regular household recycling bin, these items become wrapped around recycling facility equipment, causing expensive machinery jams and compromising worker safety. Clothing and other worn and torn textiles can be recycled but need to go to a specialized recycling facility. As long as they are clean, dry and odorless, most textiles can be reused or recycled through specific donation and collection programs. Reused clothing is

thrifted and goes to people in need. The items that are recycled are made into fiber for new products like carpet padding, home insulation, and raw material for the automotive industry. By participating in textiles recovery and recycling you're helping to save natural resources and generate jobs.

Submitted by:

Nicole Fornof

Waste Diversion and Education Coordinator

Monroe County Department of Environmental Services

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50 West Main Street

Rochester, NY 14614

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RECYCLING CLOTHING, SHOES, AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES IN NEW YORK CREATES UP TO 1,000 JOBS.

HELP NEW YORK'S ECONOMY BY RECYCLING YOUR TEXTILES TODAY.



Re-Clothe New York

Visit bit.ly/Re-ClotheNY for a list of acceptable items and textile collection locations.

RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

We held our Annual Cemetery Meeting on May 7, 2019 and made plans for improving the cemetery for the coming year. The first draft of our burial records have been updated. Churchville Boy Scout Troop 133 is sponsoring an Eagle project to create new grave lot maps that will help visitors find the grave site of their loved ones. We plan to continue straightening and repairing some of our older headstones that are leaning or have broken.

Spring is now here and the new Yellow Maple tree survived the winter and is leafing out. The 4 new Cypress Cedars are also

looking good. We plan to plant 3 more Cypress Cedars to fill in the lot line behind the shed and 3 new Burning Bushes along the south cemetery lot line.



The Cemetery is always looking for help from Town of Riga residents. Some projects that need your support include planting and maintaining our new flowers and bushes, cleaning headstones, maintaining graveside decorations, auditing our burial records, and leveling out graves and driveways.

We are also looking for new Board Members who can help set the direction of the Cemetery and support its mission.

Please contact us at 585-538-2951.

Submitted by:

John Loser, President

RECREATION NEWS

As the summer season fast approaches (did we ever really have spring?) we hope that you can take advantage of all the outdoor opportunities that the Town of Riga/Village of Churchville have to offer: Churchville Park with its many different activities from kayaking, walking trails, disc golf, tennis, pickleball, golf, soccer and the town parks at Sanford and Buffalo Roads. There is something for everyone!



Our popular Riga Summer Camp will return to Churchville Elementary School under the new direction of Mr. Brian Young. Brian and his staff are eager to start with many daily activities and

a full schedule of field trips. Registration forms can be found online as well as hard copies at the Riga Town Office.

The Churchville Soccer Club, CYA Baseball/Softball have tried to start their respective seasons but the inclement weather has necessitated cancellations and makeups. The construction of the third field has stalled due to the rainy season we have experienced. Once this weather turns work will continue.

As many know we secured a New York State DASNY grant to construct a 2-court Pickleball venue at the Buffalo Road Park. Construction was moving along nicely last fall until the weather turned. This spring we noticed that the painting for the courts did not adhere, so the Super Seal Company came back and repainted them a few weeks back.

Again, weather held us back but now we have installed windscreens, bench-es, and finally the poles and nets! The courts are now ready for play so feel free to come on down and play.

There will be a Grand Opening of these courts in June.

Stay-tuned...

Please check the Summer Recreation Program list to see the summer listings. As always if you see or hear of new activities that would be of interest to our community do not hesitate to contact this office and we will do our best to get them included.

Submitted By:
Dave Thomas,
Recreation Supervisor



June-July-August 2019 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

Riga Recreation Spring, 2019 Programs

June

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. June 1st, 9:00am-3:30pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) Riga Summer Camp at Churchville Elementary School starts June 27th and ends August 9th....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 & Buffalo Road Park.....we have equipment you can borrow!!
- 7) Empire State "Senior" Games at SUNY Cortland...June 8-13....There is a competitive activity for YOU!!! Call Rec. Office for details
- 8) Riga Monthly Cornhole Tourney @ The Cobblestone Hall June 13.....6:00pm



July

- 1) Concerts at the Village Gazebo 6:30-8:00pm "Rain or Shine"
7/3.. Jimmy Jam Band 7/10..Johnny Bauer 7/17.. Generations
7/24.. Blue Sky 7/31..8 Days A Week 8/15....Just 4 Fun
- 2) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. July 13th, 9:00am-3:30pm at the Riga Town Hall
- 3) "CORNHOLE" Anyone"? Play this exciting game at the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall....Thurs. July 18 @ 6:00pm
- 4) Riga Summer Camp at Churchville E.S. 6 Weeks....June 27 'til August 9.
- 5) Monroe County Girls (ages 6-12) Sports Festival at Frontier Field, Noon 'til 5:00pm... Free



Register at www.monroecounty.gov/youth-girlssportsfestival

August

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. Aug. 10th, 9:00am-3:30pm at Riga Town Hall
- 2) "The Last Five Years".....a play directed by Ryan Thomas at the Cobblestone Hall....Friday, Aug. 23 & Saturday, Aug. 24 7:00pm
- 3) Riga Monthly Cornhole Tournament @ The Cobblestone. Thurs. Aug. 15...6:00pm
- 4) Monthly "Cornhole" Tourney at the Cobblestone Hall, August 15th... 6:00pm



SCOR—SPRING NEWS YOU CAN USE

"Summertime" . . . and the living is easy . . . is the jazz standard song released in 1935.

This aria by composer George Gershwin for the opera *Porgy and Bess* with lyrics by DuBose Heyward, the author of the novel *Porgy*, was recorded over 25,000 times and claimed very successful. So, come and enjoy "summertime" with members of SCOR, Senior Citizens of Riga.

June 7th trip to Cortland, NY Theater for the matinee show of "The Lady With All The Answers" Life and Letters of Ann Landers. We first enjoy lunch at Cincinatus Restaurant.

June 11th SCOR members relax and enjoy a noon luncheon/meeting at The American Legion Hall. Guest presenter will be Pastor Bill Gibbons of Pearce Church for Discipleship and Leadership Development Programs.

Barbeque and bingo offered for a good time at our annual picnic to be held at Sanford Rd. Maher Lodge on July 9th.

We take time off in August. NO meeting or luncheon is planned. BUT a summer trip to Skaneateles



Lake on August 14th is planned; shopping in Waterloo, cruising aboard the

"Judge Ben Wiles, dining at Geneva's Cornerstone Restaurant makes for "easy summertime" memories. Looking ahead to September, Integrity Tours of Avon, NY say make memories with them for a 5 day trip to Mackinaw, Michigan, Fort Mackinaw Museum, Frankenhouse Village; leaving

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Churchville on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd and returning on Saturday, Sept. 7th.



Travelers will share this adventure with us at the Tuesday, Sept. 10th free luncheon and meeting held at the Legion Hall. Call for more information on any of these offerings: Verna at 293-9068 for SCOR activities and Shirley at 752-4109 for trip schedules.

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

GREATER CHURCHVILLE-RIGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Summer is in full swing at this point!

SUMMERTIME

So welcome after such a long winter and a late starting Spring! Hopefully everyone is enjoying outdoor activities. Whether it's hanging around the yard or traveling to a favorite vacation spot this time of year often goes by too quickly. Whatever your pleasure, I hope you are also enjoying the beautiful sights

right here in Riga. Visiting Churchville Park, Black Creek or just walking through town and viewing the lovely flowers blooming in our yards and flower boxes, summer is sure to be sweet!

The Chamber doesn't meet during the summer months but we are busy planning the Annual Golf Tournament, scheduled for July 22nd.

GOLF
TOURNAMENT

Why not think about coming out to play or sponsor a hole at this annual event. All residents are welcome, Visit our website for complete details.

Our regular meetings will start up again in September and as always our meetings and activities are open to all. We welcome new people and new ideas.

Submitted by:
Joan Hawthorne
President



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

June

- 3 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 11 SCOR Luncheon—Legion
- 13 & 14 & 15 Library Book Sale
- 14 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion



July

- 4 & 5 Town Hall Closed for Independence Day
- 9 SCOR Annual Picnic—Maher Lodge
- 12 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 22 Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
- 29 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm



August

- 9 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 14 SCOR Trip—Waterloo Shopping and Dinner Cruise
- 17 Lions Country Fair
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- 23 Play at Cobblestone Hall "The Last Five Years"
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For further information regarding Riga Rec, Senior, Library and CYA programs, call 293-3880 X130, or refer to the Town's website: www.townofriga.org. Contact sponsoring organizations for further information regarding their events. Submit your ideas and comments for further enhancements to the Editor.

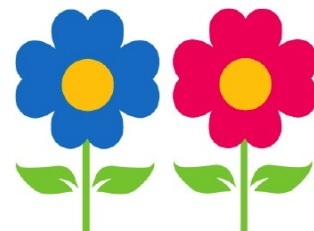
Submit comments and/or upcoming events to:

Town of Riga Newsletter

6460 Buffalo Road

Churchville, NY 14428

Fax 585-293-1917 or townclerk@townofriga.org



Churchville Lions Club

Medical Loan Closet



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



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OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE

WWW.TOWNOFRIGA.COM

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MEETING SCHEDULE

All Town Board Meetings, Workshops and meetings of Appointed Boards and Committees are open to the public. Most meetings are held at the Town Hall at 7 pm according to a regular schedule.

TOWN BOARD: 2nd Wednesdays.
Workshops as needed.

CONSERVATION BOARD: 4th Mondays.

LANDFILL CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD:
3rd Tuesday of the Month in January, April, July,
and October at 6 pm at Millseat Landfill.

PLANNING BOARD: 1st Mondays.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Scheduled as needed on 1st Thursdays at 7 pm.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: No meetings scheduled at this time.



RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, June 3rd 2019

Monday, July 29th 2019

1:00 PM—6:00 PM

6460 BUFFALO ROAD-COMMUNITY ROOM

Please give the gift that lasts a lifetime.
Please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to schedule your
lifesaving donation. If you donated on or before
April 4th you are eligible to donate.
Walk-ins are also welcome!! Please Bring ID!

1-800-GIVE-LIFE donatebloodnow.org