

TOWN OF RIGA

NEWSLETTER

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Supervisor's Report



As fall nears, I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and has had a chance to get out and experience all that Riga has to offer. Fall can be just as nice a season here, so be sure to check out our pickleball courts on Buffalo Road near the highway garage or visit one of our parks here in town. Black Creek provides plenty of opportunities as well – fishing, boating, or just enjoying the scenery.

Our Highway Department has been busy with many projects this summer, including tending to our roads. We continue to work cooperatively with Monroe County and our neighboring towns on various road projects here in Riga and elsewhere. Sharing services and equipment with neighboring communities allows us to reduce our costs and complete projects we might not have been able to do otherwise. This is a win-win situation for all involved.



Hopefully you have noticed the improvements to some of the Sanford Road athletic

fields. Construction of an additional baseball/softball field is moving along nicely and should be completed soon. Special thanks to our highway department employees for their help with this project.

The Town Board will soon begin preparations to develop the 2020 Budget. This process begins by requesting all departments and interested parties to prepare their Budget requests for the upcoming year for Board review. The Board spends a significant amount of time reviewing each department's requests. Two full days (and a third if necessary) are devoted to meeting with department heads and other entities the Town uses to provide services. Each budget line is reviewed to be sure budget requests are properly justified. After we have met with all interested parties and have discussed their requests, the Board develops a tentative budget. The Town Board then reviews this document and makes any necessary adjustments. At this point, the Board moves it to a Preliminary Budget. A public hearing is scheduled to give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed Preliminary Budget. Once the public hearing has been completed, the Board can make additional changes as needed before adopting the final Budget. I am thankful for the level of commitment everyone involved in the

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Building Department



SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

- ⇒ Place smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and in every bedroom.
- ⇒ Test smoke alarms monthly.
- ⇒ Vacuum alarms annually to remove dust and cobwebs.
- ⇒ Replace old alarms. Smoke alarms ten years old and older need to be replaced.
- ⇒ Alarms should never be disconnected. Batteries should never be removed for other uses.
- ⇒ Replace the battery every year. Better yet, twice a year-when you change the clocks in the spring and fall.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS



- ⇒ Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the United States.
- ⇒ Each year, approximately 200 people in New York State are hospitalized because of accidental CO poisoning. Many more people are treated for CO exposure in emergency rooms without further hospital care.
- ⇒ Nationally, accidental CO poisoning kills 400 people and injures another 20,000 each year.
- ⇒ Carbon monoxide is a silent killer- you cannot see it, smell it or taste it. The ONLY safe way to detect it is with a carbon monoxide alarm. Carbon monoxide alarms range in price from \$20 to \$50 depending on additional

features.

- ⇒ CO is produced anytime a fuel is burned. Potential sources include gas or oil furnaces, water heaters, space heaters, clothes dryers, barbecue grills, fireplaces, wood-burning stoves, gas ovens, generators, and car exhaust fumes. (please remember to have your heating appliances serviced annually)
- ⇒ Most CO incidents happen during the winter months, mainly due to an increased use in fuel burning appliances.
- ⇒ At high concentration levels carbon monoxide can be fatal in minutes. CO rapidly accumulates in the blood and is attracted to the hemoglobin in your bloodstream. When breathed in, CO passes through the lungs and bonds with hemoglobin, displacing the oxygen that cells need to function.

Submitted by:
Building Inspectors
Ken Kuter & Bob Panik

Supervisor's Report (continues)

budget process brings to the table. It is a difficult and long process, but the hard work results in a very productive and efficient budget.

The Town of Riga is working with Bernard P. Donegan, Inc. (BPD) to refinance a portion of the bonds that were sold in 2011 for the water line project, within the water benefit area. BPD has

advised us that as of this year, we are able to refinance a portion of the bonds. Interest rates have dropped to a point where refunding would likely reduce the overall debt and provide a savings to those residents within the water benefit area.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate

to contact myself or any Board Member.

Submitted by:
Brad O'Brocta
Supervisor



FALL RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS



Fall Brush pickup

Scheduled for the week of October 21st. Please have brush out to the roadside prior to that date. We will make one trip down each road and **cannot make return trips once 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. Please stack branches with ends toward road in orderly piles. Do not cut into short lengths. Emerald Ash Borer has killed most of the ash trees in our area. Brush pickup usually takes three or four days to complete, but lasted 7 days this past spring. We doubled our volume of brush because of this invasive pest. 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 do not 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 discussing benefits of brush piles.*

The Purpose of the Riga Highway department is to provide efficient roadways for transportation for our residents and users of our roadways. and 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. Following are

the road improvement projects we have worked on this summer.



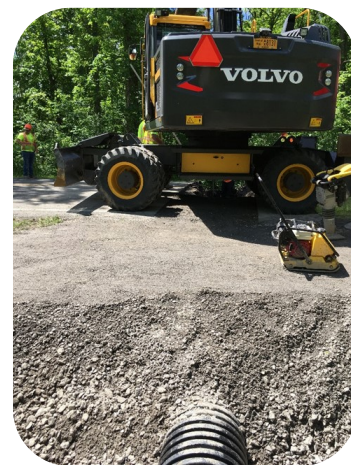
CHIPS* Funded Town Road-work occurred this summer on Stearns Road with in place recycle. The uneven flat road surface was ground up, #2 stone and polymer tar were added, and the road was reprofiled with crown to drain water to shoulders and ditches. 3/8 ST's were chip sealed over and finally 1A's were chip sealed to keep water out of the road bed. This is a cost-effective process for town roads with decades of various maintenance treatments. ***Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program-** "CHIPS" provides state funds to municipalities for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of local highways, bridges, **highway-railroad** crossings, and other local facilities which result in a "built" project.

Other Road Work this summer in Riga and throughout the County of Monroe included paving of Park Road, changing culverts, true and leveling, and chip sealing Griffin Road, paving McIntosh road, and tree work on Bovee Road. Other projects around the county included chip sealing of Chase Road, Moul Road, North Greece Road, Beach Avenue, Brown Road, Morgan Road, paving on North Road, Clifton Road,

Wheatland Center Road, Bennett Road, and Reed Road. We have had a jam-packed summer.

Shared services between the towns on the roads mentioned above happens on most summer road projects. You will often see Ogden, Chili, Sweden, Wheatland, Churchville, and Hamlin trucks and equipment working in Riga, helping with county and town road projects. We provide equipment and labor to surrounding towns and our Village to do County work as well as town roadwork requiring more manpower, equipment and trucking than single towns 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 sharing services, working together diligently to save taxpayers' dollars for many years.

Submitted by:
David Smith,
Highway Superintendent



Culvert change on Griffin Rd

recycle right

no batteries in the bin



Batteries don't belong in your household recycling bins!

So where do they go when their time is up?

According to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, it's safe to dispose of single-use

alkaline batteries in the trash. Because rechargeable batteries contain toxic heavy metals, it is illegal to dispose of them in the trash. Manufacturers are also required to provide free collection and recycling for certain types of rechargeable batteries.

Button and rechargeable batteries - like those found in drills, laptops, hearing aids, watches etc.- can be brought to the ecopark for recycling, keeping heavy metals out of the environment (single-use alkaline batteries are NOT accepted at ecopark). Rechargeable batteries can also be brought to a number of retailers including Lowes, Home Depot, Best Buy, Staples, and Batteries Plus Bulbs. In 2018, 323 reported fires occurred at waste facilities across the US and Canada, some injuring workers and firefighters. Many of those fires may have resulted from improperly disposing of rechargeable batteries in household recycling bins where they don't belong. For more information on local battery recycling programs, visit www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/batteries.php.

Harvey C. Noone Legion News

OUR PRIVILEGE; OUR DUTY more.

In 1919, Congress chartered the American Legion. Our mission rests on four pillars – strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and youth programs.

Since its formation after WWI, the Legion has provided an opportunity for former service members to continue to serve their nation and their communities as civilians. Last year alone, Legion members donated 4 million hours of service. Those belonging to the extended Legion family, through membership in the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and Legion Riders donated countless

In this 100th anniversary year, Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post # 954 remains proud and committed to serve our community. We add our voice to the chorus of veterans, in 14,000 posts across our nation, who send representatives to Washington and Albany to vigorously lobby on behalf of service members, veterans and their families. It is our Privilege; it is our Duty to carry out the mission of the American Legion.

**For God and Country,
Gil Budd, Commander**



Euchre Schedule:

September 6, 2019 Euchre
Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

September 20, 2019 Euchre
Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

October 4, 2019 Euchre
Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

October 18, 2019 Euchre
Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

November 1, 2019 Euchre
Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

November 15, 2019 Euchre
Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

High School Graduation

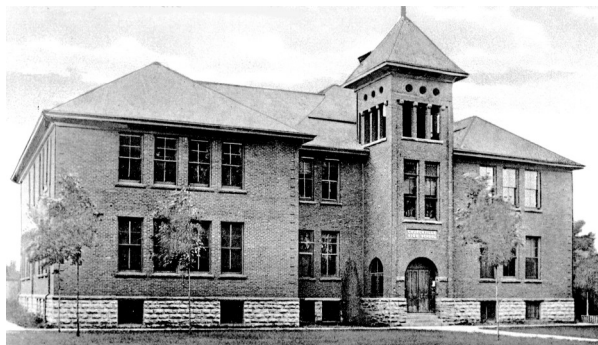


This year's 2019 graduating class of the Churchville-Chili High School has the distinct pleasure of being the 69th class graduation since the creation of the centralized school district on May 23, 1950. It was then that the one-room schoolhouses and the Churchville High School within the Townships of Riga and parts of Chili, Ogden and Sweden combined to form a centralized school district.

Stepping back in time we can briefly trace the evolution of the Town of Riga High Schools and even take a glimpse at its first graduating class as told by one of its members.



Prior to 1950 and after 1936, the Riga School district consisted of numerous one-room school houses and a High School that that we now call the Churchville Elementary School on West Buffalo Street. That High School consisted of grades K-12 and was built in 1936 as a Works Progress Administration Project during the Great Depression at a cost of \$237,000.00.



*Highschool that is
now the Churchville
Elementary School
West Buffalo St*

From 1895 to 1936, a Churchville Union School was constructed in 1895 and was once located across the street from the present-day Churchville Elementary School on or near #37 & #39 West Buffalo Street. Built at a cost of \$25,000.00 this facility replaced the Cobblestone School House which still stands today at the rear of the present-day Methodist Church. Classes taught at this facility were grades K-12 with a special program in agriculture. Outside the Village, the Town of Riga still had one room schoolhouses and at one time had nearly 27 separate schoolhouses. It was not until 1956 that all one room schoolhouse in the Churchville-Chili School District closed forever.

Courses taught at the High School were found in an 1897 Annual Report of the Regents of the State of New York and listed as follows: "English, German, French, Latin, mathematics to solid geometry, English and American History, physiology and hygiene, physical geometry, bookkeeping and drawing. There is also a two-year commercial course, including commercial arithmetic, bookkeeping, mensuration, phonography, typewriting, commercial law, business forms, letter writing, history, rhetoric and elocution."

Originally built as a one room schoolhouse in 1843 the Churchville Cobblestone School House became the first dedicated High School for the Town of Riga. According to the available records, the first graduating class of the High School was in 1893 and the graduating class consisted of three female students; Gertuda Moule, Incz Green and Carrie Randall. This in comparison to the 326 students of the class of 2019. It was not until December of 1894 that the Cobblestone High School received Regents Certification therefore this graduation class was non-Regents. The classes of study in 1893 are unknown but in 1895 a Rochester Democrat and Chronicle newspaper listed the first Regent exam taken at Cobblestone High: "Regents examinations were held this year for the first time in the Churchville Union School. Papers as follows were sent to Albany: Reading 8, writing 9, spelling 20, elementary English 7, arithmetic 6, Algebra 2 geography 5, United States history 3, civics 5, drawing 3. Ten pupils earned preliminary certificates."

But what was it like to be that first graduate of Churchville High school in 1893? In a 1913 edition

High School Graduation (continues)

of the "Senior Reflections," a school newspaper published by the Senior Class of the Churchville High School, Gertrude Moule, an 1893 graduate, details her experiences at Churchville High as follows:

"April 10, 1913. To the Graduating Class of the Churchville High School. My dear friends:

It is with great pleasure that I respond to your request to contribute my small share to your school paper for this year. "May it live long and prosper!"

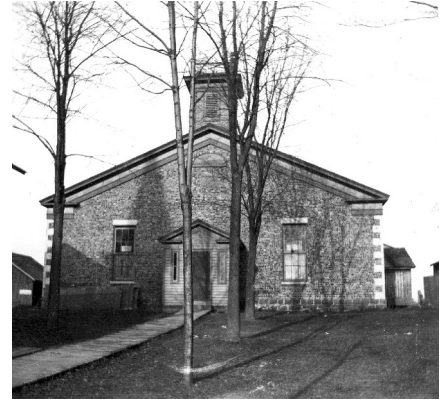
Although a member of the first graduating class of Churchville High School, probably no other graduate has kept in closer touch with her Alma Mater than it has been my privilege to do. During the nine years in which I was identified with the school as one of its teachers I had the opportunity to come into close contact with nearly all who have received diplomas from this institution, and came to regard each one as a personal friend, a feeling which only increases as the years go by. My association with the school, both as pupil and teacher, has been a very happy one, and no one could have a deeper or more sincere interest in its welfare.

I sometimes wonder if graduation means to high school pupils nowadays what it meant to me, and I think to the other members of the Class of Ninety-three. There were only three of us but

had there been many times that years ago.

number we could not have planned more carefully nor had greater anticipations of the event. We made up in enthusiasm what we lacked in numbers. I venture to say that no other class has had more meetings than we. We had our officers and owing to our small number, no one was without an office. We had our motto, our colors, our essays, yes, we enjoyed even those, and, most important of all we had our graduating dresses and flowers. And I believe I am not alone in saying that the proudest moment of our lives was that in which we arose to receive our diplomas, presented to us by the Hon. Chas. S. Baker. They were not Regents' diplomas then, but to us they represented the goal of our young ambitions. There seemed little else left in life worth striving for. But it was not all joy. I remember now how saddened we felt when we said good-bye to our principal, who had made the occasion possible for us. I think we each had the feeling that we were leaving behind us one of the happiest periods of our lives, and the years have proved its truth.

I can wish the Class of Nineteen-Thirteen nothing better than that your graduation may mean to you what it meant to the Class of Ninety-Three, and that you may carry with you as many happy memories of your school life as we took with us from the old Cobblestone Schoolhouse twenty



Cobblestone Schoolhouse

I hope that you may meet with such success in this, the first issue of a school paper, that other classes will make it an annual feature of the work of the senior year, and that it will receive the hearty support of the

of the members of the Alumni Association and any others who are interested in the success of the Churchville High School.

With best wishes to the Class of 1913, I am, Very sincerely your friend - GERTRUDE E. MOULE."

With that, I congratulate those 2019 graduates of the Churchville-Chili High School and for the Town of Riga can say that it has celebrated a total of 126 years of High School graduations.

**Submitted by:
Ron Belczak
Historian**



**BRUSH
COLLECTION**

Fall Brush Pickup—Is planned for the week of October 21.

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.**

Full details can be found in Highway News—pg. 3

Assessor News



ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTIONS REMINDER

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.

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.

New residents who wish to apply for the Enhanced STAR will need to apply online at www.tax.ny.gov/star or call (518)-457-2036



AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTIONS REMINDER

For those who are currently receiving an Agricultural Assessment Exemption, if you haven't done so already, you will need to fill out the RP-305 long form, the RP-305-c Agricultural Assessment Written Lease

Affidavit and get a new Soil Group Worksheet done. I will also be looking for a copy of the Schedule F form for those who farm the land themselves, or who are farming other people's land, as proof the required income limit has been met. These are required to be filed in my office by March 1, 2020 to retain the exemption. If you did not receive this paperwork that was sent out in April please contact my office.

In addition to the above-mentioned required paperwork, you will also receive the annual renewal application. Those will be sent out in November or December and will also need to be filed in my office by March 1, 2020.



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

WHEW! Another Country Fair has come and gone. A HUGE thank you to Brenda Adam for all of the beautiful baskets for the Auction Booth! Thank you to everyone for their donations to the Auction. And THANK YOU to the entire community for your help and support with this event. We couldn't do it without all of you!

In order to help with our Thanksgiving and Christmas food deliveries, we are asking for donations of any non-perishable items. Food collections boxes

have been placed in the Riga Town Hall lobby and the Village of Churchville. Because these two holidays fall so close together, we need to make sure we can provide food on both holidays for our families in need.

If you are in need of food delivery for Easter, Thanksgiving, or Christmas please contact 585-594-2103 for more information.

Submitted by:
Debby Landers
Churchville Lions Club



TOWN CLERK NEWS

Rentals



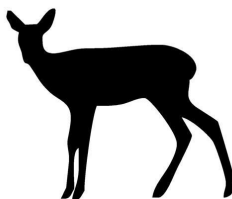
Rental Fees will be as follows:

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.

For the **Cobblestone Building** the fee for Monday through Thursday rentals will now be **\$65.00 for residents**, and \$90.00 for non-residents. Weekend rentals, Friday through Sunday, **\$125.00 for residents**, and \$175.00 for non-residents.

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



Doe Management Permit
Deadline: **October 1**
The second round of leftover DMPs will begin on or around: **November 1**



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

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

Help the library and be entered to win a \$50 Wegman's Gift Card!

The Newman Riga Library, located in the heart of the Village of Churchville, is an Association Library chartered in 1921. It is a member of the Monroe County Library System and serves the population of the Town of Riga.

We are in the process of updating our long-range plan that will assist us in planning for the future and making sure the library is meeting the needs of the community. We have created a brief survey (5-10 minutes) to capture your feedback and opinions. We are interested in your input whether you use the library or not.

Surveys filled out before October 31st will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 Wegman's Gift Card. All information

provided will be kept confidential.

Ways to access the survey:

On-line:

bit.ly/newmanrigalibrary

This link will also be available from our website and Facebook page.

Paper copies will be available in the library.

Thank you for helping the library!

Preschool Storytime Fall 2019 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 1st 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 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19 (no Storytime Thanksgiving Week)

December 3, 10



HOURS

Fall 2019 Library Hours

M-W-F: 11am – 5pm

T-TH: 11am – 9pm

SA: 10am – 2 pm (starting **September 14th**)

SU: Closed

Check our website for additional fall programming: newmanrigalibrary.org

Submitted by:
Lynn M. Brown,
Librarian



TOY DRIVE!



Give a Toy & Spread Some Joy!

The Town of Riga will again be working with the Churchville Lion's Club & St. Vincent's Church in collecting donations of new unwrapped toys suitable for children ages 1-12, at the Riga Town Hall from November 4th till December 6th.
(Toys need not be expensive)

The toys will be distributed by the Lion's Club to children of less fortunate families during the holiday season. If you have any questions please call 293-3880 ext. 121 or ext. 122.

CHURCH CALENDARS

First Congregational Church of Riga, UCC

7057 Chili Riga Center Road
Calendar of Events

September 21, 2019

Turkey Dinner 4:00PM-7:00PM

September 27, 2019

'Meet Your Neighbor' Community
Event 3:00PM-7:00PM

October 11, 2019

Riga Church Rummage Sale-
Preview 3:00PM-7:00PM

October 12, 2019

Riga Church Rummage Sale
9:00AM-2:00PM

October 19, 2019

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner
4:00PM-7:00PM

Watch the calendar for our Fall
Craft Show, to be held in
November!!!!

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

**Members of the Riga/Churchville
Community:** Come prepared on
September 27, 2019 to 'Meet Your
Neighbor'. From 3:00PM-7:00PM
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).

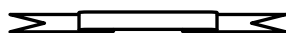
'Meet Your Neighbor' - Hosted by
Riga Church.

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 September 13,
2019 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. Everyone wins when
we work together!

Please note that participation is at
the discretion of Riga Church.
Looking forward to seeing you
there!

Pastor Susan Garofalo



United Congregational United Church of Christ

14 N. Main Street

SEPT

Sunday, Sept 8, RALLY DAY (Kick
-off for Sunday School)
Saturday; Sept 14 - Fall Tea for
Men and Women - 12:00 noon

NOV

Saturday, Nov 9 -Harvest Dinner
and Basket Raffle 4 - 7 pm

UNION CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

Pastor
Bradley Klug

He began his
ministry with
Union Church on
Sunday, August 3rd.

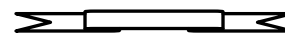


Pastor Bradley comes to us from
Rochester, NY. For a number of
years he has served as Chaplain at
St. John's Home in Rochester. He
has served as Assistant Youth
Pastor at Trinity Alliance Church in
Rochester., and was a Youth
Ministry Intern at the Spanish
River Church in Boca Raton,
Florida.

Pastor Bradley received his
Master of Divinity at Northeastern
Seminary in North Chili, NY. He
currently is a candidate for
ordination with the United Church of
Christ.

Pastor Bradley has a passion for
the ministry and comes to us with
much experience in working with all
ages from youth to elderly. We look
forward to working together with
him in serving the needs and
spiritual nurturing of our
congregants.

He plans to hold office hours on
Thursdays from 1:00 - 3:30 pm.
Please do come in to meet him and
welcome him to our community.
You will be pleased to see his
enthusiasm and passion for God
and people. You are welcome to
join us any Sunday morning at
10:00 am for worship.



Churchville United Methodist Church

24 West Buffalo Street

585-293-3282

Sunday worship time—9:30 a.m.

ALL are welcome!

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 14: Chicken BBQ, 2:00 - 5:00
p.m. (or sold out) Take outs only.

Sept. 27: "Meet Your Neighbor
Day" 3:00 - 7:00 pm - Visit our
table at the Riga Congregational
Church

Oct. 10,11,12 New to You and
Baked Goods Sale, Thurs. 4 - 6
p.m., Friday 9 - 2 p.m., Sat.
9-12:00 (fill-a-bag sale)

Oct. 19 Family Fun Day, Free
Community Event, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
-food, games and prizes. Call the
church for details.

Nov. 5th Election Day Dinner
Nov. 27th Annual Thanksgiving Pie
& Dessert Sale from 2 - 4:00 p.m.
or sold out.

Part Time Job Opening: Pianist (or
organist) to provide music during
Sunday morning worship services,
Please contact the church office at
(585)293-3282 to express your
interest.

Pastor Robert Oyer

SCOUT DAY AT MILL SEAT LANDFILL

Monday, October 14, 2019

Program Description:

Modern landfills are an important component in the protection of public health and our environment. To learn about the importance of landfills to society, program participants will watch two short videos, learn how modern landfills are built and operated, and take a half-hour bus tour of the facility. Bus transportation for the landfill will be provided.



Targeted Age Group:

Boy and Girl Scouts between the ages of 8 and 18.

Location:

Mill Seat Landfill
303 Brew Road, Bergen NY 14416

Program Starting Time (lasting approximately 60 minutes):

9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00am, 12:00pm

Cost: Free

Space is limited so please contact Beckie Shove at bshove@wm.com or **585-512-2456** to reserve your spot.



Churchville Boy Scout Troop #133
will be doing a can and bottle drive.



On: **Saturday, September 7th, 2019**

Local Boy Scouts will be out to collect your cans and bottles to help support their troop.

Village residents can leave your bottle and cans outside by 9 am or boy scouts will be knocking door to door from 9 am to 1 pm.

You can also drop off at Riga Town Highway front parking lot at 6475 Buffalo Road until 1 pm.

All proceeds benefit the local
Boy Scout Troop #133.

For more info please call Ann at 585-750-0234.

Town of Riga

**FREE
RABIES
CLINIC**

September 7, 2019
1-3 PM

Riga Highway Department

6475 Buffalo Rd

*All pets must be securely leashed
or in a pet carrier.*



If you have any questions,
Call the Town Hall at
293-3880 Ex. 121 or 122



RECREATION NEWS

Riga Recreation, once again, experienced a very busy and exciting summer. The Riga Summer Camp lead by new camp director, Brian Young, had a tremendous 6 weeks with many new activities and experiences for our campers. The addition of a booklet (for campers and their parents) laid out the entire 6 week program with an hour by hour, day by day, week by week agenda of what was going to happen at camp! Parents were absolutely thrilled with this. During the 6 week program the boys & girls went on field trips to: the Rose Garden, Rochester Museum, a Red Wing baseball game (for all recreation programs in Monroe County), Lollipop Farm, and Clubhouse Fun Center! In addition the children were introduced to: Bippy the Caricaturist, fishing at Black Creek and 3-D Printing. (They even received a 3-D souvenir to take home!!) Thank you to all of the folks that made this summer a very special one.....Brian and his counselor staff (Courtney, Emily, Lauren, Carli, Alex, & Dan), along with the CES custodial staff: Mark & Rhonda for jobs well done! And, of course, the campers and their parents.

During the month of July we had 5 Wednesdays that saw the Jimmy Jam Band, Johnny Bauer, Generations, Blue Sky, and 8 Days A Week put on wonderful performances for our community. Attendance was terrific, highlighted by the Relay for Life/Luminaria event after the July 31st concert. Thanks to: the Town of Riga, Village of Churchville, and Waste Management for supporting these concerts. Thanks also to the local businesses: the Breakfast Club, Mainstreet Deli, and Tim Hortons

that took part in our popular raffles.

The Churchville Soccer Club and Churchville Youth Association organizations continue to experience growth and have had successful seasons. Dave Smith and the Highway crew did all the "prep" work for the new softball/baseball field and R & M Landscaping have finished the infield portion of the project. Now the R&M Co. will "rockhound" the area once more and "hydroseed" the surrounding areas once we get some rain, according to the folks I have spoken with.

As many of you know we had the Grand Opening of the pickleball courts at Richard McNeely Park in late June and 70+ players, spectators showed up to support this ceremony, play a game and eat ice-cream! Supervisor O'Brocta, NYS Senator Ranzenhofer, and myself addressed the crowd and then Se. Ranzenhofer made the first "Official Serve" to Supervisor O'Brocta and former Churchville Mayor, Nancy Steedman. On July 2nd, the Riga Pickleball Complex was "Front & Center" for Spectrum New's "Your Morning Rochester" morning show. Wendy Mills, Spectrum New's morning host came out (along with 12 local pickleball players) to introduce the Rochester area to pickleball and our wonderful facility! Go to www.Spectrum.com to view this program if you missed it.

We have also been trying something unique at the pickleball courts. We created an "HONOR BOX" wherein those within the community may just walk up to the courts, approach the box, and pick out a paddle and pickleball to play with. However, this has been a bit of a disappointment as the

paddles in the box have been misused and broken. The paddles are EXPENSIVE and have been used as golf clubs and hockey sticks. We ask that this equipment only be used by older children (ages 10 and up) who are able to hit a ball over the net. We even had one anonymous player buy 2 NEW paddles to replace two that were destroyed. If the misuse of the paddles continues, we will have no choice but to have a sign out for these expensive items.

In September Riga Recreation has been invited to take part in the first "Rochester Rec Fest" taking part at the Fireman's Field in Spencerport.

Explore the many fun things you can do in the great outdoors around Rochester! Rochester's newest festival focuses on RECREATION! Come to the 2019 ROCHESTER REC FEST, Saturday September 14, 10 am - 4 pm on the Spencerport Firemen's Field. Activities - Demos - Ideas - Music - Food - Fun - FREE and FAMILY-FRIENDLY. Check out the website: <https://www.rocrecfest.com> for more information.

Please check our fall program schedule on the next page. We have our regular offerings along with a few new ones such as "Drum Beats" and "Cornhole". As always, if you have a program that you would like to see added, feel free to contact us.

Submitted By:
Dave Thomas,
Recreation
Supervisor



Sept-Oct-Nov 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 Fall, 2019 Programs



September

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday Sept. 14th Riga Town Hall, 9-3pm
- 2) Thursday at the Public Market, September 12th, Rec Van leaves Legion at 9:00am A minimum of 8 participants required
- 3) BALF (It's "Baseball Golf") Sept. 21st Fall Classic at Buttonwood Golf Course, Trimmer Road in Spencerport...Tee Off at 10:00am
- 4) Jam Sessions at the Town of Riga Multipurpose Room, Thurs. 1:00-3:00pm
- 5) Riga Recreation "September" Cornhole Tournament at the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall on September 19th 6:00pm 'til?
- 6) "GOLDEN BEATS" program @ Riga Town Hall. This is a NEW pro-gram with Nancy Weise instructing! Starts Monday, Sept. 9 from 10-11 am in the Multipurpose Room
- 7) Pickleball @ Riga Pickleball Complex, Richard McNeely Park...Open Play anytime with supplies in "Honor Box"

October



- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Oct. 12th Riga Town Hall, 9-3pm
- 2) Jam Sessions at the Riga Town Hall, Thurs. 1:00-3:00pm
- 3) Annual Halloween Parade with Lion's Club, Thurs., Oct. 31st Meet at 6:00pm @ Churchville Commons and walk to Church Lodge at Churchville Park
- 4) Riga Recreation "October" Cornhole Tournament at the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall, Thursday, October 17th...6:00pm
- 5) Pickleball @ Riga Pickleball Complex, Richard McNeely Park.. Open Play anytime with supplies in "Honor Box"
- 6) "GOLDEN BEATS" program with Nancy Weise.....TBA



November

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Nov. 9th, Riga Town Hall, 9-3pm
- 2) Riga Recreation "November" Cornhole Tournament at the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall on November 14th, 6:00pm
- 3) Pickleball @ Riga Pickleball Complex, Richard McNeely Park...Open Play anytime with supplies in "Honor Box" WEATHER DEPENDENT
- 4) GOLDEN BEATS program with Nancy Weise.....TBA

For **further information** on classes or to **register** for programs please call 293-3880 X130

All programs close 48 hours before scheduled activity

Please "Like Us" on Facebook

- For **Lodge Rentals** call 293-3880 X121 or X122
- Riga Recreation also offers "**Reduced Ticket**" prices to: Buckman's Car Wash



SCOR—NEWS

"The cheerful joyous season, the Autumn time is come. With song and shout we welcome the

Golden Harvest Home."
(author unknown)



Come gather at the table offered by members of SCOR on September 10th, for a free lunch and hear from *"Rochester's First Lady of the Theatre"*, Diane Chevron's presentation of *"Love Letters"*.

A change from summer season to autumn brings a harvest of apples, pumpkins and colorful leaves. Also, this October brings a change to our monthly program as we gather at the Legion Hall on

October 8th for luncheon/meeting and exercise with Nancy Weis' *Drums Alive-Golden Beats* program.



Members are guessing about the Mystery Trip on Wed. Oct. 16th destination, scheduled with Integrity Tours. Mother Nature will surely display "golden" moments to photograph along the way.

After gathering the harvest goodies and sensing the chill in the air, we will finish this season with a fling and travel to Seneca Alleghany Casino's show, *The Rat Pack*, on Tuesday, Nov. 5th. Knowing November is the Stuffing Month and Sweet Potato

Awareness Month, we serve up both at the turkey buffet luncheon on the 12th at the Legion Hall. Program presenter is Dyan Eisele speaking of her journey experiences and career as a Medical Laboratory Professional in the *detective agency* of hospitals.

Seniors of Riga are welcome to join with us for one regular free luncheon before becoming a member of SCOR. For more information, contact Verna at 585-293-9068 and for trip reservations, please contact Shirley at 585-752-4109 or post mail to 2000 Park Creek Ln, #218, Churchville, NY 14428.

Brochures are available at both Town and Village Offices for your convenience.

Submitted by:
Dolores Perry, Publicity for
SCOR 532-6978

**THE RAT PACK
IS BACK!**



RIGA CEMETERY NEWS



This year our volunteers have added new flowers in the berm and Veteran's flower beds. They have also planted new Hostas around the crabtrees in the Veteran's section. The Churchville Boy Scout Troop 133 has created new burial maps and we have updated our burial listings.

We are inviting the Town to visit our booth at the Meet Your

Neighbor Community Event at the Riga Church, across the street from the Cemetery, on September 27 from 3 to 7 PM. We can show you where your relatives and friends are buried. We can also arrange a tour of the Cemetery to view their graves.

Our Rules and Regulations at the Town website, townofriga.com/riga-cemetery/, remind us that lot owners must pick up all grave decoration by October 15.

We offer condolences to the relatives and friends of people who have been buried in the Cemetery this year. We also thank our volunteers and workers who keep our grounds in great shape. Tax deductible donations are gratefully accepted and can be sent directly to the Riga Cemetery Association, PO Box 527, Churchville, NY 14428.

Submitted by:
John Loser, President



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

September

- 6 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 7 Riga FREE Rabies Clinic
- 7 Churchville Boy Scout Troop #133 Can & bottle drive
- 10 SCOR Luncheon—Legion
- 14 Rochester Recreation Festival 10am-4pm Spencerport Firemen's Field
- 20 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 27 Meet your Neighbor Community Event 3pm—7pm—Riga Church



October

- 4 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 4 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 8 SCOR Luncheon—Legion
- 14 Scout Day at Mill Seat Landfill
- 16 SCOR—Mystery Trip
- 18 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 21 Riga FALL Brush Pickup starts
- 31 Halloween Parade 6pm—start at the Churchville Commons Parking lot



Meet Your
NEIGHBORS

**HALLOWEEN
PARADE**

November

- 1 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 5 SCOR Trip—Seneca Allegany Casino—Show "The Rat Pack"
- 12 SCOR Luncheon—Legion
- 15 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion



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 medicalloan@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

Friday, October 4th 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.

Download the Blood Donor App today. Get your digital
donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your
lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and
follow your donation on its way to a hospital.
Walk-ins are also welcome!! Please Bring ID!

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