

# TOWN OF RIGA

## NEWSLETTER

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Winter 2019 Issue

### Supervisor's Report



At the time of this writing, we have just had our first significant snowfall of the year. Quite a surprise for many of us! As a friendly reminder, please be mindful of our town plow trucks as they tend to our roads. Your attention and patience are greatly appreciated.

The 2020 Town Budget was adopted at our November 13<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting. For 2020, the Town of Riga will continue with a 0% tax rate. The Budget shows a 1.67% increase in overall spending.

The budget process we have instituted over the years affords us the opportunity to review every funding request and justify spending increases where necessary. Many hours were spent discussing funding requests with each department. The result is a responsible Budget that meets the needs of our community.

The Town Board puts a great deal of effort into our Budget so that we can continue to provide quality services to our community while maintaining a zero town tax rate. With ever-increasing costs, strong financial stewardship will be more important than ever.

Below are some of the highlights from the 2020 Budget:

We budgeted a 7% increase for health care costs. As I'm sure most of you know, health insurance costs continue to rise at a pace that far exceeds cost growth in almost every other area. We work closely with our insurance agent to be sure the plans offered are cost-effective, while providing solid coverage to our employees.

Full-time and part-time employees will receive a 3% increase in salary for 2020.

The 2020 Budget includes replacement of a 10-wheel dump truck, bobcat, and pickup truck.

We will replace several severely outdated computer systems as well as our main server.

We continue to realize savings by outsourcing mowing and cleaning services.

There will be a slight increase in our contribution for NYS Retirement next year.

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### Time to get heating equipment cleaned and inspected

As temperatures drop and home heating systems kick into gear, remember to get your home heating systems inspected and cleaned as soon as possible. That's a key message from the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA). They are teaming up to reduce the risk of home heating fires this December, January and February, when one-third of all U.S. home fires occur.

According to NFPA, home heating equipment is the second leading cause of U.S. homes fires; failure to clean heating equipment is the most common reason for these fires.

Through their joint winter fire safety campaign, "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires," NFPA and USFA urge everyone to get their home heating systems inspected and cleaned annually by a trained professional, preferably before the start of the season. This will ensure that your home heating system is working properly, and can significantly reduce your risk to associated fires. If you have a chimney, make sure it's also inspected and cleaned, if necessary,

by a trained professional. Creosote, a sticky, oily, combustible substance created when wood does not burn completely, rises into the chimney as a liquid and deposits on the chimney walls, causing nearly one-fourth (23%) of all home heating fires.

Winter fires are preventable! For more heating safety advice from NFPA and USFA's "Put a Freeze on Winter" campaign, visit [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).

Please also be reminded that permits and inspections are required for installation of all solid fuel burning equipment, gas inserts, and chimneys. Building Permits are available at the Town of Riga office.

### OPEN BURNING

Monroe County and the Department of Environmental Conservation have very specific regulations for open burning. If you are considering any type of burning on your property you should check the following web sites.

**Monroe County** will allow certain types of fires. These types are listed on their website under section 569-40. They also list civil penalties for violations. Civil penalties can be as high as \$1000.

**The Department of Environmental Conservation** also restricts burning. They allow certain types of fires between May 15th and the following March 15th. Check section 215.3 on the DEC web site.

### To access Monroe County web site follow these steps:

[www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov)

Click on: My Monroe Opening up Government

In search box enter: open burning

Click on: EH Outdoor Air

Click on: read Article V, Open Burning

### To access DEC web site:

[www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov)

Click on: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Click on: Search tab

In search box enter: open burning

Click on: Open burning in New York

To report environmental law violations call 1-800-TIPP DEC (1-800-847-7332)

***Burning of household trash is prohibited state wide.***

**Submitted by:**

**Building Inspectors  
Ken Kuter & Bob Panik**



## RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

As we close out another year, and begin another new year, we wish you a safe holiday season. In the last many weeks your Highway Department has put up 5 miles of snow fence in areas prone to drifting snow, has readied plowing-salting equipment for the winter ahead, and is vigilant around the clock looking at weather forecasts and various weather radars, to be ready for the next weather event. Around the clock shifts begin as soon as forecasts require. If you notice a condition that

needs attention in the town please call the Highway Department Office at 293-2530.

### Winter Readiness-

As we continually maintain town equipment throughout the seasons, please remember we also need to be vigilant with our personal vehicles. Check your tread on tires, tire pressure, antifreeze, wipers, belts, hoses, and lights on your vehicles. We all know variable conditions are likely in our region. Good tread depth is required

for starting as well as stopping. All season tires are sold as adequate for winter, but good aggressive winter snow tires are always going to be highly superior in traction for starting, stopping and holding the road. Proper footwear with good tread is also a good idea as icy spots can be encountered on walkways, driveways and many parking areas.

**--- In every case, whether walking or driving, please slow down. ---**

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## RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS (continues)

Please be aware that with snow removal that there are real people out there performing a real service, often under unrelenting conditions, during all hours of the day and night. We never enjoy being away from families on holidays and weekends but appreciate the service we provide to our community. Snow plowing/salting can be long, tiring, and is often thankless work. Complaints and frustration can be common when snow is frequent. Please remember to keep your headlights on, even when it is snowing lightly and even after sunrise. Your vehicle is much more visible to other drivers and plow operators. While our goal is to make sure no one is inconvenienced due to winter weather, it is simply not always possible. Our staff will continue to work diligently to make our roads as safe as possible through the winter season.

Your Highway Department maintains 150 lane miles of road in the winter. Highest attention is given to the highly traveled state highways, secondly is county roads, and lastly our town roads. Each of our five plow routes, drivers and trucks need 3 hours minimally to complete assigned

routes of 35 to 40 miles with an average 2 to 4-inches of snow. When heavy snow is falling, and wind is blowing, plow route completion times will be extended as travel is slower. Visibility is impaired and multiple passes are needed to clear intersections. One of our biggest frustrations in winter is when snow begins falling after 4 or 5 AM when normal call in time for a snow event is 3AM. It is impossible to cover the whole town for work and school traffic by 7 or 8 AM when routes are begun at 5 to 6AM. Our goal is to provide safe passable roads, but timing and variables of temperature, wind, rate of precipitation, lake effect, often make each snow or ice event somewhat unique.

**Mail Boxes:** Please check your mail box and make sure post and fasteners are in good condition. As our plow width is 14' we request the front door of your mailbox be no closer than 15' from the center of the road. Heavy snow thrown from wing plows will damage dilapidated mailboxes and rotted posts. We are not responsible for repair of

mailboxes already in poor condition or in the right of way of the highway but will repair to functional condition or replace with a standard size mailbox if yours is damaged beyond repair by our snow plowing equipment.

**Concerns or questions can be emailed to:**

[highwaysupt@townofriga.org](mailto:highwaysupt@townofriga.org)

**Office: 585-293-2530**

**Cell: 585-733-3808**

**Submitted by:**

**David Smith,  
Highway Superintendent**



## Supervisor's Report (continues)

The Newman Riga Library, the Riga Cemetery, and Senior Citizens of Riga (SCOR) will receive funding to help offset their operating costs.

We are continuing to provide financial support for the repair of town roads in 2020.

For the Town outside the Village portion of the Budget, 2020 revenues are expected to exceed expenditures. Therefore, no taxes will be levied for the Town outside the Village part of the Budget.

The town tax levy for 2020 will be **zero** for all residential and commercial property owners.

For many years, dog control services for Riga have been outsourced. Our contract for this service expires at the end of the year, and we were recently notified that it will not be renewed. We are currently taking applications for a **part-time dog control officer** for the Town of Riga. If you are interested, please contact me by phone or email ([bobrocta@townofriga.org](mailto:bobrocta@townofriga.org)), or stop in at the Town Hall for more information.

We also have an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Please consider getting involved in our town government. It's a great opportunity to provide input on how

our community develops.

As the year comes to a close, I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season, and a Happy New Year!

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

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



## TOWN AND COUNTY TAX COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

I will be mailing the 2020 Town & County tax bills by January 1st, and will be collecting from the beginning of January to the end of May.

### Full Payment instructions:

**Jan. 1–Feb. 10:** Pay the total amount of tax bill to Kimberly Pape, Tax Collector

**Feb. 11–May 31:** Pay the total tax amount plus interest to Kimberly Pape, Tax Collector

### Interest Schedule

February 11-28	1.5 %
March 1-31	3 %
April 1-30	4.5 %
May 1-31	6 %

### New Installment Payment Instructions:

The first installment **must** be paid by February 10<sup>th</sup>. If first installment is not paid by February 10, total bill plus interest is due.

**Jan.1–Feb 10:** Pay 1<sup>st</sup> installment to Kimberly Pape, Tax Collector. Any payment on or before February 10 is interest free.

**Feb.11–Feb. 29:** 2<sup>nd</sup> installment due with 1 ½% interest to Kimberly Pape, Tax Collector.

**Mar. 1–Mar. 31:** 3<sup>rd</sup> installment due with 3% interest. If 2<sup>nd</sup>

installment was not paid by Feb. 28, both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> installments are due with 3% interest. Payment is made to Kimberly Pape, Tax Collector.

**Apr. 1–Apr. 30:** 4<sup>th</sup> installment due with 4.5% interest. If prior installments are not paid by respective due dates, all installments shall be paid as one unit with 4.5% interest.

**Submitted by:**  
**Kimberly Pape, Town Clerk/  
Tax Collector**

*Office hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Wednesday 9:00 to 5:00 pm.*



**WREATHS**  
— across —  
**AMERICA**

★ **EVERYONE PLAYS A PART** ★

### **Wreaths Across America Licenses Creekside Cemetery**

Churchville's Creekside Cemetery is now licensed as the first Wreaths Across America (WAA) cemetery in Monroe County. Girl Scout Troop 60487, asked the Legion Family to partner with them to bring WAA to Churchville. WAA began when a tree farmer donated to Arlington National Cemetery two tractor trailers filled with wreaths. The pictures went viral. Today there are over 1,600 licensed locations.

## Harvey C. Noone Legion News

The WAA motto is REMEMBER, HONOR and TEACH. This fits the Legion Family's mission to honor veterans and serve our community.

Join us on December 14, 2019 at 12 noon at Creekside for a ceremony and placement of wreaths with a reception afterward at the Church Lodge. WAA allows us to employ "Special Arrangements" to also place wreaths on the graves of spouses of vets, first responders and spouses at both Creekside and Riga Cemeteries. This is our first year but plans are underway to make 2020 bigger and better. Ideas and volunteers are welcomed at the Church Lodge.

**For God and Country,**

**Gil Budd,  
Commander**



**Euchre Schedule:**

December 6, 2019 Euchre  
Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

January 3, 2020 Euchre  
Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

January 17, 2020 Euchre  
Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

February 7, 2020 Euchre  
Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

February 21, 2020 Euchre  
Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion



## Newspapers Bits and Pieces

Newspapers are a great source of information and can delightfully provide a window to our past. In the following article, I present to you some brief newspaper reports that I consider interesting, factual and even sometimes humorous.



"Churchville's first telephone company opens for business. It is thought that the hours which the exchange will be open will be from 7 am to 9:30 pm weekdays and Sundays from 10 to 11 am and 6 to 7 pm. No other calls, excepting doctors will be answered at any time during the night." March, 1905

"Riga. The roads in this vicinity are very bad. Have had but one light fall of snow and no severe weather, but plenty of rain." November, 1885.

"Quite a number in this vicinity are sick with the typhoid fever." October, 1884

"Masters Robert Jenny and Willis Bruton who were driving J. F. Brady's horse and buggy met with a run away accident, caused meeting an automobile run by Rochester parties. The buggy was demolished and the harness cut in order to loosen the horse. The manipulators of the horseless carriage were gentlemen in all respects and rendered all the assistance possible to the boys and afterward gave their address in Rochester offering to pay all

damages. The automobilists declared that it was the first accident they had caused in three years." May, 1905

"A stalk of corn eleven feet long, raised by Rev. W. Platt, is on exhibition at A. A. Tupper's store." August, 1884.

"Playing ball on the school grounds has been suspended because the windows are not yet settled for. The district cannot afford to furnish a glass back-stop for our ball-tossers, as it is somewhat expensive." May, 1905

"William Brandon of Churchville was driving down a hill one day last week with a live calf, fifty dozen of eggs and some potatoes, when something went wrong and the horses ran. Seeing he could not control the team, he guided them into the ditch and the wagon overturned. It was a sorry sight to view. There lay the sprawling, kicking calf – surrounded by potatoes and a slow flowing yellow mixture which came from the breaking of fifty dozen eggs." July, 1907

"The cider mill seems to be more popular than the temperance lodge this month." November, 1878

"There is a call for all temperance advocates and voters of this town to meet at Good Templar's Hall next Monday evening for the purpose of forming a society to prevent the violation of the excise laws of this town." May, 1893

"There are more cases of malaria at present than there have been for a number of years past. Its cause is attributed to the wet season we are having." September, 1885

"Legislation for children. There is

a tightening of the lines in the amendment to the compulsory education law which passed the legislature and its effect will be to enlarge the period of required school attendance. It provides that children between the ages of seven and fourteen cannot be excused from school attendance to secure employment. A child seven years old is quite old enough to begin school attendance and one of fourteen is quite enough to leave school. Besides the improvement to the health of the children, it is expected that these laws will work an improvement to their morals and a material lessening of the hoodlum element in the cities is looked for their enactment." April, 1903.

"Soon electricity will be a realized fact. Then we can have just cause to feel that we are a progressive people. One improvement usually leads to another if we are to keep on advancing. Some of us are already asking "what next?" Why not promote the "water system?" Then we would be a real "up to the minute" village." December, 1920.

"The village library has met with unparallel success since its removal to the milliner shop. The whole number of volumes is 385. New monthly tickets have been issued at 20 cents each." March, 1878.

"That part of the Riga road between the residences of Geo. Harmon and Henry Davis has been graveled by Mr. Lewis Davis at his own expense. If "he who plants a single tree becomes a public benefactor," certainly he who transforms a rough and

## Newspapers Bits and Pieces (continues)

muddy road into a smooth, dry, public highway, should be spoken of in terms of highest praise." July, 1878.

"The contract for lighting the street lamps has been awarded to Chas Payne for one year for eighty cents per night." March, 1888.

"The lawn tennis club of this place, are having their grounds fitted up for the season of 1888, and they expect a grand season." April, 1888.

"The World's Fair special train stopped here for a few moments

on Tuesday and most of the people of the village turned out to see it. The school children with their teachers turned out in a body. May, 1893."

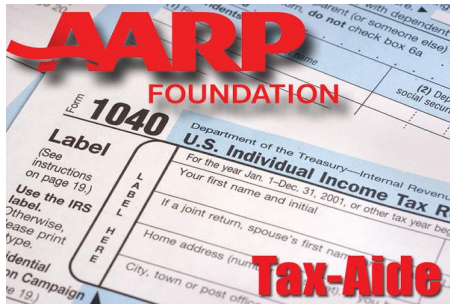
"A special to the 'Democrat and Chronicle' from Churchville, says that about 12 o'clock yesterday the people of Churchville and the surrounding community were startled by a shock which they at first supposed was caused by the explosion of one of the boilers in the village. It continued for a few seconds, and was accompanied by a rumbling sound resembling distant thunder, the windows in

the house jingled, and many people becoming alarmed rushed out on the street to ascertain what had happened, and came to the conclusion that it must have been an earthquake." February, 1895.



**Submitted by:**  
**Ron Belczak**  
**Historian**

## FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION HELP



Tax-aid volunteers will be available beginning the first week of February to help complete your tax forms. Call the Town Hall at 293-3884 ext. 121 or 122 to schedule your appointment.

**This help is for all taxpayers with middle and low income; with special attention to those age 60 and older.**

***Please bring the following with you when you come:***

- current year's tax forms and preparation booklet;
- copy of last year's income tax return(s);
- W-2 and W-2P forms from each employer;
- unemployment compensation statements;
- SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security Benefits;
- all 1099 forms showing interest and/or dividends;
- 1099R form from the payer of your pension or annuity;
- all forms indicating federal income tax paid;
- childcare provider information;

- all receipts of canceled checks if itemizing deductions; and
- social security cards for all dependents.

**Submitted by:**  
**Kimberly Pape**  
**Town Clerk**



## Assessor News

It's that time of year again!



### ALL

#### EXEMPTION

APPLICATIONS must be filed with me by Taxable Status Date, MARCH 1, 2020.

For NEW Enhanced STAR exemption applicants, you will need to apply with the Assessor in the first year of the exemption to verify your eligibility, and then you'll be enrolled into the IVP (Income Verification Program) with New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

To be eligible for this increased exemption from school taxes, you must be a resident homeowner **who will be at least 65 in 2020** (born by December 31, 1955), and whose **income is no more than \$88,050 on your 2018 tax** return that was filed last April. If you are currently receiving Basic STAR and meet these criteria, you should contact me to see if you may be eligible for this increased exemption from school taxes.

For EXISTING Enhanced STAR exemption applicants, you do not need to do anything. You have already completed the one-time mandatory registration for the

Income Verification Program with New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. They will determine if you meet the qualifications for the exemption and will contact you directly by mail (they will never call you) if they have questions or need additional information.

Low Income Senior Citizen exemption renewals were mailed in October. You must be 65 before the end of 2020 and meet the income requirement, which includes Social Security, including Medicare. The State, County, Town, and Village have set the maximum income to \$37,399.99 to be eligible for any percent of this exemption. The school district maximum is different in each of the three districts in Riga.

STAR check program. Basic STAR has a maximum income requirement of \$500,000. New Basic and Enhanced STAR applicants who qualify for STAR will need to register with the New York State Tax Department ([www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov) or call (518) 457-2036) instead of applying with the assessor. If you qualify, you will receive a STAR credit in the form of a check, rather than receiving a property tax exemption directly on your school tax bill.

Agricultural, Clergy, Non-Profit, and Disabled with Limited Income renewal applications were sent out in October.

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



#### 2021 Town-Wide Reassessment

I am in the process of preparing for another town-wide reassessment. These are done every three years. The last one was done in 2018.

We will be checking aerial photos, via Pictometry, of every property for inventory differences in what we may currently have on file. We will also be driving around verifying inventory.

Change of assessment notices will go out sometime the end of January or the first part of February.

If you have questions, and I can be of assistance, please give me a call at the town hall at 293-3880 ext. 126 or you can call my assistant Shelley Kasper at ext 137.

**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

Even though our Halloween Parade got rained out, everyone still had a great time at the lodge enjoying cider, donuts, and candy.

The Lions would like to thank the Churchville Fire Dept. for allowing us to use their facility to sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive. The next one is scheduled for May 14, 2020.



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.

Our Winterfest Chicken BBQ will be on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>-more details to follow!

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



Submitted by:  
Debby Landers  
Churchville Lions Club



## TOWN CLERK NEWS

Weekend rentals, Friday through for non-residents. Weekend Sunday, the fee is **\$100.00 for residents**, and \$125.00 for non-residents. Weekend rentals, Friday through Sunday, the fee is **\$125.00 for residents**, and \$175.00 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, the 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

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

Submitted by:  
Kimberly Pape,  
Town Clerk

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

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.



## Newman Riga Library

Our pot is bubbling over with many program and event possibilities for the next few months. Unfortunately, we don't have all the dates and times finalized. We encourage you to check our website ([newmanrigalibrary.org](http://newmanrigalibrary.org)) under Programs and Events, our Facebook page and flyers in the library for information regarding all upcoming programs. Of course, you may always call the library for this information as well.

### Special Guest at December Storytime – Tuesday, December 10th

Local musician Steve Valvano is coming to our Preschool Storytime Tuesday, December 10 at 10:30am. Join us for a fun morning program of songs and a story or two! Suitable for children up to age 5. No registration required.

### Health Care and Medicaid Information Night – Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm

Do you need health insurance? Did you know you can apply anytime for Child Health Plus, Medicaid, the Essential Plan or if you have a qualifying event? Luis Morales from CCSI (Coordinated Care Services Inc.) will be here to share information on how to get help with this process. No registration required.

### Holiday Evening Storytime: Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>: 7-8pm

Come and enjoy an evening of holiday stories, crafts and snacks hosted by Churchville-Chili Senior High School Students. Suitable for families with children of all ages. No registration required.



### Makerspace returns during holiday school break!

Our Makerspace Lab returns to the Newman Riga Library! Come experiment with robots and coding. Fun for all ages! No registration required.

#### Session Dates\*\*:

Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>: 11-1pm

Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>: 11-1pm

Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>: 11-1pm

\*\* Other weekday dates and times may be added during the break– please check our website and Facebook page for more information.

### Annual “Take Your Child to the Library Day”: Saturday, February 1st

Get out of the house and “putter” down to the library anytime between 10:30-1:30 pm to play mini golf around the library. No registration required.



### Preschool Storytime Winter/Spring Session

Children ages 3 – 5 yrs. are invited to join Mrs. Sarah for Tuesday Morning Preschool Storytime! The Winter/Spring Session will start on Tuesday, February 4 at 10:30 am and will run approximately 10 weeks. There will be stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays! No registration is necessary.

#### Session Dates:

February 4, 11, 25 (no 2/18)

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

April 14, 21 (no 4/7)

### Valentine Evening Storytime: Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm

Come and enjoy another evening of stories, crafts and snacks hosted by Churchville-Chili Senior High School Students. Suitable for families with children of all ages. No registration required.

### Adult Coloring with Brenda: Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8pm

Take time out from your daily routine and let your creative side shine at our Adult Coloring Program. Bring your own project/supplies or we have supplies here for beginners. No registration is required.

### 2019 Holiday Closing Information:

The library will be closed on the following dates:  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Note: We will be open on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 2019-2020 Winter/Spring Library Hours

M-W-F: 11am – 5pm

T-TH: 11am – 9pm

SA: 10am – 2 pm (Closed Saturdays June 13- Sept. 5, 2020)

SU: Closed



### Library Services:

### HOURS

Photocopying

\$ .20 image

Printing (black and white)

\$ .20 page

Printing (color)

\$ .50 page

Fax

\$1.00 (1<sup>st</sup> page)/

\$.50 remaining

Submitted by:  
Lynn M. Brown,  
Librarian



## CHURCH CALENDARS

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

14 N. Main Street

#### **Dec**

Sunday, Dec 15 - Sunday Worship service including a short youth presentation entitled "Too-oo Busy"

Sunday, Dec 22 - Family Christmas Service—10 am. The Handbell Choir will participate in this service.

Tuesday, Dec 24—A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 11 pm. The Choir will offer special Christmas anthems.

Everyone is welcome to each of these services. Celebrate the Christmas season remembering the birth of our Savior.

#### **Jan**

Morning Worship services at 10 am each Sunday.

#### **Feb**

Morning Worship services at 10 am each Sunday.

In February we plan to have our annual First Responders Dinner to honor their service to our community. Look for date to be announced.



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

7057 Chili Riga Center Road

#### **Calendar of Events**

December- Join us for the Advent season thru Christmas Day. Please join us for our traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6:30PM, Dec. 24. A very merry and blessed Christmas to you all !

January & February, Please come worship with us each Sunday at 10 PM.

Join us for coffee and conversation after service and consider becoming a blessed addition to our church family.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and blessed Christmas !



### **Churchville United Methodist Church**

24 West Buffalo Street

585-293-3282

Sunday worship time—9:30 a.m.

**ALL** are welcome!

Sunday Bible Classes: 10:30 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month Holy Communion (Coffee/Tea and gathering time following worship)

December 7<sup>th</sup> - Children's Christmas Shop (free for the children), 11:00 – 2:00 pm. we'll have gift items for kids to select for family members. Gift wrapping, crafts, and snacks provided at no charge.

December 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

With great pleasure the United Methodist Church in Churchville Welcomes Our New Pastor!



Pastor Betty Jiles began her ministry at the UMC on Sunday,

October 13<sup>th</sup>. She also serves as Senior Pastor of Last Days Harvest Christian Fellowship in Rochester. Betty is pursuing her Master of Divinity at Northeastern Seminary and resides with her husband Robert in Henrietta, NY. She has been blessed with two children and a wonderful granddaughter.

Pastor Betty is an anointed and dynamic preacher, teacher, psalmist, and worship leader. She has a passion for helping people realize their God-given talents, motivating, encouraging, and challenging all to embrace Christ and follow His teachings. All are welcome to meet and worship with Pastor Betty on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.



We have a tremendous resource in our community that draws families from across the Greater Rochester region: THE CURRICULUM CACHE!

The Cache is a ministry of GO Christian Church (22 South Main St, Churchville) which receives donations of unwanted home school materials and gives them away for FREE.

This is the place for those books you have that you just want to make available to others. This is the place to come take a look at that curriculum you're interested in, or to fill the gaps without spending a dime. One mom recently found \$150 worth of like-new workbooks that she was otherwise going to have to purchase! Find us on Facebook and schedule your appointment with Melissa now: 585-454-9152.

## Bag Waste Reduction Act



When you shop locally, you will feel the effect of the **New York State Bag Waste Reduction Act**, which takes effect on **March 1, 2020**. This law **prohibits the distribution of plastic carryout bags by retailers**.

The single biggest action that residents can take to prepare for this change - if you don't already - **is to get in the habit of bringing your reusable bags with you every time you go to the store!** Depending on the retailer, paper bags may be available.

There are **exceptions to the law**: uncooked meat, fish or poultry; bulk items; sliced or prepared foods; newspapers; drycleaning bags; pharmacy; and carryout foods. Unaffected by this ban are trash bags and food storage bags.

Plastic bags and film of all types can be recycled through local retailers or at the Monroe County ecopark.

**Never place plastic bags or film in curbside recycling** – they cause major downtime at the Monroe County Recycling Center.

As always, paper bags are recyclable curbside.

For more information about the Bag Reduction Act, and list of plastic bags and film accepted for recycling at retailers, visit: <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/des-plastic-bags>

## Mill Seat Landfill's Scout Day Event



This past Columbus Day, nearly 100 local scouts and leaders attended Mill Seat Landfill's Scout Day Event. During this exciting and educational event, all attendees had firsthand look at landfill operations and renewable energy production during a bus tour of the site. Scouts also received a presentation by Tina Stevens, the Environmental Educator for Monroe County, on the 3 R's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle as well as a brief overview of the County's Ecopark for hard-to-recycle items. Thank you to all participants and we look forward to seeing you next time!

Nicole Simonetti,  
Waste Management



## RECREATION NEWS

This is the time of year where we turn our attention to indoor activities with an eye towards a wee bit of outdoor activity once the "White Stuff" arrives.

Before that however, we once again partnered with the Churchville Lion's Club to host our annual "Halloween Parade" on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The weather was not cooperative so the "parade" portion was cancelled and the trick or treaters were directed to the Church Lodge where they were greeted by a wonderfully decorated venue and "Bags of Goodies" a Kandy Korn Guessing Contest, a Costume Contest along with Cider & Donuts. Please find pictures of this on Facebook. Thanks to the following organizations for making all of this possible: The Churchville Lion's (Lead by Lion Lucy), the Monroe County Park's Dept. and the Riga Town Board.

As we look back in 2019 we had many projects take place that the residents of Riga should be proud of: the Dedicating of Ricard McNeely Park, the new softball/baseball field at Sanford Road Park, and the new pickleball venue at McNeely Park. These

upgrades are keeping pace with the growth of recreational opportunities in the town. In 2020 we are turning our attention to improvements in our playgrounds at both McNeely & Sanford Road Parks. A new walking/running trail is being discussed for Sanford Road also.

A big "Thank You" to Dave Smith and his Town of Riga Highway "Crew" for providing the extra support needed to get these projects underway and completed!

Our programs could not function without the support of those folks that provide leadership from the following: Anne Chirick, Courtney Hoerner (and her volunteer coaches at CES), the Churchville Soccer Club, the CYA Baseball/Softball organization, Bob DeNormand, Marty Molinari, Mel Sand (our volunteer "Rec" van drivers), Brian Young and the Summer Camp counselor staff, Tina Bruton, the Churchville Lion & LEO Clubs, Nancy Weise, the Churchville-Chili School District (Teresa Gol in the O & M Office), the Monroe County Park's (Churchville Staff) lead by Bob Ehrmentraut, the Riga Town

Board, and the Riga Town Clerk's Office (Kim & Lori) and my family members (Bailey, Brooke, Bonnie, Sue, Ryan, Matt) that help put together supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt, the Halloween Parade, and the Holiday Home Decorating. Thanks to all of you that make Riga Recreation what it is!

The Golden Beats is specifically for the 55+ community and the umbrella program is Drums Alive.

Please check our program schedule to see if there are activities that interest you or any that you would like to see do not hesitate to contact this office!

To register for programs (or to receive information) one can access Riga Recreation via: Facebook, Westside News, Genesee Valley PennySaver, and the Town of Riga website ([www.townofriga.org](http://www.townofriga.org))

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



## GREATER CHURCHVILLE-RIGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Greater Churchville-Riga Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to their

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

On Thursday, December 12th at Noon at the Cobblestone Building, 22 West Buffalo Street, Churchville, NY

The price is \$15.00 per person

With a Lunch Buffet by Creekside Café Catering  
*Music performed by our own  
Churchville-Chili Students*

Please R.S.V.P. by December 6<sup>th</sup> to Kimberly Pape at [towclerk@townofriga.org](mailto:towclerk@townofriga.org), online at <https://tinyurl.com/GCRCHolidayLuncheon2019> or call (585) 293-3880 x 121 or x 122

**Submitted by:**  
**Joan Hawthorne, President**





# Dec-Jan-Feb 2019-2020 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

## December

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Dec. 7...9:00-3:00pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) Youth Basketball League @ Sweden-Clarkson Center Saturdays, Dec. 7-Mar. 14th  
For Grades 3-4 & 5-6
- 3) "SECRET SANTA" Holiday Decorating Contest, Wednesday, Dec. 11th.....Santa may come to your beautifully decorated home with a "Goodie"
- 4) A "Just 4 Fun" Christmas Celebration at the Cobblestone, Thurs., Dec. 12th, 7:00- 8:30pm
- 5) Buckman's Car Wash Tickets "STOCKING STUFFERS".....
- 6) Riga Rec "Cornhole Tournament" @ The Cobblestone Hall...Thurs. Dec. 5...6:30pm
- 7) "Golden Beats" for Seniors (55+) with Nancy! Mondays, Dec. 2-9-16-23 & 30.....10am-11am in the Riga Town Hall "multipurpose room".



## January

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Jan. 25..9:00am-3:00pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) Riga Rec./Churchville Soccer Club's "Soccer Academy at Churchville E.S. TBA
- 3) Senior Nutrition Program at Ogden Senior Center...Call us for information
- 4) Senior "Jam Sessions" with Just 4 Fun at Riga Town Hall
- 5) Churchville Soccer Club Registration....www.churchvillesoccerclub.com
- 6) CYA Baseball/Softball Registration.....www.leaguelineup.com/cyabaseball
- 8) "WinterFest, 2020 & FREE Kid's Carnival" & Lion's BBQ at Churchville E.S. Sunday, Jan. 26th  
Noon-3:00pm
- 9) Riga Rec "Cornhole Tournament" Thurs. Jan. 16th @ The Cobblestone Hall...6:30pm
- 10) "Golden Beats" Seniors (55+) with Nancy! Mondays...Jan. 6-13-20-27...10am-11am in Riga's "multipurpose room"



## February

- 1) February Recess Programs (Feb. 17-21).....Events to be held at the Rose Garden & Bright Raven Gymnastics.....Details will come out in 2020
- 2) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Feb. 15.. 9:00-3:00pm at Riga Town Hall
- 3) CYA Baseball/Softball "Spring Training" Sessions.....TBA
- 4) Riga Rec "Cornhole Tourney" @ The Cobblestone Hall, Thurs. Feb. 13th, 6:30pm
- 5) "Golden Beats" Seniors (55+) with Nancy! Thursdays...Feb. 6-13-20-27...10am-11am in Riga's "multipurpose room"



\* \* \* Additional Information and registration for our recreation programs can be found on: FaceBook, the Suburban News, and the Genesee Valley PennySaver

For **further information** on classes or to **register** for programs please call Rec at 293-3880 X130  
All programs close 48 hours before scheduled activity

Please "Like Us" on Facebook

⇒ Riga Recreation also offers "**Reduced Ticket**" prices to: Buckman's Car Wash  
Available at Town Clerk's window Basic \$8.00 each & The Works \$12.50 each



## SCOR—NEWS

Stars seem brighter while looking to the sky on December, January and February evenings, because we look into the arm of the Milky Way galaxy for our part of the northern hemisphere. Perhaps you know of the bright stars of the constellation 'Orion the Hunter'? The brightest is Sirius A, called the 'Dog Star'. 'Canopus' is second brightest and 'Rigel', a blue-white supergiant star is sixth in 'Orion'.

OH, but the monster is the red star 'Betelgeuse' Stars are formed in clouds of gas and dust, known as 'nebulae'. Nuclear reactions at the center of stars provide enough energy to make them shine. So wish upon a shiny star on a clear winter evening.



SCOR seniors will be the "stars" at the Christmas party on December 10th, dining at

Fedele's Brook House. The January 14th, 2020 SCOR buffet luncheon at the Legion Hall will host "Star" Sheriff's Badge speaking about crime prevention. *"Years go, dreams go, and youth goes too, The world's heart breaks beneath its wars, All things are changed, save in the east, The faithful beauty of the stars."* Taken from source Flame and Shadow (1920) "Winter Stars" by Sara Teasdale.

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



## RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

This fall Sue, Amy, and Zachary Kuter and Eagle Scout Patrick Murphy planted new shrubs along the east and south property lines of the cemetery. These new plants will offer privacy and help separate the cemetery from other properties. More shrubs are planned for next year.

Josh Brink and Boy Scout Troop 133 members Dylan Stephenson and Patrick Philippy have started the audit of the cemetery records and the headstones in the

cemetery. They have completed audits of the South, Veterans, Driveways, and North East Quadrant Sections. The burial inventory listings for the South Section have been updated. The Overview Map of the cemetery showing the different cemetery sections has been posted on the Town website at <https://www.townofriga.com/riga-cemetery/>.

All grave decorations should be picked up and disposed of in the green garbage bins next to the

shed. The veterans and firefighter flags have been collected by Boy Scout Troop 133.

Donations to the cemetery and volunteers are always welcome.

**Submitted by:**  
**John Loser,**  
**President**



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### December

- 6 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 10 SCOR Christmas Party—Fedele's Brook House
- 12 Chamber of Commerce Holiday Luncheon—noon
- 12 Just 4 Fun" Christmas Celebration at the Cobblestone, 7:00- 8:30pm
- 13 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 14 Wreaths across America— ceremony and placement of wreaths on Veterans graves at the Creekside Cemetery with a reception afterward at Church Lodge
- 25 & 26 Town Hall closed



### January

- 1 Town Hall Closed - *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*
- 3 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 14 SCOR Luncheon—Legion
- 17 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 26 "WinterFest, 2020—& FREE Kid's Carnival" & Lion's BBQ at Churchville E.S. Noon-3:00pm



### February

- 7 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 10 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 21 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](http://www.townofriga.org). Contact sponsoring organizations for further information regarding their events. Submit your ideas and comments for further enhancements to the Editor.

### Submit comments and/or upcoming events to:

Town of Riga Newsletter

6460 Buffalo Road

Churchville, NY 14428

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



### **Churchville Lions Club Medical Loan Closet**



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





## TOWN OF RIGA

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**Scott Okolowicz**, Town Justice

### OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE

[WWW.TOWNOFRIGA.COM](http://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, December 13th 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.

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donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your  
lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and  
follow your donation on its way to a hospital.  
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