

# TOWN OF RIGA

## NEWSLETTER

### Riga Town Board Members

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### Supervisor's Report

The ups and downs of winter this season have certainly kept us on our toes. Once again, Mother Nature has not been able to make up her mind! March can be quite challenging, so please continue to be mindful of snow-plow trucks as they are keeping our roadways clear of snow and ice. On-street parking on town roads is not allowed from November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>. This allows our highway crew to thoroughly plow and salt without the dangers of having to avoid parked vehicles along the roadways.

Spring, however, is right around the corner! Along with the nicer weather, comes road repair time. Once again, we ask for your patience and courtesy as our highway crews work on our roadways.

A new backstop and fencing have been installed on our recently added ballfield at Sanford Road Park. Our hope is that this field will be ready for use this spring by both boys and girls baseball and softball teams. Last season I was quite impressed by the amount of usage all of the fields and facilities at Sanford Road Park got. On any given night, the park was full of boys and girls playing soccer, baseball, basketball, and any number of other sports. It was great to see so many members of our community come together.

We currently have an opening for an alternate member on our Planning

Board. Alternates fill in for regular Planning Board members who are unable to attend a Planning Board meeting. Meetings are generally held the first Monday of every month. Anyone who might be interested in this position should contact me either by phone or email [bobrocta@townofriga.org](mailto:bobrocta@townofriga.org)). Please consider getting involved in our town government. It is a great opportunity to provide input on how our community develops.



In recent months, Riga has lost two gentlemen who will always be a part of our family here at the Town of Riga. Mel Oliver, our Planning and Zoning Attorney for several decades; and Ron Griffith, our Town Supervisor for 8 years, will be sadly missed but never forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. We honor them both by selflessly serving our community as they did for us.



Please join the American Legion Post #954 on Memorial Day, Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> to help honor those who have died while serving our country's armed forces. A memorial service will be held at the Churchville Elementary School, 36 West

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## Supervisor's Report (Continues)

Buffalo Road, starting at 10 AM. or any other Town Board member.  
A parade will follow the memorial service, ending at the Churchville Cemetery on N. Main St.

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

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



## Assessor News

### Property Description Reports (Data Mailers)

The Town of Riga is scheduled to do an assessment update for the 2021 assessment roll. We once again sent out "data mailers" showing the information we have about the inventory of your property.

These data mailers were for you to review, sign, and return to me by March 27, 2020. If you see information that is not correct,

please make the changes. Even if you don't have any changes, I would like the signed mailers back for my file.

When we do a town-wide update, we determine the current market value of all properties, based on valid sales from the last three years. When we use the inventories from the valid sales to predict values of properties that have not sold, we need to be sure our information is as accurate as

possible. That is why data mailers are sent.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Submitted by:**  
**Lori Frongetta, Assessor**



## Harvey C. Noone Legion News

### **Honoring and Serving Veterans All Year**

I am proud to live in a community that, throughout the year, honors and supports its veterans. And, I want to thank the community for its participation and support. On December 14, 2019, as part of Wreaths Across America, 495 wreaths were placed on the graves of veterans in Creekside, St. Vincent's and Riga Cemeteries. Since 2019 was the first year, we hoped to sell and place, maybe, 50 wreaths. Instead, 495 wreaths were sold and placed. On Valentine's Day, we delivered 603 Valentines to the vets

in the Post-Traumatic Stress Program at the Batavia VA. On Monday, May 25, 2020, we will be conducting our annual Memorial Day service, which is preceded by placing about 500 flags on the same graves on which wreaths were placed. Then, on June 14, 2020, we will be conducting an Open House and flag destruction ceremony at the Post Home. Please join us at our upcoming events. And, again, thank you!

### Euchre Calendar

Harvey C. Noone Legion:

March 6, 2020 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

March 20, 2020 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

April 3, 2020 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

April 17, 2020 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

May 1, 2020 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

May 15, 2020 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

**For God and Country,**

**Gil Budd,**  
**Commander**



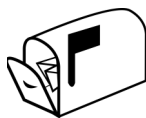
## SPRING RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS



**Winter Highlights-** by the second week of February we had received just over 73 inches of snow for the season, which is about 10 inches above average for season to date. Normal season total is 99 inches. At the end of fall, in November, we had record amounts of snow and below average temps. Lately however, since just before the holidays, we have not seen much snow or cold temps. Salt usage has been about average. We have used 1600 tons so far this year. It is always amazing the difference a year can make. After the short days of winter we are ready for spring and the long days of summer. In the next many weeks we will be working on roadside cleanup, brush pickup from winter winds, removing miles of snow fence, removing plows and sanders, getting trucks ready for the construction season, removing rust, replacing worn out parts, painting plows and sander parts, to be ready for next year's snow season. We have also worked on painting the inside of Maher Lodge, resetting signs knocked down by fallen trees/windstorms and filling countless pot holes on town and county roads in the last many weeks.

### Mailboxes

Our plow drivers endeavor to take all precautions to avoid striking mailboxes with the wing of the plow. Here are some tips for mailbox placement to help reduce damage during our next winter plowing: face of mailbox should be at least 15' from the center of the road because the plow with



wing makes a 14' wide path. Mailbox post size must not exceed 4" x 4" for a wooden post, as posts that are more substantial in construction like a 6x6 are also considered "deadly fixed objects". These are not permitted within the highway "right-of-way" as there can be liability issues. It would be timely over the spring season to check posts for rot and deterioration, particularly at the base, to insure they will not break when having heavy wet snow thrown against your mailbox system. **The town cannot be responsible to repair rotted posts that are part of regular ongoing property maintenance.**



### Brush Pickup

As spring has seemed to arrive late the last few years and our neighbors have had a difficult time getting brush to the roadside due to bad weather, we are planning to do our usual brush pickup for the week of May 4th. Please have brush out to the roadside before May 4th. **We will make one trip down each road and cannot make return trips** after we have been down your road. We will again be bulk handling the piles of brush loading on our dump trucks with a rented prentice loader. **Construction materials, boulders, 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.

### Roadside Boulders- Posts

As a reminder, we have damaged plow equipment while hitting boulders in the highway right of ways placed at entrances to drives. These items are hazardous to the

traveling public and highway maintenance equipment. Highway law and insurance companies consider these obstructions in the right of way "deadly fixed objects." By highway law any landscaping boulders, posts, retaining walls must be outside the 33' right of way measured from the center of the road. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### Planned Town Roadwork for 2020

Project dates have not yet been scheduled. I would request you to be aware of workers in and around the roadways making improvements. Please slow down. We are working on the roads to make them better. Your patience is appreciated.

**Chip Seals** will take place on Jenkins Road, Appletree Road, Burnt Mill Road, and Parish Road; and

**Percy Road** culvert replacement on the south Onion Creek crossing. MRB is engineering this public works project for the town. A natural gas line needs to be moved, and permits are required by Army Corps of Engineers and NYSDEC as this is a class 2 tributary.

### Monroe County DOT Road Projects for this Summer:

**At publication we do not have a list of projects planned by the County DOT due to State Budget short-falls.**

*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.*

### Household Hazardous Waste

Collection will be held for all residents of Monroe County, but specifically for the southwest region including the Towns of Chili, Gates, Riga, and Wheatland, and the Villages of Churchville and Scottsville. The collection, which is being provided by Monroe County, will take place at the Town of Gates



## Highway News (Continued)

Highway Department located at 475 Trabold Road, on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 7:45 am to 12:15 pm.

This collection gives residents the opportunity to dispose of potentially hazardous chemicals in a safe manner and keeps usable items out of the landfills.

**Appointments are required** at all Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections.

Appointments for this HHW collection will be accepted until Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Waste from businesses will not be accepted.

To schedule an appointment:

Visit the HHW Online Scheduler at <http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/>

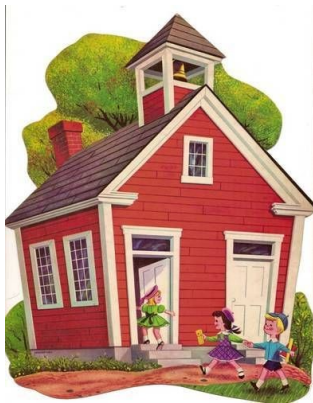
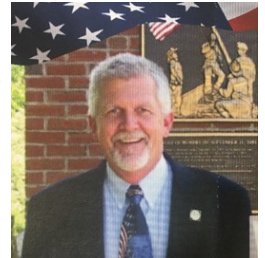
Or call the Town of Chili at 889-2630 (Option #2)

For more information on

recycling and acceptable items taken at HHW collection, visit the Monroe County Ecopark website at:

<http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/>

**Submitted by:**  
**David Smith,**  
**Highway**  
**Superintendent**



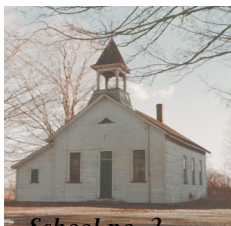
## Education in the Town of Riga

In this issue of the Riga Town Newsletter, I have highlighted a few newspaper articles featuring the early days of the Town of Riga School District.

The first mention of an organized school in the Town of Riga was in 1808 when Thomas Gay provided instruction, at a cost to the parents, for the children in Riga Center.

In 1810, a one story building was constructed just east of the present-day Riga Congregational Church and served as a schoolhouse and church meeting room. Total cost of the construction was \$178.00, paid for the members of the Riga Congregational Church. Eventually, this building was

assigned as School District #1 in the Town of Riga School District. By the late 1800's, the Town of Riga School District would consist of approximately 14 one room schoolhouses scattered within the legal limits of the township. Bordering schoolhouses also served children from parts of Bergen, Sweden and Chili. Each school was self-sufficient and under the direction of the Town of Riga Supervisor. By 1956, the last one room schoolhouse was finally closed, and all activity was directed towards the designated school buildings of the Churchville -Chili school district.



*School no. 2*

The year was 1893 and the World's Fair was being held in Chicago. Featured at the Fair were such new products as "the pants zipper, Cracker Jacks, Cream of Wheat, Juicy Fruit gum, the first brownie mix and the world's first Ferris wheel. For the

Village of Churchville, excitement among its citizens and school children was detailed in an 1893 Progressive Batavian newspaper article as follows: "The World's Fair special (train) stopped here for a few moments on Tuesday (in Churchville) and most of the people of the village turned out to see it. The school children with their teachers turned out in a body." These children were from the School District #4, the Cobblestone school house once located on east Buffalo Road.

Although it was not unusual for district schoolhouses to be closed due to unexpected weather conditions or bad roads, but this source of closure was certainly warranted as revealed in the following newspaper article appearing in May of 1894 by the LeRoy Gazette: "The Riga school closed last week on account of the diphtheria scare." In just seven months after that scare, the Churchville village schoolhouse, District #4, applied for and was granted full Regents status

## Education in the Town of Riga (continues)

becoming officially a high school within the Town of Riga School District. In 1895, the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle Newspaper documented the Regents courses that were taken as follows: "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."

In that same year, the following article appeared in a March Democrat and Chronicle newspaper and told of a mischievous deed of a young student at School District #1. Its long headline was written as follows: **"SCHOOL HOUSE DAMAGED, Believed to Have Been a Case of Malicious Mischief, A BOY AND AN ANIMAL, Unusual Excitement In a Riga School District and What Caused the Adjournment of School.** A skunk, a bad boy, and an offensive odor were the three points of interest yesterday morning around the schoolhouse district No.1, at Riga, and these succeeded in creating an unusual amount of excitement. The first intimation of it was near the hour for the opening of the school, when the assembling scholars were found at a safe distance from the school room, each with a handkerchief over his nose, refusing to be comforted. On the arrival of the teacher their interest became intensified, and little explanation was needed to account for their strange conduct, as the situation explained itself. At

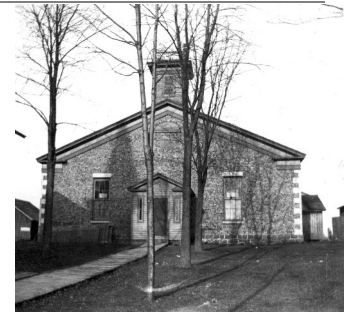
first it was supposed that a member of the mephitic tribe had taken possession of the building, and had fortified himself in his usual effective manner, and preparations were at once made for an attack. The teacher formed himself into a company and began the charge. The building was cautiously approached, but the most careful examination failed to discover the animal. With considerable difficulty the building was entered, and after little investigation it was ascertained that some evil-disposed person had taken the sack containing the fetid odor of the skunk and had scattered its contents around the room. The teacher at once began to beat a retreat and the school was dismissed for the day, and it may be sometime before the building can be used for school purposes. The janitor reported that on entering the building early in the morning to light the fires there was no trace of the disturbing element, and this deed must have been done between that time and the school hour. Strong suspicions are entertained as to the guilty party, and it is hoped that every effort will be put forth to bring him to justice."



*School no. 4*

Finally, in 1920, the administrators of the Churchville High School newspaper penned the following

*School  
no. 5*



article with a stiff warning to the districts parents: "An officer from the Compulsory Attendance Division of the State Education Department visited the school recently. He was not at all satisfied with our attendance insofar as it was related to students who were kept out of school for no legitimate reason. The only legitimate excuse for the absence of any student is sickness or a death in the immediate family. His recommendation, which is equivalent to compulsion, was that the parent or guardian of any pupil under 16 years of age who keeps that child out of school for any other than legitimate reasons be arrested at once; and that any pupil over 16 years of age who is out of school for any other than the legitimate reason, be expelled. These are hard orders, but we have no other alternative than to comply with the law. Furthermore, if a parent or guardian fails to send a written excuse to the teacher, even thou the child may have been absent on account of sickness, the absence is to be considered as unlawful. We hope parents will heed this warning and thereby prevent an unpleasant condition from arising." Note: The High School graduating class for the year 1920 was a total of 3 boys.

**Submitted by:  
Ron Belczak,  
Historian**

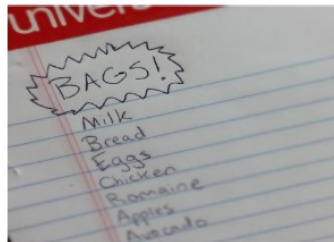


## Ban on Plastic Bags

One of the most anticipated laws of 2020 was New York State's ban on plastic bags. Wegmans provided shoppers a head start by no longer offering plastic in their stores in January. Other retailers will follow suit when the law officially takes effect on March 1st.

Here are several tips to avoid frustration when you shop:

- If you grab a cart, remember the bags
- Keep a small packable bag in your purse or pocket ready to go
- Add bags to the top of your shopping list
- Involve the family children as young as three or four can be responsible for the bags



- Plastic totes should be wiped out with hot soap and water after every use
- Place raw meat, poultry and fish in separate totes from produce and ready-to-eat foods
- Store totes in a clean, dry location



### **2020 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE MOBILE COLLECTIONS**

As the weather warms and you clean out your basement, garage or shed, keep in mind the following dates for mobile Hazardous Waste Collections:

April 28: Town of Gates Highway Garage, 475 Traubold Road, Gates

June 13: Village of Hilton Highway Garage, 50 Henry Street, Hilton

When reusable bags are repeatedly used, they can harbor dangerous bacteria if not properly cleaned. A few simple precautions can keep you from getting ill:

- Wash linen totes in the washer frequently.

To make an appointment, to find information specific to each collection or for any weekly collection at the Monroe County ecopark, visit [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark).

## Riga's Annual Toy Drive



*The Town of Riga, St Vincent's Church and the Churchville Lions Club would like to thank everyone who donated toys during the holiday toy drive. We did receive MANY donations of toys! Because of the community's generosity we were able to help many children of families who are struggling financially, to have a happier Christmas. It is heartwarming to know that so many residents cared enough to help make this possible! We would also like to thank the Churchville Village Office, Dollar General, and Churchville Physical Therapy for allowing us to set up donation boxes in their lobbies.*



## Swimming Pool Permits



With the return of warmer weather this summer season, portable swimming pools will begin appearing in many backyards in our town and village. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), "Each year, nationwide, more than 300 children under 5 years old drown in residential swimming pools, usually a pool owned by their family. In addition, more than 2,000 children in that age group are treated in hospital emergency rooms for submersion injuries."

Please be reminded, all "swimming pools" require a building permit be issued before installation and final approval is required within 90 days of being issued a permit; before the pool is put into use.

### Definition of "swimming pool"

The term "swimming pool" is defined in the NYS 2017 Uniform Code Supplement as "any structure, basin, chamber or tank which is intended for swimming, diving, recreational bathing or wading and which contains, is designed to contain, or is capable of containing water more than 24 inches (610 mm) deep at any point. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground pools; indoor pools; hot tubs; spas; and fixed-in-place wading pools (inflatable pools/storable soft sided)



### Swimming Pool FAQ Are There Property Line Setback Requirements For A Swimming Pool?

**Yes.** Generally swimming pools and appurtenances (filters,

pumps, etc.) concrete aprons and pool decks have side and rear property line setback requirements and vary per land use district, please call the office for setback distances.

Overhead Electric Lines must be located at least **10 feet horizontally** from the water's edge of the pool/hot tub/spa

### Do I Need To Install A Fence or Barrier (Enclosure) Around the Pool?

**Yes. New York State Residential Code Appendix G - Outdoor swimming pool.** An outdoor swimming pool, including an in-ground, aboveground or on-ground pool (**INFLATABLE**), hot tub or spa **MUST** be provided with a barrier which shall comply with the following:

1. The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches (51 mm) measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. Where the top of the pool structure is above grade, such as an aboveground pool, the barrier may be at ground level, such as the pool structure, or mounted on top of the pool structure. Where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4 inches (102 mm).

2. Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere.

3. Solid barriers which do not have openings, such as a masonry or stone wall, shall not

contain indentations or protrusions except for normal construction tolerances and tooled masonry joints.

4. Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is less than 45 inches (1143 mm), the horizontal members shall be located on the swimming pool side of the fence. Spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 1.75 inches (44 mm) in width.

Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing within the cutouts shall not exceed 1.75 inches (44 mm) in width.

### What Type of Gate do I Need?

Gates installed in the enclosure need to be self closing and self latching and must open outward (away) from the pool. If the self latching device is located less than 54" from the bottom of the fence it must be installed on the pool side of the gate at least 3" below the top of the gate and there can be no openings greater than 1/2 "within 18" of the latching device.

### What about Pool Ladders?

Where an aboveground pool structure is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a ladder or steps, then: The ladder or steps shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access, or the ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier that meets the requirements of Section 105.2, items 1 through 9. When the ladder or steps are secured, locked or removed, any

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opening created shall not allow passage of a 4 inch diameter sphere.

### Do I Need A Pool Alarm For The Pool?

All swimming pools installed after December 14, 2006 require a pool alarm that sounds an alarm poolside and at another location on the premises where the swimming pool is located. It must be capable of detecting a child entering the water and give an audible alarm when it detects entry into the water.

### Are There Electrical Requirements?

Yes. Electrical requirements are based on the National Electrical Code / 2017 Uniform Code Supplement

Please contact a qualified Electrician or Electrical Inspection Agency.

**Please have a safe swimming pool season, and remember many of the above requirements also pertain to pre-existing swimming pools on your property.**

Please contact the Town of Riga Building Department Code Enforcement Office At 293-3880 x 124 with any questions.

**Submitted by:**  
**Building Inspectors**  
**Ken Kuter & Bob Panik**



## DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

**YES!**



With the coming of spring, many residents will start thinking about new projects on their properties; the Riga Building Department would like to remove some of the mystery around building permits and whether or not a permit is necessary. Hopefully the following information will be helpful.

Please contact us if you have any zoning or building questions Town outside the Village at 293-3880 ext. 124. If your project is within the Village of Churchville limits and you have zoning or building questions, please contact 293-3720 ext. 134.

### Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Building Permits

#### What is a building permit?

A building permit is a document which grants legal permission to start the construction or alteration

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of a building or other structure in accordance with approved drawings and specifications.

### Why do I need a building permit?

Permits ensure that construction within our municipality meets with standards set out in the New York State Building Code and the Code of the Town of Riga. Your home renovation project must meet basic requirements for health, safety and structural soundness. Beyond this, the permit process makes sure that your plans are in line with other town requirements, such as zoning regulations and historic building designations.

### What happens if I don't get a permit?

**The property owner may be subject to legal action for failure to obtain a building permit.** If you carry out a renovation project that requires a building permit without having one, the town can issue a "Stop Work" and or a "Cease and Desist" order, which remains in effect until you obtain a permit. If the work doesn't meet the

requirements of the Building Code, you may well have to redo the work at your own cost. A new fee was approved by the Town Board on January 3, 2011. **A one hundred-dollar (\$100.00) fee plus permit costs will be applied to construction projects started or completed before approved building permits have been issued.**

Work performed without a required building permit may hold up the sale of your property in the future and may also affect an insurance claim.

Before any work begins on your home, check with your insurance representative, who can explain exactly what is needed to ensure continuous and adequate coverage, both during and after the renovation.

### When do I need a permit?

A building permit is required for any new building, any addition to an existing building, and any alterations to an existing building which impacts the following: the building's structural design;



## Newman Riga Library

### Library Community Survey

Thank you to all who filled out our survey. We appreciate all responses which included many great comments and suggestions. Our long-range planning committee will use this information for laying the foundation of the future sustainability of the library. The winner of the \$50 Wegmans Gift Card was Sheryl Hunt. Congratulations!

### Renée Fleming Collection Benefactor Passes Away

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of June Clase on November 17 at the age of 90. She was the benefactor of our Renée Fleming Collection, which contains the published works of the famous soprano who was raised in Churchville. We are grateful for June's contributions to the library and she will be missed.

### Preschool Storytime Winter/Spring Session Dates

Children ages 3 – 5 yrs. are invited to join Mrs. Sarah for Tuesday Morning Preschool Storytime from 10:30 – 11:00 am. There will be stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays! No registration is necessary.

#### **Session Dates:**

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
April 14, 21 (no 4/7)

### Senior Strummers – Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm

Enjoy an afternoon concert filled with sing-along folk songs played on mountain dulcimers and led by Mr. Rich Towsley and his Senior Strummers Club. Don't know what a dulcimer is? Come in and find out!

### Forgotten Local Women Presentation – Tuesday, March

#### **31<sup>st</sup> 3-4pm**

In celebration of National Women's History Month, the library is honoring women who have made history and women who are making history. Join us for a presentation honoring forgotten local women Frances Willard, Frances Barrier Williams, and Matilda Joslyn Gates. This presentation will be given by Lynn Brown, Barbara Mitrano and Sue Mears. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is encouraged.

### Youth Art Month - Local Student Art Show

Returning to the library, Churchville-Chili Art Teacher Ms. Anne Clancy will display artwork from Churchville Elementary and Studio in Art 8 students. Please come and admire the amazing work of our local talent from mid-March through the end of April.

### Evening Pajama Storytime's:

We are pleased that the Churchville-Chili Senior High School Future Educators Club will be hosting additional evening storytimes this spring. Wear your PJs and enjoy stories, crafts and snacks on the following dates:

**Easter Storytime:** Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30-7:30pm

**Memorial Day Storytime:** Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm

Suitable for families with children of all ages. No registration required.

### Makerspace:

Once again, with the generous support of Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES, we are offering

Makerspace sessions during the April school break. Experiment with robots, 3-D printing, coding and much more anytime during session hours. No registration required and fun for all ages!

#### **Session Dates:**

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 11-1pm  
Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 3-7 pm  
Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 3-7 pm

### Adult Coloring with Brenda Sessions:

Did you know that coloring has many health benefits including reducing stress and anxiety, improving motor skills and vision, and improving sleep and focus? Join Brenda at our Adult Coloring Program for an evening of relaxation. Bring your own project/supplies, or we have supplies here for beginners. No registration is required.

#### **Session Dates:**

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm  
Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 7-8 pm  
Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 7-8 pm

### New York State Empire Passes

We now have two Empire Passes available for check out thanks to the Friends of the Rochester Public Library and Nancy Steedman! These passes provide unlimited day-use vehicle entry to most facilities operated by New York State Parks and the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Go to <https://parks.ny.gov/admission/empire-passport/> for more information.



## CHURCH CALENDARS

### 2020 CHURCHVILLE ECUMENICAL LENTEN MEETINGS

#### Ash Wednesday, Feb 26

Community Worship - 7:00 pm  
Union Congregational UCC  
14 N Main Street

#### Thursday, Mar 5 - 6:30 pm

Free Soup and Bread Supper\*  
Riga Congregational Church  
7057 Chili Riga Center Road

#### Thursday, Mar 12 - 6:30 pm

Free Soup and Bread Supper\*  
Union Congregational UCC  
14 N Main Street

#### Thursday, Mar 19 - 6:30 pm

Free Soup and Bread Supper\*  
Faith Chapel  
125 Bromley Road

#### Thursday, Mar 26 - 6:30 pm

Free Soup and Bread Supper\*  
St. Vincent DePaul  
11 N. Main Street

#### Thursday, Apr 9 – 7:00 pm

Community Worship  
Riga Congregational Church  
7057 Chili Riga Center Road

#### Good Friday, Apr 10 -6:00 pm

Community Worship  
United Methodist Church  
24 W. Buffalo Road

\*All Soup and Bread suppers  
will be preceded by a brief  
meditation

---- All are welcome ----



### Churchville United Methodist Church

24 West Buffalo Street  
585-293-3282

Sunday worship time—9:30 a.m.

Pastor Betty Jiles

Sunday Bible Classes: 10:45 a.m.

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

April 10, Good Friday Service at  
6:00 pm

May 7, 8, 9 “New to You” and  
Baked Food Sale. Please bring  
your own bags. Thurs. 4:00-  
6:00pm,  
Fri. 9am-2pm, Sat. 9-12pm (fill a  
bag sale)



### United Congregational United Church of Christ – 14 N. Main St, Churchville

You will be welcomed each  
Sunday to join us and be nurtured  
by God's Word through the  
ministry of our new pastor,  
Bradley Klug, who is committed to  
serving our church and the  
community.

Feb – Apr Please check the  
schedule for Ecumenical Soup  
and Bread Suppers

March 14 Ham Dinner 4:30  
- 6:30 pm

Adults \$10.00 - Children \$5.00

April 5 Palm Sunday

Worship Service – 10 am  
Special music and children's  
parade with palms

April 12 Easter Worship  
Service - 10 am

Special treats in fellowship room

after service

May 10 Mothers' Day  
Cupcake Sale

(After 10 am worship service)

May 26 Memorial  
Remembrance Worship Service

May 27 Memorial Day  
Breakfast 7:30 = 9:30 am

Adults \$6.00 – Children \$3.00 -  
Veterans are Free

Mark calendars for **June 4  
Strawberry Social** in conjunction  
with Library Book Sale



### Riga Congregational Church – 7057 Chili Riga Ctr Rd, Church- ville

Pastor David Branch—293-2070  
Join us for worship Sunday's @  
10 AM

March - 13th&14th-Spring  
Rummage Sale, Fri.

preview sale \$5

4-7PM, Sat.9-2PM

Snow date 19th & 20th, same  
hours

March—28th Turkey Dinner  
beginning @ 4PM, still \$9

April - 9th Maundy Thursday  
service ,7PM

Join us in this night of reflection.

May - 2nd Turkey Dinner  
beginning @4PM, still \$9  
See you in the fall !

## RIGA BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWS (Continues)

heating/cooling and ventilation systems, electrical, and plumbing systems; and the use of buildings or parts thereof. Below you will find a list of typical residential projects that require a building permit:

All decks, porches, and three-season rooms

Additions, interior alterations, finishing a basement or a portion thereof

Fireplaces, wood-burning stoves, chimneys and gas inserts

Attached or detached garages, sheds

Pole Barns

Installation of sanitary, and water service systems

Alterations to windows or doors

All pools that can hold 24 inches or more of water and hot tubs

Extensions or modifications to the plumbing, heating/cooling, ventilation and electrical systems

Generators

Some repairs may not require a permit. These include re-roofing, re-siding, flooring and cabinet installation, and replacement of windows and doors (provided the opening is not enlarged). In brief, work that does not entail changes to structures or systems.

**When in doubt check with the Town of Riga Building Department to be sure if your project requires a building permit.**

**What paperwork do I need to get a permit?**

The specific requirements depend on the type of work you are planning. For simple interior projects, a scale floor plan will often be adequate. For larger projects

involving additions, large decks or major structural renovations, a full set of working drawings and a site survey map may be required. The Building Department can tell you exactly what's needed.

**When is the permit complete?**

A final inspection is required when all work has been completed; **it is the applicant's responsibility to call in advance for proper inspections.** When it has been determined that the project meets the applicable codes and standards, a Certificate of Compliance or a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued.

**You cannot use or occupy the space until either certificate has been issued.**

**Submitted By:  
Riga Building Department  
Ken Kuter and Bob Panik**



## RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

It was a cold and rainy day on Saturday, December 14, 2019, when volunteers gathered at the Riga Cemetery to distribute wreaths at our veterans' graves. The national Wreaths Across America (WAA) event was sponsored by the Harvey C. Noone Legion and organized by Pam Moore and Erin Maysick at the 3 cemeteries in the Riga and Churchville area.

We held a brief ceremony in our Riga Cemetery Veteran Section by the American Flag and then disbursed to lay wreaths at most of our veterans' graves. We placed the 7 ceremonial wreaths

provided by WAA and 59 additional wreaths sponsored by local residents. We were then invited by the Riga Church across the street for warm refreshments and cookies.

Thanks to the Riga community for their help and participation.

Just a reminder that our Cemetery Rules and Regulations, found on the Town of Riga cemetery website, request that grave lot owners pick up all grave decorations after the Christmas and New Year's season (including the WAA wreaths) by March 15, 2020. Please do not run snowmobiles through the cemetery; it can damage our

headstones.

Approximately 2/3 of our cemetery graves have been physically audited and we expect to complete the audit by the end of this summer.

The support from volunteers are always welcome. Join us on May 12, 2020 at 7 PM at the Riga Town Hall for our Annual Meeting to learn about and help the Riga Cemetery.

**Submitted by:  
John Loser  
President  
538-2951**

**ANNUAL  
MEETING**



## RECREATION NEWS

Winter Fest, 2020 was once more hosted at the Churchville Elementary School on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. This annual event was a wonderful success. The Churchville Lion's Club served up its "World Famous" Chicken BBQ as the Main Event followed by the FREE Kid's Carnival put on by Girl Scout Troop 60487 under Ms. Erin Maysick's leadership. This event would not be possible if not for the following groups/individuals: The Town of Riga, the Churchville Lion's & LEO Clubs (with Leader Marty Molinari), caricaturist Dave "Bippy" Boyer, Air Affair's "Bounce House", and Arlene's Air Brush Tattoos. Additional kudos to Jordan from the Churchville Elementary School's custodial staff and the Kitchen staff for their graciousness and attention to the nitty-gritty details that made this event running smoothly. We look forward to WinterFest, 2020.

Thanks to local residents Courtney Hoerner and Jeff Bruckman for spearheading the youth programs of basketball and floor hockey. These programs have experienced much growth these past two years!

The long running Riga Rec "Soccer Academy" started 10 years ago by a Churchville-Chili

senior, Scott Zorn, is still going strong and will start later on in February.

We have started a monthly "Cornhole" tournament program at the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall and it continues to enjoy a growing number of players each session.

Regarding Summer Camp, Brian Young, and I will be meeting soon to go over this summer's program. After last year's increase in attendance we anticipate a most wonderful camping experience for our community's youth. There will be some adjustments to where at the Churchville Elementary we will meet, as the school is going to undergo construction updates in the kitchen and playground areas.



Once we know further information we will share what we know.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will

take place at the Maher Lodge on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Check the insert for additional details.

Also, check out the CYA Softball/ Baseball and Churchville Soccer Club websites for registration

information in their summer programs

We are still finalizing this summer's Village Gazebo Concert Series. This year we have a concert scheduled for all five Wednesday evenings!

An Eagle Scout candidate, Zach Spaulding, has contacted the Riga Recreation to install a "Gaga Pit" as a project for his badge. We have had preliminary discussions around this exciting project for our McNeely Park. He will be presenting the Riga Town Board in the coming months with a detailed plan for installation of this wonderful addition for the community!

As always if you would like to host an event at the McNeely Park or Maher Lodges...along with the Cobblestone Hall please call 293-3880 X121 or 122.

You may access additional recreation information via the CCCSD "Virtual Backback", the Town of Riga website, or Like Us on Facebook.

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



## RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, April 6th 2020**  
**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 February 16th you are eligible to donate. Walk-ins are also welcome!! Please Bring ID!



1-800-GIVE-LIFE    [donatebloodnow.org](http://donatebloodnow.org)

# MARCH-APRIL-MAY 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

## Riga Recreation Spring, 2020 Programs

### March

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. Mar. 14, 9:00am-3:30pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) CYA Baseball/Softball for Ages 6-15 [www.leaguelineup.com/cyabaseball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/cyabaseball)
- 3) Riga Senior Jam Sessions Thurs. 2:00-4:00pm at the Riga Town Hall
- 4) Riga/CYA Baseball-Softball Spring Training, TBA
- 5) Churchville Soccer Club.....[www.churchvillesoccerclub.com](http://www.churchvillesoccerclub.com)
- 6) Riga's Annual Youth Soccer Academy at CES. March 5, 19, 26
- 7) Riga Rec "Cornhole Tourney" at Cobblestone Hall, March 19th 6-8pm



### April

- 1) Easter Egg Hunt at the Maher Lodge in Sanford Road Park, Saturday, Apr. 4th (NO Pre-Registration)  
Ages 2-5 will start the Hunt at 10:00am SHARP  
Ages 6-10 will start the Hunt at 10:30am SHARP
- 2) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. April 11th, 9:00am-3:30pm at the Riga Town Hall
- 3) Earth Day/Pick Up the Parks at Churchville Park, Sat. April 18th, 9:00am-12 Noon  
\*Come celebrate this special day by cleaning up OUR park!
- 4) Riga Rec "Cornhole Tourney" at Cobblestone Hall, April 16th at 6-8pm



### May

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. May 23, 9:00am-3:30pm at Riga Town Hall
- 2) MLB "Pitch-Hit-Run", Sat. May 16, 9:00am for Boys & Girls Ages 7-14  
NEW fields at Sanford Road Park...Registration at site
- 3) Riga Senior Jam Sessions, Thurs. 2:00-4:00pm at Riga Town Hall
- 4) NYS Safeboating Course, May 9, 7:30am-4:30pm at Riga Town Hall
- 5) Pickleball at the NEW Buffalo Road Park venue Play ANYTIME...We have supplies you may borrow from sunrise to sunset!
- 6) Senior Nutrition Program at Ogden Senior Center, Mondays, 10am—2 pm
- 7) Riga Rec "Cornhole Tourney" at Cobblestone Hall, May 14th 6-8pm



**\*EARLY BIRD "SUMMER CAMP" DISCOUNT OF 10% GOES IN EFFECT MAY 31st TILL JUNE 18th !**

## SCOR NEWS

Spirit of spring is here! We begin with March 20th vernal equinox, (spring-equal); first day of spring in Northern Hemisphere giving us 12 hours day and 12 hours night. A sense of Spring fever, real or not physical condition, is the body's reaction with energetic heeling to the sudden warm spell. It's the wearing of green for March. Finding a four leaf clover is thought to bring good luck. The spring gem is the "emerald", meaning rebirth, hope and tranquility. March 19th SCOR members hope to have good weather as we gather for lunch and meeting at the American Legion Hall on Buffalo Rd. It is our good luck to learn from the Program Presenter about *Home-steads for Hope Community Farm* that offers quality services to people of all abilities.



Village Inn, Albion, NY.

Market producers of potted Easter Lilies annually plant 11 million bulbs along the California and Oregon border. That is 95% of the April Easter lily market today. Keeping the 'warm spell' energy going, we gather on April 14th for a Spring Buffet and hear from Dyan Eisele speak of her career as a Medical Lab professional in the *detective agency* of hospitals. Surely April showers will bring May flowers to enjoy at SCOR annual Anniversary Party on May 12th where we dine at the Brook House. Month of May will bring back members who *winter* in Florida.

March 29th will be first day trip of 2020 to Lancaster, NY for a matinee show

*Nunsense* after brunch at Tillman's

May 20th to Seneca Lake, Waterloo and Saunders Mennonite Store is our next trip scheduled.

SCOR INC. members are local senior citizens who gather monthly for lunch, information and entertainment. We welcome guests to a regular luncheon meeting before becoming members. For trip information contact Shirley Miller at 752-4109 or by mail to 2000 Park Creek Ln., Churchville, NY 14428. For SCOR information contact Verna Linney at 293-9068. Brochures are available at Town and Village offices.

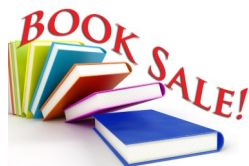
**Submitted by:**  
**Dolores Perry,**  
**Publicity for SCOR**  
**532-6978**



## NEWMAN RIGA LIBRARY (CONTINUED)

### Book Club

Our Book Club has started its second year. If you are interested in joining – please contact the library.



### Annual Library Book Sale:

Save these dates for our Annual Library Book Sale: Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 3-8, Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 11-5, and Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 10-2

### Census 2020

Beginning March 12th, the Census Bureau will mail census materials to 95% of

homes. About 80% of households will be asked to complete the census online using a unique code; 20% will receive a paper questionnaire. Patrons who do not have computers or internet access may use the library computers to fill out their census confidentially.

Although library staff will not be able to help you with questions on the census, we can guide you to the official census site and provide you with phone numbers if you have questions.



### 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:

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**



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### March

- 6 & 20 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 19 SCOR Luncheon—Legion
- 29 SCOR Senior Day Trip to Lancaster for a matinee show Nunsense
- 19 Riga Rec Cornhole Tourney—6-8pm



### April

- 4 RIGA EASTER EGG HUNT—MAHER LODGE
- 3 & 17 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 6 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 14 SCOR Luncheon—Legion
- 16 Riga Rec Cornhole Tourney—6-8pm
- 18 Earth Day/Pick Up the Parks at Churchville Park, 9 am—noon
- 25 Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Town of Chili Highway Dept.



Easter Egg Hunt



### May

- 4 Start of Brush Pickup in Town of Riga
- 12 SCOR Luncheon—Brook House
- 1 & 15 Euchre Fundraiser—7 pm American Legion
- 14 Riga Rec Cornhole Tourney—6-8pm
- 20 SCOR Senior Day Trip to Seneca Lake, Waterloo and Saunders Mennonite Store
- 25 Town Offices Closed
- 25 Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade



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 [www.churchvillelions.org](http://www.churchvillelions.org)



## TOWN OF RIGA

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Churchville, NY 14428

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Fax: 585-293-1917

E-mail: see website for addresses

**Brad O'Brocta**, Supervisor

**James Fodge**, Deputy Supervisor

**Cindy Jessop**, Council Member

**Deborah Campanella**, Council Member

**Derek Harnsberger**, Council Member

**Kimberly Pape**, Town Clerk

**David Smith**, Highway Superintendent

**Richard E. Stowe**, Town Justice

**Scott Okolowicz**, Town Justice

### OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE

**WWW.TOWNOFRIGA.COM**

FIRST PIONEERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY  
1809

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

**TOWN BOARD:** 2nd Wednesdays.  
Workshops as needed.

**CONSERVATION BOARD:** 4th Mondays.

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

**PLANNING BOARD:** 1st Mondays.

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

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:** No meetings scheduled at this time.



Easter Egg Hunt at the Maher  
Lodge in Sanford Road Park

Saturday, April 4th

(NO Pre-Registration)

Ages 2-5 will start the  
Hunt at 10:00 am SHARP

Ages 6-10 will start the  
Hunt at 10:30 am SHARP