

TOWN OF RIGA

NEWSLETTER

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Supervisor's Report

The COVID-19 pandemic reared its ugly head a little over a year ago and has changed our lives in ways we could never have imagined. Its effects have been felt by all of us, including each and every municipality – large and small. We continue to do our very best to keep the town hall safely open. Our number one priority during these difficult times is to provide our residents services while keeping all of you and our staff as safe and healthy as possible. I am thankful for your patience and understanding during those times we were forced to temporarily close to the public. Please continue to wear masks when entering the Town Hall. Sanitize hands prior to entering, and practice safe distancing. These three practices go a long way in helping to prevent the spread of this devastating virus.

I want to thank our staff here at the Town Hall, our highway crew, and all of our various board members for rising to the occasion during this crisis. Their dedication and cooperation have been amazing, and I cannot thank them enough.

We have received many calls asking when town lodges will be available for rental again. At our February meeting, the Town Board decided to begin taking town lodge reservations once again. We ask that all lodge guests follow NYS guidelines that are in effect at the time of rental. Rental availability is subject to change if state or county restrictions dictate closure. We will contact you if reservations must be cancelled as a result. Please be sure to help

us keep our lodges open and abide by all safety guidelines that are in place.

As is the case in many towns, recreation activities have been mainly closed. However, thanks to the hard work and 'out of the box' thinking by our Recreation Director, we have been able to host a handful of activities. With direction from our county and state health departments, we hope to gradually reintroduce activities at some point.

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). Please consider getting involved in our town government. It is a great opportunity to provide input on how our community develops.

In closing, I am hopeful that we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Infection rates are lowering, and vaccines are here. Let's continue to do our part in reducing the spread of this virus so we can get back to doing all those things that make life worth living!

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, Town Supervisor



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Assessor News

Proposed Legislative STAR Changes

If adopted into law (typically around April 1), homeowners receiving the Basic STAR exemption who "age into" or otherwise become initially eligible for Enhanced STAR, would be **required** to register for the **STAR credit** to receive the Enhanced benefit. **The Enhanced STAR exemption would be closed to new applicants.**

This proposal **would not impact current recipients of the** Enhanced exemption, who would be permitted to stay in the exemption program and to rejoin the exemption program if they lost the exemption because their income rose above the limit. In addition, an owner currently receiving the Basic STAR

exemption who opted not to apply for the Enhanced STAR credit would be allowed to stay in the Basic STAR exemption program.

Improve Mobile Home STAR Exemption Administration. Administration of STAR benefits to mobile homeowners is problematic, largely due to the fact that mobile homes are not itemized on assessments rolls. The Budget **converts** all existing STAR exemptions for mobile homes into STAR credits to streamline the process and get STAR benefits to mobile homeowners faster.

Various STAR Program Reforms. The Budget moves forward the date to voluntarily switch from a STAR exemption to a STAR credit from June 15 to May 1.

2022 REASSESSMENT

The Town of Riga was scheduled to do an assessment update for the 2021 assessment roll, but it was postponed due to COVID. The Town of Riga will proceed with doing an assessment update for the 2022 assessment roll. Our equalization rate has dropped drastically which not only increases the tax rate, but also reduces the dollar amount of exemptions that people qualify for. Residents no longer receive the full benefit of the exemption. Despite COVID, the sales are still coming in much higher than where assessments are. There's still a high demand for homes here and very low inventory.

Submitted by:
Lori Frongetta,
Assessor



Town Clerk News

There is nothing more important to us than the safety of our residents.

The Town Hall has reopened and we are here to serve you.

Everyone entering the Town Hall will be required to wear a face mask until further notice. Hand sanitizer has been placed outside the doors of the building as well as throughout the lobby for your use.



I would like to remind residents that there is a drop box located at the back of the Town Hall, to the left of the entranceway.

The secure drop box allows access

for residents to conduct business without having to enter the building. Your payment will be processed the very next business day and a receipt or license will be mailed back to you.

If you need to get all that road salt off of your car, the Town still sells discount Buckman's Car Wash Tickets.

Prices:

Basic Soft Touch
[Includes 24-hour guarantee]
\$10.00 a piece
\$50.00 a book of five

The Works
[Includes 5-day guarantee]
\$13.00 a piece
\$65.00 a book of five



You may purchase tickets at the Town Clerks window.

Tax Payments

I will continue to collect the 2021 Town & County tax installment payments to the end of May.

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

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

Submitted by:
Kimberly Pape,
Town Clerk/Tax
Collector



SPRING RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Winter Highlights: By the first week of February we had received only 35 inches of snow for the season, well below average for the season to date being 59 inches. Normal season total is 99 inches. Salt usage has also been much below average. We have used just over 900 tons so far this year. It is amazing the difference a year makes. Over the past many weeks we have worked on and 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, and painting plows and sander parts to be ready for next year's snow season.

Brush Pickup: Planned for the week of **May 3rd**. Please have brush out to the roadside before that date. We will make **one trip down each road and cannot make return trips** after we have been down your road. We will again be bulk handling the piles of brush loading on our dump trucks with a rented prentice loader. Logs do not need to be cut into small pieces. Truck beds are 12' long enabling us to accommodate branches and logs 14' long. **Construction materials, boulders, and concrete will not be picked up with brush.** If you have materials other than brush to be picked up, please call a disposal company for those types of materials.

Roadside Boulders- Posts

A reminder, we have damaged plow equipment by 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." Per 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.



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 the next winter plowing. Face of mailbox should **minimally be 15' from the center of the road.** Our truck 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 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.**

Purpose: The purpose of the Riga Highway department is to provide efficient roadways for transportation for our residents and users of our towns roadways. We continually seek to improve service to our residents in a cost-effective manner within budget. If you see a condition in the town that needs attention

please call 293-2530 or my cell 733-3808.

Planned Town Roadwork for 2021: Johnson Road south of Rt. 33A—In place recycle of road from 33A south to Bovee road. Chip Seal surface treatment will take place a month after to seal water from the surface. There is a failing cross culvert north of the high voltage powerlines we will be replacing sometime in the spring prior to the road work.

Monroe County DOT Road projects for this summer: At publication we do not yet have a list of projects planned by the County DOT due to State budget shortfalls. Following last summer's true and leveling of Bangs Road, I believe we will be chip sealing this summer.

Welcome to Scott Flagler and Aaron Regelsberger our newest employees. Scott has lived in Riga his whole life and worked in the fleet/equipment management repair and towing business for more than 30 years, he has been able to rapidly learn our winter routine. Aaron comes to us from a local farm, having 10 years of well-rounded experience operating and repairing heavy machinery. Aaron has gotten up to speed quickly, also running our snow control equipment. If you see these "new" guys around town, please welcome them.

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

SPRING RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS (CONTINUES)

Churchville and Scottsville. The collection, which is being provided by Monroe County, will take place at the Town of Gates Highway Department located at 475 Trabold Road, on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 7:45 am to 12:00 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** for this HHW collection will be accepted until Friday, April 16th.

To schedule an appointment: Visit the Online Scheduler at <http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/> or Call the Town of

Gates at 585-429-8243

For more information on recycling or a list of acceptable items visit the Monroe County ecopark website at: <http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/>

Submitted by:
David Smith, Highway Superintendent

CHURCHVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



We hope this article finds you happy and healthy! Last year was filled with a variety of emotions and uncertainty. The many hardships caused by the events of the year have affected everyone in one way or another.

Throughout all the ups and downs last year one thing never changed: the power of unity in our

community. During our summer "parade" and our Santa Runs, the feeling of love and support from our community was amplified to a new level! In January, our members began receiving COVID vaccinations to do our part to return to "normal". We look forward to being able to host events when it is safe to do so, as we enjoy interacting with our community

members. Words cannot describe how much your support means to us, especially today! From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU for everything.

Submitted By:
Michael Morgray, President Churchville Volunteer Fire Department

Building Department—Pool Permits

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 with in 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 2020 Uniform Code 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 - 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

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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 ½ "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 326.4.2.9. When the ladder or steps are secured, locked or removed, any 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.

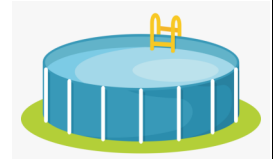
Please contact a qualified Electrician or Electrical Inspection Agency.

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:
Bob Panik &
Ken Kuter**



RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

We continue to require that everyone follow NYS Covid regulations, including wearing a face mask and maintaining at least 6 feet of social distancing at Cemetery interment services.

Our landscaper has added a new foundation and replaced the block retaining wall around our berm flower bed. Its color now blends in with the permanent stone wall in the back of the berm. We are working with the Boy Scouts to use the block removed from the

berm to create a permanent stone block edging around some of our trees and bushes. We have other plans to add gravel to the driveway in our circular loop.

The American Legion held an abbreviated Wreaths Across America event on December 19, 2020. We plan to participate with a larger audience this December. As noted in our Rules and Regulations, found at our Cemetery web page in the Town of Riga website, we ask that all grave lot owners

pick up all grave decorations, any glass items, flower pots, and flags on their lots by March 15. We thank our volunteer and workers who keep our grounds in good shape and we can always use extra help.

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





STORIES ALONG THE TRACKS

For this newsletter I am presenting a few short railroad stories which I have found to be interesting.

One of the most important communication tools of the 19th century was the telegraph system. The following account illustrates the use of the telegraph and its importance in saving life and property along the tracks. "Last Monday night as a freight train on the West Shore road was going east about 10:45, the crew on the train discovered flames issuing from H. Sage's horse barn. The trainmen telegraphed Mr. Wilson, telegraph operator at Churchville junction, who immediately ran about half a mile up to Mr. Sage's residence and aroused them. By that time, the whole building was one mass of flames and it was too late to rescue anything from the burning building, and it, with its contents, was consumed. The Churchville Fire department procured Sage & Potter's team, loaded their engine into a wagon, and started for the fire as soon as possible, but owing to the condition of the roads they arrived too late to render any assistance in saving the barn, but assisted in saving the tenant house situated close by. Eight valuable horses were burned with the barn." (March 1893)

Hitching rides on the local express can get you into trouble and even force you to rethink your career path. "Thursday afternoon, two detectives employed by the New York Central arrested four "knights of the road" at Churchville for stealing rides on the freight cars. Detectives Magwood and Pomeroy, both of Buffalo, after taking the quartette into custody,

turned them over to M. Bruton, chief of police of Churchville. Their trial was held in the evening before Justice E. Fitch and the four men who pleaded guilty to the charge and sentence was suspended on their faithful promise never to steal rides and that they would immediately seek employment." (July 1901)

In May of 1848, a railroad accident occurred between Churchville and Bergen. Witness how they were able to get that train off and running again. "We learn from Mr. Campbell that the locomotive of the train going west, yesterday morning at 3 o'clock, struck a snake-head and was thrown completely off the track and turned bottom upwards. The Engineer and fireman were considerably injured by bruises and burns but were able to assist in righting the engine. A rumor reached the city, early in the morning that the accident had caused the death of these two persons, and a locomotive was sent with medical assistance, but we are happy to contradict the report. (May 1848) I would like to note here that early railroad tracks were called strap-iron rails which consisted of a one-inch square iron rail attached to wooden stringers. When a section of strap-iron rail broke, which was not uncommon and usually caused by the weight of the train and or the hot weather, the loose end would bend upwards, called a snakehead, and sometimes penetrate the floor of a railroad car, causing passenger injury and or death.

A late train is not always a bad thing, especially for a couple of locals who got themselves on the wrong side of the law. "On Thursday, January 9, 1896, the case of the New York Central

Company against two men, of Churchville, was dismissed by Justice Fitch, of Riga, on account of the failure of Detective La Point, through a belated train, to appear in court at the appointed hour, has again come before the people of Churchville in a manner that has attracted more attention than ever and has created considerable speculation as to the outcome. When La Point arrived at the office of the Cottage hotel Tuesday and found that he was seven minutes late and that, the defendants had taken advantage of the time limit to secure their discharge he was not in the happiest mood and declared his intention of bringing the case directly before the grand jury through the district attorney. While he was outlining his intentions, the accused parties, with the aid of their lawyer, were apparently outwitting him, for they lost no time in leaving the court-room and went directly to Justice of the Peace O. S. Babcock, who resides about one mile east of Churchville. There they plead guilty to the charge of petty larceny and were fined five dollars or ten days' imprisonment. They paid the fine."



Crossing railroad tracks often proved to be a hazardous task. "Wednesday evening about nine o'clock, an accident of a serious character occurred at Churchville, on the crossing of the Central railroad. It appears that an old man named Bider was driving over the track in a wagon when the locomotive of a freight train struck the vehicle, which was instantly demolished. Mr. Bider was thrown out so violently as to injure him quite severely, not fatally, however. The horse cleared himself from the wreck



Monroe County is one of the most consistent areas in the entire United States both in quantity and quality of recycling.

However, up to 10% of what is received at the Monroe County Recycling Center does not belong there!

That means 1 out of 10 items that are put in curbside recycling bins actually belong in the garbage or require special handling.

We have updated the recycling "Dirty Dozen" with the most problematic items that made their way into Monroe County recycling bins on a regular basis.

You can receive a copy of the newly updated Monroe County

recycling guidelines, the latest from the ecopark, info on plastic bag and film recycling and a handy recycling magnet at this link: www.monroecounty.gov/des-magnet.

Materials are also available at Town and Village halls and Libraries throughout the County.



Packaged foods will look different beginning January 1, 2022 as New York State implements a **ban on Expanded Polystyrene Packaging and Loose Fill** (commonly known as packing peanuts).

Polystyrene is one of the Top 10 contributors of environmental litter.

Disposable food service containers that will be banned include

bowls, cartons, hinged clamshells, cups, lids, plates, trays and includes any container designed as single use.

The law **DOES NOT** apply to raw meat or seafood that is sold for the purpose of off-premises cooking or prepackaged food filled or sealed prior to receipt at a food service provider.

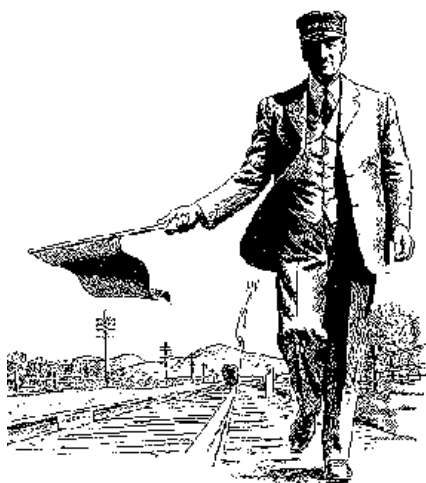
Food service providers may apply for a hardship waiver.

For more information: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/120762.html



STORIES ALONG THE TRACKS (CONTINUES)

and enjoyed a lively runaway. We understand that Mr. Bider is quite deaf and did not hear the



approaching train. (May 1874) And finally, here's what technology did to a landmark in the village. "At last a change at the Buffalo street West Shore R. R. crossing has been made and the older inhabitants who have passed over this thoroughfare for many years miss the old familiar figure, a flagman who has been stationed there since the road was first built in the 1880's. Last Friday witnessed his retirement, as it is believed for all time to come. He will be missed by many especially the schoolchildren who were always watching for his "howdy" as they passed daily. But with the

inauguration of the new flash signals which were installed there last week he had to go. The last of a number of flagmen to occupy this post was John Smith, who has been transferred to the West Main Street crossing where three men were employed on an eight-hour shift, which displaces the extra man, E. B. Miller.

The signals are said to be in fine working order and gave a 24-hour service." (October 1927).

Submitted by:
Ron Belczak,
Town Historian



RECREATION NEWS

Riga Recreation is still in a kind of "holding pattern" as we negotiate our way through this current health crisis. The Santa from Riga Rec & his Elves sleighed the roads of Riga in December to drop off gift certificates to those homes deemed tastefully decorated. The certificates were purchased from local businesses. Santa was "masked up" and greeted at a "Social Distance" by a few of the homeowners that were VERY surprised and thankful for the gifts.

We had to cancel the indoor portion of "WinterFest" 2021 due to Churchville Elementary being closed. The Churchville Lion's "World Famous" Chicken BBQ was held at the Town of Riga Highway garage and was a complete SELL OUT! Thanks to the Lions for all the hard work and to the Riga community for their overwhelming support!

We also have scheduled a NEW "Who Can Build Riga's BEST Snowman/Snow Sculpture" Contest for the months of January & February. (Results of which will

be in the next Riga Town Newsletter).

In the meantime we are planning our annual Easter Egg Hunt event for Saturday, March 27th at 10am. This event will now be a parade (similar to last year's Halloween Parade), from Churchville Commons up Main Street right on Buffalo Road and into the Village of Churchville parking lot where the Egg Hunters will be given bags of goodies. The easter egg hunters can then be face painted safely (if they so choose) by Arlene's Costumes staff!

We are also working on hiring a Summer Camp Director to lead our program this summer. We are going to meet with other area recreation departments to work on logistics and protocols for summer camps. Further information around this will be given out once we receive additional information from New York State and Monroe County officials.

The Churchville Youth Assn. (Softball/Baseball) and Churchville Soccer Club will also be

getting out their agendas for their upcoming respective seasons as soon as possible.

The Town of Riga, in the 2021 budget, has set aside funds to replace the antiquated playground equipment at Sanford Road Park (nearest the Maher Lodge). This project will be handicapped accessible and constructed in a partnership with the Town of Riga Highway Dept. and the Parkitects Co. A start date has not been set but I am confident once the good weather makes an appearance, we will be good to go!

Once again, as soon as buildings become available for indoor programs we will be ready with activities.

Stay Safe. We look forward to offering more programs as the health challenge decreases.

Submitted By:
Dave Thomas,
Recreation
Supervisor



Harvey C. Noone Legion News

SOME 2021 LEGION FAMILY PROJECTS

Thanks to community support, 2021 was our largest ever Valentine's for Veterans project! We collect and deliver Valentines to vets at the Batavia VA. With the pandemic, no visitors are allowed, so we expanded our outreach and partnered with Newman Riga Library as our collection site. Thank you!!

We are uncertain as to all we can do to commemorate Memorial Day, but as always, we will put

American flags on the graves of veterans. Plus, poppies will be distributed virtually and, hopefully, through traditional personal distribution. All monies collected support veterans programs. Our website, www.harveynoone954.org will contain information on a ceremony, parade and/or virtual events to honor those who gave their lives serving our nation and protecting our freedoms.

Last year we began our First Annual 4th of July Decorating Contest. Plans are underway for 2021, so begin planning your

entry! Check out our website Photo Gallery for ideas. Contest rules and forms will be added in June.

For God and
Country,
Gil Budd,
Commander



MARCH-APRIL-MAY 2021 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

March

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. Riga Town Hall TBA
- 2) CYA Baseball/Softball for Ages 6-15 www.leaguelineup.com/cyabaseball
- 3) Churchville Soccer Club.....www.churchvillesoccerclub.com
- 6) Riga's Annual Youth Soccer Academy ..TBA
- 7) Cornhole Tourney @ Cobblestone Hall...TBA
- 8) Easter Egg Hunt Parade, Sat., March 27 @ 10am. Starts in Churchville
mons
- 9) Pickleball @ McNeely Park.....Starts March 15th....Sunrise to Sunset



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April

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne.... at the Riga Town Hall....TBA
- 2) Earth Day/Pick Up the Parks at Churchville Park, * * Come celebrate this special day by cleaning up OUR park! TBA
- 3) Cornhole Tourney @ Churchville Park Tennis Courts,, Thurs.Apr.15
- 4) Pickleball @ McNeely ParkSunrise to Sunset



May

- 1) MLB "Pitch-Hit-Run", Sat. May 15th, 9:00am for Boys & Girls Ages 7-14
Field #3 at Sanford Road Park...Registration is ONLINE!
- 2) Riga Senior Jam Sessions, Weds. TBA
- 3) NYS Safeboating Course, Sat. May TBA
- 4) Pickleball at the NEW Buffalo Road Park venue Play ANYTIME...We have supplies you may borrow from sunrise to sunset!
- 5) Senior Nutrition Program at Ogden Senior Center TBA
- 6) Cornhole Tourney @ Churchville Park Tennis Courts...May 13....6:00-8:00pm
- 7) Pickleball @ McNeely Park.....Sunrise to Sunset



For Town of Riga Lodge rentals please call 29303880 x121/122

For further information on programs call 293-3880 x 130



PLEASE LIKE Us on Facebook

- * * Summer Camp.....Early Bird Discount of 10% goes in effect May 31st 'til May 18th
- More details to follow as we receive information from NYS

SCORNews

"Memories light the corners of my mind.....smiles we gave one another for the way we were."

(Words from motion picture *"The Way We Were"* by Alan and Marilyn Bergman with music by Marvin Hamlisch. 1973)

Members of SCOR are waiting for springtime to leave uncertainty behind. As soon as changes come about, our callers will connect with members. In the meantime do stay hopeful, safe and resilient. We will gather again, the way we were.

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



Newman Riga Library

Library History and Centennial Celebration

We would like to thank our Town Historian, Ron Belczak, for providing the history of the creation of our library, 100 years ago in 1920! On September 22, 1921, the Riga Free Library received a Provisional Charter from the Regents of the University of the State of New York. The Absolute Charter was granted March 15, 1951 with the original part of the building dedicated October 17, 1952 as a gift from Floyd R. Newman. The library was officially renamed the Newman Riga Library with the Amendment to the Charter on February 17, 1989 and the building of the addition.

Later this year, we plan to kick off the Centennial celebration of our charter! **Stay tuned** for more library history and activities to

commemorate this proud achievement.

Featured Resource

In my last article, I talked about the amazing collection of on-line resources available to all members of the Monroe County Library System. I would like to highlight another helpful resource, **Consumer Reports**, which contains "full access to product ratings and reviews, in-depth advice, tips and trends, and recommendations and buying advice for thousands of products and services." To get to this, go to www.libraryweb.org, click on the **Databases** icon and scroll to find Consumer Reports.

As the number of COVID cases decrease, we will start to add services and hours back. Of course, these can change at any time so please check our website as the official location for posting

the latest information (<https://newmanrigalibrary.org>).

Other ways to stay up to date on the status of the library:

Call us at 293-2009

Follow us on Facebook

Check the Village of Churchville message board in front of the library.

Book Drops:

Our book drops are open and all items are quarantined and backdated. You may not see items removed from your account for 3-5 days.

E-Books and E-Audio Books:

Use the Overdrive or Libby App on your phone, computer or e-reader devices to access e-books and e-audio books.

WiFi:

Our filtered wireless network (WiFi) is on and available for patron use from the library lawn or the parking spots closest to the library.

Submitted by:
Lynn M. Brown,
Librarian



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

March

27 Easter Egg Hunt Parade 10 am

April

5 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm

May

3 Start of Brush Pickup in Town of Riga

31 Town Offices Closed for Memorial Day



For further information regarding Riga Rec, Senior, Library and CYA programs, call 293-3880 X130, or refer to the Town's website: www.townofriga.org. Contact sponsoring organizations for further information regarding their events. Submit your ideas and comments for further enhancements to the Editor.

Submit comments and/or upcoming events to:

Town of Riga Newsletter

6460 Buffalo Road

Churchville, NY 14428

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



Church News

Churchville United Methodist Church 24 West Buffalo Street

Pastor Betty Jiles - 585-293-3282

Sunday worship time:
9:30 a.m. (unless COVID-19
restrictions are prohibiting)

1st Sunday each month Holy
Communion

Call the church for information about
special services

Feb. 17th – Ash Wednesday

March 28th – Palm Sunday

April 2 – Good Friday

April 4th – Easter

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

We continue to have indoor
Sunday services; however, our services
are also online and on facebook. You
may access them online at
[Soundcloud.com/ucc-churchville](https://www.soundcloud.com/ucc-churchville) or on
facebook at Union Congregational
Church of Christ-Churchville.

Our annual Ham Dinner is planned for
Saturday, March 13, as a drive-thru,
take-out only. You may pick up meals

from 3:30 until sold out.

All other events are currently
cancelled and should any event be
scheduled, it will be announced on our
website (Churchvilleucc.com), in the
Suburban News and on the
signboard at the front of the church.

Need food? This is a monthly food
distribution held on the third Tuesday of
each month from 4:00 - 5:00 pm at
Union Church, 14 N. Main Street,
Churchville This program is supported
by five churches in Churchville (Calvary
Christian Fellowship, Faith
Chapel, First Congregational of Riga,
United Methodist Church, and Union
Church) as well as Ang Market, Tops
Market, and Upstate Dairy.

FREE books and some puzzles are still
available. If you wish to have books,
you may call Mary at 293-1874 and she
will meet you at the church to select as
many as you wish.

Our prayer for each of you and our
community is for God's protection and
care during this turbulent time. If you
are in need of any assistance or have a

request for prayer, please call our
church at 585-293-1665 or email us at
unionucc@frontier.com and we will do
what we can to help.

First Congregational Church of Riga 7057 Chili-Riga Cntr. Rd

Pastor David Branch

Sending prayers of health and the
promise of the new day. We're looking
positively forward, sharing our spring
calendar. Please be aware we are fluidly
planning, due to the ongoing
pandemic. Concrete dates will be found
on signage at the church, in local
papers, online, and about town!

We always welcome your presence at
our Sunday service at 10AM and
Coffee Time after. All recommended
safety precautions followed.

March - Drive thru Scratch Turkey din-
ner - date TBA

April - Riga Rummage Treasure Hunt -
date TBA

May - Drive thru Scratch Turkey dinner
- date TBA

TOWN OF RIGA

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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.



RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, April 5th 2021
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