

TOWN OF RIGA

NEWSLETTER

Riga Town Board Members

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Supervisor's Report

What a difference a year can make! We have come so far in this fight against the COVID-19 pandemic that turned our world upside down. Economic activity is returning to normal, schools will (hopefully) be back in full session, and family get-togethers and birthday parties are once again a part of our lives. I am so proud and thankful for how our community responded to this awful crisis. Although we are facing a new strain – the Delta variant of COVID-19, I am confident we will overcome this as well.

Our multi-purpose room located in the Town Hall has once again fully re-opened for rental. Anyone interested in renting the room should contact the Town Clerk's Office for more information on availability and cost. Please help us keep our town facilities open to the public by following all current (as of the time of rental) Town and other governmental agency mandates relative to COVID-19.

We are once again working with Bernard P. Donegan, Inc. (BPD) to refinance the remaining portion of the bonds that were sold in 2011 for the water line project, within the Water Benefit Area Number 1. Current municipal bond rates have dropped to lows that have not been seen in decades, which will likely reduce the overall debt, and provide more savings to those residents within the water benefit area. One important step in the refinancing process is getting the Town's credit rating assessed. Two years ago, during the previous refinancing, the Town had its credit rating upgraded to 'AA Stable' by Standard & Poors. This rating is

excellent and not widely achieved by many towns our size. I am happy to report our credit rating has been reaffirmed at 'AA Stable' for this refinancing.

Budget season is nearly upon us. We will soon begin developing the 2022 Town Budget later this fall. The Town Board must continue to assess what impact COVID-19 may have on our Budget. We have seen supply disruptions across industries that have driven up the cost of many goods and services we all use. Goods such as lumber, fuel, asphalt, and electronic components have all gone up significantly in price since the onset of COVID-19. I am confident that our Town departments and outside interested parties will work with our Town Board to produce a fiscally responsible, yet effective Budget we can all be proud of.

The Town of Riga recently received the first of two ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) payments. The second half is anticipated to be distributed in the summer of 2022. There are very stringent rules on how this money can be used, as well as strict reporting requirements. We will do our due diligence to ensure we properly use these funds in a manner that complies with all Federal requirements.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any Board Member.

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



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Assessor News



ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTIONS REMINDER

On the state's Office of Real Property Services website, www.tax.ny.gov, you will see that the maximum income to be eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption, for the 2021-2022 school year, is \$90,550. Resident property owners, who are at least 65 by the end of 2021 (born on or before December 31, 1956), whose 2020 Federal Adjusted Gross Income (minus any taxable IRA distribution) fits into this category, must apply by March 1, 2022. If a husband and wife, or siblings, own a property together and at least one of them is 65 and is a resident property owner, you may be eligible.

For those who are currently Enhanced STAR recipients, renewal notices are no longer required. You no longer need to bring your tax information to the Assessor's office.

First time Enhanced STAR applicant (meaning you already have the Basic STAR, and you believe you are entitled to the Enhanced STAR) you will need to file an Enhanced STAR Application with the Assessor. This is a

one-time application that gets you into the IVP program.

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

NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance will instruct me to remove your Basic or Enhanced STAR exemption if you are delinquent on your NYS taxes.

Mobile home park residents the 2021-2022 Enacted State Budget included a provision impacting STAR benefits for mobile homes, but the **measure does not take effect until 2022**. Beginning next year, all STAR benefits for mobile homes in parks will be switched to the STAR credit from the STAR exemption. This will improve the administration of the STAR program for these properties. STAR credits for mobile homes are based on a minimum market value of \$20,000, whereas the STAR exemption is based on the actual market value, which can be significantly less than \$20,000. In addition, the mobile homeowner's exemption savings will no longer be subject to the 2% administrative fee by park owners.

For 2022, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance will automatically switch current STAR exemption recipients to the STAR credit in mobile home parks.

State Budget Question: I hear there's a new real property tax relief credit. When will I get my check?

Indeed, there is a new Real Property Tax Relief Credit, but unlike the STAR credit, it will be a traditional income tax credit. Eligible homeowners will apply for the credit when they file their 2021 income tax returns next year, and they will receive the credit either as an increase in their income tax refund or a reduction in their income tax liability.

If you have questions, and I may be of assistance, please give me a call at the Town Hall –

293-3880 extension 126.

**Submitted by:
Lori Frongetta,
Assessor**



RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS—FALL

As we move from a busy summer of construction, and vacation with family and friends, we notice the days are shortened. It is dark in the morning when alarms go off, and evenings are not quite as long as they were a month ago. As we transition to autumn we look back on our productive summer. Much has been accomplished in our Town and County by your neighbors and friends in the Riga Highway Department.

I am thankful for a dedicated crew who accomplishes much to make our Town a great place to live and work.



Road Work Accomplished: This summer in Riga we changed a failing culvert on Johnson Road, milled shoulder to widen road to 11-foot lanes, moved mailboxes back to 15' from centerline, and completed in place recycling of Johnson Road, south of 33A to Bovee Rd. Chip sealing was done to seal water out and will be done again next summer. Bromley Road is our big county road project this summer. We started by

RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS—FALL (CONTINUES)

moving mailboxes back, milled to widen shoulder by 3 feet to make road 26 feet wide. Final paving is scheduled for the last week of August. In the Village of Churchville, we assisted in mill and paving Hutton Circle.

Work on County Roads: We used Riga equipment and manpower to mill and pave Redman Road in Clarkson, paving on Swamp Rd and Skidmore Dr in Sweden, milling, and paving many roads in Chili, for Chili. In place recycling of Betteridge and chip sealing of Bangs Road and Betteridge has also been completed.

Shared Services: We share services with towns on the roads mentioned above happens on most summer road projects. You will often see Ogden, Chili, Sweden, Wheatland, Parma, and Clarkson trucks and equipment working in Riga helping with County and Town road projects. We provide equipment and labor to surrounding towns and our Village to do County work as well as Town roadwork requiring more manpower, equipment, and trucking than single towns can provide. We work together to complete projects done in a timely and cost-effective manner. The Town of Riga and surrounding towns and villages have been sharing services, working together diligently to save taxpayers' dollars for many years.

Purpose: The Riga Highway Department strives to provide efficient roadways for transportation for our residents, and users of our Town roadways. We continually seek to improve service to our residents in a cost-effective manner within budget. If you notice a road condition that needs

attention, please call the Highway Office at 293-2530.



Fall Brush pickup on Attridge Road

Fall Brush Pickup

Planned for the week of October 18th. Please have brush out to the roadside prior to 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. Please stack branches with ends toward road in orderly piles. Do not cut into short lengths. Please do not drag entire trees to the roadside, limbs must be removed from tree trunks. Construction materials, boulders, concrete, railroad ties, and pallets will not be picked up with brush. If you have materials other than brush to be picked up, please call a disposal company (Waste Management, Suburban Disposal, or Casella) for those types of materials. *If you are a landowner and do not care to drag brush to the roadside, consider making brush piles for wildlife and returning organic matter back to the soil. There are great*



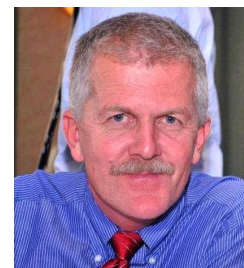
resources on the internet discussing benefits of brush piles.



Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program:

CHIPS provides state funds to municipalities for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of local highways, bridges, highway-railroad crossings, and other local facilities which result in a "built" project. We in-place recycled Johnson Road early this summer. Multiple years of funding have allowed us to do this larger project. We are planning on an in-place recycling Appletree Road between 33A and Johnson Rd. next summer with our CHIPS funding. This is the last under width Town of Riga road we will be widening to the current 11' standards.

Submitted by:
David Smith, Highway Superintendent



Town Clerk News



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.

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

Prices:

Basic Soft Touch

[Includes 24-hour guarantee]

\$10.00 a piece

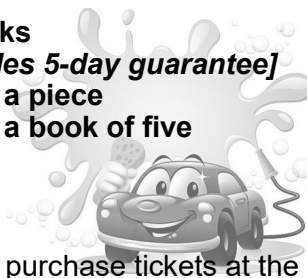
\$50.00 a book of five

The Works

[Includes 5-day guarantee]

\$14.00 a piece

\$70.00 a book of five



You may purchase tickets at the Town Clerks window.

OFFICE HOURS

9 AM—4PM	MONDAY
9 AM—4PM	TUESDAY
9 AM—5PM	WEDNESDAY
9 AM—4PM	THURSDAY
9 AM—4PM	FRIDAY

Lodge Rentals:

We are currently accepting Town of Riga resident lodge reservations up to 12 months in **advance**. On the first of each month, we will

begin accepting reservations for the entire month of the following year.

Hunting News:

The second round of leftover Doe Management Permit (DMPs) will begin on **November 1st**.



New York State Department of
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
www.dec.ny.gov

For further information you may go the NY DEC website.

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

Submitted by:
Kimberly Pape,
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

As summer progresses, Riga Cemetery is constantly trying to improve the grounds of our loved ones. Flowers are being maintained by the veteran walkway and berm, while hostas have been planted around four more trees.



Soon stone edging will be placed around these trees with the help

of Boy Scout Troop 133. Thank you Scouts.

This fall new gravel will be placed and rolled around the entire driveway. Waste Management Mill Seat Landfill has made a generous contribution to this project. The Town of Riga will also be adding much-needed wider culverts to the cemetery entrances.

In June, the Cemetery Committee held their annual meeting at which time we welcomed our newest member, Sharon Knepshield

Information about the cemetery can be found at the Cemetery web page in the Town of Riga website. We thank our volunteer and



workers who keep our grounds in good shape. We can always use extra help.

Submitted by:
Tim Speares, Vice-President

Building Department—Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- >>> Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- >>> Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- >>> Never use your oven to heat your home.
- >>> Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- >>> Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- >>> Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- >>> Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- >>> Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- >>> Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January and February.

**Town of Riga Building Department
Ken Kuter/Bob Panik**



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

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

Greetings. As our wonderfully busy summer ebbs into an even busier autumn it's time to let you know what the calendar looks like. Praying all of you are well and loving life.

Our fall will be different, for a myriad of reasons, but know we

draw strength from each other and the Lord. This stated, we will not be having our drive-thru dinners this fall. It wasn't a lightly made decision, but a necessary one.

Plans are to resume in the spring.

September- No events

October- Fall Rummage Sale Oct. 15 & 16 Presale Fri. 15th, 3-7PM

5 entry deducted from your purchase or "thank you".

Sat. Oct. 16th, traditional rummage 9-2PM.

November- Holiday Craft Fair TBA . Local vendors encouraged.

Please know you're always welcome every Sunday at 10AM, fellowship coffee time after.

Until we share a smile, take care and know the Fathers love.

Happy autumn!

Happy 10th Anniversary Ecopark !

The Monroe County / Waste Management **ecopark** is an outgrowth of the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services (DES) long history of innovative environmental protection efforts. This endeavor began in the early 1990's, with a Household Hazardous Waste collection facility staged at DES' former Rochester Operations Center at 444 East Henrietta Road (now the home of Costco and REI). Material volumes quickly outgrew these auspicious beginnings and a higher capacity facility was constructed on the same location in 1998. Ten years later, that facility was outgrown as well.

This led DES to investigate outside options, including an underutilized waste and recycling transfer station in the Town of Chili. The building is owned by Waste Management of New York (WMNY), a long-standing partner providing solid waste management services to the county. The idea for the **ecopark** was to address a community need while providing a "one-stop" facility for residents to properly manage household items typically not handled by curbside collection or single-item drop off facilities. This unique public/private partnership between Monroe County and WMNY led to the sharing of ideas and resources with minimal impact on local taxpayers.

On September 21, 2011 the Monroe County / Waste Management **ecopark** opened to the public, and now recovers the very same materials that were once hauled to the landfill for disposal. The facility is held up as a model for other communities, and one of the few in the entire United States that collects this depth and breadth of materials for

recycling.

The centerpiece of the **ecopark** is its innovative website, www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark, which provides residents a comprehensive and up-to-date listing of items accepted and hours of operation, with the means to find alternative disposal options for items not accepted at the facility.

By the numbers - through its first nine years (statistics as of December, 2020) the ecopark has:

Served nearly a **quarter-million customers** (247,284)

Kept over **5 million pounds of e-waste** out of local landfills

Collected **2,528 TONS of Household Hazardous Waste** from more than **50,000 residents**

Collected **57,912 pounds of pharmaceutical waste** from more than **20,000 residents**

Destroyed more than **460,000 pounds of documents**

Collected **861 tons of commingled recycling; 9.3 tons of bulky plastic; 117 tons of cardboard and 820 tons of scrap metal; 9,177 tires** and over **10,000 appliances that contain CFC's**

Submitted by:

Tina Verno Stevens
Waste Diversion and Education
Coordinator Monroe County
Department of Environmental
Services

Fall 2021
Mobile Pharmaceutical /
Household Hazardous Waste
Collection Schedule



Pharmaceuticals **NO APPOINTMENT** **NECESSARY**

Saturday, September 25

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Wegmans – 3701 Mt. Read Blvd.



Household Hazardous Waste
APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY
www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark

Saturday, September 18

7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Town of Webster DPW

1005 Picture Parkway

Saturday, October 16

7:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Town of Greece DPW

647 Long Pond Road

You might not be using plastic bags for groceries, but there are still MANY bags and film that ARE ACCEPTABLE for RECYCLING at your local store or the [ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark)!

NEVER PLACE BAGS OR FILM IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING!

Return to grocery, home improvement, big box stores or the [ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark)

✓ **CLEAN**

✓ **DRY**

✓ **EMPTY**

BAGS AND FILM

- #2 and #4 film
- Any item with How2Recycle plastic bags icon
- Grocery bags
- Newspaper bags
- Cereal/cracker box liners
- Dry cleaning bags
- Bread bags
- Produce bags
- Zip-type bags
- Case wrap
- Deflated air pillows
- Bubble wrap



(No hangers)

KEEP OUT

- Salad mix bags
- Frozen food bags
- Chip bags
- Degradable bags
- Pet food bags
- Resealable pouch



The Riga Cheese Factory



It is rare that one encounters the complete description of a local business and its operations in the newspaper, but in 1878 an article in the Churchville Advertiser Newspaper did just that. It was about the Riga Cheese Factory, which by the way was just one of thirty-five individual businesses in the Town of Riga during this period. The Cheese factory was once located on the west side of the Riga Mumford Road between Bridgeman Road and the Chili Riga Center Road and its story is as follows:

"We always have been and are still in some degree a slave to appetite, and one of the edibles on which we dote is first class cheese. When we visit our village stores, we manfully resist the sweet attractions of the candy case, the subtle invitation of the raisin box and the enticing allurements of the sugar barrel; but if the delicious odors of the cheese case are wafted to our nostrils, then we are lost.

The superior quality of the Riga cheese long since awakened in our breast a powerful desire to visit the source from which it came, and last Monday, being in an investigating mood, we resolved to delay no longer. The

factory was removed last spring to a site opposite the Knowles farm and is now owned and controlled by Mr. Edward Fitch.

We arrived at the building about ten o'clock, and found the gentlemanly cheese maker, Mr. Coop, and his amiable wife, far advanced in the labors of the day.

The milk was standing in two large tin pans, each about three feet by twelve, resting in wooden vats, the space between the two being filled with water heated by steam from a boiler in an adjoining shed.

The curd had already separated from the whey and settled to the bottom. This was cut up into small pieces with a many bladed knives, frequently stirred up with a rake, and repeatedly tested by the cheesemaker until found to be in a proper condition for removal. Then the whey was drawn off by means of a siphon into large tanks standing outside.

The curd was next transferred to a draining box, salted and thoroughly mixed, after which it was placed in the presses.

From five to eight cheeses, each weighing sixty-eight lbs. when green, are made per day.

They remain in press overnight,

and the next day are transferred to the curing rooms, which occupy the greater part of the two stories of the larger building. Here they are placed on smooth pine tables, greased with whey butter, as the grease which rises to the top of the whey is called. And turned every day or two, that they may be cured all through alike. A sixty-eight lb. cheese will shrink about three lbs. in curing. Each one bears the date of its manufacture, and when about six weeks old is declared ready for market.

The whey is taken by the patrons for swill.

Forty-five farmers bring their milk to the factory this summer and it is confidently expected that about 50,000 lbs. of cheese will be made. The greater part of this will be sold to merchants in neighboring villages or shipped to Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Coop have had charge of the factory for five years and the steadily increasing demand for Riga article attest how well the understand the art of cheese making."

**Submitted by:
Ron Belczak,
Town Historian**



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

Sunday Worship is now held indoors, but services are also online and on facebook. You may access them online at [Soundcloud.com/ucc-churchville](https://soundcloud.com/ucc-churchville) or live on facebook at union congregational ucc.

We have had outdoor Sunday services once each month and our last for this year is on September 19 at 10:00 am. This service will be a Pet Blessing and we invite you to bring your pets who will be

welcomed and given a blessing with prayer by Pastor Brad.

Need food? Our monthly food distribution is 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, Upstate Dairy, and some individuals.

Our Little Library is available for the community. Also, do visit our Meditation/Prayer Garden at the back of the upper parking lot where you may leave a prayer request as well as find solace in its peaceful setting.

Be sure to check our website for information and events. If you are in need of any assistance, please call our church at 585-293-1665 or email us at unionucc@frontier.com and we will do what we can to help.

RECREATION NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Riga Recreation this summer. Whether it was at Sanford Road or McNeely Parks, our Gazebo Concert Series, or our Summer Day Camp, it is always nice to see familiar faces!

Our "First Calls Pickleball venue has seen action 7 days a week, morning, noon, and night. The basketball courts, as well as the soccer and softball/baseball fields in our two parks have gotten back to a near normal as is possible.

Our popular Summer Gazebo Concert Series was very well attended. We were entertained by The Deja VooDoo Band, Generations, The Don Newcomb Band, Blue Sky, and finally 8 Days A Week played to a huge crowd there to celebrate our annual Luminaria/Relay for Life. This event honors and memorializes those that have struggled with cancer.

The Riga Recreation Summer Day Camp was finally able to take flight at the Churchville Elementary School & McNeely Park. Huge thanks to the following for making this possible: Monroe County Health Dept., the Churchville Chili School Dist., the Churchville Elementary School custodial staff, parents, and campers that attended the 7 week program. Special thanks to Dave Childs (Summer Camp Director) and his counselor staff; Emily, Carli, Kayla, Alex, & Aiden made the camp fun-filled and exciting!

In late August the Riga Highway Dept. and Parkitects will be installing a new playground venue (upgrading the old and antiquated pieces) nearest to the Maher Lodge. I am sure everyone will be thrilled to enjoy the new playground equipment that will be safer and close to the lodge, providing an upgrade from a supervision standpoint.

Indoor programs have started in the Riga multi-purpose room and hopefully we will soon return to programs at the Churchville Elementary School.

Monroe County is currently renovating the Pickleball/Tennis courts at Churchville Park! I have just returned from viewing this project and they are going to look great! The courts should be ready for play August 13th.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions for new programs, please us a call or email us at rigarec@townofriga.org.

If you'd like to rent a lodge or the Cobblestone Hall please call 293-3880 X121 or 122 and "Like Us On Facebook"

Submitted By:
Dave Thomas,
Recreation
Supervisor



Harvey C. Noone Legion News



**LEGION FAMILY HOSTS
OPEN HOUSE -
SEPTEMBER 16, 2021**

You are invited to Open House at Harvey C. Noone Legion Post #954 on September 16, 2021 from 5 to 8 pm featuring Barton's Food Truck, music and tours.

The Post features a commercial kitchen, bar, meeting and banquet space and Memorial Room honoring Harvey C. Noone, who died in WWI, and all who have served our nation.

And, WOW, if that building could talk. It is truly part of our community's fabric and history. Since

opening over 60 years ago through today, it has served as the center of Legion activities supporting veterans and this community. Here countless weddings, reunions, meetings, banquets and events for scouts, SCOR and other community groups have been held.

If you have pictures of events held at the Legion, we would love to add them to our website Photo Gallery. E-mail them to Brianalitoff@yahoo.com or drop them off at the Legion.

Join us on September 16th to enjoy food, music and memories with friends and neighbors.

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

**Harvey C. Noone Legion Euchre
Schedule:**

Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm at Legion

September 3, 2021

September 17, 2021

October 1, 2021

October 15, 2021

November 5, 2021

November 19, 2021

December 3, 2021



SEP.-OCT.-NOV. 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



September

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. Sept. 18th 9:00am-3:00pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) Cornhole Tournament at Churchville Park or the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall on Sept. 16th from 6:00 pm–till?
- 3) “GOLDEN BEATS” program at Riga Town Hall, with Nancy Weise instructing. Monday's, September 13, 20, and 27 from 10-11am in the Multipurpose Room
- 4) Pickleball at Riga Pickleball Complex, Richard McNeely Park—Open play anytime with supplies in “Honor Box”.

October

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. Oct.. 16th 9:00am-3:00pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) Annual Halloween Parade with Lion's Club, Sunday, Oct. 31st—Meet at 6 pm at Churchville Commons parking lot and walk to Church Lodge at Churchville Park (or the Village Gazebo). TBA
- 3) Riga Rec. “October” Cornhole Tournament at Churchville Park or the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall on Oct. 14th from 6:00 pm–till?
- 4) Pickleball at Riga Pickleball Complex, Richard McNeely Park—Open play anytime with supplies in “Honor Box”.
- 5) “GOLDEN BEATS” program at Riga Town Hall, with Nancy Weise instructing. Monday's, October, 4, 18, and 25 from 10-11am in the Multipurpose Room.



November

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. Nov, 13th 9:00am-3:00pm at Riga Town Hall
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- 3) Pickleball at Riga Pickleball Complex, Richard McNeely Park—Open play anytime with supplies in “Honor Box”. WEATHER DEPENDENT
- 4) “GOLDEN BEATS” program at Riga Town Hall, with Nancy Weise instructing. Monday's, November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 10-11am in the Multipurpose Room

* To Register PLEASE CALL 293-3880 x130 and “Like Us” on Facebook

Facility rentals please call the Riga Town Clerk's Office at 293-3880 x121 or x122



Friendship

S C O R NEWS

Friendship

"Friends make the difference."
"Friendship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits." quoting Bob Phillips. And, "A new friend is like new wine: when it has aged you will drink it with pleasure." Ecclesiasticus/Sirach 9:10

SCOR members gather as friends for a lunch on September 14th, 2021 at Harvey C. Noone American Legion Hall. For

October 12th we have a pizza party planned (includes salad and dessert). Yes, SCOR friends will be pleased with planned turkey dinner plus "all the trimmings" on November 9th at the Legion Hall.

For our Christmas Holiday Party, members can enjoy dining at Fedele's Brook House on December 14th, 2021. SCOR president Verna and committee have planned these monthly

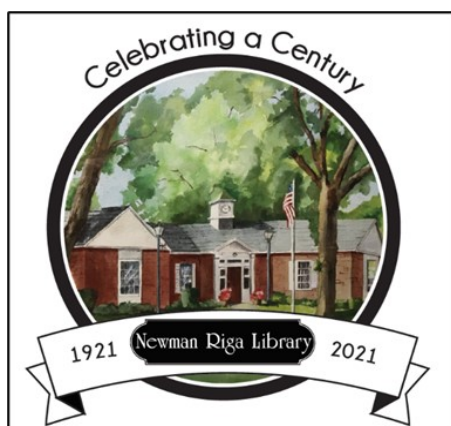
events citing "they are as 'firm' as jello." Friends will call friends with any changes to our fall plans. This will be put into action, when and if needed.

**Submitted by: Dolores Perry,
585-532-6978**

**Publicity for
Senior Citizens of Riga Inc.**

Join us!

Newman Riga Library

**Centennial Celebration**

Join us on **Saturday, September 18th** to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our library!

This community wide celebration will run from **11am-2pm** on the library lawn. In the event of bad weather, it will be moved to the Cobblestone Hall at 22 W. Buffalo Street.

Starting at **11am**, enjoy the beautiful music of the Senior Strummers Mountain Dulcimer Group who will play tunes from the 1920's. Our ceremony will start at noon with speakers, library

memories, winners of the public speaking contest, time capsule and cake! Steve Brew of the Brew School of Music will entertain the crowd after the ceremony with his amazing guitar skills.

Other event activities:

Barton's Parkside Hots Food Truck (food items available for purchase)
Snow-Cones
Popcorn

Oversized games (Jenga, Kerplunk, Connect 4)
"Color Newman Riga" coloring contest tent
Bubblez the Clown
Pre-View Book Sale (purchasing a Library Centennial Tote Bag for \$10 grants special admission to the sale and you can fill the bag for free!)

Basket Raffle (1 ticket for \$2 or 3 for \$5)

full of hardcovers, paperbacks, Books on CD, DVDs and music CDs. Check out what's here! Pay a \$2 admission fee and take anything you want.

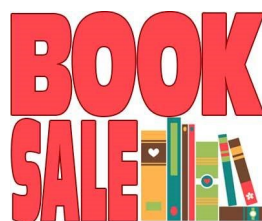
Tuesday, 9/21: 4-7:30pm
Thursday, 9/23: 4-7:30pm
Saturday, 9/25: 10-2pm

**Preschool Storytime Fall 2021 Session**

Children ages 3 – 5 yrs. are invited to join Miss Jenna for Thursday Morning Preschool Storytime! The Fall Session will start on **Thursday, October 7th at 10:30 a.m.** and will run approximately 7 weeks. There will be stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays! Registration is not required but please check newmanrigalibrary.org or the library's Facebook page for any changes.

Session Dates:

October 7, 14, 21, 28
November 4, 18 (no Storytime Veteran's day and Thanksgiving

**Fall Book Sale**

The library basement is



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

September

- 6 Office Closed—Labor Day
- 16 Open House at Harvey C. Noone Legion Post #954 from 5 to 8 pm featuring Barton's Food Truck, music and tours
- 18 Newman Riga Library 100th Anniversary Celebration 11am-2pm on the library lawn



October

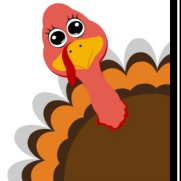
- 1 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 11 Office Closed—Columbus Day
- 18 Fall Brush Pickup starts
- 31 Halloween Parade—6pm Churchville Commons



November

- 2 Election Day
- 16 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 25 & 26 Office Closed—Thanksgiving

HALLOWEEN 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. Contact sponsoring organizations for further information regarding their events. Submit your ideas and comments for further enhancements to the Editor.

LIBRARY ARTICLE (CONTINUES)

Week)
December 2

Author Visit – Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Save the date! Authors Gary Craig, author of *Seven Million*, and Deanne Quinn Miller will be at the library talking about their new book, *The Prison Guard's Daughter: My Journey Through the Ashes of Attica*. Their new book focuses on the murder of Deanne's father, a correction's officer in Attica, during the Attica prison riot in September of 1971. He was the only officer to die that day at the hands of the prison inmates. The two authors will be selling and signing books from **6-6:30pm** and then discussing the book and answering questions from **6:30pm-8pm**.

We hope to see you there!



Who Really Killed John F. Kennedy Program Returns! - Tuesday, November 16th 6:00pm-7:30pm

One of the greatest crimes of the 20th century was the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Nov 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas. Arguably, an even greater crime was the subsequent investigation and cover-up of that assassination. Now five decades later Churchville resident **Marty Molinari** follows the trails of evidence disclosed since the Warren Commission Report was released. He will present an analysis of these details and

subsequent testimony of witnesses over these decades. This **updated** program includes the most recent eye-opening developments over the last two years.

Due to limited space, registration is required by calling the library or on the events calendar on our website.

To stay up on the library status and programming:

Call us at 293-2009

Follow us on Facebook

Check our website at

newmanrigalibrary.org

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

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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.



RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, October 1st 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.

Walk-ins are also welcome!! Please Bring ID!

1-800-GIVE-LIFE donatebloodnow.org