



TOWN OF RIGA

NEWSLETTER



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Supervisor's Report

Greetings to everyone as winter approaches and 2021 comes to an end. Although COVID-19 continues to impact us all, it's been another busy and successful year here in the town with many projects being taken on. My thanks go out to everyone here at the Town Office and Highway Department for their hard work in moving our community forward, particularly during this pandemic.

The 2022 Town Budget was adopted at our November 10th Town Board meeting. **The Town of Riga will once again have a 0% tax rate for 2022.**

0%

As is the case every year, the Town Board spent a great deal of time reviewing budget requests from every department and organization that provides services for the Town. Each budget year poses unique challenges and monetary demands that we as a Board must weigh carefully. This involves not only examining the short term financial implications of the proposed budget, but also how our spending plan will affect budgets in the future. I am thankful for the hard work and forward thinking put forth by every-

one involved in the budget process.

Below are some of the highlights from the 2022 Budget:

1. The budget for health care costs is projected to increase 9%. We continue to work with our benefits manager to look for ways to slow the ever-increasing cost of providing health care for our employees.
2. The contribution for NYS Retirement is projected to decrease slightly for 2022. Good news for a change!
3. After much Town Board discussion, salary increases for 2022 will be 5% for Town employees. Previous yearly raises have been in the 2 to 3 % range. The Town Board decided on the increase largely due to an extremely tight labor market combined with an inflation rate of around 5.5%.
4. Fire protection cost increases for the Town outside the village are relatively flat for 2022. I'd like to thank the Churchville, Bergen, and Clifton Fire Departments for working with us in helping to keep our residents safe while submitting fiscally responsible budget proposals.
5. The Newman Riga Library and Riga Cemetery will receive the same funding for 2022 as they had in 2021.

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Assessor News



It's that time of year again!

ALL EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS must be filed with me by Taxable Status Date, MARCH 1, 2022.

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

To be eligible for this increased exemption from school taxes, you must be a resident homeowner **who will be at least 65 in 2022 (born by December 31, 1957)**, and whose **income is no** more than \$92,000 on your 2020 tax return that was filed last April. If you are currently receiving Basic STAR and meet these criteria, you should contact me to see if you may be eligible for this increased exemption from school taxes.

For EXISTING Enhanced STAR exemption applicants, you do not need to do anything. You have

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

Low Income Senior Citizen exemption renewals were mailed in September. You must be 65 before the end of 2022 and meet the income requirement, which includes Social Security, including Medicare. The State, County, Town, and Village have set the maximum income to \$37,399.99 to be eligible for any percent of this exemption. The school district maximum is different in each of the three districts in Riga.

STAR check program. Basic STAR has a maximum income requirement of \$250,000. New Basic and Enhanced STAR applicants who qualify for STAR will need to register with the New York State Tax Department (www.tax.ny.gov or call (518) 457-2036 instead of applying with

the assessor. If you qualify, you will receive a STAR credit in the form of a check, rather than receiving a property tax exemption directly on your school tax bill.

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

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

2022 Reassessment

As of this Newsletter, I have almost completed the values for the 2022 reassessment. The numbers are coming in higher than what other reassessments have been in the past. I will be sending out the change of assessment notices either at the end of January or the first part of February.

**Submitted by:
Lori Frongetta,
Assessor**



On Saturday, September 18th, the Newman Riga Library celebrated its

100th anniversary of service as a community free library.

It was a wonderful celebration, and the credit rightfully goes to the hard work of library Director Lynn Brown and her fantastic staff. Activities for the day consisted of three hours of music, games for the children, food truck, book sale, speeches by our local, county and state elected

officials and presentation of awards for the children's public speaking contest.

During the event I was asked how the present library building came to be. Knowing the history of that building, I provided those individuals with its story. Upon returning home, I checked my files and discovered a very interesting article

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It Belongs



It Belongs (Continues)

concerning the library building. It was written in August of 1952, the year the library was built, and Burt Sage, the man who oversaw its construction, was interviewed. The article was titled "Library Makes Reality of Churchville Dream" and here is his story:

"Most travelers who drive through tiny Churchville probably never before noticed the village park right on the main drag. They'll see it from now on, though, thanks to the son of a man who was village butcher there more than 40 years ago. For, rising proud and new in that little square of green, is one of the townfolks greatest joys - their first complete public library.

As you spend a few minutes there asking people what they think about the sturdy, brick house of knowledge, you get the idea they feel about it the way they do about Bromley & Hopson's drug store across the street. **It belongs.**

'We're tickled to death over it,' says Mayor Burt Sage. 'We'll work hard to make it a real service to the community.'

Sage is a likeable fellow who runs village affairs for the 800 residents. He is treasurer for the Library's Board of Trustees. In fact, he worked as general contractor on the building. Other local carpenters, painters and laborers worked with him.

Completed on the outside and nearly finished inside, the library is expected to open officially about October. The village is waiting for their benefactor to return from abroad for the dedication.

Here's the story behind the little library, as told by Sage: 'We owe it all to Roy Newman. It's his gift to Churchville.'

'A couple of years ago Newman (Floyd R. Newman, millionaire industrialist of Cleveland) stopped in town to attend a meeting of Churchville Council, Free Enterprisers of America. He noticed we were hard put for Library facilities. And said noticed we were hard maybe he could help. He gave us about \$40,000 in securities and told us to go ahead and build ourselves a library. Last December, we got plans and everything squared away. Then we converted some securities into cash and started to work. We're just about through now and we have enough left over for a \$15,000 to \$20,000 fund for running expenses.'

The village library was located for a long time in inadequate quarters above local stores. A few years ago, it was forced to move into the Village Hall. At each place rent had to be paid.

Now the library is just about on its own.

Actually, it is the Town of Riga Free Library, Churchville being one of the town's villages. When the Newman fund is exhausted, taxes will pay the librarian's salary and other expenses.

Newman entered the Churchville picture as a youngster. Son of a local butcher, he graduated from high school there in 1907, and from Cornell University.

Hand over hand he climbed the economic ladder of success, working for Standard Oil Company and American Petroleum Products Company of Cleveland. He became secretary-treasurer of the Allied Oil Company in 1925. Upon its merger with Ashland Oil & Refining Co., he became a company director. In 1949 he gave a

million dollars to Cornell for its Laboratory of Nuclear Studies.

His mother, Mrs. Hattie Newman, still lives in Churchville. His sister, Mrs. Dallas M. Van Horn, lives at 177 Inglewood Dr., Rochester.

Newman helped buy the land which in now the village park, the old Boice property. Sage said the late Delancey Boice sold the land at a nominal price as a demonstration of community spirit.

About the library, Sage continued. Once we get the floor laid, I guess we can open for business. We've got adult and children's sections and a special workroom for club meetings and exhibits. If people get interested, we can have lectures there also.'

The library will start with about 5,000 volumes. Not many compared to the New York City Library - but to those of Churchville, their dream which became reality is even more important.

Tables, desks, and chairs will be moved in shortly. Bookshelves now are going up.

One thing the folks really go for is the big tower clock atop the structure. It's the only one in town we all can see,' remarked Sage.

The original library planning committee included Harry Snyder, Roy Bromley, and Craig Stewart. With Sage on the Board of Trustees are Acting President Mrs. Harry Snyder, Mrs. Helen Randall, and Miss Ruth Ratigan."

As we now know it truly does belong, and thanks to those who have contributed so much to its success over the past 100 years.

Submitted by:
Ron Belczak,
Town Historian

LOVE
the **LIBRARY**

RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

As we close out another year, and begin another new year, we wish you a safe Holiday season. In the last many weeks your highway department has put up 5 miles of snow fence in areas prone to drifting snow, has readied plowing -salting equipment for the winter ahead, and is vigilant around the clock looking at weather forecasts and various weather radars to be ready for the next weather event. Around the clock shifts begin as soon as forecasts require. If you notice a condition that needs attention in the town please call the highway department office at 293-2530.

Winter Readiness- As we continually maintain town equipment throughout the seasons, please remember we also need to be vigilant on our personal vehicles. Check your tread on tires, tire pressure, antifreeze, wipers, belts, hoses, and lights on your vehicles. We all know variable conditions are likely in this region we live. Good tread depth is required for starting as well as stopping. All season tires are sold as adequate for winter, but good aggressive winter snow tires are always going to be highly superior in traction for starting, stopping and holding the road. Proper footwear with good tread is also a good idea as icy spots can be encountered on walkways, driveways and many parking areas.

---- In every case whether walking or driving, please Slow Down. ----

Please be aware of with snow removal that there are real people out there performing a real service, often under unrelenting conditions, during all hours of the day and night. We never enjoy being away from families on holidays and weekends but appreciate the service we provide

to our community. Snow plowing/salting can be long, tiring, and is often thankless work. Complaints and frustration can be common when snow is frequent.

Please remember to keep your headlights on, even when it is snowing lightly, even after sunrise. Your vehicle is much more visible to other drivers and plow operators. While our goal is to make sure no one is inconvenienced due to winter weather, it's simply not always possible. Our staff will continue to work diligently to make our roads as safe as possible thru the winter season.



Your highway department maintains 150 lane miles of road in the winter. Highest attention is given to highly traveled State Highways, secondly is county roads, lastly our town roads. Each of our five plow routes, drivers and trucks need 3 hours minimally to complete assigned route of 35 to 40 miles with an average 2 to 4-inch snow. When heavy snow is falling, and wind is blowing plow route completion times will be extended as travel is slower as visibility is impaired and multiple passes are needed to clear intersections. One of our biggest frustrations in winter is when snow begins falling after 4 or 5 AM when normal call in time for a snow event is 3AM. It is impossible to cover the whole town for go to work and school traffic by 7 or 8 AM when routes are begun at 5 to 6AM. Our goal is to provide safe

passable roads, but timing and variables of temperature, wind, rate of precipitation, lake effect, often make each snow or ice event somewhat unique.

Mail Boxes: Please check your mail box and make sure post and fasteners are in good condition before winter weather arrives. As our plow width is 14' we request the front door of your mailbox be no closer than 15' from the center of the road. Heavy snow thrown from wing plows will damage dilapidated mailboxes and rotted posts. We are not responsible for repair of mailboxes already in poor condition or in the right of way of the highway but will repair to functional state or replace with a **standard size mailbox** if yours is damaged beyond repair by town snow plowing equipment. We do not recommend plastic or decorative mailboxes as they tend to be less durable and easily damaged.

We wish you a safe and happy new year as we move forward into 2022.

Concerns or questions can be emailed to:

highwaysupt@townofriga.org

or call

Office: 585-293-2530

Cell: 585-733-3808

Submitted by:

David Smith, Highway Superintendent



NYS Division of Consumer Protection

Paula J. O'Brien, Esq.—Director, Division of Consumer Protection

October 18, 2021

Fall and Winter Safety Reminders

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Cooler temperatures are a reminder of fun fall activities and family gatherings for the holidays. However, the fall and winter months also call for extra precautions. The NYS Division of Consumer Protection, in partnership with the Consumer Protection Safety Commission (CPSC), offers these tips to keep you safe.

The CPSC reports that house fires led to an average of over 2,300 deaths, over 10,000 injuries, and \$7B in property damage from 2016-2018. Home fires are common, but also preventable. Carbon monoxide associated with generators and home heating systems accounted for the largest percentage of reported fatalities; there were 808 deaths from 2004 through 2013 due to carbon monoxide poisoning.

We urge you to take preventative measures to reduce the risk and protect yourselves, your families, and your community:

Fire and Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips

- **Make sure your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarms are functioning by testing them once per month.** Both alarms should be battery-operated or have a battery back-up, and batteries should be changed once per year. You should have a *separate* alarm for each to prevent these separate emergencies.
 - **Have a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm on every floor, outside sleeping areas and inside bedrooms.** You can check for interconnecting alarms so that one sounds, they all sound.
 - **Your smoke alarm doesn't just sound when there is a fire.** Learn the difference between the sounds: **three loud beeps (continuous)** means there is smoke or a fire, and **one "chirp" every 30-60 seconds** means it is time to change the battery.
 - **Your smoke alarm must be changed every 10 years.** Make sure you find out how old the smoke alarm is when you move into a new residence. If your smoke alarm continues to "chirp" even after you have replaced the battery, it's time to replace your smoke alarm.
 - **Most home fires start in the kitchen.** Make sure you always keep watch over your cooking and that there is a fire extinguisher nearby.
 - **Have a fire escape plan and review it with your family.** Make sure plans meet the needs of those with disabilities, children, and those with mobility issues in the household.
 - **Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, sleepiness, and confusion.** If you suspect CO poisoning, get outside to fresh air immediately, and then call 911.
 - **On average, one of every 13 hotel or motel reports a structure fire each year.** Make sure you are staying at a hotel or motel equipped with smoke alarms and sprinklers, locate the fire exits when you arrive, and review the escape plan with your traveling companions.
 - **Have your home heating systems (including chimneys and vents) inspected and serviced annually by a trained service technician.**
- Never use portable generators inside homes or garages, even if doors and windows are open.** Use generators outside only, at least 20 feet away from your home.

You can find more sources of information for fire prevention and carbon monoxide safety at the Consumer Product Safety Commission (<https://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Materials>).

Submitted by: Building Inspectors Ken Kuter and Bob Panik

The Unwanted Holiday Guest: Food Waste

It is hard to think about the holiday season and not have food front of mind.

Did you know that approximately **40 percent of all food produced in the U.S. never gets eaten?**

In fact, **between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, Americans waste 25 percent more than during the rest of the year.** This means that during the holidays, millions of pounds of uneaten turkey, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes and other seasonal trimmings end up in the trash.

What is the harm in putting wasted food in the trash?

Source reduction (wasting less) provides the biggest environmental benefit.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency states: **source reduction of food waste provides more than 20 TIMES the greenhouse gas reduction benefits than composting food waste.** Food waste reduction also saves money, conserves energy and resources and prevents pollution!

Some easy ideas to incorporate for reducing food waste in your home over the holidays:

Shop your fridge first! Cook or eat what you already have before shopping.

Take a head count - Have an estimate of how many people you will be hosting. During the holidays, we tend to over prepare food out of excitement. If you find yourself trying to give guests several containers to take home,

you bought too much.

Inventory your refrigerator and cupboards to avoid buying food you have on hand.

Make a shopping list and stick to it: buy only what you need and no more than you expect to use

Store food properly - Keep your meats, drinks and vegetables in the right areas of your fridge.

Search the internet for **recipe suggestions using leftovers;** plan an "eat the leftovers night" each week

Don't forget about your **freezer!** Leftovers can come in handy when you have no time to cook.



'Tis the season ... to have a sustainable holiday!

You may know this from looking at the bins in your home, but from November through February trash and recycling volumes increase by as much as 25%. It's no secret that we use – and waste – more during the holiday season than at any other time of the year.

There are many easy ways to reduce, reuse and recycle that will lessen that impact and insure your family will have less to put to the curb this year:

Give an experience! Outdoor trips, lessons of all kinds, tickets and gift certificates will make a

memory - while making less waste.

Give the gift of time! A trip to a movie theatre or attraction, a certificate for a walk in the park, babysitting for a harried parent, or homemade meal for a family will be appreciated after gifts are opened.

Give an investment! Contribute to a 529 plan or buy Savings Bonds. Even a small amount each year really adds up over time. Make a card from recycled materials to reveal your gift.

Give a gift that keeps on giving! Wrap gifts in items that can be reused, such as a reusable bag, a scarf, or a backpack. Reuse cardboard shipping boxes for gifts – and then recycle curbside.

Need more information to help your family Recycle Right over the holidays?

Request a packet of materials, including a recycling magnet at www.monroecounty.gov/recycling.

The Monroe County / Waste Management **ecopark** will be **CLOSED**



**Saturday, November 27
Saturday, December 25
Saturday, January 1, 2022**

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

RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE—6460 BUFFALO ROAD-COMMUNITY ROOM

**Friday, December 10th 2021
1:00 PM—6:00 PM**



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

Supervisor's Report (continues)

6. Our Town-wide Operating Budget increased by 14.5%. The majority of the increase is due to the planned purchase of a 10-wheel truck with snow removal equipment, and funds set aside for the complete replacement of the town hall roofing system.

7. The use of private contractors for mowing and cleaning services continue to provide savings to the Town. Our aggressive replacement policy on some of the heavy pieces

of equipment used in highway maintenance also results in significant savings.

8. For the Town outside the Village, 2022 revenues are expected to exceed expenditures, therefore no taxes will be placed on either the Town wide Budget or the Town outside the Village Budget for 2022.

In closing, I hope to see you at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday December

5th from 4 to 5 PM at the Village of Churchville (park at the Churchville Commons).

We here at the Town Hall wish everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year!

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

Submitted by:
Brad O'Brocta,
Town Supervisor

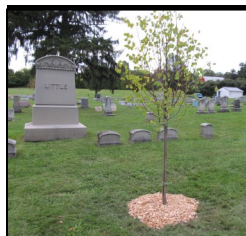


AARP—FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION HELP

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

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

Submitted by:
Kimberly Pape, Town Clerk



The beautification of the cemetery continued this fall. Four deciduous trees were planted throughout the cemetery by volunteers. Sue Kuter, with help from Ken and her son, planted two lemon glow barberry bushes on our south lot line and three spilled wine weigela bushes alongside of the shed.

To make much needed wider **ENTRANCES** to the cemetery, the culverts had to be lengthened, and NYS code required larger diameter culverts than what was existing. The work was done by Dave Smith and Town of Riga Highway crew.

RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

Thank you. This will now allow the driveway to be re-graveled.



Plans are being developed to hold Wreathes Across America (WAA) on 12/18/21 at both Creekside and Riga Cemeteries. There are 92 veterans interned at Riga. Please consider purchasing a wreath to honor our veterans buried in the cemetery.

Now is the time that summer flowers and pots should be removed from graves. With the holidays approaching, please be sure that your wreaths are well secured. We hope a safe and happy holidays to all.

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



RECREATION NEWS

Riga Recreation continues to try its best to provide the community with as many activities as possible despite the ongoing health crisis and CDC guidelines. However, we were able to bring Gazebo Concerts, Cornhole Tournaments, recreational Pickleball at McNeely and Churchville Park, softball/baseball at Sanford Park.

The Town of Riga Highway Department has partnered with



Parkitects to bring a new innovative playground to Sanford Road Park near the Maher Lodge recently. Unfortunately, recent rainy weather has made it necessary to put off letting youngsters play on it due to construction and the inability to seed the area to make it safe to access the site.

In the spring the highway dept. will be laying down asphalt to make this handicap accessible and also the venue at McNeely Park. Highway Superintendent, Dave Smith, and his crew have been hard at work to lay the foundation for this project in order to get it ready to go ASAP in 2022.

On Sunday, October 31st we were able to hold our annual Riga Recreation/Churchville Lions Halloween Parade. We started at the Churchville Commons and were lead by Lion Verna Linney as they followed the Churchville Fire Department's Engine. The tricksters marched up Fitch St. to North St. then onto Main Street where the Churchville Fire Police provided safe passage along with the Churchville Boy Scout Troop down to the Village Gazebo. At the gazebo the ghoulish characters received a "Goodie Bag" and continued onto houses in the neighborhood.

Many "Thanks" go out to the following individuals/organizations that made this event so scary: Sue, Lily, and Addison (stuffing the goodie bags), Verna Linney and her Lion Pride, the Village of Churchville, the Town of Riga, the Churchville Fire Department & Fire Police, along with the local Boy Scout Troop. Lastly, the boys and girls along with their parents for making this night a most memorable one!

As soon as we get further clarification from the Churchville-Chili School District as to the protocols for facility usage we will try to get some youth programs together as we have in the past.

As we look to 2022, we plan on trying to hold "WinterFest" 2022 in some form. The "World Famous" Lion's BBQ is ready to go!

Submitted By:
Dave Thomas,
Recreation Supervisor



Harvey C. Noone Legion Family News

LEGION FAMILY EXPANDS

Since the 1920s there has been an American Legion Post and an Auxiliary Unit in Churchville. In 1984, a Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron was chartered but became inactive. In October, the SAL Squadron, composed of male descendants of veterans, was reactivated.

Together we conduct Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America ceremonies, support VA Hospitals with Valentine's and Birthday Greeting projects, honor local heroes through our Living Fields of Honor, conduct a Toys for Tots Campaign, provide scholarships and sponsor Boys and Girls State

programs, and conduct fundraisers to support veterans projects such as Eagle Star, the Patriot Guard and Honor Flight.

To learn more about what the Legion Family does and to determine eligibility, whether as a veteran, spouse or descendant, go to www.harveynoone.org. We welcome new members. As always, thanks to the community for its support of and participation of our work to serve veterans and our community.

Harvey C. Noone Legion Euchre Schedule:

December 3, 2021 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm
December 6, 2021 Football Fundraiser - Bills v. Patriots @ 7 pm at Legion

December 11, 2021 Football Fundraiser - Army v. Navy @ 3 pm at Legion

December 18, 2021 Wreaths Across America - Creekside/St. Vincent's & Riga Cemeteries at 12 Noon

January 7, 2021 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm

January 21, 2021 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm

February 4, 2021 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm

February 18, 2021 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm

March 4, 2021 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm

March 18, 2021 Euchre Fundraiser @ 7 pm

For God and Country,
Gil Budd,
Commander



DEC.-JAN.-FEB. 2021-2022 RECREATION PROGRAMS

We are always in search of energetic parents/coaches to volunteer to help teach/instruct programs!
Interested individuals should contact the Recreation Department at 293-3880 x130

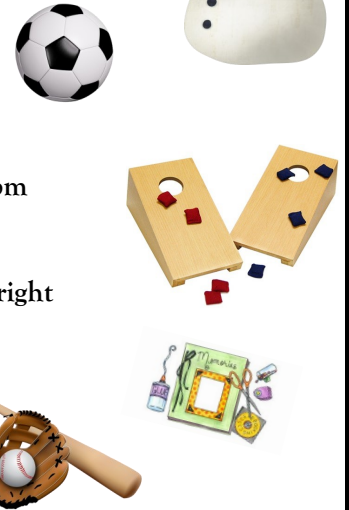
December

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Dec.11..9:00-3:00pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) "SECRET SANTA" Holiday Decorating Contest, Wednesday, Dec. 15th.....Santa may come to your beautifully decorated home with a "Goodie"
- 3) Buckman's Car Wash Tickets "STOCKING STUFFERS"
- 4) Riga Rec "Cornhole Tournament" @ The Cobblestone Hall...Thurs. Dec.16....6:30pm
- 5) Riga Rec's 2nd Annual "Build a Snow Sculpture" Contest.....Build your own and send picture to Recreation Office! Details in December!
- 6) Christmas Celebration Concert with the CCCSD Sat., Dec.18...1:00-2:00pm at the Cobblestone Hall



January

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Jan. 15.....9:00am-3:00pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) Riga Rec./Churchville Soccer Club's "Soccer Academy at Churchville E.S. TBA
- 3) Churchville Soccer Club Registration....www.churchvillesoccerclub.com
- 4) CYA Baseball/Softball Registration.....www.leaguelineup.com/cyabaseball
- 5) "WinterFest, 2022....Details to be announced early in January
- 6) Riga Rec "Cornhole Tournament" Thurs. Jan. 13th @ The Cobblestone Hall...6:30pm
- 7) Cardmaking with Nancy at Riga Town Hall.....TBA



February

- 1) February Recess Programs (Feb. 21-25).....Events to be held at the Rose Garden & Bright Raven Gymnastics.....Details will come out in 2022
- 2) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Feb. 19th..9:00-3:00pm at Riga Town Hall
- 3) CYA Baseball/Softball "Spring Training" Sessions.....TBA
- 4) Riga Rec "Cornhole Tourney" @ The Cobblestone Hall, Thurs. Feb.17th, 6:30pm
- 5) Cardmaking with Nancy at Riga Town Hall.....TBA

* * Additional Information and registration for our recreation programs can be found on: FaceBook, the Suburban News, Genesee Valley PennySaver, and the Town of Riga's website...www.townofriga.org
Facility rentals please call the Riga Town Clerk's Office at 293-3880 x121 or x122

The 2022 Town & County tax bills will be in the mail by January 1st.

I will be collecting from the beginning of January to the end of May.

Full Payment instructions:

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

Interest Schedule

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

The first installment **must** be paid by interest. Payment is made to February 10th. If first installment is Kimberly Pape, Tax Collector.
not paid by February 10, total bill plus **Apr. 1-Apr. 30:** 4th installment due interest is due. with 4.5% interest.

Jan.1-Feb 10: Pay 1st installment If prior installments are not paid by to Kimberly Pape, Tax Collector. Any respective due dates, all installments payment on or before February 10 is shall be paid as one unit with 4.5% interest free. interest.

Feb.11-Feb. 29: 2nd installment due with 1 ½% interest to Kimberly Pape, Tax Collector.

Mar. 1-Mar. 31: 3rd installment due with 3% interest. If 2nd installment was not paid by Feb. 28, both the 2nd and 3rd installments are due with 3%

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

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

SCOR NEWS

WHAT IS SCOR?

WHO CAN BE A MEMBER?

SCOR, INC. Is a not-for-profit organization in the Town of Riga.

The SCOR name is understood to mean Senior Citizens of Riga, NY who are 55 years of age and older. Our purpose is to enhance senior activity through organized gatherings: to educate on home safety and other areas of interest; to encourage participation in local doings; to offer monthly lunches.

Members 90 years and older are exempt from paying dues or

serving on committees unless they choose to do so. All members fill out an information card with name, address, contact number and birthday date.

This December 14th, Tuesday, will be the annual Christmas Holiday luncheon served at Fedele's Brook House on Ridge Rd West.

January 11th, 2022, 2nd Tuesday of the month, offers members lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall on Buffalo Rd.

February 8th is planned also for lunch gathering at Legion Hall.

Members are contacted each month with information by SCOR callers before the next get-together. Our brochure is available in the Churchville Village and Riga Town Hall.

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Newman Riga Library



Thank you to our amazing community for coming out to celebrate our 100-year anniversary in September. It was a memorable and exciting event! Keep an eye out for more fun programs and activities related to our centennial throughout 2022.

Amerks Reading Power Play is back!

Monroe County Library System Libraries and the Rochester American's Hockey Team are teaming up for the return of the Reading Power Play! On Monday, December 20th at 6:30 PM, our library is co-hosting a virtual event where fans meet players and The Moose, while also learning about hockey and the importance of reading. For more information and to register for the program visit: <https://www.amerks.com/community/reading-power-play-program>.

The second half of Reading Power Play enters kids into a grand-prize drawing. Using the hat trick as an educational incentive,

youth participants fill out a form for every three books they read between November 8 and January 24, which then qualifies them for an entry into the grand prize drawing. These forms are available in the library.

Author Visit - Thursday, January 20, 2022

Save the date! Local author Melissa Ostrom will be at the library talking about her book, *The Beloved Wild*. This historical fiction adventure takes place in the Genesee Valley region in Western New York and has lots of adventure, exploration of pioneer life in our area, and local history! This program is suitable for anyone middle school aged and up. Adults will find this book appealing as well. We have many copies available in the library if you are interested in reading it before the program. Melissa will be selling and signing books from 6-6:30pm and then discussing the book and answering questions from 6:30pm - 8pm. Please register on our website under Programs and

Events or by calling the library. We hope to see you there!

Preschool Storytime Spring 2022 Session

Children ages 3 – 5 yrs. are invited to join Miss Jenna for Thursday Morning Preschool Storytime! The Spring Session will start on **Thursday, February 3rd at 10:30 a.m.** and will run approximately 10 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:

February 3, 10, 17 & 24
March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
April 7

Winter Library Hours:

M/W/F: 11am – 5pm
T/TH: 11am – 8pm
SA: 10am – 2pm

**Submitted by:
Lynn M. Brown, Librarian**



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

December

- 5 Churchville Annual Christmas Tree lighting 4-5pm
- 10 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 14 SCOR Annual Christmas Holiday luncheon
- 18 Christmas Celebration Concert with the CCCSD 1-2 pm Cobblestone Hall
- 18 Wreaths Across America—Noon at Churchville Creekside & Riga Cemeteries
- 31 Office Closed—Observation of New Year's Day

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2022!



January

- 4 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 11 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall



February

- 8 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall
- 16 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 21 Office Closed for Presidents' Day



HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

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.

Church News

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 or live on Facebook at

Children's activities have begun. This year, Sunday School is held in-person as well as on Zoom. Packets are prepared for those children who wish to participate from home. Please call the church office (293-1665) if you wish your children to take part in this program of lessons and activities.

We have begun a Dog Therapy Ministry to those who need comfort and joy. If you need a visit or know of someone who is experiencing difficulty, please call the church office and Jen will visit with Pinot, an adorable black lab..

Sunday, December 19
Please join us for our Christmas Sunday morning worship at 10 am.

The handbell choir will accompany the congregational singing.

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

A Candlelight Service will be



held at 11:00 pm. Enjoy special music and singing of "Silent Night" accompanied by Steve Valvano with guitar.

You will find a warm reception no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey. All are welcome to these services.

Riga Congregational Church – 7057 Chili Riga Ctr Rd. Churchville

November 20th—Craft Show 10am—2:30pm

December 24th—Traditional Christmas Eve Service beginning at 6:30pm

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OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE

WWW.TOWNOFRIGA.COM

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MEETING SCHEDULE

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

TOWN BOARD: 2nd Wednesdays.
Workshops as needed.

CONSERVATION BOARD: 4th Mondays.

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

PLANNING BOARD: 1st Mondays.

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

Save The Date!

*Saturday
December 18,
2021
12pm*

*Churchville Creekside &
Riga Cemeteries*

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