

TOWN OF RIGA NEWSLETTER

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Supervisor's Report

Although summer is coming to a close, we can still look forward to the beautiful fall weather and colorful foliage Western New York often provides. Please get out and enjoy our parks and waterways during this wonderful time of year.

Hopefully you've seen our new digital sign/message board that was recently installed in front of the Town Hall. The sign now gives us the ability to announce important messages such as Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Board meetings, as well as Town sponsored events and emergency notifications. Thanks goes out to our Highway Department for the work they performed during the installation process.

The Riga Town Planning Board and Town Board are continuing to work with Meyer's RV Superstores on their plan to open a recreational vehicle sales and showroom facility to be located on Sanford Road North. We will provide updates on this project as they become available.

We are moving ahead with replacing the roof at the Town Hall. We have enlisted the help of our engineering firm – MRB Group – to assist us in ensuring this project is completed properly to specifications and in a timely fashion. Work should begin shortly, with an expected completion time of three to four weeks once work has commenced.

Our Summer Gazebo Concert Series was once again a huge success. Thanks goes out to Dave Thomas, our Recreation Director, for making this program such a popular event for our community to enjoy.

The Town Board is continuing to work on updating our Town Code. As I mentioned in our last newsletter, MRB Group is assisting us in this process. They have an extensive background and wealth of knowledge in municipal code review and updating. We are currently focusing our efforts on Chapter 95 – "Town of Riga Zoning Chapter". This is a major undertaking and will take some time to thoughtfully and properly complete, but the end result will be well-worth the time and effort. I want to thank Ken Kuter and Bill Stenglein for their hard work on this project. Their dedication and endless effort have been invaluable as we move forward on this impactful project.

Later this fall, the Town Board will begin working on the 2023 Town Budget.

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Newman Riga Library

Preschool Storytime Fall 2022 Session

Children ages 3 – 5 yrs. are invited to join Ms. Jenna for Thursday Morning Preschool Storytime! The Fall Session will start on **Thursday, September 29 at 10:30 a.m.** for 8 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:

September 29
October 6, 13, 20, & 27
November 3, 10, & 17

Build Your Own Scarecrow Event

Hay there! One of Churchville's newest businesses,

Country Junktion, will be holding a "Build Your Own Scarecrow" event on the library lawn.



Everything you need to make and take a scarecrow will be available for **\$8.**

All proceeds are generously donated to our library.

This event will take place **Saturday, October 1st** from 10-2pm with a rain date of Saturday, October 8th. Please come in or call 293-2009 to register for a timeslot so we

can make sure there are enough supplies available.

To stay up on the library status and programming:

Call us at 293-2009

Follow us on Facebook

Check our website at newman-rigalibrary.org

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

Fall Hours:

M/W/F: 11am – 5pm

T/TH: 11am – 8pm

SA: 10am – 2pm (Starting on September 10th)



Submitted by:
Lynn M. Brown,
Librarian



The Town of
RIGA
Town Clerks Office



Rental
Fees:

Rentals For the **Buffalo Road Pavilion**, the fee for weekday rentals is **\$50.00 for residents**, and \$100.00 for non-residents. Weekend rentals, Friday through Sunday, the fee is **\$100.00 for residents**, and \$125.00 for non-residents.

For the **Maher Lodge** the fee for weekday rentals is **\$75.00 for residents**, and \$150.00 for non-residents. Weekend rentals, Friday through Sunday, the fee is **\$150.00 for residents**, and

\$200.00 for non-residents.

The **Cobblestone Building** fee for weekday rentals is **\$65.00 for residents**, and \$90.00 for non-residents. Weekend rentals, Friday through Sunday, the fee is **\$125.00 for residents**, and \$175.00 for non-residents.

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

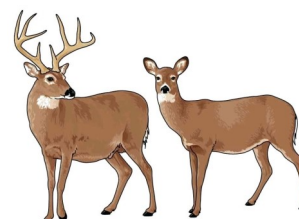
Dogs It is the Law that all dogs 4 months and older must have a current NYS dog license. In order to license your dog, you will need to provide a valid rabies certificate and a spay/neuter certificate, if applicable. The fee is \$9.00 for altered dogs and \$17.00 for

un-altered dogs.

Doe Permits Doe Management Permit
Deadline: **October 1**
The second round of leftover DMPs will begin on or around: **November 1**

Please do not hesitate to call my office with any questions at 293-3880 ext. 122.

Submitted by:
Kimberly Pape
Town Clerk



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 2022-2023 school year, is **\$93,200**. Resident property owners, who are at least 65 by the end of 2022 (born on or before December 31, 1957), whose **2021 Federal Adjusted Gross** Income (minus any taxable IRA distribution) fits into this category, must apply by March 1, 2023. 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're 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

For residents who are delinquent with their NYS taxes, the NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance will instruct me to remove your Basic or Enhanced STAR exemption.

Mobile Home Park Residents Beginning this 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 this year, and they will receive the credit either as an increase in their income tax refund or a reduction in their income tax liability.

HOMEOWNER TAX REBATE CREDIT (HTRC)

This is a one-time rebate check issued this year.

New York State Department of Taxation and Finance mailed most HTRC checks in June. A small percentage of homeowners will receive their checks after June because they need school tax data that is not available until school tax bills are issued.

If you didn't receive your check by

early July, you can expect to receive it before your school tax bill is due. The call center cannot provide you with a specific timeframe.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, you must have:

- qualified for a 2022 STAR credit or exemption, had **income** that was less than or equal to \$250,000 for the 2020 income tax year, and
- a school tax liability for the 2022-2023 school year that is more than your 2022 STAR benefit.

Note: You do not need to calculate your income to receive the homeowner tax rebate credit. We will calculate income for eligibility purposes, and we will issue the credit based on that determination.

HOMEOWNER TAX REBATE CREDIT AMOUNTS

The amount of your rebate credit will depend on:

- where your home is located, how much your **income** is, and
- whether you receive Enhanced STAR or Basic STAR.

To find the amount you'll receive for the homeowner tax rebate credit:

<https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/htrc/lookup.htm>

If you have questions, and I can 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 2022

As we prepare for the autumn season, we can be thankful for the great summer weather that we had this year. The Highway Department has been extremely busy with road projects and essential town tasks that need to be done every day. I am happy to introduce two new employees that have been hired at the highway, due to previous employees moving onto other careers. Jarrett Flagler and Ethan Donohue have come to us from other highway departments and will be an added asset to the Town of Riga. As we get closer to the cold weather coming we have received our yearly supply of salt for the roads. We have put up 2,500 tons of salt in the barn already mixed with ice ban and ready to go.

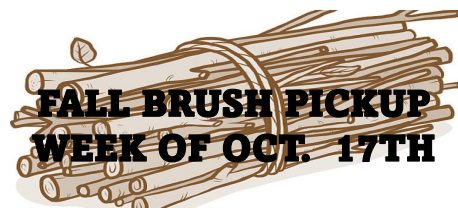
Town Roadwork

With summer behind us now we have accomplished most of our town roadwork that we had scheduled. We were able to complete Johnson Road South and Appletree Road. Lentine Drive and Edgewood Lane were both micro paved to seal out the water and add another protective layer on the asphalt. The culvert on Percy Road for Onion Creek has been replaced and should last

a very long time. If weather and time permit this fall, we will be true and leveling Parish Rd.

Monroe County Roadwork

We have had a busy summer with county roadwork, Betteridge Rd. was chip sealed. We are in the process of repairing shoulders and replacing culverts on Savage Rd. to get it ready for true and leveling before winter gets here. We have been working at Churchville Park and Golf Course to get the parking lots and roadways resurfaced. We have been working with our neighbors to widen and pave Davis Rd. and to repave Ladue Rd. in the Town of Sweden.



We will be doing our fall brush pickup the week of October 17th. Please have your 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. Please stack branches with ends toward road in orderly piles. Do not cut into short lengths. Please do not drag entire trees to roadside, limbs must be removed from tree trunks. Construction materials, boulders, concrete will not be picked up with brush. We can no longer take stumps as we have no one who will take them. If you have materials other than brush to be picked up, please call a disposal company 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 for details.*

If you have any questions or concerns regarding roadways, please feel free to contact us at the office 293-2530, or my cell at 733-3808. I hope you have a safe and healthy Fall season.

Submitted by:
Scott Flagler,
Highway
Superintendent



Harvey C. Noone Post #954

The Harvey C Noone American Legion Post #954 has continued to grow. The Post just received an award for the highest percentage in Monroe County for new members (135%). We are striving to serve Veterans and the community. On September 13th from 3 - 6:00 pm, we will have a flu shot clinic that is free and open to the public. We will

also have our popular craft fair on Saturday, 8 October. A recent renovation has been the installation of a second bar upstairs for rentals and enjoyment of our deck. Come check out your Legion, we will start to have trivia nights and other fun events. On Nov 11, celebrate Veteran Days with us at the Newman Library at 11:11am.

As always, if you have questions, know a veteran that needs help or interested in renting the facility, call us at 293-1364. Check us out at our website: harveycnoonepost954.org for information and events.

Submitted by:
Ken Juergens,
Commander



Building Department—Heating Safety

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.



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.



Submitted by:
Town of Riga Building Department
Steve Mills, Building Inspector

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

- ⇒ Place smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and in every bedroom.
- ⇒ Test smoke alarms monthly.
- ⇒ Vacuum alarms annually to remove dust and cobwebs.
- ⇒ Replace old alarms. Smoke alarms ten years old and older need to be replaced.
- ⇒ Alarms should never be disconnected. Batteries should never be removed for other uses.
- ⇒ Replace the battery every year. Better yet, twice a year-when you change the clocks in the spring and fall.



CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- ⇒ Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the United States.
- ⇒ Carbon monoxide is a silent killer- you cannot see it, smell it or taste it. The ONLY safe way to detect it is with a carbon monoxide alarm. Carbon monoxide alarms range in price from \$20 to \$50 depending on additional features.
- ⇒ CO is produced anytime a fuel is burned. Potential sources include gas or oil furnaces, water heaters, space heaters, clothes dryers, barbecue grills, fireplaces, wood-burning stoves, gas ovens, generators, and car exhaust fumes. (please remember to have your heating appliances serviced annually)
- ⇒ Most CO incidents happen during the winter months, mainly due to an increased use in fuel burning appliances.
- ⇒ At high concentration levels carbon monoxide can be fatal in minutes. CO rapidly accumulates in the blood and is attracted to the hemoglobin in your bloodstream. When breathed in, CO passes through the lungs and bonds with hemoglobin, displacing the oxygen that cells need to function.

TAKING CHARGE OF RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

Chances are there's a rechargeable battery hooked up to a charger in your home or office right now. There are several reasons you consistently see this reminder:

DO NOT PLACE RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES IN THE TRASH OR RECYCLING AT YOUR HOME!



Rechargeable batteries such as Nickel Cadmium (NiCd), Nickel metal hydride (NIMH) and Lithium-Ion (Li-ion) are full of valuable materials such as cadmium, nickel, silver, cobalt, lithium or graphite that can all be recovered through the recycling process – which is good practice, given that these metals are in short supply. Additionally, plastic from battery covers can be made into new cases and lead can be melted to create new battery grids.

When used properly, rechargeable batteries are safe and provide a reliable, high-density power source. If damaged they can be extremely dangerous, causing explosions and fires.

NEVER PLACE RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES IN THE TRASH OR RECYCLING.

When improperly placed in curbside containers and collected by trash or recycling trucks, compacted batteries can become crushed and explode, causing serious injury to waste and recycling workers. There are many documented examples of fires caused by batteries in trash collection vehicles and at recycling centers throughout the country.

To properly recycle rechargeable batteries:

Turn off the device and *remove and inspect the battery.*

If the battery has *leaked internal liquid, handle it with extra care and separate from other batteries.* Store damaged batteries in a non-flammable material like sand or kitty litter.

Clean the inside of the device after removing a damaged battery.

Store spent batteries so that their active ends are not touching - *tape either end of the*

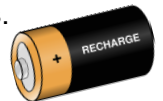
battery so that it can't touch another battery. This practice will prevent fires and damage to batteries.

Store batteries in a cool and dry area. Never store batteries in a location where they can overheat or freeze as this could cause damage.

The Monroe County / Waste Management ecopark accepts rechargeable batteries **FROM RESIDENTS ONLY** for recycling – no appointment necessary - during regular business hours: Wednesday from 1 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Visit <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/batteries.php> for more information.

Businesses should visit <https://www.call2recycle.org/> for information on proper disposal of rechargeable batteries.

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



RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

This summer has been relatively quiet and peaceful at the Riga Cemetery. Due to the heat, our new trees and flowers have had to be watered almost daily to keep them healthy. There was one more tree that had fallen and has been cleaned up with no damage to the grounds or monuments. Thank you to the Town of Riga for picking up roadside limbs and debris.

As mowing continues, we request that people check the cemetery

website on the Town of Riga webpage regarding what is allowed and where grave decorations may be placed. This will be especially important as we approach the holiday seasons, like Halloween.

We are always looking for volunteers to join the cemetery

board or to cooperate on keeping the grounds in good shape.

Enjoy the rest of your autumn.

Submitted by:
Tim Speares,
Vice-President



A Memorial Gift

As guest speaker for this year's Memorial Day Observance, I had the distinct honor and privilege of presenting to the community a short story of Decoration Day titled - A Memorial gift. The following is that speech in its entirety. As we awaken from a great pandemic, we once again gather here on Memorial Day to honor and pay our respects to those men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we may enjoy the freedoms granted to us by our forefathers and creator.

Soon, we will proceed thru the village streets just as past generations have done for over 150 years. Our destination, a limestone monument forever resting on a gently sloping hill in the pioneer section of Creekside cemetery.



Engraved on three sides of that 12-foot-tall

monument, are the names, ages, and dates of death of those 31 men from the Town that sacrificed their lives during the Civil War. Upon closer examination one cannot help but notice that the youngest casualty is an enlisted 15-year-old cavalry rider named John Ford.

During those civil war years, 1861 to 1865, the residents of the Town of Riga certainly knew the price of freedom when approximately 26% of those men who either enlisted or were drafted lost their lives in the war.

The fourth side of that monument simply states: Erected by Milton Whipple to the memory of the

citizens of Riga who died in the service of their country.

Although it bears no official name, that monument has been known thru the ages as the Soldiers Monument and was a generous gift from Milton Whipple who was a wealthy investor and farmer from the Village of Churchville. One can only guess why he chose to erect that monument, but he must have been deeply affected by the loss of his friends and possibly because his family knew what tragedy was, having lost all 5 of their children in their childhood years.

On June 16th 1865, two months after the end of the American Civil War, the citizens of the Town of Riga participated in the dedication of Soldiers monument. The ceremony, which took place on a Saturday afternoon, began in the village with a procession led by Lorenzo Babcock and the Sweden Band. They marched northward on Main Street to the cemetery where Dr. James Craig, a prominent local physician, delivered a brilliant address. Local civil war veterans then concluded this simple yet meaningful ceremony with a salute of seventeen guns. After the ceremony a local newspaper reporter commented that "What has been done for the fallen soldiers of Riga should be done for such in every city and town in the Union." Although we claim no fame for the creation of the original Memorial Day, it is interesting to note that the Town of Riga honored their fallen soldiers one year earlier than the Village of Waterloo, New York, which is a community that was declared the birthplace of Memorial Day. In the early days, ceremonies proceeding Decoration Day some-

times lasted a full week with community dinners, school readings, picnics, concerts, and church services. Decoration Day ceremonies consisted of a procession thru the village streets, speeches and prayers by designated dignitaries, music and song provided by local groups and most importantly the decoration of the veteran's gravesite with flowers and flags.

During an 1874 Decoration Day ceremony, Joseph Luckey a visiting official from the City of Rochester, expressed the following: We decorate and make beautiful the graves of our loved ones because they are the places of last and final resting. Flowers are the most appropriate and fitting emblems because they are nature's language of love and affection. We decorate the grave of the soldier, too, with his country's flag, the dearest object to the true soldier's heart, symbolizing the patriotic life and heroic death of those who lie sleeping here, martyrs to the holy cause of human liberty. For the first 18 years the residents of the Town of Riga planned and carried out the objectives of Decoration Day. As those years passed, Decoration Day ceremonies in the Town became more organized with the formation of the Churchville Grand Army of the Republic Post #433 and the Women's Relief corps in 1883. The Churchville Grand Army of the Republic Post was an organization created to form a brotherhood of local Civil War veterans dedicated to helping each other and their families. The post was named in honor of Major Asa Lay Goodrich, a resident of the village, who was killed in action at the battle of Namozine Church in Virginia.

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT CONTINUES

Once again, we will focus our efforts on reviewing



budget requests from all departments and entities that provide services to the town. Each budget line is reviewed to ensure that all requests are properly justified. With inflation at near-record highs, it will be extremely important that we closely examine the nature of each request and its associated cost relative to the needs of our town and residents. I am confident that all parties

involved in this process will come together, understanding the difficult financial times we are in, and rise to the occasion to help us produce a practical budget that meets the needs of our community while providing financial stability well into the future.

I would like to congratulate Steve Mills, our Town Code Enforcement Officer, for successfully completing the New York State requirements to become a *Certified Building Safety Inspector* and *Certified Code Enforcement*

Official for the Town of Riga. This is an arduous and time-consuming course that requires quite a bit of dedication.

Congratulations Steve on a job well-done!



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

Submitted by:
Brad O'Brocta, Town Supervisor



A huge thank you to everyone who came out to support Riga Recreation this summer! Whether it was at our Sanford Road or McNeely Parks, our Summer Gazebo Concert Series, Summer Day Camp, or regular monthly programs. It is always nice to see familiar faces along with new ones!

Our "First Class" Pickleball venue continues to see action seven days a week as well as the basketball courts and softball/baseball/soccer fields. It is refreshing to see things getting back to normal as is possible.

Riga Rec's popular Summer Gazebo Concert Series was well attended. We had a few weather challenges as the bands and audiences went thru a bit of rain and heat but as they say "The Show Must Go On"! We were entertained by The Bushel Brothers, Don Newcomb, Generations, 3 Hits & a Miss, and finally Blue Sky played to a large crowd to celebrate our annual Relay for Life/Luminaria event afterward. This honors and memorializes

RECREATION NEWS

those that have struggled with cancer.

The Riga Recreation Summer Day Camp at Churchville Elementary School and McNeely Park. was very well attended as evidenced by the highest 7 week total attendance (80 campers!) in recent memory. When compared to 2021's total (37) one can see this huge jump. Many thanks to the following for making this possible:

Monroe County Health Dept., Churchville-Chili Central School District, Churchville Elementary School custodial staff, parents and campers that attended this seven week program. A special thanks to Summer Camp Director, Dave Childs, and his counselor staff, Aiden, Chris, Jake, Kayla, Luke, and Madison for adjusting to the large numbers and making this camp an exciting and fun-filled experience. Hope to see all of you in 2023!

As many of you now know the Town of Riga replaced the antiquated small playground near the Maher Lodge and from all reports it has gotten

rave reviews. We are now having a certified playground inspector making recommendations for the larger playgrounds at both Sanford and McNeely Parks. The Riga Town Board will receive these reports and learn what needs to be done to provide safe play areas for our young residents.

Indoor programs will soon begin in our multipurpose room and hopefully back to Churchville Elementary School.

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

If you would like to rent a lodge or the Cobblestone Hall please call 293-3880 X121 or 122. PLEASE "Like Us On Facebook".



Submitted By:
Dave Thomas,
Recreation Supervisor



SEP.-OCT.-NOV. 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

September

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, September 10th, 9 am-3pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) Riga Recreation "September" Cornhole Tournament at the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall, September 15th 6pm–till
- 3) Pickleball/Tennis at the Park.....Play anytime Churchville Park & McNeely Park..... we have equipment you can borrow!



October

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Oct.15th, 9-3pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) Riga Recreation "October" Cornhole Tournament at Churchville Park or the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall, Thursday, October 13th 6:00pm
- 3) Pickleball at the Riga Pickleball Complex, Richard McNeely Park.. Open play anytime
- 4) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thursday, Oct.27th, 6:30pm Riga Town Hall
- 5) Annual Halloween Parade with Lion's Club, Monday., Oct.31st Meet at 6:00pm @ Churchville Commons and walk to Church Lodge at Churchville Park (or the Village Gazebo). TBA



November

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Nov.12th, 9am-3pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) Riga Recreation "November" Cornhole Tournament at the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall on November 10th 6:00pm
- 3) Pickleball at the Riga Pickleball Complex, Richard McNeely Park...Open Play anytime.....Weather Permitting
- 4) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thurs. Nov. 17th, 6:30pm Riga Town Hall



* * 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



Churchville Lions Club Medical Loan Closet



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

Church News



**Riga Congregational Church –
7057 Chili Riga Ctr Rd,
Churchville**

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, due to a myriad of reasons, but know we

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

September- No events

October- Fall Rummage Sale – Date TBA Presale \$5 entry deducted from your purchase or “thank you”, Sat. traditional rummage sale. Holiday decor GALORE, will be a full sale !

November- Holiday Craft Faire TBA . Local vendors encouraged.

We will be placing our signs and posters ; as well as on the Riga/Churchville FB page and Riga Church page; as our dates are solidified.

Please know you're always welcome every Sunday at 10, fellowship coffee time after. Until we share a smile, take care and know the Fathers love.

Happy autumn!



A Memorial Gift (continues)

Ironically, Major Goodrich was killed just six days before Lee's surrender at Appomattox. Now, just as the Churchville Grand Army of the Republic Post was organizing, we start to see Decoration Day being addressed as Memorial Day especially after WW1 as people began to use it in honor of all veterans who died while in the U.S. military service. Then in 1967, Memorial Day was officially recognized by federal law.

By the turn of the century, the membership of the Churchville Grand Army of the Republic Post began to decline, and the organization disbanded in 1907. Once again, the residents of the town carried on the Decoration Day ceremonies and in some years the activities fell silent. It was not until 1924 when the Churchville American Legion, Harvey C. Noone Post #954 was formed. To this very day, this organization continues to lead the

community in observing what is now called Memorial Day and in less than two years they will be celebrating their 100th anniversary as a Post and sponsor of the Memorial Day observance. And finally, on the night before the battle of Gettysburg a young, enlisted artillery soldier named Albert Tupper, from the Village of Churchville, was told by his commanding officer to take a silver coin, polish the face of the coin smooth, etch his name upon it and place that coin in his upper pocket. This was to ensure that proper identification could be made in case of death upon the battlefield. If killed in action, the next of kin would be notified and if possible, they had to make all the arrangements to recover the body and transport it back home to give that soldier a proper burial alongside his comrades in the cemetery at Churchville. Corporal Albert Tupper was lucky, he survived the battle of Gettysburg and the war, but his fellow infantry soldier and

Churchville Private Jeremiah Keenan was not as lucky and was killed at Gettysburg. Unfortunately, Jeremiah's mother could not afford to bring him home and his body still, to this day, lies in an unmarked grave in the cemetery at Gettysburg, yet his name lives on forever - etched on a Memorial gift called soldiers monument.

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



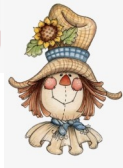
Memorial Day—2022

*John Hartman, Village Mayor (back row)
Debbie Campanella, Town Councilmember
& Steve Brew, County Legislator (first row)
Ron Belczak, Town Historian (speaker)*

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

September

- 5 Offices CLOSED for Labor Day
13 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone
Legion Hall



October

- 1 Build your own Scarecrow Event—10-2PM Library Lawn
10 Offices CLOSED for Columbus Day
11 SCOR—Pizza Party Buffet
21 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
31 Halloween Parade 6pm—Churchville Commons



November

- 6 Fall Back— Change Your Clocks
8 SCOR—Thanksgiving lunch at Harvey Noone
Legion Hall
15 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
24 & 25 Offices CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday



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.



SCOR NEWS

share his bird knowledgeable presentation.

October 11th is our pizza party buffet. Nancy Steedman presents her visual travel experiences. Nancy is a member of SCOR and past Mayor of Churchville.

Now looking at November 8th, we have our traditional Thanksgiving entree and side dishes for a tasty flavor of autumn.

Fall travels for SCOR members are being scheduled with Scenic Excursions of Avon, departing from Noone American Legion of Churchville for Seniors of Riga. September 20th to Turning Stone

Casino for legendary music *Four By Four* show;

October 25th to Buffalo, NY for Oktoberfest at the Hofbrauhaus; and November 1st to 2nd for performance of *David* at Sight and Sound Theater.

Information on activities planned for seniors, please contact Verna at 585-293-9068 and for trips call Pat Sauer at 585-293-1549. Our brochures are also available at the Village and Town offices.

Submitted by:
Dolores Perry, 585-532-6978
Publicity for SCOR



A bounty of harvest fun time is here! Some folks like the crispy days and cozy nights best of all. What are your favorites of the autumn season? Apple picking, moon hayride, fall foliage trip, farmer's market, tailgating at football game, grape festival, flea market, church suppers, migration bird-watching?

Autumn news for SCOR members is found here. September 13th is the free lunch and guest presenter Peter LaCelle, Roberts Wesleyan College Professor of Biology to

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OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE

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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.



**American
Red Cross**



RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE 6460 BUFFALO ROAD-COMMUNITY ROOM

Friday, October 21st 2022

1:00 PM—6:00 PM

&

Tuesday, November 15th 2022

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!

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