

# TOWN OF RIGA

## NEWSLETTER

### Riga Town Board Members

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### Supervisor's Report

What exceptional summer and fall weather we have had this year! We cannot help but think it's Mother Nature's way of rewarding us for all the trials and tribulations we have had to deal with over the past few years. I hope everyone has taken full advantage of the weather to get outside and enjoy our parks and will continue to do so even as winter approaches.

The Town has successfully completed renovations on our dog kennel located at our highway facilities and is now ready for use. We were forced to re-open our kennel as the previous kennel operator we had contracted with for years discontinued offering this service to us. We are fortunate to have been able to reconstitute this facility and keep kenneling in-house. Many towns across Monroe County are still struggling to find adequate kenneling, as this is a State-mandated requirement for all towns.

We are continuing to work with our consultants on what will be a significant Town of Riga code update. Our Town Code has not been significantly updated in many decades. As we get closer to finalizing these updates, we will host an informational meeting with the public to share the code changes we are proposing. We hope these changes will help our Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals make

better decisions that reflect our Comprehensive Plan.

As of the time of this writing, work has begun to tear off and replace the current asphalt roofing system on the town hall with a stone-coated steel roofing system, including structural improvements to the deck and roof-truss system. The new roofing system should last 50 + years.

**0%** The 2023 Town Budget was adopted at our November 9<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting. **The Town of Riga will once again have a 0% tax rate for 2023.**

As we know all too well, inflation continues to be a major issue for all of us. Rising prices and increasing labor costs are having an impact on our operating and maintenance expenses. We continue to work hard to controlling our costs without having to reduce services. You might ask – how are we able to do this? We continue to follow a long-established Town of Riga model of being fiscally responsible. This means we will review every service and consider if there's a more efficient and cost-effective way of providing that service. We then follow through with making the necessary adjustments. We are continually asking the question "Is this necessary?" prior to moving forward with expending town funds.

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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, 2023.

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 2023** (born by December 31, 1958), and whose **income is no more than \$93,200 on your 2021 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 2023 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 (not those that are receiving an exemption already) who qualify for STAR will need to register with the New York State Tax Department ([www.tax.ny.gov](http://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 or my assistant Shelley Kasper at ext. 137.

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



## Looking Back

As the year 2022 comes to an end, let's look back in time and catch a glimpse of what life was like in the United States and in the Town of Riga during the years 1922 and 1972.

In the year 1922, one-hundred years ago, the United States flag had 48 stars and was led by the 29<sup>th</sup> President Warren G. Harding. Yearly incomes averaged about \$3,143 and a new house could be built at a cost of \$7,750.00. But only 14% of the households in the

United States had a bathtub. It was also a time when a postage stamp was 2 cents, a loaf of bread 10 cents, a dozen eggs were 32 cents, and a gallon of milk cost the consumer 28 cents. If you were lucky to own a car, which back in those days a new 1922 Model T Ford was priced at \$319.00, the gas would have been pumped by a service attendant at 25 cents a gallon. During this period, there were only two gas pumps in the Village of

Churchville. One was a 500-gallon underground tank located opposite a grocery store at the northeast corner of Buffalo St. and North Main St. The other pump was a 250-gallon underground tank next to a hardware store, once located on the east side of South Main St. near Buffalo Street.

New products for the year 1922, consisted of the introduction of the first convertible automobile on a

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## Looking Back (Continues)



the first issue of Reader's Digest was released, the creation of water skis, the famed Eskimo Pie ice cream bar, now called Edy's Pie, and the first use of Insulin to treat diabetes. For you football fans, this was the year that the American Professional Football Association was renamed the National Football League.

Internationally, 1922 was the year that Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamun's tomb in Egypt and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR) better known as the Soviet Union was established.

Locally, the Churchville Village Board of Trustees, upon hearing numerous complaints, established for the first time a speed limit for automobiles in the village. It was set at 15 mph. The Churchville Hoop factory, maker of wooden barrels, was closed for nearly a year but re-opened for business on West Buffalo Street near the village limits. Due to failing health, James Bryant closed his blacksmith shop that was once located on the east side of South Main Street just south of Fitch Street.



### BLACKSMITH

This was the last blacksmith shop in the village. The Churchville High School, once located opposite of the present-day Churchville Elementary School on West Buffalo Street, graduated a class of 6 students: two boys and four girls. In October, a strike by a group of young boys harvesting potatoes fails when a local farmer refuses to pay a one cent increase on a bushel of potatoes. That increase would have equaled his competitor's rate of 5 cents a bushel. During the year the town paid its

final respects to two prominent women: Mrs. Lydia Parish, and Dr. Anna Craig. Mrs. Parish organized the first Women's Christian Temperance Union group in the Township and was its president for 24 years. Dr. Anna Craig was a physician for 25 years and died at Kings Park State Hospital, on Long Island. Dr. Craig was born in Churchville and was the daughter of Dr. James Craig, a prominent local physician. All three of his daughters followed that profession in the late 1880's and became very successful.

Fifty years ago, 1972, there were fifty states in the union with President Richard Nixon serving as the 37<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. The average income was \$11,800.00, cost of a new house was \$27,550.00 and a postage stamp was valued at 8 cents. The price tag for new Ford Pinto automobile was listed at \$2,078.00 with gas priced at 55 cents a gallon and if I remember correctly, self-service gas pumping was becoming more popular. In the stores you were paying 52 cents for a gallon of milk, 25 cents for a loaf of bread and a dozen of eggs cost you 52 cents.

Internationally, the 1972 Munich Olympics ended in tragedy when eleven Israeli athletics are held hostage and murdered after a failed rescue attempt. This is the same Olympics that Mark Spitz won seven gold medals in swimming. The Volkswagen Beetle sales exceed those of the Ford Model T when the 15,007,034<sup>th</sup> Beetle is produced. In the United States, the **Dow Jones closes above 1000** for the first time in history. Atari Corporation produces the first successful video game called Pong. The Watergate scandal occurs with five White operatives being arrest-

ed. The NASA's Space Shuttle program is officially launched. America's commitment in the Vietnam War continues but the last ground troops are pulled out. Governor George Wallace of Alabama is shot and paralyzed by Arthur Bremer at a political rally in Laurel, Maryland. The first handheld calculator was produced by Hewlett-Packard with a price tag of \$395.00. Schools are debating whether to allow them in the classroom.

In 1972, the Village of Churchville completed the installation of its 2.5 million sewer system and by November they started taking applications to hook-up to the new system. The Kiwanis Club of Churchville received its Charter from Kiwanis International. The Churchville Coffee Shop opened with its owners Al & Millie Ross. The Churchville Fire Department remodeled their quarters at 25 East Buffalo St. and held a dedication ceremony to honor their firefighters. Inland Vacuum, distributor of high vacuum pump fluids, is founded at #35 Howard Ave.

In the township, Jim Barnard Chevrolet became the area's newest Chevy dealership taking over the Petherbridge Chevrolet operations and on January 4<sup>th</sup>, the Town Board unanimously voted to approve the establishment of a Conservation and Advisory Council, now called the Conservation Board, to advise in the promotion, development, management, and protection of the Town's natural resources.

Have great Holidays and see you in 2023.



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



## RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Now that it is that time of year again, all of us at the Highway Dept would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. The next few months are bound to be cold and snowy according to the Farmers Almanac. Remember when traveling to give yourself extra time to get to your destination. As of now we have installed all of our snow fence to assist us in keeping the roads clear in the many drifting zones through out the town. This time of year we implement our shift work that will allow us to be staffed or have a dispatcher on duty around the clock. This allows us to monitor road conditions and watch the weather radar. If weather conditions start to deteriorate the dispatcher can call in the proper staff needed for that event. If you notice a condition that needs attention in the town please call the Highway Department office at 293-2530.

### Town and County Roadwork

As we come to the end of 2022, I am happy to report we have completed all the planned projects that we had set for the year. With the county being short on help, we have taken on extra work for them. We are making sure all roads here are well taken care of, for our community's safety and ease of travel. At this time, we are out surveying all the roads in the town so we can put a plan together for next year's road projects. At

this time the next major project we will be doing is in place recycling of Robertson Rd. from Palmer Rd. to Attridge Rd. We will continue to do ditching of the roadsides to maintain proper drainage from snow build up.

### Winter Snow Plowing



As the winter snow season is upon us, rest assured our equipment and personnel are ready to go when the need arises, to keep the roads safe and clear for the commuting public. Some winter reminders:

- \* Please do not plow snow across the roadways; keep snow on your property and in an area that doesn't obstruct your view or that of other drivers.

- \* Periodically check your mailbox for rotted posts especially coming into the winter season.

- \* When placing your garbage bins outside during a snowstorm, please make sure they are off the road.

A typical one-time plow/truck run will take approximately 3 hours depending upon the amount of snow that has fallen, how heavy it is snowing, and how we treat the

roads. Please be patient. If it seems like the plow never came down the road, it did. It just takes time. The Highway Department maintains 150 lane miles of road in the winter season. We always start with the highly traveled state roads first, then county and town roads next. We try our best to avoid hitting mailboxes but sometimes the heavy snow and slush being thrown from the wing will damage or knock over posts and mailboxes. We are not responsible for repairs of mailboxes that are 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. Again we wish you a safe and happy New Year as we move forward into 2023.

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 winter season.

**Submitted by:**  
**Scott Flagler, Highway**  
**Superintendent**



### SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

⇒ Place smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleep-

## SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

ing 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 and batteries should never be removed for other uses.
- ⇒ Replace the battery every year.

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## SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

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.
- ⇒ Each year, approximately 200 people in New York State are hospitalized because of accidental CO poisoning. Many more people are treated for CO exposure in emergency rooms without further hospital care.
- ⇒ Nationally, accidental CO poisoning kills 400 people and injures another 20,000 each year.
- ⇒ 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.

For more information about smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, and other fire safety information, visit the New York State Department of State Office of Fire Prevention and Control's website at :

[www.dos.state.ny.us/fire](http://www.dos.state.ny.us/fire)

**Submitted by:**  
**Bob Panik & Steve Mills**  
**Building Inspectors/Code**  
**Enforcement Officers**



## Supervisor's Report (Continues)

Below are some of the highlights from the 2023 Budget:

1. The budget for health care costs is projected to increase 10.9%. 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 slightly decrease for 2023.
3. Salary increases for 2023 will be 5% for Town employees. Higher inflation rates at 8% and a stubbornly tight labor market are the impetus for the salary increase.
4. Fire protection cost increases for our residents in the town outside the village are minimal for 2023.
5. The Newman Riga Library,

Senior Citizens of Riga (SCOR), and Riga Cemetery will receive funding for 2023 to help offset their operating costs.

6. Our town-wide operating budget increased by 7.59%. The vast majority of the increase is due to the planned purchase of a 10-wheel truck with snow removal equipment (which was budgeted for in 2022 but supply chain issues prevented that purchase in 2022).

7. The use of private contractors for mowing and cleaning services continue to provide savings to the Town.

8. For the Town outside the Village, 2023 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 2023.

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**

**Happy Holidays!**





## Winter Trash & Recycling Collection

Winter trash and recycling collections present a unique set of challenges not only for residents, but also for the companies and municipalities that provide these services.

When winter storms invariably hit, there are a few simple steps that every resident can take to make trash collection easier, more efficient and assure that collection workers return home safely.

### Preparing materials for collection:

**TRASH** – use trash bags. Bagging trash prevents items from becoming frozen inside the cart. Additionally, if the cans are blown over, this keeps trash from becoming litter.

**RECYCLING** – Keep the lid CLOSED. Materials MUST BE LOOSE in the toter. See <https://www.monroecounty.gov/files/DES/recyclopeda.pdf> for a complete list of acceptable items.

### Collection:

**KEEP BINS OUT OF THE STREET** – set trash and recycling bins off the roadway. Toters placed in the road can be in the way of plows, where they may be pushed aside and damaged.

**DO NOT PLACE TOTERS OR BINS ON TOP OF SNOW PILES** as they may tip over. *Pro tip:* If you shovel, clear a small area for your containers. Ask your plow driver to do the same – your hauler will appreciate it!

**RETRIEVE YOUR BINS ASAP** – Winter winds can blow empty bins into the street where they present a danger to vehicles. If you are not at home, ask a neighbor to retrieve your containers.

### Additional reminders:

**TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS AROUND TRASH VEHICLES** – they are big, stop frequently and may have blind spots. Garbage trucks weigh between 20 and 30 tons and take twice as long to

stop as the average family vehicle.

**SLOW DOWN** when navigating garbage trucks! Use extra caution - one to two additional minutes spent safely navigating around a truck could prevent an accident or an injury.

**ALLOW ADEQUATE SPACE** between you and collection vehicles so if the need arises, you both have time to react.

Upstate New York winters provide additional challenges for everyone. By practicing these simple reminders and working together, the essential services of trash and recycling collections can be accomplished efficiently – and safely.

### Submitted by:

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

## 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



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

Monday, December 19th 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!

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



## Newman Riga Library

We are very excited to see many new patrons moving into the Churchville/Riga area and utilizing the library! Here are some highlights of the library you may not be aware of:

Filtered Wi-Fi which can be accessed inside and outside of the library.

Ability to borrow items from the other libraries in the Monroe County Library System (MCLS) and have them delivered to our library. This is called a hold and there is a \$.50 fee for this service.

On-line access to your account (libraryweb.org) where you can place holds, pay fines, check due dates and renew items.

Borrow e-books and e-audiobooks via the Libby App.

Please contact the library if you have any questions about our services at 293-2009 or visit our website (newmanrigalibrary.org).

### **Amerks Reading Power Play is back!**

The Rochester Americans and the Monroe County Library System are once again partnering to

provide the "Reading Power Play", which teams Amerks players with local public librarians in support of reading. The popular program returns for its 17th season in 2022-23 and is presented exclusively by Wendy's. Reading Power Play involves Amerks players stopping by local libraries, reading to kids and giving a brief hockey demonstration while also discussing the importance of reading. More information and reading dates available at <http://www.amerks.com/readingpowerplay>.

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 7** and **January 31**, which then qualifies them for an entry into the grand prize drawing. These forms are available in the library.

### **Preschool Storytime Winter 2023 Session**

Children ages 3 – 5 yrs. are invited to join Ms. Jenna for

Thursday Morning Preschool Storytime at **10:30 am!** There will be stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays! Registration is not required but please check [newmanrigalibrary.org](http://newmanrigalibrary.org) or the library's Facebook page for any changes.

### **Session Dates:**

February 2, 9 & 16 (No Storytime 23<sup>rd</sup>)

March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

### **Library Services:**

Photocopying \$.20 image

Printing (black and white) \$.20 page

Printing (color) \$.50 page

Fax \$1.00 (1<sup>st</sup> page)/\$.50 remaining

### **2022 Holiday Closing Information:**

The library will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Winter Library Hours:**

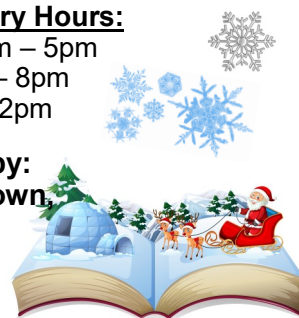
M/W/F: 11am – 5pm

T/TH: 11am – 8pm

SA: 10am – 2pm

### **Submitted by:**

**Lynn M. Brown,**  
**Librarian**



## RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

Upkeep and beautification of our cemetery has always been a priority. It is now time to repair our damaged monuments. We have tagged over 28 monuments that are either damaged or are tilting in their current condition. It will be a long tedious process that will happen over several years and will be expensive. Some of the costs may be offset by the NY State Division of Cemeteries; the balance of the monies would have to be covered by the Riga Cemetery Association. We hope that repairs will start in the Spring,

2023. If you would like to donate, send contributions to the Riga Cemetery Association, PO Box 527, Churchville 14428 and designate it to Monument Repair.

December 17, at 11 am, will be the annual Wreaths Across America veterans' event held at our cemetery. There will be more information posted on community media on how to donate a wreath and the time of the event.

Soon it will be time for seasonal decorations at the cemetery. Remember that wreaths on

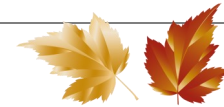
tripods are allowed after the mowing season and must be secure from the winds. Seasonal decorations should be removed by March 15. Please check the Rules and Regulations in the Cemetery tab on the Town of Riga website for more information. Water at the cemetery will be turned off for the winter months.

**Submitted by:**  
**Tim Speares,**  
**Vice-President**





## RECREATION NEWS



This past fall saw Riga Recreation wrap up its late summer programs in partnership with the CYA and Churchville Soccer organizations. Many projects have been going on in our parks, spearheaded by the Riga Highway Department. This includes paving at McNeely as well as Sanford Road which helps provide safe access to the playgrounds, lodges, and pickleball courts. We are also replacing antiquated and worn out pieces of playground equipment at both parks. The softball/baseball fields are getting a facelift after 3 years of usage, as well as a new outfield fence on Field #2. A storage shed to house maintenance equipment has also been added to the park.

On Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> we were able to hold our annual Halloween Parade despite the threat of inclement weather! We once again partnered with the Churchville Lions and LEO Clubs to bring this popular event to our "Trick or

Treaters"! Over 100 boys and girls (along with their ghoulishly dressed parents) enjoyed safe passage lead by Fairy Godmother, Verna, and the Churchville Fire Truck and Fire Police. They proceeded up Fitch Street to North Street, and down Buffalo Road down to the Village Gazebo, to receive a "Goodie Bag", candy and apple from the Lions and the Union Congregational Church. They then continued on to houses in the neighborhood.

Many thanks to the following organizations that made this event so spooky: Town of Riga, Village of Churchville, the Churchville Lions & LEO Clubs, the Churchville Fire Department & Fire Police, the Union Congregational Church, and "Fairy Godmother", Verna for leading the parade!

Please look at the Winter, 2023 programs to see if there are any activities that might interest you and/or your family. We are currently looking for adults to

provide leadership for youth programs at Churchville Elementary School. If interested please contact this office.

If you are in need of a lodge rental please call 293-3880 X121 or 122.

## Winterfest

Finally, as we head into 2023 we plan to hold "WinterFest, 2023" on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at a site TBD that will showcase the Churchville Lions' "World Famous" BBQ.

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

Don't forget to  
"Like Us" on  
FaceBook.



## Dog Licensing



New York State requires all dogs over four months of age to be licensed.

To obtain this license, owners must provide proof of current rabies vaccination as well as proof of the dog being spayed or neutered (only if applicable).

This license may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, and the license must also be renewed each year.

Submitted by:  
Kimberly Pape, Town Clerk



## Christmas Santa Run

The Churchville Fire Department will be having a Christmas Santa run with the fire trucks and Santa on Tuesday, December 17th.

They will cover the Village and some roads to the North of the Village.

It will start at the firehouse around 5:30 PM.

Check the fire department facebook page for more information.

Submitted by:  
Steve Gulvin

Churchville  
Fire Dept.





# DEC.-JAN.-FEB. 2022-2023 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. 3 9:00am-3:00pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) "SECRET SANTA" Holiday Decorating Contest, Wednesday, Dec. 14th - Santa may come to your beautifully decorated home with a "Goodie"
- 3) Riga Rec "Cornhole Tournament" @ The Cobblestone Hall...Thurs. Dec.15....6:30pm
- 4) Riga Rec's 2nd Annual "Build a Snow Sculpture" Contest - Build your own and send picture to Recreation Office! Details in December!
- 5) Christmas Celebration Concert with the CCCSD...Sat., Dec.17..1:00-2:00pm at The Cobblestone Hall



## January

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Jan. 14 9:00am-3:00pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) Riga Rec./Churchville Soccer Club - "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, 2023 Details to be announced early in January
- 6) Riga Rec "Cornhole Tournament" Thurs. Jan. 12 @ The Cobblestone Hall 6:30pm
- 7) Cardmaking with Nancy at Riga Town Hall- Thurs. Jan 19th-6:00pm



**Winterfest**



## February

- 1) February Recess Programs (Feb. 20-24)....Events to be held at the Rose Garden & Bright Raven Gymnastics....Details will come out in 2023
- 2) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Feb.11th..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.9th, 6:30pm
- 5) Cardmaking with Nancy at Riga Town Hall-Thurs. Feb 16th-6:00pm



\* \* 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 2023 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 10<sup>th</sup>. If first installment is Kimberly Pape, Tax Collector.  
not paid by February 10, total bill plus **Apr. 1-Apr. 30:** 4<sup>th</sup> installment due interest is due. with 4.5% interest.

**Jan.1-Feb 10:** Pay 1<sup>st</sup> installment to Kimberly Pape, Tax Collector. Any payment on or before February 10 is interest free.

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

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

If prior installments are not paid by respective due dates, all installments shall be paid as one unit with 4.5% interest.

**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

Colder temps are due to arrive soon. The Winter Solstice begins December 21, 2022 in northern U.S. States. What happens here is SNOW.

You may ask what type of snow? Could be dry, or moist, wet, very wet or slush! You may ask what is the largest snowflake ever found? The average flake is .02 inches to 2 inches. Scientists say 15 inches



is still the winner. The Guinness Book of World Records report the honor goes to a rancher in Fort Keogh, Montana and witnessed by Army personnel on Jan. 28, 1887. One

large snowflake is formed by many that stick together; some as big as frisbee flying saucers!

What other planet in our solar system (like earth) have scientists observed snow falling? Answer is MARS.



Now you might say to leave winter trivia and get on with SCOR news. December 13th will be annual Christmas/Holiday Banquet at Fedele's Brook House. January 10, 2023 members will gather for lunch/meeting at Harvey C. Noone American Legion Hall.



February 14th, Valentines

Day, is our Sweetheart Buffet at Harvey C. Noone American Legion Hall.

We thank everyone who traveled with us in 2022 and looking for more travelers for the coming year. Reminder for members... still looking for people to assist selecting trips for 2023.

For more information on activities: contact Verna at 585-293-9068, trips contact Pat at 585-293-1549, membership call Fran at 585-293-3345, newsletter call Dolores at 585-532-6978.

**Submitted by: Dolores Perry,  
Publicity for SCOR**

## Harvey C. Noone Legion Family News

The Harvey C Noone American Legion Post 954 family has been busy as I am being stopped by people asking what is going on at the Legion. They have noticed that the Legion is growing in membership (#1 in the County) and there is a renewed sense of dedication and involvement. All this growth is due to a focus to partner with the Town, Village, Chamber, Lions, Scouts, churches, and other groups as well as our members supporting the community and our veterans.

For Veterans Day, we procured and gave out Veteran Lawn signs to say thank you. We provided ice cream to our Veterans in the VA home.

We look forward to our third Wreaths Across America ceremony at Creekside (12 pm) and Riga Cemetery (11 am) on 17 Dec. which is open to the public.

We have Trivia every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and Euchre every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday which the community and our veterans enjoy.

We have Toys for Tots at the Village & Town office's as well as the Pirates Toy Fund.



Thank you to everyone for your support!

For God and Country

**Submitted by:  
Ken Juergens,  
Post Commander**



### Churchville Lions Club— Medical Loan Closet

The Churchville Lions Club has a wide variety of medical equipment for loan including canes, crutches, wheelchairs, hospital beds, etc.



If you or someone you know, is in need of medical equipment for loan, please contact us to make arrangements at (585) 594-2103 or [www.churchvillelions.org](http://www.churchvillelions.org)

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### December

- 4 Churchville Annual Christmas Tree lighting 4pm
- 13 SCOR Annual Christmas Holiday luncheon
- 19 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 17 Christmas Celebration Concert with the CCCSD 1-2 pm at the Cobblestone Hall
- 17 Wreaths Across America—11am at Riga Cemetery & Noon at Creekside Cemetery
- 23 & 26 Town Offices Closed in Observation of Christmas



### January

- 2 Office Closed—Observation of New Year's Day
- 3 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 10 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall
- 29 WinterFest, 2023 & Lions Club BBQ



### February

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



For further information regarding Riga Rec, Senior, Library and CYA programs, call 293-3880 X130, or refer to the Town's website: [www.townofriga.org](http://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

Our Sunday School program has begun for the year with a theme of "Creation".

Children ages 3 through grade 8 are welcome and will be instructed by caring adults and provided with interesting activities each Sunday. Check our webpage for more details. ([Churchville.ucc.com](http://Churchville.ucc.com))

Saturday, December 24 – A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 11:00 PM. Enjoy special music and

singing of "Silent Night" accompanied by Steve Valvano with guitar.

Sunday, December 25 – Sunday Morning Worship service will be held at 10 am.

Services are 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

Our Dog Therapy Ministry is still active for those who need comfort and joy. If you need a visit or know of someone in our Riga area who is experiencing difficulty, please call the church office and Jen will plan a visit with Pinot, an adorable black lab.

Food Distribution, a combined program supported by all the churches of Churchville, continues to be effective. Distribution is made on the third Tuesday of each month between 4:00 and 5:00 pm. If you know of any in need, please inform them of this program.

Do check our signboard at the front of the church for additional events and activities. Visit our Meditation Garden and our Little Library which are available for the use of the community.

Blessings to all.





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**Kimberly Pape**, Town Clerk

**Scott Flagler**, Highway Superintendent

**Richard E. Stowe**, Town Justice

**Scott Okolowicz**, Town Justice

### OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE

**WWW.TOWNOFRIGA.COM**

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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.

## Saturday, Dec 17th



WREATHS  
*across*  
AMERICA



**Churchville Creekside  
&  
Riga Cemeteries**

To Sponsor Wreath:

online—<https://www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/ny0303>  
In Person—Village & Town Offices