

# TOWN OF RIGA NEWSLETTER



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## Supervisor's Report

The change of seasons from summer to fall gives us all an opportunity to reset and adjust our priorities. Summer vacations come to an end, school will soon begin, and our focus on life's tasks takes on a new form. With the coming of a new season, I hope it brings optimism and renewed vigor to us all!

The Town Board is continuing its work on updating our Town Code. As I have mentioned before, MRB Group is assisting us in this task. They have been instrumental in helping guide us through some of the more technical aspects of this update. They have been particularly helpful guiding us through Chapter 95 – Zoning, and Chapter 38 – Design Criteria. We are carefully moving forward and making progress for sure. Ultimately, our goal is to provide a proposed update that productively serves the needs of our community for many years to come.

The Town Board will soon begin working on the 2024 Town Budget. As always, we will thoroughly review each budget request from our departments and outside entities that provide services to the Town. Inflation continues to be an issue as we haven't realized any relief from rising costs. That being said, we will

continue to be diligent in how we allocate town funds for next year's budget. I am confident that we will put forward a responsible budget that not only provides the services our community expects and needs, but also prepares our community for the future.

We now have two new town employees in our building department. We welcome Brian Young and James Ignatowski as our new code enforcement officers for the Town of Riga. They both will be working to complete the New York State requirements to become a Certified Building Safety Inspector and Certified Code Enforcement Official for the Town of Riga. A big thank you goes out to Brian and Jim for coming on board and taking on roles that are so critical to the development of our town.



In closing, I would like to thank Bob Panik, who recently retired from his position as code enforcement officer, for his many years of dedicated service to our town. Bob was a consummate professional and was always a pleasure to be around.

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## Supervisor's Report (continues)

We will miss his positive attitude and easy-going nature.

Congratulations Bob!!

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**



## Assessor News

### **ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTIONS REMINDER**

On the state's Office of Real Property Services website, [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov), you will see that the maximum income to be eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption, for the 2023-2024 school year, is **\$93,200**. Resident property owners, who are at least 65 by the end of 2023 (born on or before December 31, 1958), whose **2022 Federal Adjusted Gross Income** (minus any taxable IRA distribution) fits into this category, must apply by March 1, 2024. 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](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star) or call (518)-457-2036

Residents who are delinquent with their NYS Taxes NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance will instruct me to remove your Basic or Enhanced STAR exemption.

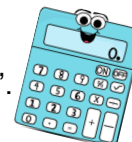
### **LIMITED INCOME SENIOR EXEMPTION CHANGES (This is NOT STAR)**

As of the 2024 Calendar year, there have been some changes to the Limited Income Senior Exemption income calculations. NYS has tried to restructure the income calculations to be more like the STAR exemption, but of course with exceptions:

- Your New York State tax return is no longer

required or needed – just the Federal tax return. However, if your full Social Security is not shown on the tax return, then your Social Security 1099 form will be required. This is also the case with non-taxable interest and IRA distributions, as well as income from a deceased spouse.

- If you do not file a tax return, there will be a new Income Worksheet that needs to be filled out.
- There is a limitation on losses:  
\$3,000 net loss per Schedule C, D, E, F  
\$3,000 net loss per "any other separate category"  
Provided – "the Aggregate amount of ALL losses shall not exceed \$15,000".



### **The "Mandate" Calculations from Form 1040**

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| FAGI (Federal Adjusted Gross Income)         | Line 11         |
| + Tax-exempt interest and dividends          | +Line 2a        |
| - Any Taxable IRA Distributions              | -Line 4b        |
| + Social Security <u>not included in AGI</u> | +(Line 6a – 6b) |
| Limiting Losses                              | SEE Lines 7&8   |
| <b>= INCOME</b>                              |                 |

Now with all of that information comes the fact that the amount of the exemption you will receive is based on what income level each taxing jurisdiction (County, Town, School, and Village) has adopted. Not all taxing jurisdictions have the same levels. So you may receive 50% for County, 30% for Village and 10% for School (depending on what School District you're in because all the School Districts have different levels).

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**



## Churchville Volunteer Fire Department News

Hello  
Everyone!

We hope you are having a safe and enjoyable summer. By the time you are reading this, the new school year will be nearing and our days will be growing shorter. Please use caution on our roads with our children returning to school. Observe all laws concerning the school buses that are transporting our children to and from school. The later sunrises and earlier sunsets will require us to be more attentive while on the roads.

Our recent Sportsman Raffle was well attended. Everyone had a wonderful time and we want to thank the community for their support and help in making it a successful event.

The next blood drive sponsored by the Churchville Lions and Churchville VFD will be Thursday, September 21st at the fire station.

Check our electronic sign or Facebook page for further information. Thank you for helping us surpass our goals at the Spring Blood Drive.

October is fire prevention month and CVFD has several related activities planned for the month. The annual elementary school visits are tentatively planned for October 12th and 13th. The children will be visited in their classrooms and should be able to view a fire truck outside. Stop by the fire station on Saturday, October 14th for Open House. View displays, demonstrations, firefighter gear and equipment, see the apparatus and enjoy refreshments.

The annual Turkey Raffle is scheduled for Friday, November 3rd at 7 pm.



Stop in for the chance to win turkeys or other meat packages and enjoy refreshments. Advance sale tickets for cash prizes should be available by Labor Day.

Are you interested in serving your community? We are a volunteer fire department providing emergency medical services and fire and rescue services to Churchville, Riga and surrounding communities as needed. No experience is needed as we will provide for all the necessary training. If you have a son or daughter with a similar interest, our explorer post is open to anyone between the ages of 14-18. Training is provided and what they learn will give them a head start when they join the fire department. It is also an opportunity to meet new friends.

**Submitted by:**  
**F. Skelton,**  
**CVFD Secretary**



## PIONEER LIFE IN RIGA—PART 2

The following article, which appeared in a 1906 newspaper, is a continuation of the last newsletter article in which Mrs. Horace Gay reminisces about her early pioneer life in the Town of Riga.

"After I had learned to write in a legible hand my father taught me to mail letters and to calculate distances on the map and left me in charge when he was to be gone for a day. Postage was not then charged by weight but by the number of miles a letter was carried.

The smallest rate was 6 ¼ cents then 12 ½ and so on. Postage to New York was 18 ¾ cents, double if there were two pieces of paper and never prepaid. The responsibility obliged me to study the atlas

attentively and make myself familiar with figures, thanks to that post office.

About 1813 my father established a store in Parma and put in charge a partner, Mr. Zolved Stevens. He continued the business there for a few years and sold out to the late William McKnight of this city, who remained there some years before coming to Rochester.

Once when my father was returning from Parma as he entered a piece of woods, he discovered a bear with his cub. Running back to the nearest house he told the man who joined him with his gun. They killed

the old bear and captured the cub, unharmed.

The man took the dead bear and father managed to bring the live one home. He possessed great attractions for all the boys in town. They liked to see him chew pitch pine and tamarack gum; occasionally a man was generous enough to give him a grind of tobacco. After two years he became very irritable and at times dangerous. What should be done with him was a serious question. Having been so long our pet we could not think of having him killed.

A man in a distant part of the town offered to take him and started to lead him home; he soon broke





## RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

As we move from a busy summer of construction, vacation with family and friends, we notice the days are shortened as it is dark in the morning when alarms go off, and evenings are not quite as long as they were a month ago. As we transition to Autumn we look back on a productive summer. Much has been accomplished in our town and county by your neighbors and friends in the Riga Highway Department. I am thankful for a dedicated crew who goes above and beyond to make our Town a great place to live and work.

I would like to congratulate and say thank you to Dale Buss and Patty Bruckman, two very dedicated employees who have just retired from the Highway Department after over thirty years working both part and full time. Your dedication to the Town of Riga is greatly appreciated. I would like to welcome our new additions to the staff. Ross Vleck who has come aboard from another town, and Lori Kellogg who transferred to the Highway Dept. from the Town Clerk's Office.

**Road Work Accomplished** this summer in Riga we changed a failing culvert on North Sanford Road with the assistance of the Village of Churchville. Parish Road was paved by a process that is new to our town. It is a dense graded cold mix that is put down by a paver after it is mixed with a seal stone and oil process done at our facility, and then hauled out to the paver. Chip sealing was done as the last part of this process to seal water out. The end of August we are scheduled to stone and oil North Main Street, Gilman Road, Apple-

tree. Kendall Road will be milled and Paved from North Main to McIntosh. In the Village of Churchville, we assisted with the paving of Willowbank Drive.

**Work on County** roads was done with Riga equipment and manpower on milling and paving of Ladue Road in Sweden, milling of McGinnis Road in Wheatland, paving of Whittier Road in Ogden, and milling, and paving many roads in Chili.

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



**Fall Brush Pickup** is planned for the week of October 16th. 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 the roadside, limbs must be removed from tree trunks. Construction materials, boulders, concrete, railroad ties, pallets, 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 (Waste Management, Suburban Disposal, or Casella) for those types of materials. *If you are a landowner and don't care to drag brush to the roadside, consider making brush piles for wildlife and returning organic matter back to the soil. There are great resources on the internet discussing benefits of brush piles.*

**The Purpose** of the Riga Highway Department is to provide efficient roadways for transportation for our residents and users of our town roadways. We continually seek to improve service to our residents in a cost-effective manner, within budget. If you notice a road condition that needs attention, please call the highway office 293-2530.

**Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS)** provides State funds to municipalities for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of local highways, bridges, highway-railroad crossings, and other local facilities which result in a "built" project. We in-place recycled Robertson Road early this summer with our CHIPS funding. We were able to widen this road to 12' standards.

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



## PIONEER LIFE IN RIGA—PART 2 (CONTINUES)

away and climbed a tree and no amount of coaxing could bring him down again. The tree was cut down and so caught him as to break one of his legs. Surrounded by his pursuers, disabled and stung by the pain of a broken leg he was in no way to be trifled with and was shot then and there. Next day our neighbors were presented with roast of the nicest of fresh pork.

Now having told one bear story I am tempted to tell another. When Mr. Gay's father came with his family from Vermont to Riga in 1807 or 1808, almost the whole township was a wilderness. As the oldest son Thomas sat one evening after dark, milking the cow, he was suddenly made sensible that the calf was getting a little too familiar. He turned to push and drive it away when he discovered it was a bear that had nudged his elbow. He found the house without much delay.

It is difficult for the present generation of women to appreciate the privations and inconvenience endured by their grandmothers and great grandmothers. Suppose you take with me a backward look of more than three score and ten years and compare the present with those days as I remember them. It is a trifling thing and quickly done, to draw a match across a bit of sandpaper and light your lamp or kindle a fire.

In the light of memory, I see my father kindling a fire. It may be a cold winter's day, or it may be a May morning. He usually carried a jack knife, a flint, and a piece of paper, ready to start a fire in an emergency. He prepares a few shavings, puts on them some bits

of paper, then shutting his knife, with the back of the blade he strikes the flint until sparks enough have fallen to ignite the paper. A few more shavings, a little fine kindling, then some coarser at length a fire is burning. Standing under an electric light I look through a grade of varying lights a long way back to the day of tallow candles in the last part of winter when the bottom of the candle-box could be seen. We did not expect it would be replenished as was the window cruise of oil, but nature was our Providence on a winter evening when you might see a group of children around the great kitchen fireplace, some studying the multiplication table and the lesson for the next evening's spelling school, others engaged in the exciting game of fox and geese. The old fox always the largest kernel of corn YUP the largest kernel of corn, burned until it was black, and this by the light of pine knots.

In every thrifty household there was found work for little hands to do and then there was a necessity for it. There were no foreigners seeking employment and you could not, for love or money, get help to do your housework unless your neighbor had two or three daughters and could spare one, and then she was by no means your servant. She was your neighbor's daughter and as much entitled to consideration as your own. The price paid for doing housework was not much of an inducement to girls who had comfortable homes, six shillings and one dollar per week being the usual sum. The price for spinning either flax or wool was six shillings per week and a day's work of warp was thirty knots and forty of wool or filling. An expert spinner would finish her day's work by 2

P. M. The remaining time was her own. If she chose to sew for her employer or help start other work, she could nearly double her wages.

One dollar per month and board was the usual wages paid to a man on the farm. The workday was not an eight-hour day, but usually commenced with rising and ending, with the setting sun.

No doubt many ladies of today, both young and middle-aged, find the care of their homes, which are filled with elegant furniture and bric-a-brac, as great a tax upon their patience and nerves as was the labor of women who had but two rooms and loft which was often reached by a ladder and whose most conspicuous furniture was a loom and spinning wheel, which were for use not ornament.



People must have cloth, both linen and woolen, and it must be made, not bought. I presume few in the audience can see a loom such as our grandmothers used when

this country was first settled. It was not an ornamental institution, but indispensable. It was a good deal of work to prepare the yarn for the loom and when a web of it for a piece of yard-wide cloth was prepared and wound on the yarn beam it was no child's play, as I can testify, to draw every individual thread of that web through both ends and harness and prepare it for the shuttle - then, while the feet worked the treadles the hands turned the shuttle.

It was slow work, requiring patience and perseverance; this

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## PIONEER LIFE IN RIGA—PART 2 (CONTINUES)

employment was not all-mere drudgery. Many a golden thread of anticipated prosperity and happiness glittered through and brightened the fabric, making duty a pleasure.

In mid-summer you might see whole pieces of linen cloth and thread to make it up with, stretched on the grass bleaching in the hot July sun.



I remember when the shoemaker came, bringing his bench and kit of tools. The leather was furnished

him, but he brought his thread, wax and pegs, and stayed until the whole family was shoed.

The tailoress came with her bundle of patterns, which were made to fit both man and boy. The dressmakers were "honest." Every woman was her own dressmaker unless she could inveigle her neighbor into doing the job for her. I remember when, if the flour bin was empty, a bag of wheat was thrown across a horse's back and a small boy on



top of that was started for the mill in Churchville, then the toll for grinding was three quarts of grain out of every bushel.

I have seen my mother, when the supply of pearlash or saleratus failed, burn a quantity of corn cobs, put the ashes in a bottle and turning on water, obtain a mild and pleasant alkali to use in cooking."

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



## SCOR

There's no such thing as a free lunch! But for a mere \$1 per year dues SCOR offers a few. Others however are subsidized and cost members what in these times in nominal. Some complain that our random number generator sees their table number consistently called last. We have a remedy. Volunteer to be on a month's committee and you will be at the first table called. Call our Vice-President Doug Eisele at 329-7895 to sign up.

Our July Picnic at Mahar Lodge was a blast. The wrapped White Elephant Auction was terrifically entertaining bidding between a couple of rivals. All proceeds went to Care-and-Share.



All luncheons are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month—exception is August without one. (Bring a hot drink cup and a plate and a few bucks to buy Care-and-Share Raffle tickets.)

**September 12th**—Legion Hall Free Submarine/Hero/Grinder Sandwich. Choices are tuna, turkey or roast beef. Program:

Rita Kanaley from Churchville's Country Junktion.

**October 10th**— Legion Hall Free 2-slice Pizza Party. Choices are veggie or pepperoni. There will be a side salad. Program: Thomas Boyce a historical interpreter.

**November 14th**— Annual Turkey Dinner at Legion Hall. Bring a side dish serving 6 people appropriate for a turkey feast. If you do not bring a side dish, pay \$3 per person, \$6 for a couple and note your payment on the attendance sheet.

We look forward to our December 12 Christmas Party which is to be arranged.

### TRAVEL PROGRAM



Our Riga trip to Rhode Island was fabulous! We stopped in Harford Connecticut to tour Mark Twains Mansion and saw carved in stone, "Travel is fatal to prejudice"

**September 19**—A Celine Dion Tribute Show, The Power of Love, is at the Seneca Allegany

Casino. There is a food credit and some free slot play included in the cost. Departure from the Legion Hall at 8:15 am, return about 7:15pm.

**October 4-5**—Moses at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lititz PA. Two day and one night. Depart Legion Hall at 6:45 am Wednesday and return Thursday evening.

**November 15**—A Mystery Tour, departure and arrival to be arranged.



**December 10**— A Dickens Christmas in Skaneateles. Free time with lunch on own in downtown Skaneateles Dickens Festival. Dinner at the Inn Between Restaurant included. A drive through the lights on the Lake Christmas Light Show.

Contact Pat Sauer at 703-5717 for more information about our trips.

**Submitted by:**  
**Verna W Linney,**  
**Immediate Past President**



## Proper Disposal of E-Cigarettes, Vaping Devices and E-Liquids

In early 2022, the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services was approached by the Monroe County Department of Public Health, the local chapter of the American Lung Association, and the Monroe County School Boards Association to discuss a growing problem: the disposal of vapes, e-cigarettes and associated fluids.

These products and their associated e-liquids are considered hazardous wastes and are prohibited from being disposed of in the trash.

Additionally, the devices can also contain lithium batteries, which present fire and explosion hazards to waste workers.

Working alongside these groups, the Monroe County / WM ecopark

developed a protocol and an educational component for proper disposal of these ubiquitous devices:

Residents can now properly dispose of the devices and liquids via a **residential drop off twice a week, every week at the ecopark, no appointment necessary**. Materials should be placed in a plastic bag.

Schools, universities and the like can dispose of these materials via the County's CESQG (Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator) program. Visit [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](https://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark) for necessary forms and procedures.

Monroe County's e-cigarette, vape device and e-liquid takeback program is the first in New York

State and among a handful of similar programs in the United States. Monroe County leadership has been contacted by many municipalities from throughout New York State for the details to begin similar programs.

For more information, including downloadable posters and an information card, visit <https://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark-electronics#ecig>.

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



## RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

In the past 3 issues of this newsletter we have described our plans for repairing our Riga Cemetery headstones. We are now seeing the results of those plans. We have repaired, re-positioned, or added new foundations to 10 of our fallen or tipped over headstones and they were funded by our cemetery. Our 15 additional dangerous tilting headstones have been examined by the NYS Division of Cemeteries and their approval to fund their repair was approved at their mid-August meeting. NYS emphasized the importance of maintaining good foundations for our headstones. See the before and after repair pictures.

Our new regular mowing, watering, and weeding in the flower beds in the Veterans Walk,

around trees, and the shed have been very effective in keeping the cemetery grounds looking good.

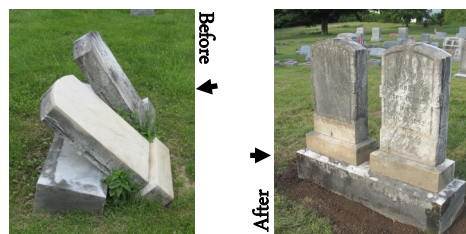
We need new Board members to help guide the direction and operation of our cemetery. Current cemetery lot owners vote at our annual meeting to fill positions of our Board of Directors and can make other major cemetery decisions. In addition if you have relatives or friends buried at the cemetery, or if you live near the cemetery, your input would be valuable to the operation of the cemetery and keeping it in good shape.

While we know of no incidents in the Riga Cemetery, personal safety is an important issue these days and we want to ensure that

visitors, volunteers, and mourners are safe at our cemetery. Some suggestions are to: stay aware of your surroundings, inform someone of your plans at the cemetery, trust your instincts, carry a charged phone, and be cautious of strangers.

We plan to honor our veterans in our annual Wreaths Across America event in the middle of December, 2023. You are welcome to attend.

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



## NEWMAN RIGA LIBRARY

Below are some of the activities the library has to offer during the fall. Please check our website or Facebook page for others as they are added.



### **Preschool Storytime Fall 2023 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 28 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](http://newmanrigalibrary.org) or the library's Facebook page for any changes.

#### **Session Dates:**

September 28; October 5, 12, 19, & 26; November 2, 9, & 16

### **Alzheimer's and Dementia Educational Sessions**

Alzheimer's Association volunteer and local resident Deb Grasso will be hosting two educational sessions this fall. Please call the library to register.

### **10 Warnings signs of Alzheimer's – October 19<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm**

This session focuses on recognizing the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's and Dementia, distinguishing them from typical age-related changes, tips for approaching someone about memory concerns, importance of early detection, diagnostic process, and resources available from the Alzheimer's Association.

### **Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia – November 7<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm**

This session focuses on comparison of Alzheimer's and Dementia, recognizing how Alzheimer's affects the brain, risk factors, stages of the disease. FDA approved treatments, current research, and resources available through the Alzheimer's Association.

### **The JFK Assassination – Why Does It Matter? Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 6-7:45pm**

He's back! One of the greatest crimes of the 20th century was the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas. Arguably an even greater crime was the subsequent investigations and cover-ups relating to that assassination. Now six

decades later Churchville resident **Marty Molinari** follows the trails of evidence and disclosures since the Warren Commission Report was originally released. He will present an up-to-date analysis of that evidence and the testimony of witnesses not included in any of those prior investigations. His presentation includes a thought-provoking analysis of how that assassination fundamentally changed the course of our nation's history. There is limited space, so advance registration is required.

#### **Fall Hours:**

M/W/F: 11am – 5pm

T/TH: 11am – 8pm

SA: 10am – 2pm (Starting on September 9<sup>th</sup>)



#### **Contact Information**

Check our website at <https://newmanrigalibrary.org>

Call us at (585) 293-2009

Follow us on Facebook

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

#### **Submitted by:**

**Lynn M. Brown, Librarian**

## RIGA RECREATION NEWS

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 from our Summer Gazebo Concert Series, Summer Day Camp, or our 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 our basketball courts and softball/baseball fields.

The courts are getting a small facelift as our Riga Highway crew has been busy power washing them.

Riga Rec's popular Gazebo Concert Series has been well attended despite a few weather issues (rain and smoke from Canada). The show still went on. We were entertained by The Don Newcomb Band, Get Off My Lawn, 3 Hits & A Miss, Blue Sky, & Midnight Storm. Blue Sky played host to the "Relay For Life/Luminary" Celebration that honors and memorializes those that have struggled with cancer.

The Riga Recreation Summer Day Camp at Churchville Elementary School experienced a gigantic leap in participation with over 100 total campers (compared to the 77 we had in 2022). Camp Director, Dave Childs and his crew of counselors had to deal with air quality issues along with the rain and heat to bring fun and exciting activities to the children. We are going to evaluate this year's program and make a few changes for 2024. Many thanks to the following individuals and organizations that made this popular program successful: Monroe

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## Sep.-Oct.-Nov. 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

### September

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday Sept. 9th Riga Town Hall, 9-3pm
- 2) Riga Recreation "September" Cornhole Tournament at the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall on September 14th @ 6:00pm 'til?
- 3) Pickleball @ Riga Pickleball Complex, Richard McNeely Park
- 4) First EVER..."Over The Line" Softball Tournament @ Sanford Road Park, TBA



### October

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Oct. 14th Riga Town Hall, 9-3pm
- 2) Annual Halloween Parade with Lion's Club, Tuesday, Oct. 31st Meet at 6:00pm @ Churchville Commons and walk to Church Lodge at Churchville Park (or the Village Gazebo). TBA
- 3) Riga Recreation "October" Cornhole Tournament at Churchville Park or the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall, Thursday, October 19th...6:00pm
- 4) Pickleball @ Riga Pickleball Complex, Richard McNeely Park.. Open Play anytime
- 5) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thursday, Oct. 19th, Riga Town Hall, 6:30pm



### November

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Nov. 4th, Riga Town Hall, 9-3pm
- 2) Riga Recreation "November" Cornhole Tournament at the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall on November 16th, 6:00pm
- 3) Pickleball @ Riga Pickleball Complex, Richard McNeely Park...Open Play anytime.....Weather Permitting
- 4) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thurs. Nov. 16th, Riga Town Hall
- 5) Antique & Craft Show, Sunday, November 5th.. 8:00am-5:00pm @ the Churchville Elementary School

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

### RIGA RECREATION NEWS (CONTINUES)

County Health Dept., Churchville-Chili Central School O & M Dept., the Churchville Elementary School Custodial Staff,, the parents and campers that attended this seven week program. Special thanks to Camp Director Dave Childs, counselors Chris, Adeline, Maddy, Nigel, Aiden, Jadyn, Ray, Lydia,& Jake for adjusting to the large numbers, weather issues, and for making this an exciting and fun-filled camping experience. Hope to see all of you back in 2024.

Unfortunately, we have had 5 new programs do not hesitate to call or email us at [rigarec@townofriga.org](mailto:rigarec@townofriga.org) at dogs and their owner and individuals ripping them off the rope, which has made it necessary to keep the tetherball units at the Town Hall. If you'd like to use the tetherball poles please call 293-3880 X130 and I will personally get a ball to you.

Indoor programs will soon begin in our multipurpose room and hopefully back to Churchville E.S.

As always, if you have any questions and/or suggestions for

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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





## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE—HUNTFISHNY APP

Anglers, hunters and trappers may use a mobile app to display an electronic copy of their license. The **HuntFishNY** app is available for download through the Apple App or Google Play stores and is completely FREE.

**HuntFishNY** is the official New York State Department of Environmental Conservation mobile app. This is a simple way to display your licenses and privileges. HuntFishNY mobile app offers instant mobile access

to electronic versions of your sporting licenses; the ease of reporting your game harvests immediately; and links to useful information like season date summaries, fishing information, a DEC Contact list, and much more. It also includes a feature called the Tackle Box that provides anglers with one stop shopping for waterbody-specific information on fishing regulations, stocking, and fishing/boating access sites.

Please remember if you purchase a hunting license online the DEC

will mail customers their **back tags and carcass tags**. You can find more information on the DEC website [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov).

**Doe Management Permits Deadline:** October 1 each year

**Second Round of DMP's starts:** November 1st each year

### SAFE HUNTING

**Submitted by:**  
**Kimberly Pape,**  
**Town Clerk**



## CHURCH NEWS

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

**Early September,** Our Sunday School program begins in September. Please check our website ([Churchville.ucc.com](http://Churchville.ucc.com)) for information on the theme for this year and special activities. Children ages 3 through grade 8 are welcome and will be instructed by caring adults and provided with interesting activities each Sunday.

**Sunday, September 17,** our last outdoor service will be a Pet Blessing. You are all welcome to come with your pets and invite your friends to come with their pets to be blessed.

**Friday, October 20,** at 6:30 pm we are planning a Bingo Night. All are welcome

**Saturday, November 11,** our Harvest Dinner will be a drive-thru, take-out only from 3:30 pm until sold out. No reservations accepted. The dinner will include; Fresh Roast Pork, Traditional Bread Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Butternut Squash, Green Beans, Applesauce, Rolls and Assorted Pies. Cost is \$15.00.

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.

### Churchville United Methodist Church 24 West Buffalo Street 585-293-3282

Coordinating Pastor: Lida Merrill  
Come worship with us on Sundays at 9:30am

It is our joy to share that Pastor Lida Merrill has been hired by District Superintendent Ted Anderson as the new coordinating pastor of the Churchville United Methodist church. She began working with us on July 1 of this year. Lida's career has focused on supporting people with developmental disabilities and has worked at Heritage Christian Services for the last 25 years as director of spiritual life. In 2006 she graduated from Northeastern Seminary with a masters in theology. In addition to the Churchville U.M. church she serves two other congregations. We will be welcoming retired pastors, certified Lay Servants/Speakers, and others who will provide pulpit supply in addition to Lida. To relax she enjoys gardening, bicycling, reading, and embroidery. Lida and her husband, Jim, have raised five children and are very involved in the lives of their grandchildren.

You're invited to the showing and discussions of the Chosen: Season 2, Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Chosen digs deeper into the people and

events of the gospels. Come as you are and as often as you're able.

All are welcome. (Season 1 can be watched on Youtube, or "The Chosen" and "ANGEL" apps).

### Riga Church

**(First Congregational Church of Riga)**  
**7057 Chili-Riga Cntr. Rd. (Rt.33A at Rt.36)**

**Sept.16-** Drive thru Turkey Dinner 3PM until all served or sold out

Traditional roast turkey dinner w scratch stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy. Veggie, applesauce, roll and PIE ! \$15 per dinner Let us cook for you tonight! Thank you to our repeat customers !

**Oct.20 & 21-** Fall Rummage Sale

**Oct. 20-** Preview Sale 3-7PM \$5 entry donation, deducted from your purchase or Thank You for the donation. Your chance to have first chance at some amazing donations.

Christmas shoppers, we already have an amazing selection waiting for you!

**Oct.21-** Traditional rummage sale- 9AM-2PM Lots of treasures to be had! Downsizing, moving and general sorting out items from our generous community!

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**CHURCH NEWS CONTINUES**

**Nov.7- Election Day-** Polls open at 6AM, close at 9PM Make sure you know your polling site and exercise your voting right. We hope you're

having a great summer, more of it would be nice!

Fall has her own beauty tho. Rejoice in the day God has given you ! Beauty and His love is always about each of us. Please join us any

Sunday at 10 AM, with Fellowship after our service each Sunday. Stay safe, loved and enjoy the gift of His world.

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS****September**

- 4 Town Hall Closed for Labor Day
- 12 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall

**LABOR DAY****October**

- 9 Town Hall Closed for Columbus Day
- 10 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall
- 20 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 31 Halloween Parade—Happy Halloween!

**HALLOWEEN PARADE****November**

- 7 General ELECTION day
- 14 SCOR—Annual Turkey Dinner—Legion Hall
- 17 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 23 & 24 Town Hall Closed for Thanksgiving



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.

**Harvey C. Noone Post #954**

The Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post 954 has been busy these past few months that recently included our Summer concert with "8 Days a Week" and our successful Cornhole Tournament.

For the Fall time, we are restarting our Trivia nights (12 Oct and 9 Nov), our EUCHRE games (21 Sept, 19 Oct and 16 Nov), and our popular Bingo (7 Sept, 5 Oct and 2 Nov).

As part of our community service, we are supporting a flu shot clinic on 23 Sept at the legion. Our Veteran support will involve supporting the Batavia VA with their Bingo and partnering with the Chamber of Commerce with our annual Veterans Day luncheon. Be on the lookout for our annual Veterans Day Cash Bash raffle and the chance to have fun and win some cash. Remember that we are open Thursdays (6-10pm) and Fridays (7-11pm),

come check us out. If you are a veteran, or a son (grandson) or daughter (granddaughter) of a veteran, there are multiple ways to join the Legion and serve veterans and the community and have fun also. Also, look at our rental packages for your graduations, weddings, celebrations of life. We are the fastest growing Post in the county and there is a reason for that - hope to see you soon.

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



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### OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE

[WWW.TOWNOFRIGA.COM](http://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.



**American  
Red Cross**



## RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE

6460 BUFFALO ROAD-COMMUNITY ROOM

Friday, October 20, 2023

Friday, November 17, 2023

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)