

# TOWN OF RIGA NEWSLETTER

## Riga Town Board Members

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Issue

## Supervisor's Report

With December upon us and the end of the year quickly approaching, I hope 2023 was a happy and productive year for everyone. It is amazing how quickly the years seem to fly by. It seems like yesterday that we were ringing in the new year, yet here we are at year's end!

**2024  
Budget**



The 2024 Town Budget was adopted at our November 8<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting. **The Town of Riga will once again have a 0% tax rate for 2024.**

**0%  
TAX**

Inflationary pressures across the board continue to drive our operating costs upward. Necessary expenses such as asphalt, salt for deicing our roads, fuel, utilities expenses and insurance costs have increased significantly. Thankfully, our Town Board has been able to manage these inflationary pressures while still offering the same level of quality services for our residents.



Below are some of the highlights from the 2024 Budget:

1. The Town has budgeted an 11% increase for health care costs in 2024. The Town Board held a workshop with our benefits manager to help us manage this as effectively as possible.
2. The contribution for NYS Retirement is projected to increase 12.9% for 2024.
3. Salary increases for 2024 will be 4% for Town employees. Tight labor markets and higher minimum wage rates continue to push labor costs higher.
4. There is a 2% increase in 2024 fire protection costs for our residents in the Town outside the Village.
5. Funding for the Newman Riga Library, Senior Citizens of Riga (SCOR), and Riga Cemetery will receive funding for 2024 to help offset their operating costs.

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## Supervisor's Report (continues)

6. Our Town-wide operating budget increased by 4%. Major road work for two Town roads accounts for all of this increase.

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, 2024 revenues are expected to exceed expendi-

tures, therefore **no taxes** will be placed on either the Town wide Budget or the Town outside the Village Budget for 2024.

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 do not hesitate to contact myself

or any other Town Board member.

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



It's that time of year again!

**ALL EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS must be filed with me by Taxable Status Date, MARCH 1, 2024.**

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 2024 (born by December 31, 1959), and whose income is no more than \$98,700 on your 2022 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



## Assessor News



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 the 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 2024 and meet the income requirement, which includes Social Security, including Medicare. The State, and County, have set the maximum income to **\$58,399.99**, Town and Village have set the maximum income to **\$44,399.99**, and the school \$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 Dept. ([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**





**FREE INCOME  
TAX  
PREPARATION  
HELP**



*Support our Mission  
on  
December 16, 2023*

Tax-aid volunteers will be available beginning the first week of February on WEDNESDAY'S to help complete your NYS and Federal tax forms. You may call the Town Hall at 293-3884 ext. 121 or 122 to schedule your appointment after January 1st.

**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

**Donation of unwrapped toys will be accepted at the Town Hall. We have a box for Toys for Tots and a box for the Pirates Toy Fund located in our Lobby.**



*Riga Cemetery - 11am  
Creekside Cemetery - 12pm*



*To sponsor a wreath online use QR code or link below*

<http://wreathsacrossamerica.org/ny0303>

*To sponsor a wreath in person please visit Village of Churchville/Town of Riga/Newman Riga Library*



## RIGA GARBAGE COLLECTION

Please place containers at the curb by 6 a.m.

### Service Reminders

- Severe winter weather can result in service delays. You can easily check for service delays on [wm.com](http://wm.com) using the View Schedule link and entering your service address.
- Prior to WM service, visually confirm your carts are easily and safely accessible.

- Remember to place your carts at least 3 feet apart and 3 feet away from any obstacles (trees, cars, mailboxes, snow piles, etc.) to allow the automatic truck arm to lift and empty the carts.

Place wheels of cart toward house.

- After your trash has been collected, retrieve your carts as soon as possible to prevent them from blowing away or getting in the way of snow removal operations.

### Updates at Your Fingertips

My WM can keep you informed with alerts and texts so you're up to date on service updates and delays.

Visit <https://www.wm.com/us/en/user/register> or scan the QR code to sign up, opt in and get started.

**Submitted by:**  
**Nicole M. Simonetti**  
**Community Relations, WM**

### Get More With My WM

Access to real-time notifications, images and videos of your service means more visibility than ever.





## 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 first of the year will soon be approaching and winter will be in full swing. We need to remember when traveling to give ourselves extra time to get to our destinations.

As of now we have installed all of our 5 miles of 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 or the dispatch phone at 281-3438.

### Town and County Roadwork

As we come to the end of 2023, I am happy to report that we have completed all the planned projects that we had set for the year. In addition, we have taken on some much-needed culvert replacements that have come to fruition throughout the summer. We have also recently relocated the chip and brush pile at the Highway Department. The new entrance is off Bromley Rd, behind the Lions

Club Loan Closet. We can accept all types of brush. Unfortunately, we cannot take in leaves. The wood chips are available to all Town residents.

### Winter Snow Plowing



As the winter snow season is upon us, be 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. A typical one-time plow/truck run will take approximately 3 hours to do depending upon the amount of snow that has fallen, how heavy it is snowing currently, 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.

The big thing I would like our community to be aware of with snow removal is that there are real people out there performing a real service, often under unrelenting conditions, during all hours of the day and night, including being away from families on holidays. Snow plowing/salting can be long, tiring, and is often thankless work. Complaints and frustration can be common when snow is frequent. As we monitor how we provide service, and listen to residents and our highway employees, we

look to make changes for improvement if and where necessary. While our goal is to make sure no one is inconvenienced due to winter weather, it's simply not always possible. Our staff will continue to work diligently to make our roads as safe as possible.

Some winter reminders.

\* Please do not plow snow across the roadways. Keep snow on your property and in an area that does not obstruct your view or that of other drivers.

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

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.

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

**Contact Us**

If you ever have any questions, concerns, or don't understand why things are done the way they are please feel free to contact me 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**



**Entrance for woodchip and brush pile at Highway Department**



## THE CONCLUSION OF PIONEER LIFE IN RIGA



And now the conclusion of the three-part newspaper article that detailed the early settlement of Riga as told by Mrs. Horace Gay.

"As an interest in olden times quilting parties has recently been awakened. I will not venture to speak of the first one I attended. I went with a cousin on horseback, he sitting in the saddle and I on a folded blanket behind him. The hired man walked to bring the horse back. Other arrangements having been made for getting back home.

It is but just to say there was a "right smart lot" of quilting done and not a little gossiping. A most excellent summer was provided. We had no printed menus or bouquets at our plates, but I remember one item that would have been on the menu and that was delicious custard pie.

The son of our host played the violin, and we had music and dancing. A happier company never danced in Powers' Hall. The refreshments for the company were raisin cake and eggnog. At a seasonable hour we turned our faces homeward and who shall say you may not be merry as well in a clean lumber wagon without springs, as in a tallyho with gay ribbons flying.

Croquet and tennis were games unknown in those days, but it was admissible and certainly healthful for girls well along in their teens, to run through the sugar bush and chase the squirrels as they scrambled for the beechnuts, the winter's snow had covered, while the sap for two to three hundred pounds of sugar was being gathered and boiled. But the climax was reached at the sugaring off time. The young people of the neighborhood had a standing

invitation to come there and help. I will not attempt to describe those merry makings, but I fully agree with Mrs. Langworthy when she says "I would not give a copper to be a young lady in these days." No, rather the old lady, with the pleasant memories of four score years and a heart still young enough to appreciate and sympathize with the joys and anticipation of the young who have not yet tasted sorrow's cup.

I remember a little incident connected with the late William Reynolds. In 1824 I had a brother in Middlebury Academy, Wyoming County. During the last few years of my father's life, Dr. Ward, Dr. Elwood, Abelard Reynolds, Judge Sampson, and Chapin, were familiar names to me.

Mr. Reynolds, knowing that father had a son in the academy, asked if when he went for him he would bring back his boy William along and send him home by stage? There was no way of reaching Middlebury from Riga but by private conveyance.

There had been a stage route established between Rochester and Batavia. When my brother came home, young Reynolds came with him and was his guest until the stage came the next day, when he took passage for Rochester.

There was another Rochesterian who occasionally appeared in Riga. At general training's, there was in command a fine-looking officer in full uniform, sitting on a handsome horse gallantly caparisoned. The late Colonel Henry Ward was the observed of all observers.

In 1826 my father received from the Whig Party the nomination for member of assembly. He had for

several years in succession represented the town as supervisor. The opposing Democratic candidate was Judge Joseph Sibley who lived in Churchville but subsequently lived and died in Rush. This was not long after Morgan's abduction and the anti-Masonic fever still ran high.

The Democrats circulated the report that father was a Mason, which was not true, but many believed it because he had some years before by request of the Masons fitted up the hall expressly for their use. In those days men were elected for their ability and supposed fitness for office, not for the amount of money they might chance to control.

Election day came and passed. Many of his party did not vote. They would not vote for a Mason. Neither would they vote the Democratic ticket. None doubted that the votes were honestly canvassed, and the count correct. The returns were brought in on time for there was in that political camp no need of a Hill to concoct or a Maynard to execute plans for thief to secure a victory. That had already been done through misrepresentation. Judge Sibley was elected by a majority of three votes.

That autumn my father was a victim of a prevailing fever and died November 4, 1827, aged 44 years.



The house which he built in 1811, still located at the south-

west corner of Chili Riga Road and Riga Mumford Road, has long been a conspicuous landmark.

## THE CONCLUSION OF PIONEER LIFE IN RIGA (CONTINUES)

When visiting Riga, I was invited to call and go through the house which I had not entered for 57 years. As I stepped over the threshold, the ghost of happy childhood days came trooping up. Whichever way I turned, fresh groups met and followed me as every door in the house was opened to me; until it seemed an enemy surrounded and deprived me for the moments of all consciousness of the present.

Not a partition, not a door or window had been changed, only the great kitchen fireplace had

been filled.

But one piece of timber had been replaced by men and that was at the rain trough, dug out of immense log and which was our only reservoir for soft water, several years before cisterns were introduced. The whole structure seemed to me good for eighty-two years more. In case of a tornado, I should much sooner seek shelter beneath its staunch and hospitable roof, than in most modern built frame houses.

I trust I may be pardoned for mentioning here a trifling circum-

stance, but one I love to think of. When in 1836 I came to make Rochester my home; one Sunday morning while standing in the vestibule of the old First Presbyterian church, the late venerable Dr. Ward and Judge Simpson came and introducing themselves, extended to me the hand of welcome in remembrance of my honored father."

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



### SCOR's Christmas Party will be

at Red Fedele's Brook House on Tuesday December 12. We start at noon. The cost is \$15 and the choices are Roast Prime Rib, Baked Salmon or Chicken French. Tickets will be available at the November 14 luncheon.

January 9th's luncheon will feature **Beef on Wick**. Members should bring suitable side dishes. Bring your own tableware, plate, water glass and coffee cup. We will meet at the Harvey Noone Legion Hall at noon. Tentatively Ron Belczak the Riga Town Historian will present a program.

February 13 is **Pasta and Meatballs** at noon at the Legion for our **Sweetheart Colonial Ball** because February 14 is Valentines Day. Bring a suitable dish to pass, your plate, tableware, cup, and water glass. If you wish, wear some form of colonial apparel such as tricorne hats, colonial bonnets, capes and so forth. Whalebone corsets for ladies are discouraged so they might enjoy a good meal. A colonial dance

## SENIOR CITIZENS OF RIGA

demonstration by Rick Huff of the Genesee Country Village in Mumford is our program. Always sign-in on our attendance sheets. They are a legal document required because SCOR is legally a non-profit organization.

If you cannot bring a dish-to-pass pay \$3.00 and designate it on the sign-in sheet beside your name.

Are you tired of your table being called last to the serving line? Your officers promise that they use a random number generator to call out tables to the serving line. However you can be one of the first in line by being on The Committee. You make a dessert and set up the room, set out the tablecloths and seasonal table decor and fixings (accoutrements). The work is light and chatting with people is fun and is, as my dad would say, good for whatailsia!

Loneliness is detrimental to health equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes per day. Promote wellness; join SCOR.

All luncheons are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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

For December 10 all residents of Riga are eligible for a trip to



Skaneateles NY for "A Dickens Christmas Celebration" with Scenic Niagara Excursions. Kick up Christmas joy with anticipation of seeing lovely Victorian downtown Skaneateles. There will be people walking about in Victorian dress, carol singing, and hot roasted chestnuts. You will have free time there to wander, eat lunch on your own, and go shopping. Included in the trip is dinner at The Inn Between Restaurant. See the amazing Lights on the Lake Christmas Light Show as a drive through.

Call Pat Sauer at 703-5717 for reservations.





## TAKING CHARGE: RECYCLING LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES



**IF YOU HAVE A SMOKING BATTERY, CALL 911!**

**RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES  
ARE HAZARDOUS WASTE**

**DO NOT PLACE IN TRASH OR RECYCLING BINS**  
BRING TO ecopark -- NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

### ecopark HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesday..... 1pm - 6:30pm  
Saturday..... 7:30am - 1pm  
(Closed on Holidays)  
10 Avon Drive Rochester, NY 14624

### Single-use, non-rechargeable lithium batteries

- Used in watches, remote controls, handheld games and vaping devices
- Look for "lithium" on the battery



### Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries

- Found in appliances, cellphones, e-readers, laptops, power tools, scooters, tablets & toys
- Some can be easily removed, others cannot



**SUNNKING**  
We Rule Electronics Recycling



**Li-Cycle**

You can find them everywhere today: Lithium-ion batteries are now an integral part of powering everyday life. However, these batteries present a very real fire and explosion hazard if damaged, not properly disposed of, or handled incorrectly.

Working with Monroe County partners WM, Sunnking and LiCycle, a partnership was announced earlier this year that would ensure proper disposal of these devices at the Monroe County / WM ecopark during regular business hours, Wednesday from 1 PM until 6:30 PM and Saturday from 7:30 AM until 1 PM – no appointment necessary.

Acceptable batteries include:

Cell Phone, Laptop,  
E-scooter, E-Bike and  
Tablet Batteries  
LCO (Cobalt Based) Batteries  
with Casing

Mixed Consumer Power Pack  
Batteries

Lithium Primary Batteries  
Other Electronic Batteries

Brockport-based Sunnking specializes in the recycling of electronic waste and will handle the transport of batteries from the ecopark to Li-Cycle's Eastman Business Park facility where valuable materials from Lithium-ion batteries will be safely and sustainably recovered.

Many big-box retailers also accept Lithium-ion batteries for recycling. Check with local retailers for specific programs.

**Submitted by:**

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



## RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

The NYS Cemetery Board in Albany met and approved our request to fund the repair of 15 dangerous monuments. We have supplied all the documentation they requested and the Riga Cemetery has been entered into the NYS Financial System so that we can receive our first payment and start our work.

Scott and his Town Highway crew have removed our dirt behind the Shed, seeded the bare soil, and repositioned our extra grave markers. They also removed all the dirt in our large dirt pile where Sue will be planting a line of Green Giant

arborvitae to serve as a visual shield to the dirt area. Sue also cleaned up the plantings in the Berm and around our Shed. Bonnie has been treating weeds in our gravel driveway and planted 4 Shamrock Inkberry



shrubs on the south side of our Shed. Tim has been helping with

our burials and trimming Hosta's in the Veterans section.

The date to honor our veterans in our annual Wreaths Across America event is December 16, 2023 at the Creekside and

Riga Cemeteries. Small flags and wreaths will be placed at all veteran graves.

We are always looking for Riga Cemetery friends, volunteers, and Board members to support the cemetery in any way they wish. Let us know what you would like to do to help and we will accommodate. There is a big list of Riga families buried here. Call to find out more.

**Submitted by:**

**John Loser,**  
**President**  
**538-2951**





### **Total Solar Eclipse of 2024**

On April 8, 2024, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the people of Rochester will occur. A total solar eclipse will start roughly between 2 and 4:30pm. As Churchville sits directly in the path of totality, we will experience 3 minutes and 38 seconds of complete totality. The library has partnered with SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries) and will be hosting fun, educational programming leading up to the big event. In addition, the library is collaborating with the Town of Riga, Village of Churchville, American Legion and the Greater Riga-Churchville Chamber of Commerce members to host a viewing party during the eclipse. Keep checking our

website [newmanrigalibrary.org](http://newmanrigalibrary.org) under Programs/Events as more information becomes available.



### **Preschool Storytime Winter 2024 Session**

Join Ms. Jenna for Preschool Storytime, Thursdays at **10:30 a.m.**, featuring stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays! Designed for children ages 3 to 5 years with a caregiver but all ages are welcome.

Registration is not required but please check [newmanrigalibrary.org](http://newmanrigalibrary.org) or the library's Facebook page for any changes.

#### **Session Dates:**

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
March 7, 14, 21, 28

### **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

### **2023 Holiday Closing Information:**



The library will be closed Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> –

January 1, 2024.

### **Winter Library Hours:**

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



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



## **RIGA RECREATION NEWS**

This past fall saw Riga Recreation wrap up its late summer programs in partnership with the CYA Softball/Baseball & Churchville Soccer organizations. The Riga Pickleball Complex received a facelift due to the “wacky winds” destroying the windscreens and chainlink fence. A new fence was installed along with a new slatted windscreen. Thanks to a few of the regular pickleball players who came early in the morning to help install the almost 1,000 slats! The Riga Highway Dept. is in the process of giving our 3 softball/baseball fields a much needed facelift after 3 years of usage. New soil and

edging has taken place to make these fields safer, not to mention they look.....GREAT!

On Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> we were able hold the annual Churchville Lion's/Riga Recreation Halloween Parade, (for the 14<sup>th</sup> year) despite the threat of rain, sleet, snow! The sun made an appearance at the last minute!!!!!! We, once again partnered with the Churchville Lions & LEO Club to bring this popular event to our “Trick or Treaters”. Over 250 participants dressed ghoulishly) walked behind the Churchville Fire truck up Fitch Street to North

Street and down Main Street to the Village of Churchville parking lot where the over 90 “Tricksters” were lead into the Village Gazebo where the Lion's Club & the Union Congregational Church handed out “Goodie Bags” and apples to them.

Many, 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 Dept. & Fire Police, the Union Congregational Church. Special thanks to “Fairy

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# Dec.-Jan.-Feb. 2023-2024 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. 2... 9:00-3:00pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) "SECRET SANTA" Holiday Decorating Contest, Wednesday, Dec. 13th.....Santa may come to your beautifully decorated home with a "Goodie".....
- 3) Riga Rec "Cornhole Tournament" @ The Cobblestone Hall...Thurs. Dec. 14th...6:30pm
- 4) Riga Rec's 3rd Annual "Build a Snow Sculpture" Contest.....Build your own and send picture Recreation Office! Details in December!
- 5) Christmas Celebration Concert with the CCHS Vocals....Sat., Dec. 16th..1:00- 2:00pm at The Cobblestone Hall
- 6) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thurs., Dec.14th...6:00-8:00pm Riga Town Hall



## January

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Jan. 13th.....9:00am-3:00pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) Riga Rec./Churchville Soccer Club's "Soccer Academy at Churchville E.S. TBA
- 3) Churchville Soccer Club Registration....[www.churchvillesoccerclub.com](http://www.churchvillesoccerclub.com)
- 4) CYA Baseball/Softball Registration.....[www.leaguelineup.com/cyabaseball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/cyabaseball)
- 5) Town of Riga Lodge Rentals...call 293-3880 X121-122 for reservations
- 6) "WinterFest, 2024" ....Details to be announced early in January
- 7) Riga Rec "Cornhole Tournament" Thurs. Jan. 18th @ The Cobblestone Hall...6:30pm
- 8) Cardmaking with Nancy at Riga Town Hall.....TBA



## February

- 1) February Recess Programs (Feb.21-25).....Events to be held at the Rose Gar-den & Bright Raven Gymnastics..... Details will come out in 2024
- 2) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Feb.17th..9:00-3:00pm at Riga Town Hall
- 3) CYA Baseball/Softball "Spring Training" Sessions.....TB
- 4) Riga Rec "Cornhole Tourney" @ The Cobblestone Hall, Thurs. Feb.15th, 6:30pm
- 5) Cardmaking with Nancy at Riga Town Hall.....TBA



\* \* Additional Information and registration for our recreation programs can be found on: FaceBook, the Suburban News, and the Town of Riga's website...[www.townofriga.org](http://www.townofriga.org)

## RIGA RECREATION NEWS (CONTINUES)

Godmother, Verna, for leading the parade! 293-3880 X130.

Please look at the Winter, 2023-2024 programs to see if there are any activities that might interest you and/or your family. If there is a program that you would like to see incorporated in our regular programs just give us a call at

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

Finally, as we head in 2024 we plan to hold "WinterFest, 2024 at CES on Sunday, January 28 that, as always features a "Kid's Carnival" and the Churchville

Lion's "WORLD FAMOUS" Chicken BBQ!

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





## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

The 2024 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 February 10<sup>th</sup>. If first install-

ment is not paid by February 10, total bill plus interest is due.

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

**Feb.11-Feb. 29:** 2<sup>nd</sup> installment due with 1 ½%

**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% interest.

**Apr. 1-Apr. 30:** 4<sup>th</sup> installment due with 4.5% interest.

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

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

**Mortgage  
PAID OFF**

If you recently paid your mortgage off and your taxes used to be paid through escrow, please contact the Town of Riga Assessor at 585 -293-3880 x 126 to be sure your bill is mailed to the correct address.

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



## CHURCH NEWS

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

Saturday and Sunday, December 2-3 Craft Fair at UCC. Saturday 10-3 and Sunday 10-1. Call 293-1665 if you wish to participate in selling your crafts.

Wednesday, December 13, at 6:30 pm. A Healing-Hurt Service. Many people struggle during the holiday season. This is a non-religious service for all who would like to attend.

Sunday, December 17, a special children's Christmas program along with morning worship.

Sunday, December 24, Christmas worship service at 10:00 am . and Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 11:00 pm.

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm.

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.

Our Food Distribution program supported by all the churches of Riga, (Riga Congregational, United Methodist, Union Congregational, Faith Chapel and Calvary Chapel as well as ANG Market, Upstate Dairy and Churchville Lions Club) continues monthly the **fourth Wednesday** of each month from **4-5 pm**. (December's distribution will be on the third Wednesday of the month because of the holiday.)

*Blessings to all.*

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### December

- 3 Tree Lighting Event—Village Hall
- 12 SCOR Christmas Party will be at Red Fedele's Brook House
- 18 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 25 & 26 Town Hall Closed for the Christmas Holiday



### January

- 1 Town Hall Closed for New Years Day
- 9 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall -Tentatively Ron Belczak the Riga Town Historian will present a program.
- 16 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 28 WinterFest held at Churchville Elementary School features a “Kid’s Carnival” and the Churchville Lion’s “WORLD FAMOUS” Chicken BBQ!

### February

- 13 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall—Sweetheart Colonial Ball
- 14 Valentines Day!
- 19 Town Hall Closed for Presidents Day
- 20 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm



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

Your local Harvey C Noone American Legion Post 954 continues to support our Veteran and Community. Please mark on your calendars our annual “Wreaths Across America” on 16 December at Riga, Creekside and St Vincent cemeteries. ICW with the Girl Scouts, we lay Christmas wreaths on our departed veterans graves that is very similar to what Arlington National Cemetery does in Washington DC. We are also hosting our Christmas party for

Legion family members on 8 Dec. If you are eligible to join, please consider joining and becoming a member.

We continue to have open to the public events at the legion:

First Thursday: Bingo  
Second Thursday: Trivia  
Third Thursday: Euchre

In the future, items to put on your calendar, on 24 April, the post will celebrate our 100th year anniversary of our founding – more to

follow. Also on 8 April, ICW community, the Post will host the Solar Eclipse Viewing Party!

Lastly, we are the fastest growing Post in Monroe County. We are open on Thursday and Friday nights, you are invited to stop in and check out the place and join subject to eligibility rules (spouse, parents, grandparents served in the military).

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





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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**



*Donate  
Blood*

### RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE

6460 BUFFALO ROAD-COMMUNITY ROOM

Monday, December 18, 2023

Tuesday, January, 16, 2024

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)