

# TOWN OF RIGA

## NEWSLETTER

### Riga Town Board Members

**BRAD O'BROCTA, SUPERVISOR**

**JAMES FODGE, COUNCIL MEMBER, KEN KUTER, COUNCIL MEMBER**

**DEREK HARNSBERGER, COUNCIL MEMBER**

**DEBORAH CAMPANELLA, COUNCIL MEMBER (EDITOR)**

### Supervisor's Report

As of this writing, Mother Nature has certainly been kind to us this winter. As a skier myself, it has been a disappointing winter so far. March, however, as we have seen in the past, can be a wild card in terms of weather, so we will see what is in store for us going forward! With that in mind, please be conscious of our plow trucks when they're out salting and plowing our town roads. Your patience is appreciated.

We continue to work on updating our Town Code. Chapter 95 remains an area of emphasis, as it is such an important section that affects how our town develops. We are also reviewing our Code on commercial solar energy systems overlay districts. We are making significant progress, but still have work to do, so we thank you for your patience as we work on this important update.

At our January organizational meeting, the Town Board appointed Greg Adams to the Citizens Advisory Board. Greg will continue to serve as a member of our Conservation Board as well. A huge thank you goes out to Greg for accepting this appointment!

On behalf of the Riga Town Board, I want to thank former Town Board member Cindy Jessop for her many years of service to our community. She was an integral part of all that we have accomplished during her tenure. Her

positive attitude and invigorating spirit will surely be missed!

*thank you!*

I also want to welcome our newly elected Town Board member Ken Kuter. Ken brings with him a wealth of knowledge and expertise in town government that will benefit us all for many years to come. Thank you, Ken, for your willingness to serve our residents in this capacity!



Please join the American Legion Post #954 on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> to help honor those who have died while serving our country's armed forces. A memorial service will be held at the Churchville Elementary School, 36 West Buffalo

Road, starting around 10 AM. A parade will follow the memorial service, ending at the Churchville Cemetery on N. Main St.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please don't

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hesitate to contact myself or any other Town Board member.

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



## Harvey C. Noone Post #954

Your Harvey C Noone American Legion Post 954 is very busy serving our Veterans and Community. Our Post is number 1 in membership growth in 7th District and Monroe County. We are supporting Bingo at our VA Facility in Batavia every other first Weds of the month. If you would like to support (you do not have to be a Legion family member) - please call 585-293-1364.

**Karaoke:** On 23 March in the evening, we will host our second Karaoke run by our DJ master Geoff Larson (open to the public)

On 24 April, The Legion will celebrate a milestone of being in existence for 100 years! We will have a dinner. More information to follow.



**Easter Egg Hunt:** On 23 March, Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be at the American Legion in con-

**Memorial Day:** On 27 May, your Legion will sponsor the Memorial Day ceremony and the parade. Please come out and participate in celebrating our fallen heroes.

Upcoming events are:

**Midwinter Concert:** Chase away those blues – The Band, "Eight Days A Week" will be performing on March 15th 7-9 pm. Open to the public with a \$5 cover. Veterans are free!

junction with the Town of Riga.

**100 YEAR Anniversary:**

**Submitted by:**  
**Ken Juergens,**  
**Post 954**  
**Commander**



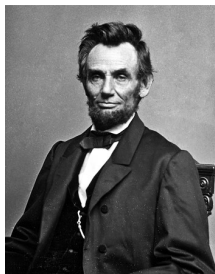
## Travelers Along the Rails of Riga



In past newsletters, I have named two famous individuals that have traveled the railroad tracks through the Town of Riga. They were Abraham Lincoln and Daniel Webster.

Now, there is a third person whose identity I will reveal later in this article.

President Abraham Lincoln's first trip through the Town of Riga occurred in 1861 when Mr. Lincoln left Springfield, Illinois and traveled by rail to our nation's capital to assume the presidency of the United States. Along his journey he spent two



nights in Buffalo, New York where former President Millard Fillmore and a crowd of over 10,000 people greeted the president elect at the Exchange Street Station in Buffalo. At times, the crowd grew disorderly, pushing and shoving, trying to get a closer look and even attempting to physically touch the President elect. The police and members of the military did their best to control the crowd and the local newspaper described the chaos as follows: "The lines were broken, and Mr. Lincoln was able to enter his carriage. Women fainted, men were crushed under the mass of bodies and many others had their bones broken. Once out of the depot every man uttered a brief

"Thank God" for the preservation of his life. More with personal injuries were carried away and the fainted women were recovering under a free use of hydrant water." On Monday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 1861, Lincoln left Buffalo and quietly traveled nonstop through the Town of Riga at about 8:00 a.m. A crowd of onlookers from the town and local schools hailed the President elect as he traveled onward.

President Abraham Lincoln's second nonstop trip through the Town of Riga was much more solemn and respectful when a special train carried the body of President Lincoln, his deceased son Willie, and the Lincoln family

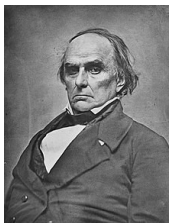
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## Travelers Along the Rails of Riga (continues)

back to Springfield, Illinois shortly after the president was assassinated by a southern sympathizer named John Wilkes Booth. According to a special timetable for conveying the remains of President Lincoln from Rochester to Buffalo, published by the New York Central Railroad, the Pilot engine was followed by the

Cortege Train and was to arrive in Churchville between 4:10a.m. and 4:20a.m. on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1865. Both these trains had the right of way on the tracks and no other train or engine, from either direction, was allowed to run twenty minutes of the scheduled times so that the funeral trains could continue without delay. Rochester's Daily Union and Advertiser newspaper reported the following scene along the way: "All along the road we saw emblems of mourning floating from the farmhouses and other buildings, in some places we noticed bon-fires, which had been built in the night, and around which the farmers and their families had gathered to await the approach of the funeral train."

Our second traveler was a well-known lawyer and orator who once served as Congressman and Senator from Massachusetts and later as Secretary of State, for President Millard Fillmore. He was Daniel Webster.



In 1837 a small steam powered locomotive with railroad cars that looked like stagecoaches arrived in the Village of Churchville from the city of Batavia. Daniel Webster stepped down from the railroad car and proceeded to give a short speech to a large crowd assembled on South Main Street. After the speech, Mr. Webster

continued to Rochester traveling on a special train procured by his friends.

The third and most recently discovered traveler who once made numerous nonstop trips along the rails of Riga was born a year after Daniel Webster made his stop in Churchville. He was an American stage actor who in the 1860's performed in the city of Buffalo and at the Rochester Metropolitan Theater. The Rochester Metropolitan theater was the first playhouse built in Rochester and was once located at the corner of South Ave and Main Street where the Rochester Convention center now stands. Operating under various names since 1848 the theater later became the Metropolitan in 1853 and had seating for about one thousand patrons, gold silk curtains and lighting provided by over seventy-five gas lights.

At 5ft. 8 in. tall, having wavy jet-black hair and a mustache, this individual was described by the local newspapers as overly handsome, and his performances were often very physical and acrobatic. By the end of the 1850's he was incredibly wealthy for the times and along with several members of his family became successful Shakespearean actors.

This person was also well known for his staunch support of slavery but resisted the call for the states to succeed from the union.

On February 2, 1861, our traveler left Rochester, never to return to the flour city, just sixteen days before Abraham Lincoln's Washington bound train would arrive in Rochester.

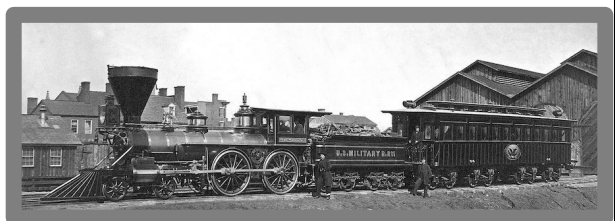
But, by the time the American Civil War ended, this person would become the most hated and wanted criminal in the United States.



The name of that traveler along the rails of Riga was none other than John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abraham Lincoln.

Getting back to the Rochester Metropolitan Theater, I would like to present the following newspaper article which appeared in the Rochester Daily Union, and Advertiser newspaper, January 21, 1861, in which the editor welcomes John Wilkes Booth to his first performance in Rochester. "Lovers of the legitimate drama may congratulate themselves on a season of enjoyment at the Theatre, now about to commence. This evening Mr. J. Wilkes Booth, a young American tragedian of great popularity will make his first appearance in Rochester and open a brief engagement. To add to the attractions of the Theatre and ensure Mr. Booth adequate support in the important parts he will sustain, the manager has engaged the Irving Sisters. The play tonight will be The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet. Mr. Booth will take the part of Romeo, and Miss Henrietta Irving Juliet. We may expect to see this piece rendered to-night in a superior manner."

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





## RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

**Winter highlights-** by the last week of January we had received only 32.9 inches of snow for the season, which is well below the usual accumulation for this time of year. We have used just over 1,100 tons so far this year. The January snowfall would account for most of this. Also, with the high winds we have been experiencing, our crew have been busy removing fallen trees and debris from the roadways and shoulders.

### Brush pickup

Is planned for the week of **April 29th**. Please have 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. Logs do not need to be bucked into small pieces. Truck beds are 12' long enabling us to accommodate branches and logs 14' long. **Construction materials, boulders, stumps with soil on them, concrete will not be picked up with brush.** If you have materials other than brush to be picked up, please call a disposal company (Waste Management, Casella, Suburban Disposal) for those types of materials.



### Brush Drop Off Area

Town residents are welcome to drop brush off year-round at the Highway Dept. Just a reminder that the brush drop-off area and the wood chip pile has been moved to where the old recycling area used to be. The entrance to that is off of

Bromley Rd. You can look for the sign and the new gravel driveway. Wood chips are available to all Riga residents, unfortunately we cannot load your vehicles and we cannot take leaves.

### Roadside Boulders- Posts

As a reminder, we have damaged plow equipment hitting boulders in the highway right of ways placed at entrances to drives. These items are hazardous to the traveling public and highway maintenance equipment. Highway law and insurance companies consider these obstructions in the Right of Way "deadly fixed objects." By highway law any landscaping boulders, posts, retaining walls must be outside the 33' right of way measured from the center of the road. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### Planned Town Roadwork for 2024

This year we will be finishing up Robertson Road with the final surface treat and striping. We will also be true and leveling Chili Ave Ext, Sheridan Rd, and Percy Rd. Our CHIPS funded project for this year will be to pave Gough Rd. from Buffalo Rd. to the railroad tracks. In anticipation of higher traffic volumes due to a recent business development project, we will also be paving Kendall Rd. and Fairbanks Rd. once school is out for the summer.

### Monroe County DOT Road projects for this summer:

As of right now with the lack of county funding, the only road we have scheduled for surface treatment is Attridge Road from Chili Riga Ctr. Rd. to the Chili town line. The county has agreed that next year they will need to produce fundings for several other roads in the town that need repair.



I have heard from several concerned residents about the condition of Chili Riga Ctr Rd, and Buffalo Rd. through the town. Route 490 has been another concern of residents. I have been in contact with the NYS DOT and have been told these roads are on their priority list but as of right now there is a lack of funding for road reconstruction.

Please remember as you are approaching a work zone to slow down and be aware of the surroundings and what is taking place. The flaggers on a work zone are there to control traffic and safety for the ground workers and the motoring public. We know that it creates an inconvenience for the motorist, but we need to do it to keep roads clear and safe for your travels.

**Household Hazardous Waste** can be disposed of at the Monroe County Eco Park. You can visit the Monroe County **Eco Park** website at: <http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/> for an appointment. Or call (585) 753-7600 for information or appointment.

**ADDRESS:** 10 AVION DR, ROCHESTER, NY 14624 (OFF PAUL ROAD ON SOUTH END OF AIRPORT)

### Purpose

The purpose of the Riga Highway Department is to provide safe efficient roadways throughout all seasons for our community and continually seek to improve service to our residents in a cost-effective manner. If you see a condition within the town that needs attention, please call 293-2530 or my cell 733-3808.

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





## SWIMMING POOL PERMITS

With the return of warmer weather this summer season, portable swimming pools will begin appearing in many backyards in our town and village. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), "Each year, nationwide, more than 300 children under 5 years old drown in residential swimming pools, usually a pool owned by their family. In addition, more than 2,000 children in that age group are treated in hospital emergency rooms for submersion injuries."

Please be reminded **all** "swimming pools" require a building permit be issued before installation and final approval is required within 90 days of being issued a permit, before the pool is put into use.

### Definition of "swimming pool"

The term "swimming pool" is defined in the NYS 2020 Uniform Code as "any structure, basin, chamber or tank which is intended for swimming, diving, recreational bathing or wading and which contains, is designed to contain, or is capable of containing water more than 24 inches (610 mm) deep at any point. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground pools; indoor pools; hot tubs; spas; and fixed-in-place wading pools (inflatable pools/storable soft sided)

### Swimming Pool FAQ



### Are There Property Line Setback Requirements for A Swimming Pool?

**Yes.** Generally swimming pools and appurtenances (filters, pumps etc.) concrete aprons and pool decks have side and rear property line setback requirements and vary per land use district, please call the office for setback distances.

Overhead Electric Lines must be located at least **10 feet horizontally** from the water's edge of the pool/hot tub/spa.

### Do I Need to Install A Fence or Barrier (Enclosure) Around the Pool?

**Yes. New York State Residential Code - Outdoor swimming pool.**

An outdoor swimming pool, including an in-ground, above-ground or on-ground pool (**INFLATABLE**), hot tub or spa **MUST** be provided with a barrier which shall comply with the following:

1. The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches (51 mm) measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. Where the top of the pool structure is above grade, such as an above-ground pool, the barrier may be at ground level, such as the pool structure, or mounted on top of the pool structure. Where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4 inches (102 mm).
2. Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere.
3. Solid barriers which do not have openings, such as a masonry or stone wall, shall not contain indentations or protrusions except for normal construction tolerances and tooled masonry joints.
4. Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is less than 45 inches (1143 mm), the horizontal members shall be located on the swimming pool side of the fence. Spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 1.75 inches (44 mm) in width. Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing

within the cutouts shall not exceed 1.75 inches (44 mm) in width.

### What Type of Gate do I Need?

Gates installed in the enclosure need to be self closing and self latching and must open outward (away) from the pool. If the self latching device is located less than 54" from the bottom of the fence it must be installed on the pool side of the gate at least 3" below the top of the gate and there can be no openings greater than ½ "within 18" of the latching device.

### What about Pool Ladders?

Where an aboveground pool structure is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a ladder or steps, then: The ladder or steps shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access, or the ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier that meets the requirements of Section 326.4.2.9. When the ladder or steps are secured, locked or removed, any opening created shall not allow passage of a 4 inch diameter sphere.



### Do I Need A Pool Alarm for The Pool?

All swimming pools installed after December 14, 2006 require a pool alarm that sounds an alarm poolside and at another location on the premises where the swimming pool is located. It must be capable of detecting a child entering the water and give an audible alarm when it detects entry into the water.

### Are There Electrical Requirements?

**Yes.** Electrical requirements are based on the National Electrical Code. Please contact a qualified Electrician or Electrical Inspection Agency.

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**Please have a safe swimming pool season and remember many of the above requirements also pertain to pre-existing swimming pools on your property.**

Please contact the Town of Riga Building Department/Code Enforcement Office at 293-3880 x 124 with any questions.

**Submitted By:**  
**James Ignatowski and**  
**Brian Young**  
**Building Inspectors**



## Recycle Your Shredding

Spring is the season of green grass, flowers, longer days ... and taxes.

For many residents, after tax forms are completed and filed comes a renewed focus on cleaning out paper clutter – specifically, confidential documents. It is important that these types of documents be properly destroyed to avoid putting personal information at risk of identity theft.

Additionally, paper can take up a lot of space in an office, on a desk or inside a filing cabinet. Stacks of paper can present a fire hazard and shredding and disposing of excess paper safely and securely can help minimize this risk.

**DOCUMENTS THAT CONTAIN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SHOULD NEVER BE PLACED IN RESIDENTIAL TRASH OR RECYCLING.** There are several ways to safely clear your home or office of paper clutter while minimizing your risk of identity theft:

1. Buy a home shredder. Many residents who have done this ask, "What should I do with the paper after it has been shredded?" **Empty the basket of the shredding device into a BROWN PAPER BAG AND STAPLE IT SHUT.** Place the bag into your

**residential recycling bin or tote.** Never place loose shredding in your recycling bin! It could blow throughout your neighborhood and become litter. You can always drop off bags of shredded paper to the Monroe County / WM ecopark and place in the blue totes near the hazardous waste area.. Shredded paper can also be composted in backyard compost piles.

2. **RESIDENTS ONLY CAN BRING DOCUMENTS** to the Monroe County / WM ecopark.

The ecopark accepts presorted documents from residents only and holds them in bins for periodic off site shredding.

Please note:

*This service is **NOT** "certified" or "secure" document destruction.*

*Materials should be sorted before coming to facility: No envelopes, magazines, newspaper clippings, manila folders, etc.*

*Materials from businesses, home offices, etc. will be rejected.*

Because of a high demand for this service and limited bin space, the

ecopark asks that residents **limit use of shredding to two bank-size boxes or similar size bags per week.**

**NO APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED to drop off documents at the ecopark for shredding.**

3. Periodically, municipalities throughout the county will offer shredding events for residents. Check with your Town or Village office.

4. There are many retail and not-for-profit organizations that offer shredding services for a fee. Search the internet for locations near you.

By shredding and recycling confidential papers and documents, you are helping to reduce the amount of trees that need to be harvested for paper. Shredded paper is recycled into tissues, toilet paper and – more paper! It's a win for you, your home or office – and the environment!

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



**Riga Cemetery is seeking to grow its Board. Come join us, get involved, and help manage the Riga Cemetery operations. Minimal time commitment required.**

**We welcome your time and talent!**

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



**WREATHS ACROSS  
AMERICA PICTURES**



## **2024 Great North American Eclipse**

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon

passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk.

When watching the partial phases of the solar eclipse directly with

your eyes, which happens before and after totality, you must look through safe solar viewing glasses ("eclipse glasses") or a safe handheld solar viewer at all times.



## **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.

### **Remaining Session Dates:**

March 7, 14, 21, 28

## **Churchville Roadshow - Saturday, March 23 10am to 2pm**

Join us at the library and get your antiques appraised. Rochester-area antique appraisers will be on-site to evaluate your treasures. Appraisals will be \$3 for one item or 2 items for \$5. Please plan to bring items that you can carry in

## **Newman Riga Library**

without assistance. You are welcome to bring photos of large items. Please do not bring weapons in for appraisal. Registration is appreciated but not required.

### **Boxmaking Workshops**

Do you like boxes? Once you know the basics of making a box, you can modify it to any size to hold a book, collectibles or allow it to stand alone as its own piece of art. Thanks to a grant from the Genesee Valley Council of the Arts, Laura Jackett will be offering Boxmaking Workshops for Adults and Youth. Registration is required and can be done by on our website under Programs/Events or by calling the library at 293-2009.

Adults: Tuesday, May 7 – 6pm -

7:30pm

Youth: Saturday, May 18 – 11am-12:30pm

### **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

### **Winter/Spring Library Hours:**

M/W/F: 11am – 5pm

T/TH: 11am – 8pm

SA: 10am – 2pm



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



## **RIGA CEMETERY NEWS**

Erin Maysick and her Churchville Girl Scouts held their annual Wreaths Across America Veteran event on December 16, 2023 at the Riga Cemetery. At our Veteran's section they held a brief ceremony around the flag and played Taps. Next, they and other volunteers distributed their Christmas wreaths to all the Veterans' graves in the cemetery. This year's event will be held on December 14, 2024.

In late November last year we received our first funding from NY

State to repair our hazardous monuments and headstones. Unfortunately, at that time, the weather was too unpredictable to start work on pouring new monument foundations and we expect to start repairs in April or May, 2024.

We also have funding to repair or reposition monuments that have already fallen or broken off their foundations. We will also start repairing these monuments this spring.

A reminder that lot owners should pick up all grave decoration after the Christmas and New Year's season by March 15.

If any Riga residents, or others who have family members buried at the Riga Cemetery, would like to help keep the cemetery looking well-kept and available to hold the remains of friends and family, contact me to help us.

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

**RIGA CONGREGATION-  
AL CHURCH**  
7057 Chili Riga Ctr Rd,  
Churchville

**CHURCH  
NEWS**

We've survived the busy harvest and the hecticness of Christmas. May you have celebrated the birth of Jesus with joy and family love about you! The new year of 2024 is a special year for our church, that of our 200th anniversary !!! Church news is quite exciting, yet a smidge bittersweet. We have bid our dear Pastor David Branch a wonderful, well deserved

retirement ! He anchored our church family thru the ravages of Covid, guiding us with total faith and respect for all. Thank you

Pasto Dave ! With our full gratitude, respect and love.

Pastor Dave gifted us a wonderful suggestion for his replacement. After consideration of a few candidates we have welcomed Pastor JoAnne Santos ! Please visit us any Sunday to experience our energetic, passionate daughter of God!

Service time is 10AM with Fellowship, coffee and conversation. Some culinary treats have been known to be shared!!!

On to our upcoming events! Spring Rummage sale- March 22&23 March 22 - Preview Sale 3PM -7PM \$5 entry donation, which is deducted from your purchase, or "thank you" for the donation! This is the chance to peruse the amazing donations from our community FIRST. Past sales have proven this a shopper favorite!

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## RECREATION NEWS

Riga Recreation ended 2023 with our annual "Secret Santa" trek around the roads of Riga looking for unique & tastefully decorated homes. He and his elves chose 10 homes and presented gift certificates purchased from local businesses to them. The homeowners were VERY surprised and appreciative of these gifts.

We, returned to Churchville E.S. for WinterFest, 2024 on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. The Churchville Lion's Club once again sold out their ever popular Chicken BBQ. Residents were treated to indoor activities highlighted by a FREE Kid's Carnival, put on by Erin Maysick and the local girl scout troop, along with Rich The Magic Man, Air Affair's Bounce House and Arlene's AirBrush Tattoos.

As we have not had a lot of snow-fall (as of this writing) we have had one entry to our "Who Can Build Riga's BEST Snowman/Snow Sculpture contest. Matthew Fishburn build a giant snowman. There is a March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

In the meantime we are planning to hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt once again, at the Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post #945 on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9:30am with 2

to 6 year olds hunting at 10:00am SHARP! In between there will be activities in the Legion featuring: THE EASTER BUNNY, AirBrush Tattoos, many photo opportunities, games, a Jelly Bean Guessing Contest and maybe more!

"Once in a Lifetime" event — The Total Solar Eclipse which is right over our neighborhood on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>! The Town of Riga will be giving out FREE solar eclipse glasses to residents.

We are also working with Waste Management, the Village of Churchville, and Monroe County Park's to celebrate "Earth Day/Pick Up The Parks" program at the East-West Lodge on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am. Be looking for additional details on the Town and Village websites, our electronic sign, and in the Westside News. This is a wonderful opportunity to beautify "OUR" terrific Churchville Park.

We are in the beginning stages of tweaking our popular Riga Summer Camp Program. Director David Childs, myself, the Riga Town Board and the Churchville Chili SD are working together to

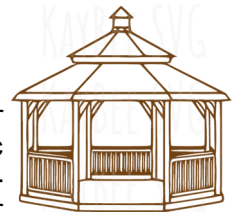
make some minor adjustments and will have additional information out mid to late March. Thanks for your patience.

The Churchville Youth Assn. (Softball/Baseball) and the Churchville Soccer Club are now taking registrations for the 2024 season. See website information provided.

The Summer Gazebo Music Series is complete. This year we lead off with The Don Newcomb Band followed by Get Off My Lawn, 3 Hits and a Miss, The Brick Band, Blue Sky for the "Relay For Life/Luminaria" celebration, and the band Feedback. All concerts start at 6:30pm and go till 8:00pm EXCEPT on August 7<sup>th</sup> when we start at 7:00pm for the Relay For Life!

Always, we look for additional feedback on current programs and also any/all ideas you may have for NEW offerings. Feel free to contact us at any time.

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





# MAR.-APR.-MAY 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

## March

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. March 16th Riga Town Hall .....9:00am
- 2) CYA Baseball/Softball for Ages 6-15 [www.leaguelineup.com/cyabaseball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/cyabaseball)
- 3) Churchville Soccer Club.....[www.churchvillesoccerclub.com](http://www.churchvillesoccerclub.com)
- 4) Riga's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Sat., March 23rd @ Harvey C. Noone Lodge
- 5) Cornhole Tourney @ Cobblestone Hall...Thurs. March 14th....6:00pm
- 6) Pickleball @ McNeely Park.....Starts March 15th....Sunrise to Sunset
- 7) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thurs. March 21st 6-8pm Riga Town Hall



## April

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne.... at the Riga Town Hall....Sat. April 13...9:00am
- 2) Earth Day/Pick Up the Parks at Churchville Park, \* \* Come celebrate this special day by cleaning up OUR park! Saturday, April 20th..9:00am @ East-West Lodge
- 3) Cornhole Tourney @ The Cobblestone Hall...Thurs. April 18th.....6:00pm
- 4) Pickleball @ McNeely Park .....Sunrise to Sunset
- 5) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thursday, April 21st 6-8pm Riga Town Hall



**SPECIAL EVENT!!!! Total Solar Eclipse**  
**Monday, April 8th**

## May

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. May 18th,@ Riga Town Hall.....9:00am
- 2) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thurs. May 16th....Riga Town Hall....6:00pm
- 3) Pickleball at the McNeely Park venue Play ANYTIME...We have supplies you may borrow from sunrise to sunset!
- 4) Cornhole Tourney @ The Cobblestone Hall, Thurs. May 12th....6:00-8:00pm



For further information on programs call 293-3880 x 130

PLEASE LIKE Us on Facebook

\* Summer Camp.....Early Bird Discount of 10% goes into effect March 31 'til June 14th  
More details to follow

\* \* Additional Information and registration for our recreation programs can be found on: FaceBook, the Westside News, Genesee Valley PennySaver, 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

## SCOR NEWS

### Let's Get the Winter Blues on the Run

Being lonely is as harmful to health as smoking according to the Surgeon General. What's the use of sitting alone in your room? Come to SCOR luncheons. Well we do not have a cabaret; but we do have food and lots of visiting and often an informative program on the second Tuesday for 11 months of the year. We go on vacation in August. The glitch is that you need to bring a plate and tableware for yourself and a dish-to-pass. Some bring their favorite coffee/tea mug as well.

If you have no dish to pass, put \$3 on the table when you sign the attendance sheet. That signature is required because SCOR is a non-profit entity and receives funds from the Town. Tables are called by random number with exceptions. First we call all those who need help at the buffet table, then the Committee who set up the room and thirdly the Officers' table.



**March 12** is our St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage lunch. Appropriate sides and Wearin' of the Green are encouraged. Our program will be presented by Rebecca Tschudy, the program coordinator for *Homesteads for Hope*, a non-profit inclusive 55 acre community farm located in

Spencerport that provides opportunities to live, work, learn and grow in nature's classroom.

**April 9** will feature ham provided by the club. Our members should bring appropriate sides. Our own Deb Grasso will do a Power Point Presentation by the Alzheimer's Association entitled "Ten Warning signs of Alzheimer's."

**May 14** is the celebration of the founding of SCOR. We will have a sit down anniversary dinner served to us at Red Fedele's Brook House. Choices are Roast Prime Rib, Chicken French, or Baked Salmon. We require a \$15 per person fee. The dessert cake delicious choice is being debated by your SCOR officers.

Trips Available to All Riga Residents.

Taking trips is a benefit to our well-being. We anticipate and plan; then we enjoy the trip; lastly we have made new memories of novel experiences.

### March 25, 2024

We are off to Seneca Niagara Casino for the matinee show of LOVE ME TENDER, an Elvis tribute show. We will receive \$20 slot play and \$10 Seneca dining dollars. The bus leaves the Legion parking lot at **9:45 am**--please arrive 15 minutes early. We return at approximately **6:30 pm**. Cost for Riga residents is **\$65**. Book early.



### April 2, 2024

A trip to Old Order Amish Country in the Cherry Creek and Conewango Valley communities takes use back in time. The Amish live without modern conveniences. We will have a step on guide. We will visit several shops. Be advised they are **cash only**. Lunch is at the South Dayton Hotel. Meal choices are: Roast Beef Dinner, Fish Fry or Chicken Parmesan. We leave at **6:30 am** (please be there 15 minutes early.) Arrive back at the Legion at **7:30 pm**. The cost is **\$139** for Riga residents.



**May 8, 2024** We're off to the famous Corning Museum of Glass. We will participate in the hands on workshop **MAKING A SUNCATCHER**.

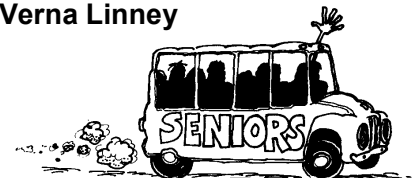
There is the live Hot Glass Show to see and then explore the glass museum on your own.



Lunch is included with a meal voucher. Any balance can be used at the gift shop. We depart from the legion at **8:00am** (be there 15 minutes early) and arrive back at **5:30 pm**. Cost for Riga residents is **\$115**.

Call Pat Sauer at 293-1549 or 703-5717 or email her at [psauer@rochester.rr.com](mailto:psauer@rochester.rr.com) to make reservations.

**Submitted by:**  
**Verna Linney**



**DAYLIGHT  
SAVING TIME**  
**SPRING FORWARD**  
March 10, 2024



hello.  
**spring**

**March**

- 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 12 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall
- 23 Easter Egg Hunt Meet at American Legion
- 26 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 31 EASTER SUNDAY

**April**

- 8 SOLAR ECLIPSE [Town Hall will be closed]
- 9 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall
- 20 EARTH DAY/Pick up the Parks—9am Churchville Park East/West Lodge
- 30 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm

**May**

- 14 SCOR— Anniversary Dinner at Red Fedele's Brook House
- 27 Office Closed for Memorial Day—Memorial Day Parade in the Village of Churchville



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**

March 23 - Traditional Rummage 9AM -2PM  
Plenty of great finds and we "wheel and deal" to make items MORE a deal!

Traditional Turkey Dinner - April 27  
Enjoy a roast Turkey dinner with all the sides Cost is \$15 per dinner, with family size portions.

This IS a drive thru dinner with service beginning at 3PM !  
Serving until gone.

Our planning has not been finalized for the year, as our energies had to be concentrated elsewhere. Keep an eye out for updates on our 200th Anniversary !

Have a blessed and safe waning of winter! Enjoy the gifts of God & please Mother Nature be sweet.

**Union Congregational United Church of Christ – 14 N. Main St, Churchville**

Saturday, March 9, our annual Ham Dinner will be held as an drive-thru, take-out only dinner. Take-out will

begin at: 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm or until sold-out. Cost is \$15.00. Come early to be assured of a delicious meal.

Thursday, March 28, a Maundy Thursday service will be hosted by Parma UCC Church as a combined service with Union and Spencerport UCC churches.

On Friday, March 29, at 12:00 pm, a Good Friday service will be hosted by Spencerport UCC church and combined with Union Church, Parma UCC , and Spencerport Ecumenical Association.

Palm Sunday, March 24, service at Churchville UCC will include a parade of palms carried by the children.

Easter Sunday, March 31, a Continental Easter Breakfast is planned at 8:30 am followed by our Easter Morning Worship at 10 pm. All are welcome.

Sunday, May 12, -- Mother's Day – a Cupcake Sale will be held before and after the 10 am worship service. Come early and find a special cupcake for your mother or a special friend.

Monday, May 27, at 9:00 -10:00 am, a Memorial Day Breakfast, will be

held at Union Church for the community. There will be plenty of pancakes and sausage for everyone. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 3. Veterans are free.

After breakfast, watch the Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the American Legion. Be sure to notice Garrett Allen driving his tractor with a small trailer highlighting Union Church accompanied by children and adults distributing bookmarks and candy.

Our monthly day for distribution in our Food Distribution program is the **fourth Wednesday** of each month from 4-5 pm. It is supported by the six churches of Churchville, as well as ANG Market, Upstate Dairy, Wegmans. Churchville Lions Club, and various other organizations and individuals

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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### 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**

**Tuesday, March 26th 2024  
Tuesday, April 30th 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)**