

# TOWN OF RIGA

## NEWSLETTER

### Riga Town Board Members

**BRAD O'BROCTA, SUPERVISOR,      KEN KUTER, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR**  
**JAMES FODGE, COUNCIL MEMBER**  
**DEREK HARNSBERGER, COUNCIL MEMBER**  
**DEBORAH CAMPANELLA, COUNCIL MEMBER (EDITOR)**

### Supervisor's Report

The Town Board, in conjunction with our Highway Superintendent, has submitted a grant application for the Town of Riga Gilman Road Sidewalk Extension Project to the Monroe County Sidewalk Initiative Program. The Program is administered by the Monroe County Department of Transportation and offers up to a 50% match of construction costs to assist local municipalities construct new sidewalks along County roads. We are proposing to install an ADA compliant sidewalk on the south side of Gilman Road, starting at the existing sidewalk stub, just west of the Spotts Circle intersection, ending at North Main Street. The proposed sidewalk would complete a much-traveled significant loop through the Village of Churchville that would include Churchville Park. This would also eliminate pedestrians from having to walk on the heavily traveled winding road. Special thanks goes out to our County Legislator Steve Brew, Mayor John Hartman and Village Trustees for their letters of support for this important community project.

The Town Board has approved funding in excess of \$310,000 to replace the older playground equipment at the Sanford Road Park with a new, accessible playground that will serve all our residents well for many years to come. Thanks goes out to our Recreation Director Dave Thomas and Highway Superintendent Scott Flagler for their help in making this project a reality. With the help of our Highway Dept. employees, we hope to have this completed and ready for use

before winter.

We continue to make progress on updating our Town Code. The Town Board recently held a workshop to focus on updating our Code that deals with commercial solar projects within the Town of Riga. We expect to complete this specific update on commercial solar projects within the coming months. The Town Board is also reviewing proposed changes to the rest of our code as we move into the final stages of the code update project. This project has been a major undertaking that has required an immense amount of time and energy from so many folks here at the Town Hall. As we get closer to the end of this project, we will be ever-more diligent to make sure the proposed changes to our Code will continue to keep Riga the wonderful place it is now and well into the future.

Preparations are underway to begin working on our 2025 Town Budget later this fall. As the old saying goes – 'don't fix what isn't broken'... Our tried-and-true methodology for developing a budget will continue as it has been for many years. We will meet with department heads and other outside parties that provide services for the Town to discuss budget needs for next year. Each and every budget line will be reviewed to ensure requests are appropriate and meet the needs of our community. With the steady guidance from our Town Board and help from the incredible staff we have here at the Town of Riga, the Town continues to be in strong financial shape.

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## Supervisor's Report (continues)



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

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



## Harvey C. Noone Post #954

Greetings from your Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post 954! Though we enjoyed a summer break, it did not mean we have stopped working. We have completed a huge makeover of our upstairs bathroom from a conventional one to a handicapped bathroom. A huge thank you to our Legion Adjutant and master builder, Wayne McConnell, who led our efforts along with our Legion team.

We meet again on September 26 with our new leadership team for 2025. We have a craft fair on October 12th along with the sons offering hot dogs, hamburgers,

italian sausages on the grill and an ice cream truck. We will celebrate Veterans Day on November 11th at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour and the 11<sup>th</sup> minute at the Newman Public Library, with wreath laying, remarks and a rifle squad.

Remember, if you are a **veteran, son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter of a veteran**, check out your legion on Thursday (6:00pm) or Friday nights (7:00pm) and learn more about the Legion Family and consider joining the fastest growing Legion in the County.



### **Upcoming events:**

Craft Fair Oct. 12th, 10-3

Flu Shot Clinic Sept. 21st, 10-12 pm

Euchre resume Sept. 19th, every third Thursday of the month

Bingo resumes Oct. 3rd, every 1st Thursday of the month

Trivia resumes Oct. 10th, every second Thursday of the month

For God and Country

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



## The Fourth At Riga

Another fourth of July has come and gone and for most of us, the day was spent with gathering with family and friends. As evening approached, we boarded our modern-day carriages and went in search of the nearest pyrotechnical display.

Unquestionably, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is the most important day in our nation's history. Giving it some thought, I wondered how our Riga Pioneers, would have celebrated the day. Digging through the research material, I came across one of the earliest remembrances of the Fourth at Riga. It was an 1841 Rochester Daily Democrat newspaper article titled THE FOURTH AT RIGA, written

just 32 years after the establishment of the Town of Riga. Following is that article in its entirety:

"The eye of the patriot never saw a more glorious scene than was established on the 3rd (Saturday). The day was auspicious, and thousands poured in from all quarters. From Chili, from Ogden, from Wheatland and Bergen. Ogden – was here in her pride and strength. She came in a long procession with her banners floating and her colors flying – in her line were six four and one six "harnessed teams. When united with Churchville, with Riga and Bergen, they formed a line of carriages of two miles in length numbering 200. Carrying from 2 to 54 people. Chili turned out her

swarms of blooming daughters and noble sons, in a line of carriages extending a mile, 100 in number. Wheatland, she, too, was here, in large numbers, with the bone, sinew and virtue of her noble town. Bergen – oh! Bergen – she had an 'old fashion celebration;' only a few (we regret to say) of her spirited tee-totalers were here. Riga – indomitable Riga, why, she was at home.

Assembled on the ground, the sight was imposing in the extreme. The seats, enough to hold 2,000, were arranged on a slope of ground in a thick wood, one overlooking the other. These were principally filled with ladies and children, with their bright eyes and joyful countenances. On three sides of the seats, were closely

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## The Fourth At Riga (continues)

arranged carriages, sufficient to hold the rest of the congregated mass of near or quite 4,000, (many say 5,000). On the fourth side, was tastefully fixed the Speaker's stand. Suspended on the back of the seat, over the Speaker's head were portraits of the Presidents encircled with vines; and still above them the strips and stars. At the right of the Speaker, were seated three or four patriots of the Revolution.

The most perfect stillness reigned during the exercises - every mind stretched to the utmost to catch with eagerness the noble sentiment as they dropped from the lips of the Orator, while the countenancers of the Revolutionary veterans animated with joy, and the painted canvasses over their heads seemed to have caught the spark of the enthusiasm and look down with a benignant smile of appreciation upon the delightful scene.

At the close of the Oration, D. N. Merritt was loudly called for, and made a few excellent remarks. A Temperance Hymn was then sung by a few young ladies, after which all repaired in procession, headed by the LeRoy Band, to the beautifully spread tables.

I shall attempt no analysis of the Oration, more than to say the Orator acquitted himself with ability and that his main object seemed to be, to show that the evil of intemperance was a national one, that it was not local or governmental, but all pervading, and therefore it was right and proper, as our nation's anniversary, to celebrate it in such a manner as to forward this great Moral Revolution of freedom from debauchery and drunkenness.

The celebration will tell for the cause of teetotalism. The time, the

place, the scene, and sentiment, can never be erased from the minds of those who witnessed it. All are in ecstasies about it. Old hoary-headed men have remarked that their minds were never strained to that pitch of intense delight before. That they thought they had, in their younger days, enjoyed happiness at some of their gatherings of debauch and revelry; but that it was nothing to this.

A new and glorious era has commenced in our nation, when one of the greatest causes of the acknowledged physical, mental, and moral degradation of our people, since the Revolution, is to be done away. That instead of going down the hill of degeneracy with rapid strides and sinking into degradation and effeminacy - as other proud and noble nations have done before us, from similar vices - we are on the right-about face; beginning to ascend the grand hill of physical, intellectual and moral greatness, till we reach the high eminence where stood the fathers and mothers of the Republic. With a physical frame capable of enduring great fatigue; an excellent as powerful, and a moral feeling as high, as holy and as pure as this, which never can be attained till we cease some of our destructive and vicious practices, and especially, drunkenness with the men and light lacing with the females."

After the picnic dinner the crowd was entertained by the presentation of numerous toasts given by local dignitaries and prominent citizens. In all there were twenty-three toasts celebrated, most of them had a temperance theme while the others were patriotic. Some of those toasts were recorded as follows: "To the Veterans of the

Revolution; As their numbers diminish, their persons and their legacies appear more precious. May they not be forgotten in their declining years. Three cheers! The fourth of July, 76; The day our fathers resolved to be free. Let us not sacrifice that freedom by becoming slaves to intemperance. Three cheers! By A. M. Frost; The Tree of Liberty. A small sapling planted July 4, 1776, one of the loftiness trees of the forest. May it continue to rise and extend, till all nations shall recline under its shadows. Four cheers."

"Thus closed this glorious day. Not the slightest accident occurred near the festivities - with the exception of a young man who was going to Bergen, when about a mile and a half from the ground, was thrown from his horse and slightly injured."

Although never mentioned in the article, I have no idea where, in the Town of Riga, this event took place. The time of the festivities is also not mentioned but I can propose a time schedule by studying other 4<sup>th</sup> of July newspaper articles. Arrival time would have probably taken place at 10:00 am with the band playing and singing by various choral groups. Speeches would follow, sometimes lasting four hours, then lunch and following the lunch were the toasts. The guest would have departed around four pm.

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



# RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

As we move from a busy summer of construction and vacation with family and friends, we notice the days are shorter and it is darker in the mornings. Evenings are not quite as long as they were a month ago. As we transition to autumn we look back on what was 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 continually go above and beyond to make Riga a great place to live and work.

## Town & County Road Work Accomplished

Percy Road was paved by a process that is new to our town. It is a dense graded cold mix installed 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. We have been working to get Kendall, Fairbanks, and Gough Roads paved prior to the start of school. We took on the job of paving Pinetree Lane at Churchville Park for the County of Monroe. The entire roadway was taken out and a small parking area for the tennis courts was added. A new culvert was installed and a new stone base put in place before it was paved. Another one of our Monroe County projects was to true and level, and install new shoulders on Attridge Road. Once complete, it was stone and oiled to seal out water.



Shared Services between the towns on roads mentioned herein happen with most summer road projects. You will often see Ogden, Chili, Sweden, Wheatland, Parma, Hamlin, and the Village of Churchville trucks and equipment working in Riga, helping with County and Town road projects. We provide equipment and labor to surrounding towns and our village for County work, as well as Town roadwork requiring more manpower, equipment, and trucking than individual towns can provide. We work together to complete projects done in a timely and cost-effective manner. The Town of Riga, and surrounding towns and villages have been sharing services, working together diligently to save taxpayers' dollars for many years.



Fall Brush pickup is planned for the week of October 21st. 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 butt end towards the road, in orderly piles. Do not cut it 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, and pallets will not be picked up with the brush. We can no longer take stumps as we have no way to dispose of them. If you have materials other than brush to be picked up, please call a commercial disposal company (Waste Management, Suburban Disposal, or Casella) for those types of materials. *If you are a landowner and do not care to drag brush to the roadside, consider making brush piles for wildlife and returning organic matter back to the soil. There are great resources on the internet discussing benefits of brush piles.* You can always bring brush to the Highway Department all year long. We have a dump site here that you can drop off located next to our wood chip pile.

The purpose of the Riga Highway Department is to provide efficient roadways 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 road conditions that need attention, please call the Highway office 293-2530.

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



**DRIVING THROUGH  
A WORK ZONE?**

**STAY ALERT, FOLLOW  
THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT  
AND LOOK  
OUT FOR WORKERS**

**THANK  
YOU**



# Newman Riga Library

## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME



### Automatic Renewal of Library Materials

Starting May 1, 2024, the Monroe County Library System introduced automatic renewals. Four days before an item is due, the item will be automatically renewed if:

- No other patrons are waiting for a hold on that item
- There are remaining loan periods available for the item
- Your library account is in good standing
- The borrowed item is eligible for general renewal.

Patrons will receive a courtesy notice sent via **email** to let them know which items have been renewed. It is important to review this email carefully as it is possible that some items will not automatically renew. Please confirm that you have a **valid email address** attached to your library account. Contact the library if you need assistance with this.

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.

### The JFK Assassination – The Next Chapter? Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 6-7:45pm

There is startling new evidence uncovered regarding the 1963 JFK assassination. As a presenter for the last 10 years of the “Who Really Killed President John F Kennedy” programs, Churchville resident Marty Molinari has said that this assassination was a huge jigsaw puzzle with many significant pieces missing for the past 6 decades. Recent disclosures show that this large puzzle is actually a much smaller circle and Marty will present this critical and updated information. Registration is required\*



#### Fall Hours:

M/W/F: 11am – 5pm

T/TH: 11am – 8pm

SA: 10am – 2pm (Starting on September 7<sup>th</sup>)

### Preschool Storytime Fall 2024 Session

Children ages 3 – 5 yrs. are invited to join Miss Jenna for Thursday Morning Preschool Storytime! The Fall Session will start on **Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 10:30 a.m. and runs 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:

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 7, 14, 21

### Alzheimer’s and Dementia – Communication Strategies: September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

Alzheimer’s Association volunteer and local resident Deb Grasso is returning with a new program.

### \*Program Registration Information

For all programs requiring registration, you can either call the library or go on-line at [newmanrigalibrary.org](http://newmanrigalibrary.org) under Programs/Events.

#### 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**



### Altered Books Workshops

Students will learn the basics of pop up and kaleidoscope books. These books may look strange and funny, but they can pack a powerful message. Here’s a chance to create a new work of art by modifying a book. Thanks to a grant from the Genesee Valley Council of the Arts, Laura Jackett will be offering Art Workshops for Adults and Youth.

Registration is required\*

Adults: Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2-3:30pm

Youth: Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 11-12:30pm

After this program, you will be able to:

- Explain how dementia affects a person’s ability to communicate.
- Describe how a person-centered approach can help with communication challenges.
- List strategies to help you communicate well with a person living with dementia.
- Identify ways to improve communication with family, friends and health care professionals.

Registration is required\*

## NEWS FROM THE ASSESSORS OFFICE

### **ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTIONS REMINDER**

On the NYS 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 2024-2025 school year, is **\$107,300**. Resident property owners, who are at least 65 by the end of 2024 (born on or before December 31, 1959), whose **2023 Federal Adjusted Gross** Income (minus any taxable IRA distribution) fits into this category, must apply by March 1, 2025. 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 applicants (meaning those who already have the Basic STAR, and believe they are entitled to the Enhanced STAR) 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

Those residents who are delinquent with their NYS Taxes will lose their Basic or Enhanced STAR exemption.

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

As of the 2024 Calendar year, there have been 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 with exceptions:

- A copy of a 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 to be completed.
- 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".

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**eco**park **W.M.**  
**NEW**  
**Bottle & Can Charity Drive Inside**

Please have empty and bagged.  
Acceptable NYS Returnable Beverage Containers only

The Ecopark now has a dedicated area accepting NYS returnable beverage containers to help support local charities. Visit Ecopark at 10 Avion Dr. Rochester, NY 14624 on Wednesdays 1:00pm-6:30pm and Saturdays 7:30am-1:00pm

Ecopark website

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark>

**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**



## NEWS FROM THE ASSESSORS OFFICE (CONTINUES)

### 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
	= INCOME

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 are in because all the School Districts have different levels).

If you have questions, and I may be of assistance, please give me a call at the Town Hall – 293-3880 extension 126.

In addition to all of this, the amount of the exemption you will receive will be based upon the income level each taxing jurisdiction (County, Town,

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



### Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Members Needed

- Commitment:** Planning Board and/or Zoning Board of Appeals meets once a month. You will serve in the absence of a regular member.
- Remuneration:** \$60/meeting– that you serve.
- Qualifications:** Interest in development within the Town of Riga.
- How To Apply:** Please send Letter of Interest to: **Town of Riga Supervisor  
6460 Buffalo Rd  
Churchville, NY 14428**



## RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

We completed the first phase of our monument repairs for 2024. Our 15 dangerous monuments, whose repair is being funded by NYS, have been repaired. This process required the removal of the monument from its existing deteriorated or non existent foundation, digging a new foundation hole down to 42 inches, creating a foundation form, filling it with concrete, moving the monument to its new foundation, and adding top soil and grass seed.

The second phase of our monument project is to repair 10 other monuments that have

already fallen, or are the older tablet type headstone requiring straightening or placement flat on the ground. Work is scheduled to begin in early August. Thanks to Scott Flagler, Highway Superintendent, for keeping up with the mowing of the Riga Cemetery grounds. Also thanks to Tim Spears and Dave Adams for installing 5 bluebird houses across the cemetery. They report that 2 of the bird houses are already populated with hatchlings. Additional thanks to Board members, Sue Kuter and Bonnie Loser, for watering and weeding

our trees and flowers in front of our soil collection area, and by the Veteran's Walk and berm.

If you would like to see the repaired monuments or our flowers blooming across the Cemetery please stop by and visit us. If you have any questions about the Riga Cemetery, those buried within, or want to help out, feel free to contact me.

**Submitted by:**  
**John Loser,**  
**President**  
**585-538-2951**



## RECREATION NEWS

As we head into the fall season a huge "thank you" to everyone who came out to support Riga Recreation this summer! Additional kudos to Dave Childs, Summer Camp Director and his counselor staff for providing a wonderful camp experience for more than 100 campers that attended the 7-week program. We could not have done this without the Churchville Elementary School custodial staff who allowed us, for the first time ever, to keep the camp at the school!

Our "first class" pickleball courts continue to see action seven days a week, along with our newly repainted basketball/pickleball court at McNeely Park, and the softball/baseball fields at Sanford Road. Field # 3 at Sanford is now fenced, making all 3 fields top notch!

The Riga Town Board requested the Recreation Department & Highway Department to obtain 3 bids to replace the 25 year old playground at Sanford Road. As of this date, we are working to have a new one installed. Stay tuned!



Riga Recreation's popular Gazebo Concert Series has been well attended despite instances of inclement weather. As of this writing we have 3 concerts remaining. Thanks to The Don Newcomb Band, Get Off My Lawn, 3 Hits & A Miss, Blue Sky, Feed-back, and The Brick Band for entertaining our community. Blue Sky played host to the annual "Relay For Life/Luminaria

celebration honoring and memorializing those who have struggled with cancer.

Once again, many thanks to all who made this summer a successful one: Monroe County Health Bureau, Churchville-Chili O&M, the Churchville Elementary Custodial staff, Dave Childs and his summer camp counselor staff, CYA Softball/Baseball organization, Churchville Soccer Club, the Riga Highway Department, all participants in our Riga Recreation programs, and those instructors of those programs, and finally the Riga Town Board for their ongoing support.

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



## SENIOR CITIZENS OF RIGA



Loneliness is lethal! So says the US Surgeon General Vivek Murty. Do yourself a favor; show up to SCOR luncheons.

Whaddaya have to do? Be a senior citizen. Pay \$1 in yearly dues, bring a dish to pass, serve once a year on the Committee. SCOR, INC, the Senior Citizens of Riga, gather the 2nd Tuesday monthly for luncheons, entertainment, socializing and information. We take August off. We meet mostly at Harvey Noone Legion Hall on Buffalo Rd, opposite the Highway Department Garage, just east of the Riga Town Hall. Doors open at 11:30. Bring your own plate, cutlery, hot drink cup and a side dish to pass. Put \$3 on the table if you have no side dish. If you'd like, bring a little money for our 50-50 Care-and-Share raffle. Please sign-in on the

sheets at your table as a legal record of attendance. As we are publicly funded.

The club provides coffee, tea, creamer and assorted sweeteners. Pitchers of ice water, water cups and napkins are on each table

Happy conversation is provided by the membership. Our mission is twofold: a nice meal for bodily nutrition with loads of socializing to foster friendship. In addition we have an informative program about a half hour long. The more you show up the more familiar faces are. It soon becomes easier to make a connection, to chat, and make small talk. Some may roll their eyes at small talk. However it is not trivial. Making small talk leads to big talk and a path to friendship, and community.

Every member is expected to sign up to be on one month of "The Committee." These folks set up the room with table cloths and table decorations, etc. etc. and then clean up. The Committee members bring desserts, and are the only ones to do so. Their table is the first, with one exception, called to the buffet, with an early dibs on the spectacular array.

When you serve on the Committee you show up early along with a small group. You get to know more people and feel less awkward while doing simple tasks of setting up and clean up.

We have a Care and Share 50-50 raffle each meeting which funds scholarships we award to graduating Churchville-Chili High School Seniors.

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# Sep.-Oct.-Nov. 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

## September

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday Sept. 14th Riga Town Hall, 9-3pm
- 2) Riga Recreation "September" Cornhole Tournament at the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall on September 19th @ 6:00pm 'til?
- 3) Pickleball @ Riga Pickleball Complex, Richard McNeely Park
- 4) Chair Yoga with Jodi @ Riga Multipurpose Room..TBA



## October

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Oct. 19th Riga Town Hall, 9-3pm
- 2) Annual Halloween Parade with Lion's Club, Thursday, 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 the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall, Thursday, October 17th...6:00pm
- 4) Pickleball @ Riga Pickleball Complex, Richard McNeely Park.. Open Play anytime
- 5) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thursday, Oct. 17th, Riga Town Hall, 6:30pm
- 6) Chair Yoga with Jodi @ Riga Multipurpose Room...TBA



## November

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Saturday, Nov. 16th, Riga Town Hall, 9-3pm
- 2) Riga Recreation "November" Cornhole Tournament at the Raymond C. Adams Cobblestone Hall on November 14th, 6:00pm
- 3) Pickleball @ Riga Pickleball Complex, Richard McNeely Park...Open Play anytime.....Weather Permitting
- 4) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thurs. Nov. 21st @ the Riga Town Hall
- 5) Antique & Craft Show, Sunday, November 3rd..8:00am-5:00pm @ the Churchville Elementary School
- 6) Chair Yoga with Jodi @ Riga Multipurpose Room....TBA



Facility Rentals: PLEASE CALL the Riga Town Clerk's Office at 585-293-3880 X 121 or 122 to reserve the Maher Lodge, the Buffalo Rd Lodge



PLEASE LIKE Us on Facebook

For further information on programs call 293-3880 x 130

\*\* 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.com](http://www.townofriga.com)

For facility rentals please call the Riga Town Clerk's Office at 293-3880 x121 or x122



# SCOR (CONTINUES)



First called to the buffet are those needing assistance and/ or their helpers. Then in turn, the Committee, followed by officers-and-guest table. We have a random number generator determine the order for remaining tables.

**September 10th at the Legion Hall** will feature half subs from ANG with choices of turkey, roast beef or tuna. All that along with a bag of chips! Desserts provided by The Committee.

This meeting will preclude the introduction of our Nominating Committee of 3 previous selected people for election of 2025 officers. Any SCOR member can request to be a nominee for office. That member must have had a tenure of 1 year or more in SCOR. There will be forms at each table for sign-up.

Deputy Jonathon Payne of MCSO will present our program. In the

past we have had the adorable, beautiful, and extraordinary blood-hound Peak with her handler Officer Ottley. Last year we were warned about telephone scams and provided with ways to cope successfully. Yearly \$1 dues will be collected.

**October 8th at the Legion Hall** includes a pizza party with, not only the usual choices of veggie or pepperoni, but as a test we are adding white pizza. Salad and assorted dressings will be available. Desserts are provided by the Committee.

The Nominating Committee will address the membership. One dollar yearly dues will be collected. The program is yet to be determined.

**November 12th at the Legion Hall** is a buffet of turkey and dressing made by ANG, with appropriate side dishes by our

members and desserts from the Committee.

Marty Molinari, our November program presenter, is an amateur expert on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He has a depth of knowledge and speaks extemporaneously on the topic. Having read deeply and broadly and by keeping up with all the newly published information, Marty presents programs that always intrigue including "Who Really Killed JFK?"

Officers for the coming year: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be elected by voice or show of hands. A fee of \$15 for our December Christmas sit-down dinner at Red Fedele's Brook House will be collected. Make your choice of Prime Rib, Chicken French or Broiled Salmon.

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



## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

### NEW this hunting season Paper License and Tags:

Beginning with the 2024-25 hunting season, all sporting licenses and carcass tags will be printed on plain paper.

This change is to modernize the purchasing process by allowing easier, quicker access to licenses and tags by printing at-home. HuntFishNY is the official New

York State Department of Environmental Conservation mobile app that **provides sportsmen/women a simple way to display their licenses and privileges and view important hunting and fishing related information.** In addition to the many resources DEC's website offers for hunters, trappers and anglers across the state, the HuntFishNY mobile app offers instant mobile access to

electronic versions of your sporting licenses, privileges and permits; 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.

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



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**  
**FALL BACK**

Set Your Clocks **BACK** an Hour  
Sunday, November 3, 2024

Change your **CLOCKS...**



Change your **BATTERIES!**



# TOWN NEWS

## September

- 2 Town Office Closed For Labor Day
- 10 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall - Subs



## October

- 8 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall - Pizza Party
- 14 Town Office Closed for Columbus Day
- 18 Red Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 31 Halloween Parade—6 pm—Churchville Commons Parking Lot



## November

- 1 Second Round of Doe Permits go on Sale
- 3 Daylight Savings Time—Fall Back
- 11 Town Office Closed For Veterans Day
- 12 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall - Turkey
- 15 Red Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 28 Town Office Closed For Thanksgiving Holiday
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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 NOTICES



**October 31st:** On Halloween night some of our church members will be at the Costume Parade prepared to hand out goody bags to the Halloweeners.



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

**August 25th:** Sunday at 10 am we will have another outdoor service. This service will have a campfire theme.

**September 15th:** Sunday at 10 am we will have an outdoor service, which will be our pet blessing time. Bring your pets for them to be blessed by our Pastor.



**November 9th:** Our Harvest Dinner (take-out only) will be held at November 9th from 3:30 pm until soldout. This is a take-out only dinner. Please come early to be assured of a great meal.

Our monthly food distribution program is the **fourth Wednesday** of each month from 4-5 pm.

It is supported by the six churches of Churchville, (Riga Congregational Church, United Methodist Church, Union Congregational Church, Faith Chapel, Calvary Christian Fellowship and St. Vincent’s) 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.



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**Scott Flagler, Highway Superintendent**

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OF MONROE COUNTY  
1809



### MEETING SCHEDULE

All Town Board Meetings, Workshops and meetings of Appointed Boards and Committees are open to the public. Most meetings are held at the Town Hall at 7 pm according to a regular schedule.

**TOWN BOARD:** 2nd Wednesdays.  
Workshops as needed.

**CONSERVATION BOARD:** 4th Mondays.

**LANDFILL CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD:**  
3rd Tuesday of the Month in January, April, July, and October at 6 pm at Millseat Landfill.

**PLANNING BOARD:** 1st Mondays.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** Scheduled as needed on 1st Thursdays at 7 pm.



**American  
Red Cross**



**RIGA TOWN HALL BLOOD DRIVE  
6460 BUFFALO ROAD-COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Friday, October 18th 2024  
Friday, November 15th 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)**