

TOWN OF RIGA

NEWSLETTER

Riga Town Board Members

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Supervisor's Report

With the holidays behind us, it was nice to see everybody out in our community attending the Wreaths Across America ceremonies. Special thanks to our American Legion Post, Girl Scouts, Village of Churchville DPW, Riga Highway Department, and most of all the residents of our community who sponsored the program. The Christmas Tree Lighting event was once again a success, culminating with a visit from Santa!

We have had a busy schedule over the last few months. The Town Board held two separate public hearings in December to hear public comments on a proposed local law to amend our town's zoning ordinance. The second was to hear comments on amending the town zoning chapter regarding solar energy systems. Upon hearing feedback from the public, the Town Board closed both public hearings and tabled adopting both local laws. The Board scheduled a workshop meeting in January to discuss the comments received from the community and decide how to proceed on both proposed local laws. After much discussion during the meeting, the Town Board adopted Local Law 1-2025 amending the Town of Riga Zoning Code regarding solar energy systems. Next on the agenda was to review the proposed Zoning Map changes. Together with our engineering consultant from MRB and Planning

Board Chairperson, we reviewed the comments from the previous public hearing. Ultimately, the Board put forward a revised Zoning Map amendment proposal that better aligns itself with our Comprehensive Plan. Our next step was to schedule another public hearing in February to hear comments on the proposed Zoning Map changes which would be known as Local Law 4-2025.



Surveying work has been completed on Gilman Road for the proposed sidewalk addition that will run from S. Main St. to Spotts Circle. With the surveying done, our engineer is in the process of formulating the design plan. We will keep you updated as this important project moves forward.

With spring right around the corner, we look forward to opening the new playground at Sanford Road Park, once the weather breaks.

Please join the American Legion Post #954 on Memorial Day, Monday May 26th to help honor those who have died while serving our country's armed forces. A memorial service will be held at the



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Supervisor's Report (continues)

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 hesitate to contact myself or any other Town Board member.

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



TOWN Board Meeting

**New for 2025 -
Town Board Meeting's have moved to the
2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6-30 pm**

Harvey C. Noone Post #954

Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post 954 Newsletter **Greetings Town of Riga Residents,**

As we welcome the arrival of spring, the Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post 954 is excited to share updates and upcoming events that highlight our commitment to serving veterans, their families, and our community. Here's what we have planned:



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: MAY 26

Once again, we will be proudly hosting the Memorial Day Parade to honor the brave men and women who have given their lives in service to our nation. We encourage everyone in the Town of Riga to join us for this meaningful event.

Date: Monday, May 26

Time: Parade steps off at 11:00 AM

Details:

- Guest speakers will pay tribute to our fallen heroes.
- Local scouts, bagpipers, and other groups will march and the high school band will perform.
- Additional activities will occur and follow the parade to foster remembrance and community spirit.



We look forward to seeing you along the parade route to show your support and gratitude for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

EXCITING UPDATES TO OUR FACILITY

Our Legion family is committed to enhancing our facility for the benefit of our members and the wider community. Here are the latest updates:

- **New Flooring Upstairs:** We are undertaking a much-needed upgrade to the upstairs flooring, making the space more functional and inviting.
- **Future Improvements:** We are applying for a grant under New York State's Veterans Capital Improvement Program (if additional funds become available) to install an elevator. This addition will ensure that our facility is more accessible to all members of the community.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Join us for these regular events that bring our community together:

- **Family Bingo Nights:** Fun for all ages!
- **Euchre Tournaments:** A great way to test your card skills.
- **Karaoke Evenings and Trivia Nights:** Sing your heart out, test your knowledge, and enjoy the camaraderie.

MID-WINTER CONCERT

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming mid-winter concert to chase away the winter blues. Stay tuned for more details about this exciting event!

MEMBERSHIP AND FACILITY RENTALS

We are proud to share that our membership now exceeds 100 strong, making us a leader in growth across the county, district, and state. Our Legion is open on Thursdays at 6:00 PM and Fridays at 7:00 PM. We invite you to visit us, and if qualified, you can join as a member.

For rental inquiries or questions, please call us at 585-293-1364.

We are grateful for your continued support and encourage everyone to participate in our events and initiatives. Together, we can honor our veterans and strengthen our community bonds.

For God and Country,

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



RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

Winter Highlights— By the end of January we have received 45.7 inches of snow for the season, which is the average accumulation for this time of year. We have used just over 1,750 tons so far this year. The January snowfall would account for most of this. Also, with the high winds we have been experiencing, our crews have been out most day and nights pushing back drifting snow and clearing debris that has blown into the roads.

As a reminder, we have damaged town plow equipment from 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.



Brush Pickup

Is planned for the week of **May 5th** this year. 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 once again be bulk handling the piles of brush loading on our dump trucks with a rented prentice loader. Logs do not need to be cut 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 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 can not take leaves.



Planned Town Road-work for 2025

This year we will be in-place recycling Chili Avenue Extension, and Green Road and then topping them with asphalt. We will be paving North Johnson Road from Chili Riga Center Road to Sheridan Road. We will also be chip sealing with a fog coating on Sheridan, Bovee, and Sanford Road South.



Monroe County DOT Road Projects for this Summer:

The County roads that we will be working on this summer are North and South Palmer and the east end of Bovee Road. These roads will all be chip sealed with a fog seal coating.

The County has also scheduled a culvert replacement on Attridge Road between Davis and Savage Roads. This will take place starting in mid-May to last approximately four months. The detours will be posted by the County.

I have been receiving several calls from residents concerned about what looks like cameras attached to road signs and poles. These are the new styles of traffic counters to keep track of the number of vehicles traveling on roads. They are

taking the place of the old style that you would have to drive over. This way it can be recorded year-round.

Please remember, as you are approaching a work zone, slow down and be aware of your 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.

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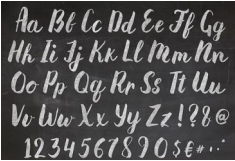
10 AVION DR, ROCHESTER, NY 14624 (OFF PAUL ROAD ON SOUTH END OF AIRPORT)

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 in Riga needing attention, please call 293-2530 or my cell 733-3808.

Submitted by:
Scott Flagler, Highway Superintendent





EDUCATION IN RIGA CELEBRATES

A 75 YEAR ANNIVERSITY



Seventy-five years ago, (1950) the taxpayers of the Town of Riga and parts of the following towns: the Town of Chili, Town of Ogden and the Town of Sweden voted on a plan to centralize their school districts with the intention of establishing a Churchville-Chili Central School District. The fourteen school districts united in the centralization plan were the Union Free School District #4 (Churchville High School), North Chili School (Chili #6), and common school districts (often referred to as one room school-houses) as follows: Riga #1, #2, #5, #8, and #10. Ogden #6, #7, #10 and #14. Chili #1, #7, and #8. Not only did this plan merge school districts but it also required a \$250,000.00 addition to the existing Churchville High School, a \$40,000.00 addition to grade school #6 in North Chili and a new \$250,000.00 school building on Route 33-A near Chili Center to house Kindergarten through grade 6. A school nurse and a guidance director were also to be added to the district staff and a kindergarten facility would be set up for the first time. The study also outlined the addition of an industrial arts program, Junior High School Science program, more business courses, a broader physical education program, an adult education course, a driver education course, and an expansion of commercial studies to the curriculum. Two issues that would require immediate attention were the expansion of the high school cafeteria and enhancing the student bus service. School



taxes for the proposed Centralization plan were calculated to be about \$12.00 for every \$1,000.00 of true evaluation in the first year: \$8.00 for the second and third years and \$11.00 for the fourth, fifth and sixth years. But most importantly, centralization would necessitate the election of an entirely new Board of Trustees for the new school district. Now the story gets more interesting as the residents got closer to voting on the issue but first let us understand the reasoning for school centralization. Simply put, it is a system where neighboring school districts combine resources to not only provide a more cost-effective education system but also to significantly increase the studies available to the students. Historically, its roots go back to the New York State Education Department's 1914 Central Rural Schools Act and then in 1947 the statewide Master Plan for School District Reorganization. One thing to remember is that centralization is not mandated by New York State but rather it is a voluntary effort by local school officials who must then follow the rules and guidelines of the State Education Department. Now getting back to the story of the Churchville-Chili Centralization Program there is one thing I left out in the beginning of the article. That is the fact that the original plan included the Town of Bergen which would have combined twenty-three school districts with approximately 1,200 students. The Town of Byron was also

invited to participate but they would eventually opt out and I could never find a reason for their refusal to enter the plan. By March of 1950, the working committee, consisting of thirty-three members of the proposed Bergen-Churchville-Chili school districts, sent thirteen representatives to Albany on March 27th. But by May 17th, the Bergen school district unexpectedly withdrew from the centralization plan. Their reasons were provided in a Batavia Daily newspaper article as follows: "Action to withdraw was taken at a meeting of district voters at Bergen High School when a majority of those present found the plan unattractive. It was felt that "there was nothing in it for us," Principal Hinsdale said, noting that the centralization plan would have called for a \$7.00 increase in the tax rate the first year with the rate gradually declining to about \$19.00." Another article suggested that the Bergen voters believed that they would have unequal representation on the school board and the fact that Bergen, being mainly an agriculture district, would have its agriculture programs minimized because of the urban nature of the other schools in the system. I can only assume that the Town of Byron had similar thoughts. Just three years later, in 1953, the voters of the Byron and Bergen school districts vote to merge and the Byron-Bergen Centralized School District was created. With Bergen opting out of the centralization plan it was now up to the surviving school districts to use their past four years of arduous work and put back together the original centralization

EDUCATION IN RIGA CELEBRATES A 75 YEAR ANNIVERSITY (continues)

plan which consisted of fourteen school districts in Churchville/Riga, parts of Chili, Ogden, and Sweden area. Working feverously in late May of 1950, just days after the Bergen school district opted out, the centralization committee succeeded in sending to the state commissioner of education the required petition from the majority of the voters representing the majority of the district outside of the village. At the same time a representative from the state commissioner's office completed and submitted a required field survey and map of the district to be included in the Churchville-Chili centralization plan. And lastly, in June of 1950, a petition was put

forward requesting a special meeting to be held by the voters in the centralization plan to vote on its proposal.

Finally, on June 14th, 1950, the voters in the school districts of the proposed Churchville-Chili Centralization plan overwhelmingly approved the proposal by a vote of 656 for and 158 against with one vote being declared void. A proposition to have a seven-person board of education was defeated but the voters did approve the establishment of a nine-member board. Members of that board and the districts they represented were Wilbur

Gruendike, Chili 6; Paul Maier, Ogden 7; Joseph Berle, Riga 4; each for one year; Marcian Hoff, Ogden 6, Norman Egbert, Chili 7, Raymond Adams, Riga 2; each for two years; Neil Cramer, Chill 6; Harold Way, Riga 4; Clarence Haller, Riga 4; each for three years." Mr. Clarence E. Olmsted would serve as the first Supervising Principal (Superintendent) of the newly created Churchville-Chili Central.

There was one last requirement in the Centralized school plan that is well worth mentioning. It stated that if any individual school district, within the Centralization plan, wanted to cease operations it could only do so if the legal voters of that district, at a special or regular meeting, voted to approve the action. The voters of the central district could not vote on the closing of the individual districts and by 1956 all individual school districts (one room schoolhouses) in the Churchville-Chili Centralized school district officially close their

doors forever.

On September 14, 1950, the newly created Board of Education of the Churchville-Chili Centralized School District petitioned the Regents of the University of the State of New York to change the name of the Churchville High School, located on West Buffalo St. in the Village of Churchville, to the Churchville-Chili High School. The name change was accepted, and it would become the only high school in the newly created Churchville-Chili Central School system. In the year 1950 to 1951, the first year of centralization, twenty-five students graduated from the Churchville-Chili High school and the following is a description, as inscribed in the 1951 yearbook, of the theme of their yearbook – the Crest. "Churchville-Chili Central School – new ideas, a new name, a new organization. That is why the Class of 1951 has chosen the "birth of Churchville-Chili Central" as the theme of the '51 Crest." Now turn the pages of the "baby book" and learn about the new school's first year."

Congratulations CHURCHVILLE-CHILI CENTRAL SCHOOL on your "Diamond Jubilee."

Submitted by:
Ron Belczak,
Town Historian



Churchville Lions Club—Medical Loan Closet



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

If you or someone you know, is in need of medical equipment for loan, please contact us to make arrangements at (585) 594-2103 or by email at churchvillelions364@gmail.com

RECYCLING BULKY PLASTIC

For more than 30 years, Monroe County has had a Recycling Advisory Committee. This assembly of individuals representing more than 15 groups, businesses and elected officials assists and advises the County on matters related to solid waste and recycling.

In the early 2010's, a representative from local waste haulers identified a pressing need: a collection area for bulky plastics. At that time items like large toys, laundry baskets, totes, and other items were taken to a landfill at the end of their useful life as there was no separate collection area OR a sustainable recycling stream.

Bulky plastic collection became a reality during the early days of operation of the Monroe County/WM Ecopark, when a roll-off was placed at the ecopark which allowed for a sustainable and meaningful end of life for these large plastics.

Over the years, the Ecopark Bulky Plastic bin became a repository for the many large plastic items that were no longer useful – including things like playground toys, buckets and lawn furniture.

Then came the inevitable **wishcycling** - when someone WISHES an item could be recycled, so they put it in the bin – regardless of guidelines or whether the item belongs. **Some of the unacceptable items that continue to be placed in the Bulky Plastic bin at the ecopark include:** flower pots, hoses, car seats, PVC piping, kitty litter buckets, umbrellas, rubber desk mats, vacuum hoses, tarps, sheeting, vinyl siding and hot tub and pool covers. **THESE ITEMS SHOULD ALL BE PLACED IN THE TRASH – or if in good shape - DONATED or REUSED!**



Only the items listed below should be brought to the Monroe County/WM ecopark by **MONROE COUNTY RESIDENTS** for recycling in the Bulky Plastics bin.

- **Items should be marked with either numbers 2 and 4.**
- **Metal components, such as handles, must be removed**
- **All items must be empty, rinsed if needed, and free of soil, rocks and liquid**
 - ◆ Crates
 - ◆ Buckets – wire handles **MUST BE REMOVED**
 - ◆ Baskets
 - ◆ Totes
 - ◆ Lawn Furniture
 - ◆ Children's Toys - **NO ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS** – rigid plastic, such as play houses, sandboxes and swimming pools
 - ◆ Plastic trash cans and lids; recycling bins

What was a simple idea two decades ago to redirect plastics from the landfill has resulted in more than **200 tons of materials** recycled and diverted from local waste streams through 2023.

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

Alternate Planning Board Member Needed

Commitment: Planning Board meets once a month you serve in absence of a regular member

Remuneration: \$60/meeting– that you serve

Qualifications:
 Interest in development in the Town of Riga

How To Apply: Please Send Letter of Interest to:
 Town of Riga Supervisor
 6460 Buffalo Rd
 Churchville, NY 14428



Newman Riga Library

New Resources!

We are happy to announce two new streaming services available for our patrons residing in the Town of Riga. You will need to use your library card to set up an account to gain access to these. Please call the library if you need assistance.



Kanopy Plus

Kanopy Plus is a **free** on-demand video streaming service that can be used wherever you have internet access. We have subscribed to the **Easy Watching Packs** (crowd-pleasing comedies, fun and entertaining documentaries, popular classic cinema, and family-friendly films) and **Favorites** (staff and patron picks featuring crowd pleasers and acclaimed actors.) Go to <https://newmanrigalibrary.kanopy.com/> to access Kanopy Plus or follow the link from our website.

Udemy

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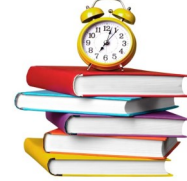


Udemy is an online training site with over 20,000 video courses covering topics including cloud computing, marketing, and project management. To access, go to the Monroe County Library Website at **libraryweb.org** and select Databases under the Digital Library menu option.

Future Programming

Please watch for our Facebook posts and our Programs/Events tab on our website for programs as they are added.

Library Hours



Winter/Spring Hours:

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

It's story TIME **Preschool Storytime Spring 2025 Session**

Join Ms. Jenna for preschool storytime, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., featuring stories, songs, rhymes and FUN! This story time is aimed at ages 3 to 5 with a caregiver but all ages and families are welcome. Registration is not required but please check newmanrigalibrary.org or the library's Facebook page for any changes.

Remaining Session Dates:
March 6, 13, 20, 27

Contact Information

Check our website at <https://newmanrigalibrary.org>
Call us at (585) 293-2009
Follow us on Facebook
Check the Village of Churchville message board in front of the library.

Submitted by:
Lynn M. Brown,
Librarian



RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

We are now working on the second and final round of repairing 11 dangerous/hazardous monuments at the Riga Cemetery. The list has been reviewed by the NYS Division of Cemeteries, quoted by 2 vendors, and the monument locations have been published in a Legal Notice in the Westside News. The purpose of the Notice is to let owners and interested parties know that we may take down, repair, or replace their dangerous monument; and if they would like to repair the monument themselves, they can do so. If we do not receive any

input from the parties by April 5, 2025, NYS is expected to approve the list. We plan to have all monuments repaired by the end of this year.

Last year we had a busy year with full casket burials. Scott Flagler, Riga Superintendent of Highways, has removed all the extra "bottom soil" from our grave excavations. Tim Spears cleaned out the new Blue Bird houses that have been populated last year. Just a reminder to relatives of those buried at the Cemetery that, according to our Rules and Regulations, you must pick up all

grave decoration after the Christmas and New Year's season by March 15.

If you have any questions about the Riga Cemetery, those relatives or friends buried within, wish to donate, or want to help out (about 5 hours a year), please feel free to contact me.

Submitted by:
John Loser,
President
538-2951



RECREATION NEWS

Riga Recreation ended 2024 with our annual Secret Santa trek around the "Roads of Riga" looking for uniquely decorated homes. Santa and his Elves chose 12 homes and gave gift certificates purchased from local businesses to them. The homeowners were SO surprised and appreciative of these gifts. Riga Rec also put on the annual Christmas Concert at The Cobblestone Hall. The performers for this event for our community was the Churchville-Chili High School's "Varsity Vocals". We had a crowd of over 50 that were treated to rousing renditions of "Jingle Bells", "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer" and many others!

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold "WinterFest, 2025" with its "world famous" Churchville Lion's Chicken BBQ due to a lack of manpower. However, there are plans underway to hold a May 3, 2025 spring event at the Village of Churchville Commons area. Stay tuned for further information around this program.

As we have not had a lot of snowfall as of late, we are still hoping residents will get outside and take part in our "Who Can Build Riga's BEST Snow Sculpture/Snowman" contest. As of this writing we have one entry!

We are planning to return to the Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post 945 (6440 Buffalo Road) on Saturday, April 19 for an Easter Egg Hunt starting at 9:30am with the 1 to 5 year olds hunting at 10:00am... SHARP! The 6 to 10 year olds will hunt at 10:45am...SHARP!!! In between there will be activities inside The Legion featuring...THE EAST-ER BUNNY and AirBrush Tattoos by Arlene's Costumes. There will be many opportunities for photos.

We are also working with the

Village of Churchville, Waste Management, Monroe County Sheriff's Department, and the Monroe County Park's Department (Churchville Park Dept.) to celebrate "Earth Day Pick Up The Park's" program on Saturday, April 12th with the event to start at the East-West Lodge at 9:00am. Look for additional details on the Village & Town websites as well as The Westside News and the Town of Riga electronic sign. This is a wonderful opportunity to beautify "OUR" terrific Churchville Park!



We are making plans for our popular Riga Recreation Summer Camp, once again to be held at the Churchville Elementary School Campus. Director David Childs and I are contacting past staff to see what our needs might be. We are updating our registration packet for 2025 and hope to have this information available BEFORE Spring Recess, so that parents/caregivers can make plans for the coming summer. Our thanks go to the CCCSD and the CES custodial staff for accommodating us to make a safe and enjoyable summer camp experience for our youngsters.

The Churchville Youth Assn. and the Churchville Soccer Club are taking registrations for the upcoming season.

The 2025 Summer Gazebo Music Series planning is now complete. This year we lead off with The Don Newcomb Band (7/9), followed by Feedback (7/16), TrueTones (7/23), Get Off My Lawn (7/30), Blue Sky once again "Highlights" our "Relay For Life/Luminaria celebration on (8/6) and finally Midnight Storm will entertain us in the final concert on (8/13).

REMEMBER...all concerts will start at 6:30 till 8:00pm with the ONLY exception being the Relay For Life Concert starting at 7:00pm until 8:30pm.



In addition..... "NATIONAL PLAY OUTSIDE DAY" is the 1st Saturday of EVERY month! Take advantage of this by:

- *Take a hike in our Churchville Park
- *Go for a bike ride (wear a helmet)
- *Play a game of catch
- *Swing on a swing (at your house) or at McNeely & Sanford Road Park
- *Make a Hopscotch/4 Square game or sidewalk chalk drawing
- *Eat lunch outside
- *Plant flowers or a vegetable garden
- *Collect unique looking rocks
- *Go birdwatching (especially at Black Creek in Churchville Park!)
- *Find "The Big Dipper" or "Orion" in the night sky

HAVE FUN

We will let the community know when it is OK to start using the NEW playground at Sanford Road Park.



As always, we look for feedback on current programs and seek information to add NEW ones (example being our NEW "Chair Yoga" program this past Spring!). Feel free to contact this office anytime...293-3880 X4



Submitted By:
Dave Thomas,
Recreation
Supervisor

MAR.-APR.-MAY 2025 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 8th, Riga Town Hall...9:00am
- 2) CYA Baseball/Softball for Ages 6-15 www.leaguelineup.com/cyabaseball
- 3) Churchville Soccer Club... www.churchvillesoccerclub.com
- 4) Cornhole Tourney at Cobblestone Hall on Thurs. March 20th....6:00pm
- 5) Pickleball at McNeely Park... Starts March 15th... Sunrise to Sunset
- 6) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thurs. March 20th 6-8pm Riga Town Hall
- 7) The "FIRST EVER" Indoor Wiffleball League! Wednesdays starting March 5th..5:30pm
3 Player Teams...Call Rec Office for details 293-3880 X4
- 8) Chair Yoga with Jodi... March 1 & 22 from 10am to 11 am...Multipurpose Room



April



- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne at the Riga Town Hall...Sat. April 12th...9:00am
- 2) Earth Day/Pick Up the Parks at Churchville Park, ** Come celebrate this special day by cleaning up OUR park! Saturday, April 12th..9:00am at East-West Lodge
- 3) Easter Egg Hunt at The Harvey C. Noone Legion Post 945 Sat. April 19th starting at 9:30am for Ages 2-6...Check Town Website & Electronic Sign for details!!!!
- 4) Cornhole Tourney @ The Cobblestone Hall...Thurs. April 17th at 6:00pm
- 5) Pickleball at McNeely Park ... Sunrise to Sunset
- 6) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thursday, April 17th 6-8pm Riga Town Hall
- 7) CYA & CRC Softball/Baseball/Soccer Begin... at Sanford Road Park
- 8) Chair Yoga with Jodi... April 5 & 26 from 10am to 11 am...Multipurpose Room



May

Chair Yoga



- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. May 17th, Riga Town Hall.....9:00am
- 2) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thurs. May 15th, 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 at The Cobblestone Hall, Thurs. May 15th....6:00-8:00pm



For further information on programs call 293-3880 x 4
PLEASE LIKE US on Facebook

**** Summer Camp... Early Bird Discount of 10% goes in effect May 31st '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
Facility rentals please call the Riga Town Clerk's Office at 293-3880 x121 or x122

SCOR NEWS

Yours truly sits here in the deepest part of winter, the end of January, hating the crushing loneliness brought on by howling gusts, ice, snow and sleet. So whatta we do? We plan a party! Folks know intuitively to gather with food and with loads of friends to yak it up, laugh it up, and eat up the food. How good is it not to have to eat your own cooking all the time but to have choices we might not think to make.

SCOR, the Senior Citizens of Riga, meets the second Tuesday of the month mostly at the Harvey Noone Legion Hall on Buffalo Road. Doors open at 11:30. Meeting starts at noon. Bring your own plate, cutlery and a dish to pass. Hot cups and water cups are provided. Serve on the set-up committee once year--these are

the only folks to bring desserts. The rest of us bring side dishes. The club provides coffee, tea and cold water and the hot and cold cups for them as well as accoutrements, all the fixings.



March 12 St Patrick's Day Party at the Legion. Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and carrots prepared by Creekside Catering is provided. Members bring appropriate sides, not desserts. Last year the Irish Soda Breads offered were gone in an instant. Ron Belzack will make a presentation of his choice.

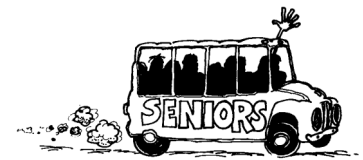
April 9 Ham Dinner at the Legion. Members bring side dishes. Bring \$15 for a ticket to the May Anniversary Party at Red Fedele's Brook House.

May 14 SCOR's Anniversary Party at Red Fedele's Brook House. This catered sit-down dinner offers the choice of Prime Rib, Chicken French, or Baked Salmon. A lovely refreshing lemon cake is for dessert. Yours truly is ordering a sunny spring day as well. We hope our purveyor supplies it.

Anniversary Party!

SCOR trips are being planned.

The schedule is not ready in time for publication.



Submitted by: Verna Linney



Lodge Rentals

You must call the Town Hall if you are looking to see if a specific date is available.

There are NO lodge calendars online.

For the **Buffalo Road Pavilion**, the fee for weekday rentals is **\$50.00 for residents**, and \$100.00 for non-residents. Weekend rentals, Friday through Sunday and Holidays, the fee is **\$100.00 for residents**, and \$125.00 for non-residents.

For the **Maier Lodge** the fee for weekday rentals is **\$75.00 for residents**, and \$150.00 for non-residents. Weekend rentals, Friday through Sunday and Holidays, the fee is **\$150.00 for**

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residents, and \$200.00 for non-residents.

Please remember the Town can only accept reservations with a completed application and paid rental fee.



Renew Your Pet License

All dogs four months of age or older must be licensed and renewed yearly in the town where the dog resides per NYS Ag & Markets Law. In order to license your dog, you will need to provide a valid rabies certificate and a spay/neuter certificate, if applicable.

The fee is \$9.00 for altered dogs and \$17.00 for un-altered dogs.

I would like to remind residents that there is a drop box

located at the back of the Town Hall, to the left of the entranceway. We hope that this secure drop box will be convenient for those who cannot get here during the day. Your payment will be processed the very next business day and a receipt or license will be mailed back to you.



Please do not hesitate to call my office with any questions at (585) 293-3880 ext. 122.

Submitted by: **Kimberly Pape**
Town Clerk



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SPRING FORWARD
MARCH 9, 2025

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

March

- 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 12 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall
- 13 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm



April

- 9 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall
- 12 EARTH DAY/Pick up the Parks—9am Churchville Park East/West Lodge
- 19 Easter Egg Hunt Meet at American Legion
- 20 EASTER SUNDAY
- 22 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm



May

- 13 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm
- 14 SCOR— Anniversary Dinner at Red Fedele's Brook House
- 26 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. Contact sponsoring organizations for further information regarding their events.

Submit your ideas and comments for further enhancements to the Editor.

CHURCH NEWS

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

March 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper; 4:30 pm until gone. Hosted by Parma Greece UCC. 1211 Manitou Road, Hilton, NY -(585-392-6120)

March 5 Ash Wednesday, 7:00 pm, hosted by Union Church in Churchville

March 8 Ham Dinner – 3:00 - 5:00 pm - \$15.00 Drive-through/take out only at Union Church

April 13 Palm Sunday at UCC with parade of palms by children

April 17 Maundy Thursday service hosted at Parma Greece UCC (address above) Seder Meal 6:00 pm, Worship service at 7:00 pm

April 18 Good Friday service – TBD (see signboard at church)

April 20 Easter Breakfast at Union Church before morning worship – 8:30 to 9:30 am

April 20 Easter Sunday worship – 10:00 am

May 11 Mother's Day

May 26 Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast for community (8:00 -9:30 am)

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 continues monthly on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 4-5 pm. It is supported by all the churches of Riga (Riga Congregational, United Methodist, Union Congregational, St. Vincent's Catholic Church, Faith Chapel, and Calvary Christian Fellowship) as well as ANG Market, Upstate Dairy and Churchville Lions Club).



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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 Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 pm. Workshops as needed.

CONSERVATION BOARD: 4th Mondays. 7 pm

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. 7 pm

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

Thursday, March 13th 2025
Tuesday, April 22nd 2025

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