

# 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

With summer right around the corner, our highway department will soon be starting road repair work and roadside mowing. Please proceed cautiously through work zones. We appreciate your patience and understanding that safety for everyone is a priority.

The Gilman Road sidewalk project continues to move along nicely. We are preparing to submit our sidewalk plan and all necessary permits to Monroe County for approval before work begins. We want to thank the residents along Gilman Road who we have talked to so far for their support and cooperation in helping to move this important project forward.

The new playground at our Sanford Road Park is now open for use! It has been a delight to see the playground being enjoyed by so many families. If you haven't yet had the chance to see the new playground, please do so! Please let us know if you notice any vandalism or abuse taking place or that has occurred not only at this playground, but at any of our town facilities. We regularly monitor all of our facilities, but would appreciate your help in quickly rectifying any issues that may arise.

Riga Recreation's Summer Camp begins June 30<sup>th</sup> and runs through August 15<sup>th</sup>. Summer Camp is open to children entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration forms are available

on our website and at the Town Hall. For more information, please go to [www.townofriga.com/recreation](http://www.townofriga.com/recreation). Kudos to Dave Thomas, our Recreation Director and Dave Childs, our Summer Camp Director, for their time and effort in providing an amazing camp experience for everyone involved!

Also, be sure to attend the Town of Riga's popular Summer Gazebo Concert Series at the Village of Churchville Office Campus. Concerts are every Wednesday - 6:30 – 8 PM and run from July 9<sup>th</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>. The August 6<sup>th</sup> luminary concert "Relay for Life/Luminaria Ceremony" begins at 7 PM.



In closing, I would like to recognize the **2025 Churchville-Riga Chamber of Commerce Youth Hall of Fame Award Recipient Louis Ferrari**. This award is presented to individuals who deserve our praise and recognition for their outstanding achievements and perseverance, contributions to our community, and personal growth and development. Congratulations Louis!

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**

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## Churchville Lions Club Corner

2025 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year for the Churchville Lions Club. In 1950 the Village was visited by a Special Representative of Lions Clubs International with the intention of recruiting area businessmen and residents to join the Lions Clubs family. Those efforts were successful and 29 Charter Members formed the Churchville Lions Club in November 1950. The Gates Lions Club was the Club sponsor and the Churchville Lions Club was now part of the world's largest service organization.

There were skeptics questioning its chances for success. The Lions motto is "We Serve" and the

Churchville Lions Club quickly became actively involved in many programs and community activities. Lions are best known for their avid participation in programs to aid the blind and visually impaired. Now that participation includes all aspects of community service activities too numerous to mention. Wherever there is a need, the Churchville Lions serve.

The Churchville Lions Club has proudly served the Churchville-Riga community and beyond for the past 75 years. To celebrate all its history and accomplishments (past and future) the Club will have a 75 Year Anniversary Celebration in

October. Anyone interested in getting more information on joining the Churchville Lions Club can contact

churchvillelions364@gmail.com



## Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post 954 – Summer Happenings!

Summer is heating up, and so is the calendar at Harvey C. Noone Post 954 in Churchville! We're excited to invite our friends and neighbors in the Town of Riga to join us for a fun-filled summer of music, tradition, and community spirit.

☐ KARAOKE NIGHTS – JUNE 6, JUNE 27 & AUGUST 1

Whether you can carry a tune or just want to cheer on your friends, Karaoke at the Legion is always a good time! Join us for laughter, music, and great company. Doors open at 6:30 PM – bring your voice and your energy!

☐ BAND ON THE LAWN – JULY 18

Mark your calendars for Friday July 18, as we host a Band on the Lawn evening for the whole community! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and dancing shoes to enjoy a night under the stars with live music from the '70s, '80s, '90s, and today's favorites. The event is open to all ages –

come relax and reconnect with your neighbors.



☐ FLAG DAY CEREMONY – JUNE 14

We invite the community to join us on Flag Day, Friday, June 14, for a very special event. Post 954 will officially initiate our new fire pit, designed specifically for the respectful retirement of worn American flags. This project, created by local Girl Scout Alexis Maysick as part of her Gold

Award, features engraved bricks honoring local veterans and organizations from the Churchville area. It's a beautiful tribute and a meaningful addition to our post grounds.

As always, our mission is to honor and serve the veterans and families of our community. We are proud to be a part of Churchville's vibrant spirit and look forward to sharing these moments with all of you.

For more events and updates, follow us on Facebook at Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post 954.

**For God and Country,**

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





## RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

### Fall Brush Pickup Save The Date

Brush pickup is planned for the week of October 6th. 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 onto our dump trucks with a rented prentice loader. Construction materials, boulders, concrete will not be picked up with brush. If you have materials other than brush to be picked up, please call a disposal company for those types of materials. We also do not pick up leaves. If you are a land owner 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 for composting and brush disposal.

### Planned Town Roadwork for 2025

We will soon be starting the summer roadwork. This year we will be recycling Chili Avenue Extension and Green Road followed by paving and striping. We will also be stone and oiling South Sanford, Sheridan, and the

town's end of Bovee Rd. They will be fog sealed after that. Fog seal is a light coat of oil sprayed on top to aid in sealing of the road. North Johnson Rd. will be dense cold mixed and paving with a fog seal. We will also be replacing some of the sidewalks and the parking lot at the Town Hall. Please bear with us on that project. It will be very nice when once completed.

### Monroe County DOT Road Projects for this Summer:



We have contracted this year with Monroe County to stone and oil with a fog seal. The county end of Bovee Road, North and South Palmer Road's, with shoulder repairs.

Please remember as you approach a work zone to slow down, be aware of the surroundings, and what is taking place. The flaggers in a work zone are there to control traffic and ensure safety for the ground workers and motorists. We know it creates an inconvenience for the motorist, but we need to keep roads clear and safe for your journeys.

We have recently received inquiries regarding the cameras being set up on various roads by the

NYS Department's traffic count contractor. Cameras should have a label with the name "NDS" (National Data Services) on them and should look like the picture below. There has been an increase in the utilization of these cameras. They are a great alternative to tube setups and offer numerous benefits, including being safer to install, reduced cost, improved data accuracy, and less interference with snow and ice operations. These cameras do not take pictures of individuals or vehicles.



If you have not found us yet, we are now on Facebook. Take a look, and feel free to give us a follow for up-to-date roadwork, and what projects we are working on.

If you have questions or concerns regarding roadways, please feel free to contact us at the office 293-2530, or via my cell at 733-3808. I hope you have a safe and healthy summer.

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



### 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

THE LOAN CLOSET IS LOCATED NEXT TO THE RIGA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUILDING ON BUFFALO ROAD.



**Attridge Road**  
between Savage Rd  
and Davis Rd  
May 12, 2025 until  
September 9, 2025

## EARLY DAYS OF EDUCATION IN THE TOWN OF RIGA

In the last Riga Town Newsletter, I revealed the history of the Centralization of the Churchville Chili School district and now let us journey back in time to those early days and witness how education evolved in the township.

From 1805 to early 1806, just some twenty-three years after the Revolutionary War ended, settlement began in the Town of West Pultney, now called the Town of Riga. Log cabins, which usually took about three days to build with the help of the community, began to spring up throughout the township.

In the fall of 1806, Henry Brewster, one of the original pioneers of the Township and a direct descent of Pilgram William Brewster, was on his way to West Pultney when he made a stop at Canandaigua. There he met Colonel Robert Troup, land broker for the Pulteney estate. In conversation, Henry suggested that possibly Mr. Troup could set aside or donate land for religious and educational purposes. It was then that Colonel Troup spoke the following: "Go on and organize a religious society, elect trustees, and select two one hundred acre lots - one for the support of the Gospel, and another for the support of schools - call on me at Albany on your return, and I will deliver you the title deeds." With that said, Henry proceeded to West Pultney and began the formation of a religious society, the First Congregational Church Society of West Pultney, on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1806. It will not be until several years later that the establishment of the first school was recorded in the Township. Just to note here, those donated parcels were never used for their intended purpose and would later

be sold.

The first school in Riga was taught by a 22-year-old man named Thomas Gay from Vermont.

Not much is really known about Thomas Gay except for this amazing story as told by Mrs. Lucy Gay (1810–1898), daughter of Joseph Thomson, presented to the Rochester Historical Society in 1893. "When Mr. Gay's father came with his family from Vermont to Riga in 1807 or 1808, almost the whole township was a wilderness. As the oldest son Thomas sat one evening after dark, milking the cow, he was suddenly made sensible that the calf was getting a little too familiar. He turned to push and drove it away when he discovered it was a bear that had nudged his elbow. He found the house without much delay."

For that early school, it is unknown where the children gathered for instruction but one must assume that any available house was used, even Thomson Tavern, which is now located at the Genesee Country Museum.



As far as wages for

the instructor, one can look at what they were paying a farm hand – one dollar per month and board. Parents could also have offered food, lodging, firewood and sometimes money.

The first real dedicated schoolhouse in the township was built in 1810, and was a one-story building located just east of the present-day Riga Congregational Church. That building not only served as a schoolhouse but also as a church

meeting room. The total cost of the building was \$178.00, paid for the members of the Riga Congregational Church. Eventually, this building would be assigned as School District #1 in the Town of Riga and would eventually be demolished in the 1950s. The War of 1812 slowed down settlement in the Township and by the wars end (1815) the school at Churchville had thirty scholars, the school at Riga Centre had one hundred scholars, and the school south of the Centre had twenty-five scholars.

Then in 1845, the members of the Riga Congregational Church, along with other prominent members of the town, decided to organize an academy so that they would not have to send their children outside the township for higher education. They also believed that the Town of Riga was an excellent location, "being removed from the vices and allurements of large towns and cities." The Thomson building, still located at the southwest corner of Chili Riga Rd and Riga Munford Rd. was purchased at a cost of one thousand dollars and fitted with beds, chairs, tables and blackboards and on May 11, 1846, the Riga Academy was officially incorporated by the New York State Board of Regents.



Enrollment at the Academy varied but in 1848 an Academy publication listed 89 gentlemen and 86 lady students along with four teachers and a Principal and Associate Principal for the term. Near the end of the Civil War,

## EARLY DAYS OF EDUCATION IN THE TOWN OF RIGA (continues)

1864, the Riga Academy closed its door after serving the community for eighteen years.



Many reasons for its demise can be cited but one of the most important was the creation of free high schools along with the advancements made in the public school system.

In the Village of Churchville, education came as early as 1809 but the location of the schoolhouse is unknown. In 1843 a cobblestone schoolhouse was constructed which still exist behind the Methodist church on West Buffalo St. in what was called

School District #4. For over half of a century this one-room schoolhouse served the educational and social needs of the Churchville community. The school began with three teachers and students that were not divided into grade levels. Promotion was based on age rather than academic achievements. Then on December 12, 1894, the Churchville school District #4 applied for and was granted full Regent's status becoming officially a high school within the Town of Riga School District. By 1895 the Cobblestone schoolhouse was retired, and a new Churchville School, which included grades 1-12, was built on the south side of West Buffalo Rd just east of North Street at a cost of \$25,000.00. That school would serve the community until 1936 when a new school was built across the street on West Buffalo St. and is now known as the Churchville Elementary School. That school cost the community \$237.00.



By the late 1800's, the Town of Riga School District would consist of approximately 14 one room schoolhouses scattered within the legal limits of the township. Bordering schoolhouses also served children from parts of Bergen, Sweden and Chili. Each school was self-sufficient with a local school officers and under the direction of the Town of Riga Supervisor and later by County School Superintendents. Then in 1956, the last one-room schoolhouse was finally closed.

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



## RIGA CEMETERY NEWS

We continue to work on the second and final round of repairing 11 dangerous/hazardous monuments at the Riga Cemetery. We have paused for the required 60 days after publishing our last public notice. We have not yet received any owner feedback, or those offering to do their own repairs. We have sent all the required documentation to the NYS Division of Cemeteries and are waiting for their review and approval to fund our repairs. We expect a decision by the end of May, 2025. If we are awarded the expected funding we will inform our winning bidder that they may begin the repair work.

We held our annual, NYS sponsored, Caring for your Cemetery Day on April 26, 2025. Volunteer turnout was low due to wet weather. However, we still picked up pine cones, weeded along the Veteran's Walk, the berm, and around trees. We picked up downed branches and put them out at the road. Our winter snowmobile warning signs and driveway markers were removed and stored in the shed. Riga mulch was added around new trees. Our bluebird houses had been cleaned previously and there are report that some now have nests.

The decorations around each headstone were checked against

our approved decorations list found within the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Most inappropriate, damaged, broken, or out of season decorations were removed. All plot owners are requested to check the current Rules and Regulations found on the Town of Riga website to understand what is allowed at the grave sites.

All cemetery plot owners can attend our annual May cemetery meeting to vote on plans for the



## ITEMS TO KEEP OUT OF YOUR RECYCLING

Monroe County has consistently been cited among the best recyclers in the entire United States, both in quantity and quality of recycles. However – as much as 10% of what is placed in curbside recycling – does not belong. **That means approximately 1 in 10 items placed in curbside recycling are not recyclable!** These items may require special handling OR be placed in the trash.

For 2025, Monroe County has updated the “Dirty Dozen” – the most problematic items that find their way into Monroe County recycling bins on a regular basis.



**Batteries** – Types of rechargeable batteries include: **Lithium-ion, Nickel-cadmium (NiCad or NiCd), Nickel metal hydride (NiMH) and small-sealed lead acid (SS-Pb).** These batteries present a fire and explosion risk to residents and waste workers. **Keep these batteries OUT of residential trash and recycling.** They can be brought to select stores or the ecopark, no appointment necessary.

**Propane Tanks** – Never dispose of any propane tank in trash or recycling bins. Like batteries,

they present an explosion and fire hazard. Propane tanks can be brought to the ecopark for simple, safe disposal – no appointment necessary.

**Foam - Clean, white styrofoam marked with #6 is the ONLY STYROFOAM RECYCLABLE AT THE ECOPARK.** Never place any foam in a recycling bin – if it can't be brought to the ecopark, put it in the trash.

**Single Use Plastics - Single use plastics, such as cups, plates, condiment containers, straws, coffee pods etc. are NOT recyclable curbside** and should be placed in the trash.

**Food / Liquids** - Food and liquids contaminate otherwise acceptable recyclable materials. **All items need to be clean, dry and empty when placed in your recycling bin.**

**Bagged Recycling - Never place items for recycling in any type of bag** - always keep materials loose in your bin! The only exception is shredded paper, which can be contained in a paper bag, stapled closed.

**Ropes / Hoses / Tarps / Covers** – When these items wrap around the gears of the sorting equipment, recycling workers have to stop the machinery to cut them out. Unless reuse is an option, **ropes, hoses, tarps and covers should all be placed in the trash** if no longer useful.

**Electronics** - It is illegal in New York State to place electronics in the trash and for waste haulers to accept or collect them. Instead, you can bring any and all electronic items – for free - to a number of outlets throughout Monroe County.

**Plastic Bags** – There is an

**abundance of recycling programs for various bags, film and envelopes made of plastic, including all local grocery stores and the Monroe County / WM ecopark.** Many kinds of clean, dry items are acceptable, including bread bags, case wrap, bubble wrap, etc.

**Clothing / Shoes** - Clothing, shoes, and accessories have three qualifiers for recycling: they must be **clean, dry and odorless.** Wear and tear are not an issue. These items can be donated at many outlets throughout Monroe County.

**Medication Bottles - Colored bottles that contain prescription medications are NEVER recyclable curbside.** White bottles (mostly contain vitamins and supplements) are made of different plastics and ARE recyclable in your curbside bin.

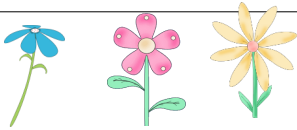
**Bagged Recycling - What can you do with colored prescription bottles?** Keep a bag in your pantry. When full, take to the Monroe County / WM ecopark.

**Sharps and Syringes** - Sharps and Syringes are **hazardous medical waste** and should **NEVER be placed in TRASH or RECYCLING or FLUSHED!**

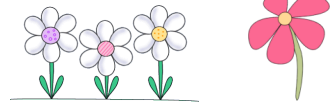
Correct disposal of these items is critically important for the protection of the environment and the community.

Bring sharps and syringes from home - **no businesses, medical or veterinary offices** - to the **ecopark** for proper disposal during normal business hours, no fee and no appointment necessary.

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



# Newman Riga Library



## **Annual Book Sale (June 12-14)**

Our Annual Book Sale is coming! Shop our used books (fiction/non-fiction, young adult and children's), DVDs, puzzles and more!

### **Book Sale Hours:**

Thursday, June 12: 4-8pm  
Friday, June 13: 12-5pm  
Saturday, June 14: 10-1pm  
(Fill a bag for \$3)

### **Summer Reading Game**



**Color Our World!** is this year's Summer Reading Game theme. The game starts Monday, June 30 and ends Thursday, August 14 with special programming throughout the summer. There are games for young adults, middle school, elementary school and preschool with prizes both big and small. Preschoolers and elementary school aged children will get a task-oriented game board; young adult readers will play a self-directed game. The game can be

played any time the library is open. Please visit the library for more information. Registration will begin June 30 at 11am!

### **Schedule of Summer Reading Programming**

June 30: First day to sign up for summer reading

July 3 at 2pm: Afternoon craft – Make a sun catcher with tissue paper

July 17 at 2pm: BenAnna Band is back for a fun and interactive musical show

July 24 at 1pm – 3pm: Lego Print-making - Build a print block with Lego and make prints

July 31 at 2pm: We Love Strawberries – Learn about and plant a strawberry seed

August 7 at 2pm: Be a Bird-watcher – Basics of backyard bird watching for kids

August 14 at 2pm: Pizza party for game players & big prize drawings

Please note, some programs will require registration, please call the library or see our website and

Facebook page for registration and more information.

### **Future Programming**

Many of our programs pop up after the newsletter has been published. Please follow us on Facebook or check the Programs/Events tab on our website for programs as they are added.

### **Summer Hours:**

M/W/F: 11am – 5pm  
T/TH: 11am – 8pm  
SA: 10am – 2pm (Closed July and August)  
SU: Closed



### **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**



## **SCOR TRIPS**

Going on a trip sees us enjoying it before, during and after. We anticipate and plan for a trip. On a trip we see beautiful, new things, meet new people, and share the experience with our travel mates. Afterwards we have myriad of memories to think about. SCOR has a number of fabulous trips, arranged thoughtfully by Pat Sauer. EVERY Riga resident is eligible for a price reduction, not only SCOR members.

Contact Pat Sauer at 585-703-5717 if you want to book a trip. All are provided by Scenic Excursions. Be ready to board at the Legion Hall parking lot 15 minutes before departure.

JUNE... Atlantic City NJ Resorts Hotel Casino, on the Boardwalk. Depart Sunday June 8th at 6:30 from the American the American Legion Hall. Return Tuesday June 10th estimated 10 pm. SCOR/Riga resident price for Double \$539.00, Single \$725.00, Triple 509.00. Non Riga residents' price is \$30.00 more. Two \$20 meal credits and a \$20 free slot play are included.

JULY... "Barnum" at the Merry Go Round Playhouse by The REV Theater Company, known as Broadway on the Finger Lakes in Auburn NY. Lunch at the Springside Inn has choices of Chicken French, Pot Roast or Baked Haddock. A stop after the show for shopping at Sauder's Market. Depart Thursday,

July 7 from the American Legion at 9:00 am. Return estimated at 7 pm. Cost for SCOR/Riga residents is \$185. Nonresident price is \$30 more.

AUGUST... "A Taste of Murder: A Vineyard Murder Mystery" at Spring Lake Winery, Lockport NY is an interactive event performance. A buffet luncheon and wine tasting are included. A stop at Niagara Produce (Lockport) features baked goods, groceries and produce. Depart Wednesday August 13 at 10:15 am from the Legion Hall. Return estimated at 3:45 pm. Cost for SCOR/Riga residents is \$144.00. Non-residents pay \$30 more.

Bon Voyage!





## RECREATION NEWS



In April we once again partnered with the Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post #945 to hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The weather for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row threatened to derail our plans for an outdoor hunt. Scott Flagler and his crew went to Kohlman Farms to pick up straw to cover up and hide the eggs. However, the early morning rains prevented the use of straw, but the winds soon dried the area to the west of the Legion. The Churchville LEO club was able to spread the eggs outside! Inside we were able to have "Pin the Tail on the Bunny", crafts, Face Painting by Arlene's Costumes, a video program, a Jelly Bean Guessing Contest, and a coloring station. This event was the best it could be thanks to the following individuals/organizations: Tish and the ladies of the Legion, Marty Molinari and the CCHS LEO Club, Arlene's, the EASTER BUNNY, and of course, the Egg Hunters with their grandparents/parents.

We also celebrated, for the 15<sup>th</sup> year, "Earth Day" with our annual "Pick Up The Parks" event at the East-West Lodge in Churchville Park. The following organizations/individuals made this event a HUGE success: Zach (from Churchville Park's staff), Town of Riga, Village of Churchville, Monroe County Pharmaceutical Recycling, a Churchville-Chili H.S. student (for community service),

Churchville Lion's LEO Club and Advisor, Marty Molinari, Mr. Doug Eisele (photographer extraordinaire) for capturing this event, and Mr. George Beldue for donating 3 sheet pizzas to our hungry volunteers. Over 50 participants collected trash and tree damage due to the harsh winter weather and high winds.

The CYA organization (in operation for over 50 years) has had to pause and take a break for the 2025 softball and baseball season. Prospective players have been redirected to other nearby towns to be placed on teams. They have been welcomed with "open arms". The fields will still be in use by various other organizations. We look forward to a comeback in 2026.

Our new playground at Sanford Road Park has opened.



Our popular summer camp has been taking registration for this summer at Churchville Elementary School. To qualify for the "Early Bird" discount you must pay at least the first week's fee prior to June 1st. Merely handing in just the Registration form does not

qualify for the 10% discount without payment.

Our Summer Gazebo Concert Series, in partnership with the Village of Churchville/Waste Management will, once again, fill the air with music!



Check Town and Village website along with the town's electronic sign, for additional information.

Now that the weather is starting to cooperate with outdoor activities, Sanford Road & McNeely Parks are open for use. To reserve the lodges at these parks, Please call 293-3880 X 121 or 122.

In addition, National Play Outside Day is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of EVERY MONTH! Take advantage of this day by: Taking a Hike...Go for a Bike Ride...Swing on a Swing... Play Catch...Eat Lunch outside... Plant a Flower...Bird Watch...Find Constellations in the Sky (the Big Dipper & Orion) in the night sky

Have a terrific summer season

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



### RIGA CEMETERY NEWS (CONTINUES)

next year. During that meeting we decide what should be in our Rules and Regulations, in our Service Price List, elect officers, and plan repair work for the year. This year we still plan to repair our smaller monuments that have fallen or broken. We also need to

add more members to our Board so that we can make the best decisions for the cemetery during the year.

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



# JUN.-JUL.-AUG. 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

## June

- 1) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. June 14th, 9:00am-3:30 pm Riga Town Hall
- 2) Play Disc Golf at Churchville Park.....we give FREE lessons!!!!
- 3) Pickleball/Tennis at the Park.....Play ANYTIME at Churchville Park & McNeely Park.....we have equipment you can borrow!!
- 4) Empire State "Senior" Games at SUNY Cortland...June 2-8....There is a competitive activity for YOU!!! Call Rec. Office for details
- 5) Monthly "Cornhole" Tourney at The Maher Lodge- Sanford Rd park June 19th, 6pm
- 6) Riga Rec Summer Camp @ Churchville Elementary School starts Thurs., June 30
- 7) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thurs. June 19, Riga Town Hall 6:00pm



## July

- 1) Concerts at the Village Gazebo.....6:30-8:00 pm July 9, "The Don Newcomb Band", July 16 "Feedback Band", July 23 "True Tones", July 30, "Get Off My Lawn"
- 2) Scrapbooking with Anne, Sat. July 12th, 9:00am-3:30pm at the Riga Town Hall
- 3) "CORNHOLE" Anyone"? Play this exciting game at the Maher Lodge- Sanford Rd park, Thurs. July 17th @ 6:00pm
- 4) Riga Summer Camp continues at Churchville Elementary School
- 5) Play Pickleball @ "The Pickleball Complex" in McNeely Park Sunrise to Sunset
- 6) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thurs. July 17th @ The Riga Town Hall 6:00pm



## August

- 1) Concerts at the Village Gazebo ... RELAY 4 LIFE/LUMINARIA celebration with "Blue Sky" Wed. August 6th \* \* \* **This concert will start at 7:00pm**, August 13, "Midnight Storm".....6:30-8:00
- 2) Scrapbooking with Anne, August 9th, 9:00am-3:30pm at Riga Town Hall
- 2) Riga Monthly Cornhole Tournament at the Maher Lodge- Sanford Rd park, Thurs. Aug. 21st at 6:00pm
- 3) Cardmaking with Nancy, Thurs. Aug. 21st @ The Riga Town Hall 6:00pm
- 4) Play Pickleball @ "The Pickleball Complex" in McNeely Park Sunrise to Sunset



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

For further information on programs call 293-3880 x 4



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# SCOR NEWS

SCOR luncheons are ALWAYS the second Tuesday of the month. I flubbed the dub by giving a date that was a second Wednesday--not a Tuesday--in the last newsletter. Well only God is perfect. That is my excuse. Apologies.

Our second Tuesday June 10 luncheon features roast pork prepared by Creekside Catering. We meet at the Harvey Noone Legion Hall. Members please bring an appropriate side dish serving 6 to 8, a plate and cutlery, but no desserts as they are provided by The Committee. If you cannot bring a dish, put \$3 on the table and say so on the table sign-in attendance sheet. Doors open at 11:30; serving starts a little after noon. Tables are called by numbers from a random number generator, except for The Committee who goes first since they worked to set up the

room. The head table of officers and special guests are second called. Please bring \$5 for your ticket to the July Picnic.

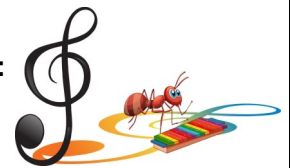


Our Tuesday July 8th picnic at Mahar Lodge requires no dish to pass. Bring a wrapped White Elephant object to be auctioned off, and also CASH TO BUY ONE! Nice ones get oohed, aahed, delight the room. On the other hand a beautifully wrapped and beribboned box sometimes gets a groan or laugh. At least there's no required care and feeding. The cost is \$5 for a meal starring burgers, hots and classic picnic fare prepared once again by our very own, Creekside Catering. Doors open at 11:30. Serving starts at noon after a welcome seasonal song and a table blessing.

Like France and Italy we vacation in August. There is no second Tuesday luncheon. Feasting resumes on the second Tuesday of September.

SCOR exists to counter the crushing loneliness that seniors can endure. Eating, chatting and visiting with lots of company brings joy. We sing to start our meetings. Why? Singing elevates mood fast, faster than any other intervention. Frank Perry plays the harmonica; and Dolores Perry prepares and disperses copies of the lyrics. In front a group gathers encouraging all to sing along. SCOR requires \$1 per year dues. Once a year serve on The Committee, so sign up. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month but August. "Y'all come and see us, ya hear?"

Submitted by: Verna Linney



# TOWN CLERK NEWS

## 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.**

Reservations will be ongoing. Town of Riga residents may reserve 1 (one) year in advance; non-residents may reserve 6 (six) months in advance.

**HOLIDAYS** are at full price.



For the **Buffalo Road Pavilion**, the fee for weekday rentals is **\$50.00** for residents, and **\$100.00** for non-residents.



*New Kitchen Cupboards at Buffalo Rd Pavilion*



*Floor was repainted*

non-residents.

Weekend rentals, Friday through Sunday and Holidays, the fee is **\$100.00** for residents, and **\$125.00** for non-residents.

For the **Mahar 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 residents, and **\$200.00** for non-residents.

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

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

Submitted by: **Kimberly Pape**  
Town Clerk



# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



**June**

- 10 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall
- 14 Flag Day Ceremony—American Legion
- 25 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm

**July**

- 3 & 4 Town Hall closed for Independence Day !
- 8 SCOR—Maher Lodge Picnic
- 21 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm

**August**

- 16 Churchville Summer Fest—Fireworks display
- 20 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm

\* SCOR Trip details are on page 7



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.



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

**June**

- June 8 Youth Sunday (Tureen Lunch)
- June 13-14 Garage Sale – Friday 9-4 Saturday 9-1
- June 15 Father’s Day
- June 19 Strawberry Social: 4:00 pm (no village walk about this year)
- June 22 Outdoor Service (honoring teachers and graduates)?

**July**

- July 20 Outdoor Service (Ecumenical)

**August**

- Aug 17 Outdoor Service (Campfire theme)

Check our signboard at the front of the church for additional events and activities.

Visit our Meditation Garden, our Little Library, and our Food Pantry 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).

Blessings to All.



Food Pantry

June 7th Bon Fire "Fireside Fellowship" at 6pm

June 21st Men’s Ministry 9am in the fellowship hall

July 14th -18th Children’s Ministry VBS 9am-2pm

July 18th Men’s & Women’s Ministry Bonfire -Fireside Fellowship 6pm

July 26th Men’s Ministry Fishing Trip meet at Church 9am

Aug. 16th Women’s Ministry Trip to Windmill Meet at Church 9am

Aug. Outdoor Service and Picnic 10am

Please Follow us on Facebook at Riga Church

Calendar Update on Church Website at [www.rigachurch.org](http://www.rigachurch.org)

Please Join us Sunday at 10am for Service.

Hope to see you there!

**P L E A S E N O T E :**

Union Church is interviewing for a Part Time Settled Pastor. All qualified inquiries should be made to [unionucc@frontier.com](mailto:unionucc@frontier.com)

**First Congregational Church of Riga – 7057 Chili Riga Center Rd, Churchville**

June 4th, 11th & 18th Bible study (7pm in the fellowship hall)

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**OFFICIAL TOWN  
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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**

**Wednesday, June 25th 2025  
Monday, July 21st 2025  
Wednesday, August 20th 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](http://donatebloodnow.org)**