

TOWN OF RIGA

NEWSLETTER

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Supervisor's Report

Happy New Year and hoping everyone is looking forward to a Healthy and Prosperous 2026.

The Town Board started the new year by witnessing our newly elected Town Councilman Chris Vossler take and accept the oath along with myself and Councilman Jim Fodge. Chris comes to us with decades of experience in law enforcement and public safety, and a desire to help us govern on your behalf. We then proceeded into our yearly town organizational meeting where we discussed and approved over 50 resolutions that allow our various boards, committees, and town government to operate for the year.

Our Planning Board, Conservation Board and Zoning Board of Appeals saw large numbers of applications and projects in 2025. I can't thank them enough for their dedication and commitment to each project making sure they comply with our town laws and comprehensive plan. We continue to need interested residents to help on our various boards - if interested, please drop off a letter of interest at the town clerk's office.

Many residents I have spoken with so far this year have all agreed we have been witnessing "A Good Old Winter" this year. A big Thank You to our Highway Superintendent Scott Flagler

and Village of Churchville DPW Superintendent Mike Robinson and all their crews for the dedication and work ethic keeping our roads and walkways cleared and safe so we can all go about our daily routines during this "Good Old Winter".

As spring approaches, all our departments are geared up and ready to provide the great services we are all accustomed to receiving in the past. The Town Board will be busy finalizing our town code updates to present for comments from town residents and business owners. We will also update our employee handbook to align with State and Federal regulations. We are also looking forward to sending out bids and awarding the Gilman Road sidewalk construction project.



Please join the American Legion Post #954 on Memorial Day, Monday May 25th to help honor those who have died while serving our country's armed forces. A memorial service will be held at the Churchville Elementary School, 36 West Buffalo Road, starting around 10 AM. A parade will follow the memorial service, ending at the Churchville Cemetery on N. Main Street.

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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



Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post 954

Beat the Winter Blues with Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post 954

Looking for ways to stay connected and have fun this winter and spring? Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post 954 in Churchville welcomes the community to join us for several open-to-the-public activities designed to bring people together while supporting our mission.

We invite you to come out for **Trivia Nights** on **February 12, March 12, and April 9**; **Karaoke Nights** on **February 13, March 13, and April 17**; and **Euchre** on **February 19, March 19, and April 16**. These events are a great way to shake off the winter blues, meet neighbors, and enjoy some laughs.



If you're interested in giving back, consider joining the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, or the Auxiliary.

Membership offers meaningful opportunities to serve our veterans

and community—while also having fun along the way.

We also welcome volunteers to help support veterans residing at the VA Batavia Hospital through our Bingo program. Volunteers meet at **12:45 PM** at the Post and carpool to the hospital together. It is truly rewarding to see the veterans' enthusiasm and happiness as we interact and play Bingo with them. Our next Bingo visit is on **March 4**, and you do **not need** to be a Legion member to participate.

Attention parents of high school juniors: **Boys State** is coming up soon. This prestigious leadership and civics program is well recognized by colleges, similar to Eagle Scout and other notable achievements. Interested students should contact their high school guidance counselors now, as applications must be submitted by **March 31**. Churchville-Chili

High School counselors have full details and applications. Our Post proudly covers the **\$450 program cost** for each student accepted.

MEMORIAL DAY

Remember and Honor



Boys State is an outstanding opportunity to learn about leadership and civic responsibility—please consider looking it up to learn more.

Finally, we are already gearing up for our **Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 25**, and look forward to seeing the community come together to honor those who served.

We hope you'll join us—whether for an event, volunteering, or becoming a member—and be part of supporting veterans and strengthening our community.

Submitted by:
Ken Juergens,
Post 954
Commander



The Medical Loan Closet

Churchville Lions Club



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.

RIGA HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS



Winter Highlights

At the time this article was written we had received 57.3" of snow. This is well ahead of the average snowfall that we normally receive by this time of year. We have used just over 2,000 tons of salt so far this year. Also, with the high winds we have been experiencing, our crews have been out most days and nights clearing debris that has blown onto the roads. We will come back through when the weather gets nicer to clean up the shoulders of the roads.

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

Brush Pickup

It is planned for the week of **April 27th** 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. All piles



must be able to be reached from the road; we cannot enter driveways to retrieve brush. We will again be bulk handling the piles of brush loading on our dump trucks with a rented prentice loader. Logs do not need to be 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, etc.) 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. Wood chips are available to all Riga residents. Unfortunately we cannot load your vehicles, and we can't take leaves.

Planned Town Roadwork for 2026

This year we will be resurfacing Sanford Rd. North with new asphalt. We will also be oil and stoning Stearns and Jenkins Roads. We will be edging and installing new baseball sand on all the fields at Sanford Road Park.

Monroe County DOT Road Projects For This Summer

The County roads we will be working on this summer will be Hosmer Road and Robertson Road from Churchville Riga Road to Palmer Road. They will be chip sealed and then fog sealed. We will also

be recycling and chip sealing with a fog seal on Bridgeman Road.

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

Household Hazardous Waste



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

Address:

10 Avion Dr, Rochester, NY 14624 (off Paul Road on south end of Airport)

Purpose

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

Submitted by:
Scott Flagler,
Highway
Superintendent





For the Bells Once Rang



During the historic period once called the Second Great Awakening (1820s–1850s), Upstate New York was dubbed the "burned-over district" due to the intense religious revivalism that swept through the region. This term reflected the belief that the area's spiritual passion had "burned over" the population, leaving no one untouched. The First Methodist Episcopal Church, later renamed the Churchville United Methodist Church, was built on West Buffalo Street during this era, becoming the first church structure in the village and the second in the township. It is said that this church was the site of Frances Willard's Baptist in 1839.

Built on top of what was once called "Methodist Hill," the church edifice was a "forty by sixty" foot structure, without a gallery, and included a steeple and bell. It was subscribed to in 1834 and dedicated in 1835. The initial cost of construction is unknown but my best estimate, as I compare it to other churches in the area, would be at about \$1,500.00. Within five years (1840), the Methodist congregation had successfully paid all expenses related to the church building. Samuel Church, considered the founder of the Village of Churchville, deeded the land for the church and in 1831 helped establish the first Methodist Episcopal society with nine other community leaders.

Before the Methodist Church was built, the only other church structure in the township was the First Congregational Church of Riga, dedicated in 1824 at Riga Centre and is still going strong today. For the village, a Universalist society formed as early as 1813, then reorganized in 1838 and their church edifice was built in 1839, at a cost of \$3,500.00, and was once located almost directly across the street from the current day Methodist Church. For a short time,

before they built their church, the Universalist members were allowed to hold services in the Methodist Church when not in use and were active contributors towards the construction of the Methodist Church. It is said that this arrangement continued for a brief period until it was "decided that Christian harmony could be better maintained by the erection of a separate structure, and measures were accordingly taken to secure it." Unfortunately, on a cold Sunday morning, February 7, 1892, a locally known arsonist with mental issues intentionally burned down the Universalist Church ending the reign of the Universalist society.

Established in 1832, the local Presbyterian church left behind only sparse records before dissolving in 1852. Its members subsequently joined the Union Congregational Church, leading to the construction of the Churchville Congregational Church in 1853, which remains a North Main Street landmark today. While an 1852 map indicates the original Presbyterian congregation as gathering in a house on the west side of South Main Street (just south of Fitch Street), that structure is no longer standing.

During its earliest days, the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Churchville struggled to secure a permanent minister and was instead regularly visited by itinerant preachers known as "circuit riders." Circuit Riders were traveling preachers, predominantly Methodist ministers in early America, who journeyed by horse across vast regions known as "circuits" to deliver sermons, lead worship, and establish new congregations. Scottsville, Chili and Churchville constituted one of the earliest circuits for these preachers in this area.

From 1846 to 1852 Churchville and Bergen shared the same circuit and

in 1855, Churchville became its own entity (Station) with Wm. L. Warner as its pastor.

Funded by the Whipple family—the same benefactors responsible for the Soldiers' Monument in the Churchville Cemetery—the Methodist church expanded in 1874 with a northern addition and a newly acquired \$600.00 bell.

Beyond the general remodeling of the church in 1878 and the parsonage at 20 North Main Street (later sold in 1946), the project's crowning achievement was a new 30-foot steeple, designed to surpass every other structure in the village.

By the turn of the 20th century, the church had undergone several modernizations: a new furnace was installed, and the wooden entrance was replaced with concrete steps. Additionally, the sanctuary was now brightened by gas lights powered by acetylene, which was produced at a local manufacturing plant once located at the corner of Black Creek and Buffalo Road. Electric lights will not arrive until the 1920's. New pews were added in 1911, and memorial windows were installed in 1914.

One of the church's largest undertakings occurred during World War I with the excavation of its basement. As documented in reports, teams of horses and slip scrapers labored through the winter months to haul away the dirt. Eventually the basement would serve as a banquet hall for church activities and community fund raising dinners. An all-time favorite was the annual election day "chicken and biscuit" dinner.

In 1915, a joint church initiative launched a six-week revival, holding nightly meetings in a temporary-built tabernacle on East Buffalo St., east of Black Creek, on the former Luster Coat factory grounds.

TAX EXEMPTION

News From The Assessors Office

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FROM 50% TO 65%

This change is **optional**, meaning each taxing jurisdiction (school, town, village, county, etc.) must choose whether to adopt the higher exemption. Each jurisdiction must follow their local procedures for passing a resolution and/or local law.

If adopted, this would create additional annual income categories and corresponding exemption percentages.

As of this newsletter article, no municipality (County, Town, School, Village) has adopted this.

VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES EXEMPTION

Governor Hochul has signed a bill to allow for a disability exemption for veterans with a 100 percent disability rating – **please read carefully!**

The Governor has signed bill **S.01183 / A.00074**, which establishes a new real property

tax exemption related to veterans with service-connected disabilities. **Please read the following carefully**, as the scope of this legislation is very specific and subject to local adoption. The exemption is **automatic**. This would take effect as of March 1, 2027.

This is NOT a blanket exemption for all veterans with a 100% disability rating. Despite public perception, the law does **not** provide a total exemption for all veterans receiving a 100% disability compensation rating from the VA.

To qualify, a veteran must meet all the following criteria:

- ◆ **Have a qualifying condition under NYS Veterans' Services Law, defined as:**
 - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), **or**
 - Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), **or**
 - Military Sexual Trauma (MST), **or**

- Be a discharged LGBT Veteran with an other-than-dishonorable or bad conduct discharge; **and**
- ◆ **Have a 100% disability rating with a Permanent and Total designation from the VA; and**
- ◆ **Have a Total Disability based on Individual Unemployability (TDIU) designation from the VA; and**
- ◆ **Qualify for the VA's specially adapted housing grant.**
- ◆ This new exemption is an additional exemption. It does not remove any previous exemptions for which a veteran may qualify.

Unless **all** these statutory requirements are met, the veteran is **not eligible** for the total exemption even if the taxing jurisdiction has adopted the local option.

**Submitted by:
Lori Frongetta,
Assessor**



For the Bells Once Rang (continues)



By 1963 the Methodist Church purchased the adjacent Grange Hall for \$400.00. Originally a Cobblestone schoolhouse and the township's first High School, the building served as a hub for rummage sales and youth groups and was occasionally leased to local organizations. Then in 1993 the Town of Riga purchased from the Methodist Church the Cobblestone schoolhouse for \$1.00.

As the years went by the Churchville Methodist Church celebrated many anniversaries such as its 100th, 125th, and 150th and during those past 190 years there were

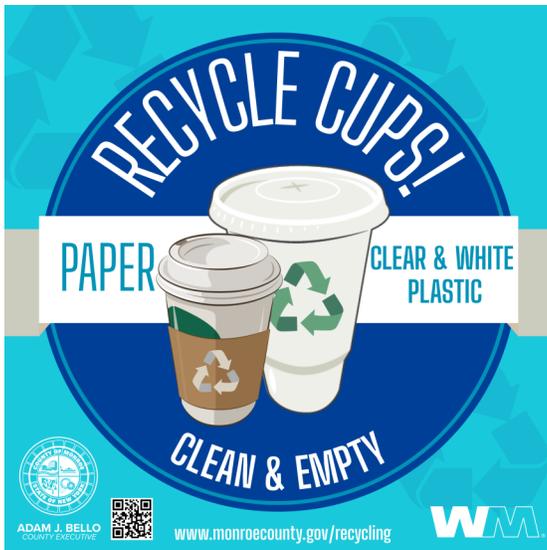
many happy and yet some sad times. Just think of all the celebrations that were held, baptisms, communions, weddings, and of course funerals.

While this article only offers but a brief glimpse into the church's rich history, I conclude with these final remarks from the 1931 bulletin, *The Centennial of the Methodist Episcopal Church*.

"This history is not complete without a word about spiritual replacement, rebuilding, and growth. One hundred years of noble sacrifice and service is an accomplishment

worthwhile; but what is of greatest value is the fact that the sacrifice and service wrought great changes in the lives of the men, women, boys, and girls who have entered the doors of this church. These are the intangible rewards that enrich the lives of the pastors called to serve this church during the century just closed. May we begin the second century with the same courage, faith, and loyalty of those who began this noble work, and gave this church to help establish the Kingdom of God in the Individual and community life."

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clear and white plastic take-out cups- like those used for fountain sodas, hot and iced coffee drinks- keeping them out of landfills and enabling them to be converted into new products.

To prepare products for recycling, residents should:

1. Empty any remaining contents.
2. Dispose of straws and stirrers in the trash.
3. Reattach lids and keep paper sleeves on cups for recycling.
4. Place acceptable clean & empty cups loose in their recycling carts.

Colored plastic party cups, foam cups, and biodegradable plastic

cups are **NOT** accepted for recycling. A full list of acceptable recyclables and other resources can be found at www.monroecounty.gov/recycling.

It's estimated that nearly 50 billion paper cups are disposed each year in the U.S., which is roughly 147 cups per person annually. When we recycle paper and plastic cups, we recover valuable resources and keep them circulating into new products.

Submitted by:
Nicole Fornof
Waste Diversion & Education
Coordinator Monroe County
Department of Environmental
Services

Monroe County and WM are proud to announce that paper and plastic to-go cups are now accepted for recycling! This expansion offers households the opportunity to recycle their clean and empty paper cups as well as



WM In addition to your WM regular garbage/recycling service day. WM will collect up to 6 bulk items/week. You must call and be scheduled at least 2 business days in advance of your scheduled bulk service day. Riga's Bulk Service Day is **WEDNESDAY**.

What is a bulk item?

Bulk items typically include, but are not limited to, the following:

- > Furniture (tables, chairs, dressers, couches/sofas, and cabinets)
- > Mattresses, bed frames, box springs, grill (no propane tanks)
- > Plumbing fixtures, wood bundles, carpet, exercise equipment
- > Other items too large to fit in your cart

Bulk Item Collection Guidelines:

- > Carpet must be cut, rolled, and tied in lengths no greater than 4 ft. and weigh no more than 50 lbs.
- > No electronic or hazardous waste
- > No batteries, car parts
- > Appliances with Freon are accepted (fees apply)

How to Schedule Bulk Item Pickups:

- > Must call **1-800-972-4545** from 7:30 am to 5:00

pm, Monday—Friday
or
 >online at WM.com
 (see instructions below)

Quick Steps for Online Customer Needs

1. **From WM.com, click, on Schedule & ETA at the top banner of the home screen.**
2. Click on the **SEARCH AGAIN** option
3. **Select "Service Address"** from the drop down
4. **In the Address Field enter the service address** and select the Verify button
5. **Choose "Select Service"** and select curb service or bin service
6. The Next Pickup date will display if service is scheduled for today. Information will be updated to provide status of service.
7. Once service has been completed, a link to **Report Missed Pickup Prior to Service** will appear in the Next Pickup box. This link will be available for **48-hours** following the completed service.

Additional Questions? Visit wm.com/support to start a chat with our virtual assistant



Newman Riga Library



2026 "Read for Riga" Challenge!

Looking for a simple and enjoyable way to read more this year? We invite readers of all ages to take part in our 2026 Read for Riga reading challenge!

Starting in February 2026 and running through the end of the year, participants are encouraged to read as many books as they'd like each month. It's easy to join:

- Pick up a reading log at the library or download one from our Facebook page
- Track what you read throughout the month
- Submit your log by the last day of each month

Each month, one submitted reading log will be randomly selected to win a fun local prize—gift cards from places like Salvatore's, AM/FM, and more!

Whether you're an avid reader or just looking for extra motivation to pick up a book, this challenge is a great way to support your local library and enjoy some great

reads along the way. Happy reading, Riga!

Children's Storytime Spring 2026 Session

Join Ms. Jenna Thursday mornings at 10:30am for story time! This story time is geared for children under 5 with a caregiver but all are welcome! Ms. Jenna will read stories, sing songs, rhymes, and have lots of fun with your little ones! Registration is not required.

Remaining Session Dates:
March 5, 12, 19, 26

Alzheimer's and Dementia – Supporting Independence: March 19 @ 6pm

Alzheimer's Association volunteer and local resident Deb Grasso is returning with a new program. Please call the library to register.

After this program, you will be able to:

1. Explain the changes in independence that happen in people living with Alzheimer's

2. Describe the four steps for helping with personal care activities.
3. List tips to help make activities meaningful.
4. Easily identify what the right amount of support is.
5. Describe how dementia affects safety.

Winter Hours:

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



Contact Information

- Check our website at <https://newmanrigalibrary.org>
- Call us at (585) 293-200
- 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

The annual Wreaths Across America event was held at the Riga Cemetery on December 12 at 11 am. We had about 30-40 people attending and presenting. The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts were well represented. They and others attending placed wreaths on all the graves in the Veteran's section and on other veterans' graves throughout the cemetery.

We will continue repairing our smaller, fallen, and tilting monuments at the cemetery. A

review of the monuments needing repair will be made in May. We will turn on the water at the cemetery in May so that you can water your flowers and plants. 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.

A couple of times per month I receive phone calls from people in Michigan with questions about new burials or complaining about decorations at the cemetery. It seems there is a Riga Cemetery on Cemetery Road in Riga, Michigan,

but our cemetery phone number shows up first.

We plan to have our annual "Caring For Your Cemetery Day", sponsored by the NY Division of Cemeteries, on Saturday April 25, 2026, starting at 11 am. This is a good activity for community organizations like the Boy and Girl Scouts and any others interested in supporting the cemetery. If you would like to help or have questions about the cemetery contact me.

Submitted by:
John Loser,
President 538-2951



RIGA RECREATION NEWS

Welcome to Riga Recreation! We're proud to offer programs and activities that bring our community together, promote healthy lifestyles, and create lasting memories for residents of all ages. We look forward to another great season of fun, teamwork, and community spirit.

I am so excited to collaborate with our new recreation liaison, Mr. Ken Kuter. Ken's knowledge, professionalism, and over fifty years of service to the town of Riga will be a valuable asset as we work together to strengthen programs and better serve our community. I look forward to a positive and productive partnership.

Summer Camp 2026 registration is now open! We have been working diligently to provide an even better camp experience for families in 2026. Accompanying the registration packet this year will be a full calendar of activities, field trips and special events to keep kids engaged all summer long. Our seven-week camp begins on Monday June 29th and runs through Friday August 14th. Register today at: www.townofriga.com/recreation.

Each month this Spring, we will offer new and engaging programs

that aim to improve your complete well-being. March will provide an opportunity to register your child for the Churchville Soccer Club Timbits and Rec soccer programs.

In addition, Mr. Dave Thomas will lead a fun new tournament of "Pop Darts". Pop Darts is a popular suction cup game that combines Cornhole and Darts into a fun activity for all ages.



Hop out in April to our Easter Bash and Egg Hunt for kids. The fun begins at 9:30AM on Saturday April 4th at the Harvey C. Noone American Legion Post 945 (6440 Buffalo Road). Planned activities include: an easter egg hunt, airbrush tattoos by Arlene's Costumes, arts and crafts, a visit from the Easter Bunny and so much more!

Celebrate Earth Day and Monroe County "Pick Up The Parks" event Saturday (date not released by Monroe County at the time of this writing) – TBA 9:00AM start at the East-West Lodge.

Ever think about trying scuba diving? Join us as we partner with RU4SCUBA at the CCHS pool. This 2-hours introductory class will have you exploring underwater in no time.

Small class sizes will allow participants ages 12 and up the opportunity to learn quickly and dive by the end of the class! Come see what it's all about.

May will offer an American Red Cross **Babysitting Certification** class Saturday MAY 9th 9:00AM-2:00PM taught by David Childs. Class size is limited so don't delay. Please register by 4/24 at rigarec@townofriga.org. We are looking into the possibility of hosting a Food Truck Rodeo and Car Show. Please check our Riga Recreation website in May for updates.

We will continue to offer our monthly cornhole tournaments, cardmaking, scrapbooking, yoga, dance classes and lodge rentals. Would you like to teach a class, coach a team or just do something new? As always, we would love to hear from you!

Riga Recreation website: www.townofriga.com
 email: rigarec@townofriga.org
 phone: (585) 293-0979x130
 cell: (585)752-3816.

Submitted By:
Dave Childs,
Recreation
Supervisor



For the Bells Once Rang (continues)



Then on Friday, September 19th the Churchville United Methodist Church held its final service closing its doors forever and the bells fell silent.

As a historical note, I must add that there was one more religious society that has come and gone in the township and that was the

Baptist society. Formed as early as 1851 the Baptist society built a church structure in 1852 at or about #20 Fitch street. The cost of the 50 X 70 ft. building was \$2,700.00. All services ended in 1926 and the society was disbanded. In 1963 the Rochester Telephone Company purchased the building and lot and demolished the church structure to

make way for a state-of-the-art telephone transfer station.

Submitted by:
Ron Belczak,
Town Historian



MAR.-APR.-MAY 2026 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 2026

- 1.) Riga Recreation **Summer Camp 2026** registration is **OPEN!** Visit www.townofriga.com/recreation for more information.
- 2.) Churchville Soccer Club – Registration is open NOW for Timbits and Rec Soccer! (www.churchvillesoccerclub.com)
- 3.) **Gentle Yoga** w/ Deb – Monday 4:30PM-5:30PM – Multipurpose Room 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23
- 4.) **Chair Yoga** w/ Deb – Friday 9:30AM-10:30AM – Multipurpose Room 3/13, 3/20 and 3/27
- 5.) **Chair Yoga** w/ Jodi – **Saturday** 10:00AM-11:00AM – Multipurpose Room 3/14 and 3/28
- 6.) Cardmaking with Nancy - Thursday 6:00PM-8:30PM – Multipurpose Room 3/19
- 7.) Cornhole Tournament - Thursday 6:30PM-till - Maher Lodge 3/19
- 8.) Scrapbooking with Anne - Saturday 9:00AM-3:00PM – Multipurpose Room 3/21
- 9.) ***NEW*** POP DARTS Tournament w/ Dave Thomas – Thursday 6PM-till – Multipurpose Room 3/26 (register: rigarec@townofriga.org)



APRIL 2026

- 1.) Easter BASH and Egg Hunt @ the Harvey C. Noone Legion Post 945. Saturday 4/4 starting at 9:30AM. Please check www.townofriga.com/recreation and electronic town hall sign for more information.
- 2.) Celebrate Earth Day and Monroe County "Pick Up The Parks" event Saturday (date not released by Monroe County at the time of this writing) – TBA 9:00AM start at the East-West Lodge.
- 3.) **Gentle Yoga** w/ Deb – Monday 4:30PM-5:30PM – Multipurpose Room 4/6, 4/13 and 4/20
- 4.) **Chair Yoga** w/ Deb – Friday 9:30AM-10:30AM – Multipurpose Room 4/10, 4/17 and 4/24
- 5.) **Chair Yoga** w/ Jodi – **Saturday** 10:00AM-11:00AM – Multipurpose Room 4/4 and 4/18
- 6.) ***NEW*** Learn to **Scuba Dive** Tuesday 6PM-8PM – C-C Pool 4/14. Please email rigarec@townofriga.org by 4/1 to register
- 7.) Cardmaking with Nancy - Thursday 6:00PM-8:30PM – Multipurpose Room 4/16
- 8.) Cornhole Tournament -Thursday 6:30PM-till - Maher Lodge 4/16
- 9.) Scrapbooking with Anne - Saturday 9:00AM-3:00PM – Multipurpose Room 4/25
- 10.) ***NEW*** Popular 20th Century Dance classes w/ Rick – TBA. Please check www.townofriga.com/recreation for more information
- 11.) Pickleball at McNeely Park – sunrise to sunset. We have supplies you may borrow to play.



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- 6.) Cardmaking with Nancy - Thursday 6:00PM-8:30PM – Multipurpose Room 5/21
- 7.) Cornhole Tournament -Thursday 6:30PM-till - Maher Lodge 5/21
- 8.) ***NEW*** **Food Truck Rodeo & Car Show** – TBA.



Please check www.townofriga.com/recreation on 5/1 for details.



SCOR NEWS

master will lead our program. SCOR trips are being planned.

Dates for **SCOR** luncheons are always the **second Tuesday** of a month. The second Tuesday for March, April, and May are as follows: March 10, April 14 and May 12. My readers no doubt chuckle at my date errors of the past.

April 14 features ham dinner. Easter is early April 5; the room will doubtless glow in pastels.



May 12 is our 50th Anniversary of SCOR sit down dinner at Red Fedele's Brook

House. The setting is beautiful, the food great, and we have a ball. A \$15 cost per person is required up front earnest money.

You are asked to bring a dish to pass for March and April. On our attendance sheets write the name of your dish. If you have none, put \$5 on the table and note that on the attendance sheet.

Submitted by: Verna Linney



The Spring Mystery Trip will be on May 6th. \$115 for SCOR members and \$155 for non SCOR members.

A two day trip in June.

June 16th and 17th to Lancaster PA to watch JOSHUA at the Sight & Sound Theatres.



Contact Cindy at 739-1074 for more information and pricing on trips.

We meet at the Noone Legion Hall in March and April. Enter at the back by the new vastly safer stairway. Doors open at 11:30. Serving starts after a greeting at 12 noon, singing a seasonal song, and delivery of table grace.

March 14 will be our corned beef and cabbage St Patrick's luncheon. Wearing green is appropriate if you wish. It's wonderfully becoming to folks with hazel eyes. Rick Huff our dance



TOWN CLERK

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**

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 8, 2026

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

March

- 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 14 SCOR—lunch at Harvey Noone Legion Hall
- 30 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm



April

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



May

- 12 SCOR— Anniversary Dinner at Red Fedele’s Brook House
- 25 Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 25 Memorial Day Parade in the Village of Churchville
- 26 RED Cross Blood Drive—Town Hall 1-6 pm



For further information regarding Riga Rec, Senior, Library and CYA programs, call 293-3880 X130, or refer to the Town’s website: www.townofriga.org. 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,
 Message from Pastor Eliecia Young

My passion for ministry reaches beyond the walls of the church and into the heart of the community. Guided by Matthew 25:34-40 and Micah 6:8, I seek to serve and love all people by doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God. Drawing on my background in business, community engagement, and assistant pastoral leadership, I am grateful for the opportunity to faithfully journey with Union Church and to work alongside the wider community.

I deeply value and welcome diversity, beautifully reflected in God’s creation, and believe it strengthens our shared witness of God’s love in the world. If you are looking for a warm and welcoming place to connect, you are always invited to worship with us on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

I look forward to getting to know Churchville and the surrounding area by building relationships with the people who make this such a meaningful place to live, work, shop, and explore.

Events

The annual **Ham Dinner** is on Saturday, March 14 from 3:00 – 5:30 pm (or sold out), drive-thru only. Menu includes ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, green beans, baked pineapple and cake \$15.00.



Come join us for **Ash Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 pm, Palm Sunday on Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 am** and **Easter on Sunday, April 5 at 10:00 am.**



First Congregational Church of Riga— 7057 Chili Riga Center Rd

Rigachurch7057@hotmail.com
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www.rigachurch.org
 Follow on Facebook Riga Church

March

- Bible Study 3/4, 3/11,3/18,3/25 at 6:30pm
- Prayer Group Every Thursday at 10am
- Men’s Ministry 3/8 at 9am
- Women’s Ministry 3/24 at 6:30pm

April

- Prayer Group Every Thursday at 10am
- Good Friday Service 4/3 at 6:30pm
- Easter Service 4/5 at 10am
- Men’s Ministry 4/18 at 9am
- Turkey Dinner 4/11 3pm until sold out
- Bible Study 4/15,4/22,4/29
- Women’s Ministry 4/28 at 6:30pm

May

- Prayer group every Thursday at 10am
- Bible study 5/6
- National Day of Pray 5/7
- Men’s Ministry 5/9 at 9am
- Women’s Ministry 5/12 at 6:30pm
- Rummage Sale 5/29 3-7pm,5/30 9-2pm**



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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 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

Monday, March 30th 2026

Monday, April 27th 2026

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