

Town of Rensselaerville

Hamlets of Cooksburg, Medusa, Potter Hollow, Preston Hollow and Rensselaerville

Newsletter

Rensselaerville Telecommunications Committee (“RTC”) Status Update (May 18, 2007)

Here Are The Issues

The residents of Rensselaerville are disadvantaged relative to other US populations because we lack broadband access (high-speed internet), adequate cellular coverage and may have ongoing public safety communications problems.

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- Assisting to improve public safety agency emergency communications systems (includes DHS/FEMA, fire, EMS, Albany County sheriff, etc.)
- Increasing cellular telephone access to the greatest geographical coverage possible.
- Providing high-speed internet access (“broadband”) to the maximum extent possible to the greatest population at the lowest cost

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Communicating RTC Efforts and Results

We plan to include a brief questionnaire in next month’s town newsletter asking you about services you desire where you live. The Comprehensive Plan survey and public meetings showed internet access and greater cellular coverage is highly desired by many residents. The RTC would like to hone in further on these topics.

We also plan to create a section on the town website where we can post these updates and any other supporting documents for your review.

Seeking Additional Committee Member(s)

We are seeking (an) additional member(s) for this committee with a working understanding of IP networking and/or telephone technologies. We are already speaking to some interested candidates, but if you are interested, please contact Fred Urrutia at 827-8501 or fredu@wildblue.net to discuss further. If you have questions, please feel free to call or write. Please do NOT call me about subscribing to Mid-Hudson Cable (“MHC”). If you want to find out more about their services, please call 518-943-6600 or 800-342-5400 or see their website at www.midhudson-cable.com.

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“Public virtue cannot exist in a nation without private, and public virtue is the only foundation of republics. There must be a positive passion for the public good, the public interest, honour, power and glory, established in the minds of the people, or there can be no republican government, nor any real liberty:

And this public passion must be superiour to all private passions.”

— John Adams (letter to Mercy Warren, 16 April 1776)

The Rensselaerville Library



Bookmark

It's not too early to start thinking about summer! Once again, the Library will be ushering in the season with its annual **Cocktail Party and Silent Auction**, on Saturday, June 16 from 5:00—8:00 PM. This year, the festivities will be held at the Huyck House on the Rensselaerville Institute campus. Contributions of artwork, photographs, antiques, crafts, gift certificates or services are all welcome. You can drop your donations off during Library hours by June 6th. Please bring hors d'oeuvres to share with your friends and neighbors. Call the Library at 797-3949 for more information.

We're finally using those new library cards to check out material! Patrons now must use their bar-coded cards to check out any interlibrary loan and Upper Hudson pool material. This system enables patrons to order and renew items right online, and also allows the Library to place holds more easily. If you haven't yet gotten your new library card, stop by

and get one today!

As the Library works toward making our collection available online, we would like to remind all of its patrons of the lending and fine policy. All books, audio books, and CDs are lent for 2 weeks and incur a fine of \$0.10 per day an item is overdue. DVDs and videos (limited to 5 per person) are lent for 3 days and incur a fine of \$1.00 per day an item is overdue. Fines do not exceed \$10.00 per item.

First Friday Movie continue: Join us at Conkling Hall at 7:30 PM on Friday, June 1 for *Eragon*, based on the popular fantasy novel by Christopher Paolini. In his homeland of Alagaesia, a farm boy happens upon a dragon's egg—a discovery that leads him on a predestined journey where he realized he's the one person who can defend his home against an evil king. Running Time: 104 minutes. Rated PG. This month, concessions will be available, and we be doing a

raffle once again.

High Speed Internet is now available at the Library. This will allow patrons to access online services at a much faster pace than we have been accustomed to. Stop by the Library and try it out.

The Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, June 4 at 7:30 PM.

Library Staff: Ann Wolf, Director; Candy Wilson, Assistant Director; Katie Barker, Aide.

Library Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 to Noon, 4:00—9:00 PM
 Thursday & Friday 4:00—9:00 PM
 Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

www.uhls.org/rvll_library

POST OFFICE INFORMATION
Rensselaerville: 797-3231
Medusa: 239-4826
Preston Hollow: 239-6111

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES
2" x 3.5" (Business Card) \$30.00
4" x 3" (Quarter Page) \$46.00
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Separate Full Page Insert—\$300.00
Contact the Town Hall if you have a full page insert for the Newsletter.
Pay in Advance for a full year and get the 12th month FREE.

Conkling Hall—What's On In June

Saturday, June 2: 7:30 PM. Rensselaerville Historical Society Community Dance. The caller is Fern Bradley and the music provided by "Fireflies." Partners/experience are not necessary. Admission: \$7.50, adults; (\$6.50 Historical Society members); \$5.00, students; \$2.00 children.

Friday, June 8: 7:00 PM Come Join us at a Silpada Jewelry Party. Silpada is beautiful handcrafted sterling silver jewelry. See a jewelry preview on Silpada.com. Our host is Sarah Gifford who is generously offering a percentage of the sales as a donation to Conkling Hall.

Saturday, June 9: Join us at Conkling Hall at 7:00 PM for the RENSSELAERVILLE PREMIER of Katherine Dieckman's new film, "Diggers." A group portrait of four guys in their 30's who work as clam diggers trolling the waters off the South shore of Long Island during 1976. The New York Times Stephen Holden says, "Meticulously assembled, "Diggers" shuttles among several characters with an ease and grace that doesn't waste a moment of screen time. It has integ-

riety...it feels like life." This is *our* (Rensselaerville's) own Katherine Dieckman, who's daughter, Caroline, is in the film. Please join us after the movie for a "Question and Answer" discussion with the director. Beverages will be available (donation). Admission: \$10.00.

Sunday, June 10: Conkling Hall urges you to attend the Benefit Breakfast at the Hilltown Café for a 5 year old Stem Cell Transplant recipient, 7:00 AM to Noon.

Tuesdays in July - Ballroom Dancing, Classes for Beginners with Master instructor Linda Frantjescos leads you through all the steps from foxtrot to tango. Every Tuesday night in July, from 7 to 8 pm. One time fee of \$50.00 per couple covers the whole month – five Tuesdays. Contact Lisa Dudley for information – 797-3121

You can contact Conkling Hall at (518) 797 3459 or read our website on www.ConklingHall.org.

Pilates: Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00 AM. Pilates mat class with Sarah Nelson



Methodist Hill Road
Rensselaerville, NY 12147
(518) 797- 3459

Weiss. Strengthen your abdominals, gain long, lean muscles and work with good alignment. Appropriate for all levels. Please call 239 6825 for more information and to confirm schedule.

Children's Playgroup: Thursdays 12:00 - 3:00 PM for children 0 to 5 years old. A fine opportunity to meet other children in our area. Call Sarah Nelson Weiss for information: 239 6825.

The Refuse Center will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th

Free Fishing Days

June 23 – 24, 2007. During this weekend in June anyone can fish New York State waters and no license is required. Since no license is required, it's the perfect time to take a friend or relative fishing. For more information, contact a NYS Regional DEC Fisheries Office.

Rensselaerville's Farmers' Market

Due to a decline in customer support and a resulting difficulty in recruiting qualified vendors, The Rensselaerville Farmers' Market will not be held this year. For information on continued availability of previously offered items this year, please contact the individual vendor.

May Town Board Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 10th day of May, 2007 at the Rensselaerville Town Hall. The Town Board accepted minutes from the last regular meeting, the Town Clerk's monthly report, the Superintendent's report, made transfers, and paid bills.

TOWN OF RENNELLAERVILLE VOLUNTEER HALL OF FAME

Supervisor Nickelsberg spoke about different ways that people can serve their country, in wars, as a policemen, helping your town. We have two special people in this Town who are the first to be inducted into the Rensselaerville Volunteer Hall of Fame. Barry Cooke joined the fire department when he was 17, and ever since he has been doing things for the Town, whether it is in the emergency medical area, the fire department, at his church for his neighbors for 35 years plus. It is people like Barry and Allyn Wright, the second to be inducted tonight. Allyn at the age of 18 joined the fire department and ever since has been volunteering, helping his neighbors for 50 years. Allyn was first with the fire department, the emergency medical effort and most recently in the last 21 years with the Planning Board. Folks like Barry and Allyn have carried the county on their backs with a lot of help from our neighbors and fellow Americans, but this is special, 50 years and 47 years make us very much indebted to you and we respect you tremendously. On behalf of the Board we Thank You both. Supervisor Nickelsberg presented an engraved crystal bowl to both Barry Cooke and Allyn Wright.

CORRESPONDENCE

SENIOR AND YOUTH BUS

Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that we received a letter from Senator Breslin mentioned that we will be receiving \$5000.00 in funding for the purchase of the bus, once the paperwork is completed we should get it in about 60 days. Thank you to Mr. Bolte who approached Senator Breslin for help with funding for the bus. Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that we have \$13,478.00 toward the purchase price of the bus.

Mr. Bolte mentioned that the Greenville Rotary is going to have bike-a-thon and donate all the money to the bus fund. This event will be May 19th at 12 noon in Greenville. We are looking for riders. He went to the Senior Citizens luncheon in Medusa and they are very excited about this. We think we will raise this whole amount and will pay the Town back.

Letters were received from Valerie and Joel Lounsbury concerning the Senior and Youth Bus and Theron Raines concerning the dust on Kenyon Road.

Is the van different from the 20 seat bus?

Supervisor Nickelsberg, yes, it is different in that we are getting a registered 14 seat bus, we are not taking in all the seat because of the licensing issue. If we had all 20 seats and don't have enough drivers with a special driving permit it would be hard to get it on the road. The idea is to have it on the road as much as possible.

Mr. Cooke, we did this so that anyone could drive the bus with a regular drivers license. We asked the manufacture to hold the number of seats out until such time as we really need them. The bus is going to be certified as a 14 passenger bus when the time comes we take it back and they put the seats in and certify it as a 20 passenger bus.

The Town Board has read this information. Supervisor Nickelsberg, we will make sure that we have people with proper licenses driving the bus, we have an obligation to the senior and juniors. We can't put the town taxpayers at risk and we are not going to. We have volunteers to drive it. If we don't have anyone with a wheel chair we can have a regular driver. Thank you for the input and documentation.

Mr. Cooke mentioned that he went to the motor vehicle office, they mentioned that for 15 passengers and above you have to have a "P" on your driver's license, 14 and under anyone can drive it with or without wheel chairs. The cab, the wheel base is the same as we have now, the only difference is that it sits people side by side instead of back in a row. It also has two handicapped accesses with a ramp.

Councilman Chase, what do you need for training on that for the insurance company, in order for you to drive one of those things you have to be certified by NYS to be able to strap someone in who is in a wheel chair, if you had an accident the town would be liable if the wheel chair wasn't strapped in correctly.

Mr. Cooke asked that of at motor vehicle office, they said there was no training required. You should find this out from your insurance company.

The 20 passenger was leaning towards the us by the kids, the seniors wouldn't have need for this, it would be waste of money using something like that to take one person up to Albany.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, we have the current van which in the ninth inning of it's life, we will keep it until we have to send it back, then we

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Extra Helpings Food Buying Club — Available to *everyone*

Extra Helpings is a program of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and is offered to the community through The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC) in Westerlo. The program is open to all individuals regardless of age or income. Extra Helpings has changed the prices and the menus being offered. Anyone is welcome to purchase any or all of the package options. The menu for each month's Extra Helpings' offering will be published one month in advance. May's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

June's Regular Menu: \$20.00

- 1.5 lbs. of Bacon Wrapped Pork Medallions (4/6 oz.)
- 2 lbs. of Chicken Tenders
- 3 lbs. Sweet Italian Sausage Rope
- 1 lb. 90% Lean Ground Beef
- 1 pt. Grape Tomatoes
- 1 pt. fresh Blueberries

Special #1: \$17.00

- 8 lbs. Fresh Pork Loin

Special #2: \$14.25 PASTA ASSORTMENT

- 18 oz. Stuffed Shells
- 12 oz. Sun Dried Tomato Stuffed Rigatoni
- 12 oz. Spinach Stuffed Rigatoni
- 13 oz. Large Round Ravioli
- 16 oz. Tri-Color Tortellini
- 13 oz. Pierogi w/Potato, Swiss and Jack Cheese
- 2 (1 qt.) Casa Visco Spaghetti Sauce

Special #3: \$30.00 MEAT BOX

- 2.5 lbs. Beef Fajita Strips
- 3 lbs. IQF Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast
- 3 lbs. Hatfield Hot Dogs
- 3 lbs. Sweet Italian Sausage Rope
- 2 (1 lb.) Bacon

(Substitutions of equal value may be necessary due to availability)

Please Note: Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by **June 5th** for pick-up on **June 26th**. HCRC

distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:30AM to 12:30PM and at St. Bernadette's Church in Berne from 12:00 to 1:00PM, and St. Lucy's Church in Altamont from 2:30 to 3:30PM on delivery days. The pick-up site must be noted with each order. Anyone wishing more information regarding Extra Helpings or other Hilltowns Community Resource Center services, please call 797-5256. HCRC's mailing address is: PO Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please include your phone number on all correspondence.



Founder's Day 2007

The Rensselaerville Historic District Association (RHDA) is excited to announce it's annual Founder's Day celebration on Saturday, June 2nd. RHDA is once again planning a day-long series of events to include a lecture, a contra dance (in conjunction with the Rensselaerville Historical Society), and the annual honoring of an individual, couple or group having made a pivotal con-

tribution to the historic district. Keep an eye on your mailboxes as more detailed information will be sent to you as it becomes available. If you are part of a group or organization that has an event you would like to coordinate with our Founder's Day celebration please contact, Christopher Thorne at crthorne@hotmail.com (765-9018).

SENIOR CORNER

Need Information?

ElderSource Line (465-1903) has information at Senior Services to help in a variety of ways. Call between 8:30AM-12:30PM Monday through Friday.

Call for free assistance with housing options, insurance counseling, benefits and entitlements, community resources, adult daycare and caregiver options. This program is funded by United Way of North-eastern New York and Senior Services of Albany Foundation.

Senior Citizens Club:

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Medusa Firehouse at noon. \$1.00 is collected. ALL senior citizens are invited to join the club. Please bring a covered dish to share and/or dessert. Members need to bring their own plates and utensils. Coffee is provided,

Senior Van:

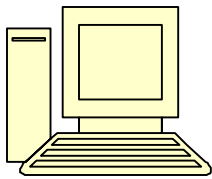
Tuesday: Bryants Center, Greenville
 Thursday: Cobleskill (WalMart)
 Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Van is available to travel to doctor

appointments.

Call Ann Vogel at 797-3376 regarding scheduling and/or arranging for van pick up.

Hiawatha Grange Lunches:

Lunches are served Monday through Friday at noon for \$3.75. The Grange would appreciate 1 day advance notice. Call Marie at 797-3652 between 9:00AM-1:00PM for information and reservations.



Visit us on the web: www.Rensselaerville.com

Albany County Department of Health Rabies Clinic Schedule - 2007

The following series of Rabies Vaccination Clinics for dogs, cats, and ferrets has been arranged by the Albany County Department of Health in cooperation with the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society. All dogs, cats, and ferrets must be on leashes or in carriers. A record of prior vaccination will be required for three year immunization. If no record is presented, a one year vaccination certification will be issued. All clinics are open to any Albany County resident. Any inquiry can be directed to Division of Environmental Health Services, 447-4620 or 447-4625.

Saturday Clinics:

1:00-2:30PM for cats and ferrets
 2:30-4:00PM for dogs

September 8, 1:00-4:00PM
 Village Hall, 2 Thunder Rd. -
 Colonie

November 3, 1:00-4:00 PM
 Public Works Garage, Cohoes Rd.-
 Green Island

Tuesday Clinics:

4:00
 -5:30PM for cats and ferrets 5:30-
 7:00PM for dogs

June 5, 4:00-7:00PM
 Bethlehem Town Park, Elm Ave. —
 Delmar



Donation: \$5:00 per Animal



VOLUNTEER NEWS AND EVENTS

Rensselaerville VFD

Thank you to all the **Pampered Chef's** out there who attended the May 10 party and/or ordered products. We raised approximately \$450 for American Cancer Society breast cancer research & early detection and some for the American Second Harvest local food bank. I will call you when your orders arrive. Janice Kammerer

Company Meeting: Wednesday, June 27 at 8:00PM

Ladies Battalion: Wednesday, June 6 at 7:30 PM

Medusa VFD

Company Meeting: Monday, June 4 at 8:00PM

Drill & Work night: Monday, June 11 and 18 at 7:00PM

Tri-Village VFD

Company Meeting: Wednesday, June 27 at 8:00PM

Upcoming Events: Annual Fund Drive

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Squad**Annual Ernest Bell Memorial Scholarship**

Applications are now being accepted for the Ernest Bell Scholarship which entitles the recipient to \$250 toward continuing education in the fields of education or medicine. Applications should include a letter of interest from the applicant to the scholarship committee, outlining the reasons the applicant feels they are worthy and how they may contribute to society through their study. Any student undertaking higher education in these disciplines will be considered. Applicants must reside in the Town of Rensselaerville and must show proof of completion of one year of study to receive funds.

RVAS is always challenged to find new members. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of the team, please call 797-5233 for information. We welcome ideas, suggestions and most importantly participation at any level.

Company Meeting: Wednesday, June 20 at 7:00PM

RENSELAERVILLE SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

JULY 16-20, 2007

9A.M. – 12 P.M. DAILY

RENSELAERVILLE PLAYGROUND

All children aged 3 and up are welcome to attend.

Children under 3 should be supervised by their parent.

This program is sponsored by the Town of Rensselaerville and is free of charge.

To register, please call Denise at 797-3965 or Deb at 797-5233.

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Public Safety Communications

We plan to solicit feedback from all the local, county and state public safety and communications agencies to better understand any issues or problems they may be having, especially for local fire and EMS companies. Obviously, the town must understand the needs of state police, county sheriff, surrounding communities, DHS/FEMA, etc., as part of our ongoing planning processes for zoning, etc.

Cellular

We are still exploring options for increased cellular access, so nothing new to report there. This will be mostly a function of tier-3 build-out (rural roads coverage) mandated by the FCC and depends on each of the respective cellular telco’s existing coverage and expansion plans. We expect to meet with the four major NE carriers over the next few months to explore their plans and criteria for this mandated expansion. It is doubtful we can achieve 100% coverage due to population density and terrain, but we may be able to significantly increase existing coverage. This is also an important public safety issue.

Internet Access

To facilitate broadband internet access it is apparent we will need to use a hybrid approach of HFC cable, wireless and maybe even other technologies to reach the maximum number of residents, given our “hilltown” geography.

Cable TV (includes also high-speed internet and telephony services over cable)

The recent activity has been regarding the cable upgrade, so the rest of this article will review that project.

The replacement and conversion of the (prior) Milestone analog cable TV head-end into Mid-Hudson Cable’s new digital HFC system is now completed! The cost for the Rensselaerville upgrade was between \$350,000 and \$400,000, and we are the first town in this MHC service area (1,000 miles of cable plant coverage) to receive the upgrade. This project included increasing the cable plant supporting Rensselaerville from 50 miles of cable under Milestone to now 70 miles under MHC.

It is uncommon for cable infrastructure to be converted and expanded in rural areas like ours, let alone so quickly. So far MHC has done well in accommodating Rensselaerville’s needs and they are now starting to upgrade other areas, including Ashland, Cairo, Windham, etc.

We are now examining how to go about extending the reach of this new system and MHC is open to such requests. Unfortunately, that is not as simple as “the guy ½ mile from me has cable, so can I get it, too?” It costs \$22,000 per mile to build additional “reach” so there must be at least 15 homes along that mile (“HPM” or Homes Per mile) that are willing to subscribe to such services before MHC will undertake considering such an extension. The normal rural “HPM” density requirement is 35 subscribers per mile, so the criteria under this new ownership are much more favorable to areas with density like our town. The reason they can do that is because they are offering more than just analog TV like Milestone did.

Also, please bear in mind that just because the existing cable ends at some point may not mean they can extend an additional mile from that exact point. Some of the infrastructure is trunk line (as opposed to distribution line), so the mile distance may not start at that particular point. Such expansions will require a detailed survey and analysis by MHC (under NYPSC guidelines) to determine if it can be accommodated. Besides the construction cost to add additional service area (\$22K/mi), there are many recurring costs (maintenance, personnel, power, insurance, taxes, utility & telephone pole certification, etc.) that factor into the equation. It ends up being primarily an MHC business decision to invest in new infrastructure with a reasonable expectation to amortize that investment over a reasonable time-frame.

Of course if someone (like a homeowner or group of homeowners) is willing to underwrite (pay for) some of the cost for adding infrastructure and there are less than 15 subscriber HPM, they (MHC) might be willing to extend in

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a particular direction. Later additional subscribers will also be asked to pay back part of the additional funds paid by the initial subscribers on the new section.

We are also examining additional federal and state grants that may be available to fund the construction of expanding this service coverage. In fact, there were USDA rural connectivity loans taken by MHC to fund the present upgrade and expansion, which must be repaid by MHC over time.

In the near future we expect to have a map posted at the town offices in Medusa so you can see the sections of particular roads currently reached by MHC service.

There is NO service offering for stand-alone high-speed internet service. If you already have satellite TV, MHC does offer a plan for bundled internet access and telephone service. They also offer plans for bundled basic cable & high-speed internet and a combination of all three services (TV/internet/telephone).

Two items I’d like to make any existing subscribers aware of:

In the event a subscriber is without service for over four (4) hours because of an interruption such subscriber shall be rebated a prorated share of his monthly charge for that period of time beyond the first four contiguous (4) (sic) hours he or she is without service, all in accordance with NYPSC rules.

Complaints received regarding the quality of service, equipment malfunction, billing disputes and other matters, shall be acted upon as soon as possible, but in no case later than the following scheduled business day after receipt. Any matters that cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the subscribers within three (3) business days of their receipt may be forwarded to the Town Board.

*Town Clerk’s office will close at 11:30 AM on June 15th to attend a Town Clerk’s meeting,
and the
Town Clerk’s office will close at Noon on June 22nd.*

HEAP OFFERS HEATING HELP

HEAP is now available at Cornell Cooperative Extension CHOICES at Faith Plaza, Route 9W, Ravena. Please call 756-6850. The initiative is funded by the Albany County Department of Social Services.

Fuel Assistance Outreach dates at the Rensselaerville Town Hall is July 5 between 12:30-3:30PM.

REFUSE/RECYCLING CENTER

The Rensselaerville Refuse/Recycling Center is open on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 7:00AM -3:45PM. Please display your permit. If you do not have one, you can obtain one at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Please cover your refuse so that it is not left on someone else’s property. No sheetrock or shingles will be accepted.

Hilltown Premiere of *WATER FIRST*

Saturday, June 16, 2007, 4:00pm

Guggenheim Auditorium, Rensselaerville Meeting Center

Rensselaerville Institute, Rensselaerville, NY

May 8, 2007

Contact: Chris Brozek or Nancy Hofstadter at the Rensselaerville Meeting Center, 518.797.5100

Globally, over 1.1 BILLION people do not have clean water – as a result over 6,000 children die every day because they can't afford a clean drink of water.

WATER FIRST, a documentary film directed by Amy Hart, aims to raise awareness of the global water issue and gain support for the solutions.

The Rensselaerville Meeting Center will host a free screening of **WATER FIRST** on June 16, 2007 starting at 4:00 PM in the Guggenheim auditorium. Following the documentary, there will be a question and answer session with the filmmaker and Charles Banda, founder of Malawi's Freshwater Project, and subject of the film. Donations towards building a well in Malawi will be graciously accepted.

Filmed in Malawi and South Africa, **WATER FIRST** pushes the question: What can we do today to assure that everyone everywhere has access to the most basic necessity of life?

WATER FIRST also illustrates how water is a crucial ingredient in addressing a myriad of other global issues including poverty, disease control, girls' education, gender equality, population control and the care of HIV/AIDS patients.

The film premiered at the IV World Water Forum in Mexico City where it picked up 2nd prize for best short documentary amongst over 300 films submitted to the 1st Annual International Water & Film Festival. It was also shown at the EcoFilm Fest in Greece, for which the American Embassy in Greece gave Ms. Hart a Fulbright Cultural Exchange grant to attend. It was also selected for the UN Environmental Award event in Turkey, and was shown at for the British Parliament and at the recent UMASS conference, "Our Communities, Our Water."

Founded by Amy Hart in the early '90s, Hart Productions began as a

A documentary film by Amy Hart



theater company and brought original plays to the UN Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, the World Social Forum in Copenhagen and several theater festivals in the states and abroad. The company now produces documentary and feature films. Ms. Hart also produces broadcast programs for the University at Albany School of Public Health.

For more information on the June 16th program, please contact Cathy at the Meeting Center at (518) 797-5100, or Hart Productions at (518) 479-4101 www.waterdoc.org

Summer Assessor Office Hours

There will be NO hours on July 5 & 12

*July 19 – August 30 An Assessor will be available Thursdays 6 – 7 pm
Assessor clerk will be available at the regular hours.*

Regular Assessor hours will resume September 6, 6 – 8 pm

What Are You Doing Friday Night? (June 15th)

THE TOWN OF RENNELAERVILLE DEMOCRATIC SOCIAL CLUB IS HOSTING A FUND RAISER AND YOU'RE INVITED!

As many of you know, recent events have left the Rensselaerville Library, Trinity Church, and the Rensselaerville Historical Society in desperate need of funding. The financial situation of these organizations has come to light abruptly and was totally unforeseen by the members and supporters of the organizations.

The Town of Rensselaerville Democratic Social Club is hosting a BLOCK PARTY on Friday, June 15th, at the Rensselaerville Town Park. The festivities will be starting at 6:00pm, with ALL proceeds going to the affected organizations. Sandy Gordon, our Democratic Albany County Councilman, has very generously offered to provide the fixings for the best homegrown, grass fed, beef hamburgers you have ever eaten, accompanied by side dishes & beverages and all served up to music provided by several of our very talented local musicians and DJ.

Above all this is a time for all of us, regardless of your political affiliation, to get together with your friends

and neighbors to help our local organizations who now find themselves in such need. These organizations have all been around for decades providing services to our community and many of us have taken them for granted because they were always there. Now they need our help and support to merely survive! While there may be long term resolutions to these recent events, the short term need for cash flow is a reality. LET'S JOIN HANDS AS A COMMUNITY AND MEET THIS CHALLENGE! Gather with your family and friends for a feel good, fun night out.

The Democratic Social Club also encourages all citizens to attend the meetings of the Land Use Committee charged with the rewrite of the Town's Subdivision and Zoning Regulations. The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12th at 7:00pm at the Town Hall Building.

CHURCH SERVICES



Preston Hollow Baptist Church
Route 145, Preston Hollow, 239-6544
Worship: Sunday - 11:00AM

Potter Hollow Union Church
Potter Hollow, 734-5106
Worship: Sunday - 9:00AM
Visitation & Prayer Wednesday -
8:30AM

Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church Summer Session Worship Services 11:00 a.m.

Theme for the Summer: "Honoring Diversity: A Path to Understanding."
June 17 "Do You Remember When?" - The Reverend Dr. Joseph W. Shook
Moderator of Session, Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

June 24 "That's A Jesus Thing To Do." - The Rev. Dr. Jean Kiskaddon
Retired Presbyterian Minister, New York City

Trinity Episcopal Church
Trinity Lane, Rensselaerville, 797-5395
Holy Eucharist & Church School
Sunday - 11:00AM

United Church of Christ
Medusa, 239-6119
Worship: Sunday - 9:15AM

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will buy an SUV or something smaller which would be much more appropriate to take people to doctors appointments and things like that.

Keep the van for the kids and get a 5 seater van for the seniors. I hope that you have it mandatory that 3 or 4 mothers go along on the bus with the kids.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, the current van is not handicapped accessible.

For \$57,000 you have to get a lot of people that don't have kids to participate.

Councilwoman Dorman, parental participation that is going to be one of the rules. The cost of the bus is a single item. We want to get more people involved in the Committee, we ask for all interested parents to become involved in the program, it is necessary for parents to become involved. We have had 42 positive answers from people who have children and also positive input to ride along, to supervise and to support the program financially and those people don't have any children and they still want to become involved. All the hamlets are involved. We need the involvement from the parents so we cannot take the kids to these programs, such as, swimming, ice skating, roller skating, etc. We cannot take them unless we have parental supervision. That is our goal. The Committee will meet next Thursday evening there will be a meeting at the Town Hall at 7 PM if anyone is interested

Supervisor Nickelsberg, this is about 95% of the people for this and 5% not for it.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, Mrs. Vogel is the person who does the scheduling for the van, this is a lot of work to schedule drivers to get the people to their destination, use of the van has gone up. We will get a floral arrangement to thank Mrs. Vogel for the excellent job she is doing and will continue to do. Anyone who wants to drive please contact the office.

Albany Transportation, Ravena is busing people up to the doctors, you can call an 800 number to make the arrangements. Please talk to Kathy Hallenbeck.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned the stock market, being strong, helping pay for the pensions of the employees, interest rate are flat, the economy is still growing around 3% here, the cost of high oil price and the cost at the gas pumps is expensive. Our contribution from the County should up to this point be in line or greater than last year. Supervisor Nickelsberg gave the bank balances for each account. The last three CDs are coming up for renewal, we would like to see if we can put it in a jumbo CD and get a better rate.

Attorney Ryan mentioned that you have to keep those funds separate because they are separate reserves.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to accept the Supervisor's Report, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supervisor Nickelsberg read the following report from Superintendent Chase;

I request payment for schooling to attend classes at Ithaca College through the Cornell Roads Program from June 3-6, 2007. There is money in my Highway Account for this.

The Highway Department has been working to restore the washed out roads from the 3 storms in April to useable condition. The worst roads were King Lane, Pond Hill – the upper side, Pearson Road and Pucker Street. It will take a considerable amount of time to complete these projects.

The shoulders have been completed on Niles Road with use of the Albany County shoulder machine.

I have applied for FEMA funding for roads that were damaged due to the 3 storms in April through Albany County.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to accept Superintendent Chase's Report, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Chase had pictures of the damage done to the roads.

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OLD BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Urritia mentioned that Mid Tell is aware that we have no cell service in one part of the town, they are interested in what we are doing. Mid Hudson, our cable provider, the upgrade of the cable plant is complete, they are going road by road with cable, they are 50% complete in this area and they are moving people over to the new system as they go along. Once they are complete they will review extending their reach in certain areas. They would like to speak to the committee at that point and look at maps and discuss moving out. They don't unbundled their services. Their basic service is \$22.00, their satellite service is \$40.00 but you can't buy their internet high speed separately this all cost about \$99.00.

Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that there is a fellow on Roney road, the cable provider was up on that road and they were going to stop about nine tenths of a mile from his home. He hoped that the Town could persuade them to extend the line, we called them and also had Senator Breslin call them. When and if you know they are on your road and you are trying to get access, it is worth a try. There were 9 homes on that nine tenths of a mile. I think their policy may be 25 homes or something like that per mile.

There was an issues about sketchy service, a resident has signed up with the new system and this resident is satisfied with the system. They are trying to make this transition smoothly and deliver the service. Still they only serve a small portion of our population.

MARIE DERMODY

Marie Dermody read a letter concerning the issue of reinstating the small pay for the Grievance Board. (Complete letter on the web and in local newspapers).

Supervisor Nickelsberg made a motion not to reinstate this line item on the ground that we have faced the issue during the budgeting process, we have agreed and voted on the specific issue at that time. I believe strongly in the excellent leadership shown by the Planning Board, Zoning Board, and the number of other voluntarily participatory efforts on behalf of the Town. We made the judgment based on the fact that people that serve dozens of hours sometimes in a month, the LUC committee, 5000 plus hours in the last ten months and so we had a reason at that time and we have a reason at this time regarding the vote, so I make a motion not to reinstate the line item.

Attorney Ryan, motions have to be in a positive form, not negative.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to reinstate the line item for the Grievance Board, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Supervisor Nickelsberg-NA, Councilman Chase-AYE, Councilwoman Dorman-NA, Councilman Lansing-NA, Councilwoman Pine-AYE

LAND USE COMMITTEE

We are going to move ahead on Tuesday with the Land Use Committee, we want to increase the committee from the current 11 to 13 members. We would like to included Randy Bates and Barbara Lippert on that committee. After talking with Mr. Mikulka and Mr. Wright among others we realized that it might be best to have that first meeting with everybody, the Town Board on Tuesday as opposed to just the LUC committee and then have a meeting subsequent with the LUC committee and the Town Board. I would like to do this at the Town Hall, 7 PM the Town Board and the reconstituted LUC committee.

Councilman Chase asked if we had taken a motion in the past that limits the board number.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, we are at 13.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to add Randy Bates and Barbara Lippert to the Land Use Committee, 2nd by Councilwoman Dorman. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING & SUBDIVISION LAWS

Attorney Ryan mentioned that we had a hearing on April 18th, we now need to vote on the zoning and subdivision regulations. We did make a motion to extend the Moratorium for 6 months on May 1st after a public hearing. Attorney Ryan explained about the public notice and posting of the notice.

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to adopt Local Law # 1 of 2007, Titled "Zoning Law of the Town of Rensselaerville".

No second. Motion not carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine that we adopt Local Law # 2 of 2007, Titled "Subdivision regulations of the Town of Rensselaerville".

No second. Motion not carried.

5 MINUTE SPEAKING RULE

Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that we are going to have a 5 minutes speaking time in the audience comments from this point forward. We are not going to have a resolution because if we need to not have it or if we break out shouting that we had in the past we will have to eliminate it. The easiest way is to cease having the audience comments. I am here between 20 to 7 to 5 to 7 PM on Town Board Meeting nights, this time is open for comment or have a discussion on anything in the Town. Audience comments will last as long as we need to get them done.

Howard James mentioned that the audience comments discussion goes back to October of last year, you made a comments that if you have something to say you have 3 minutes to do so. Then it went to 2 minutes. It was mentioned that 2 minutes is a disservice to the public, I went to the meeting on the Feb 8th and you gave us 5 minutes to speak. Audience comments are not addressed by NYS Law and it is up to the Supervisor or the next supervisor's. If they want to take away audience comments it is in his hands not in the Town Board hands. What I want to do is make a proposal that somebody who believes in the first amendment of the constitution of the United States to make a proposal to have a resolution that be it five minutes, four minutes, two minutes. The main this is grandfather in audience comments, don't leave it in the hands of one person. Freedom of speech is our most valuable tool, if we lose that we lose everything.

Attorney Ryan mentioned that the gentlemen who spoke is correct about this. Bob Freeman who knows everything about the open meeting law, and public officers law has written extensively on this. There is no provision in the Town Law providing for audience comments at town board meetings. It is solely at the discretion of the Board. It is up to the Town Board.

Councilman Chase, do other Towns do this.

Attorney Ryan, it depends on the Town and what the members of the Town Board wants.

Councilwoman Dorman, I think we should thin about it, it is reasonable and we should sit at a work meeting and discuss it before we make a decision.

ROAD AGREEMENT

Attorney Ryan mentioned that in December and January he had circulated a road agreement from Superintendent Chase, this needs to be signed. The agreement in front of you is the same agreement that you had in December and January with the exception that the Supervisor wanted the priority done by the roads. Subdivision G was added on page 4 for the order of the roads. Cheese Hill Road, Kenyon Road, Travis Hill Road, Dapice Lane, Smith Road and Knowles Road. The secondary list is, Siebert Road, Gifford Hollow Road, Cooke Lane, Bates Hollow Road and Jaycox Road. The Town Board needs to sign this agreement.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to adopt this Highway Agreement, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. Motion carried unanimously.

The assignment of roads, is it in any specific order.

It is in the order that we read off.

NEW BUSINESS

PARKING SPACE FOR HANDICAPPED AT RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY

Councilwoman Dorman mentioned that the Rensselaerville Library had a request from a citizen that she would like to see reserved parking space for the handicapped in front of the Library. There is a cut out access from the street to the Library. You should consider if a handicapped space is put in front of the Library that space will have to remain open and there is serious parking problem in Main Street in Rensselaerville. There is one side of the street parking.

Councilwoman Pine, does this have to be a permanent parking or just put cones up while the Library is open.

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Councilwoman Dorman, this person is looking for permanent parking.

There is no legal handicapped parking in front of the Library.

Attorney Ryan will check to see how you make a handicapped parking spot permanent and he will get back to the Town Board.

GANGI SUBDIVISION

Attorney Ryan asked to see the subdivision map that was bought up at the last Planning Board meeting. Mrs. Gangi gave to Attorney Ryan the papers from the bank.

Councilwoman Pine, you are going to tear down the old house are you going to put the two parcels back together.

No, they are going to stay two lots.

Attorney Ryan, is the 7.12 acres going to remain subdivided and not merged with the other lot after you get the house built.

Mrs. Gangi it is going to remain subdivided. Mrs. Gangi explained the layout of the land. From the 105 acres we are taking 7.12 acres off.

Attorney Ryan, who is going to be the owners of the 7.12 acres and who is going to be the owner of title of the remaining land.

Mrs. Gangi, I will be the title holder of both parcels.

Attorney Ryan would like the record to reflect that because the moratorium local law doesn't provide for applicants to obtain a variance from that moratorium by making a presentation to the Town Board and then having the Town Board vote on it. For the Town Boards sake I would like to see a copy of the new mortgage commitment and a copy of the map.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to wave moratorium requirements on this subdivision a hardship. All the filing requirements under the Town Law, that all the necessary paper work, mylar, stamped mylar, two deed descriptions, for the 71.2 and remaining 96 acres be given to the Town Attorney, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN BOARD SALARIES TO LIBRARY

Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that at the work meeting we had a discussion concerning the recent tragedies in the Hamlet of Rensselaerville to eliminate the supervisor and towns board salaries for the balance of the year and redistribute it to the Library and other organizations that were hard hit. Three of us said yes and two said no. We will table this until the next meeting and see what happens and what needs to be done.

Councilwoman Dorman, I would make a plea to the general public to have some kindness in your hearts and perhaps give a small contribution if possible to the Library so that we don't have to shut it down. We are tied up, we can't balance our books, we can't pay salaries until we raise some money. We can't get into our checking accounts, everything has been confiscated. If anyone can give us a donation we would greatly appreciate it.

Have you checked into the Middleburgh Library District to see if they can help out.

Councilwoman Dorman, we will do this.

It was noted that some people may not know what has happened.

Councilwoman Dorman reported that the Library has been embezzled, the President of the Library Board took every cent that we had and also from the Episcopal Church Vestry and the funds from the Rensselaerville Historical Society and the Rensselaerville Historical District Association. Councilwoman Dorman explained what has happened with this person and also how the investigation started.

Is it possible to set up some kind of ad hock Friends of the Library or something, so that another organization can pick up the operation of the Library.

The Library has a Friends of the Library Association, and some of the people that come and work in the Library or throw a fund raiser, we have always operated on private funds. We depended on contributions. We have movies for the kids, we have festivities at Christmas time, these are small dollars, if anyone is interested give me a call or donate to the Rensselaerville Library. We are opening a small temporary account so we can pay our bills.

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Councilwoman Dorman answered all the questions from the audience concerning the matter of the missing funds and the person who has been named doing the larceny.

FEMA

FEMA will be holding a meeting on May 15th relative to the process, Albany County has been put in the category as a potential recipient for funding for the floods that occurred in the last 45 days. We are going to have a team go to the meeting on the 15th and try and get additional money for the roads, the parks and other things that have been impacted one way or the other due to the water and runoff damage.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHOOLING – JUNE 3 – 6, 2007

Supervisor Nickelsberg, concerning the authorization to attend the meeting and the reimbursement for the Highway Superintendent. We addressed that issue during the budgeting process, with all the past schooling that the superintendent has been to at Cornell Extension be put into priority relative to the building of the roads, and we voted on it during the budgeting process. We voted against this trip and we can do so again if that is where we are.

Councilwoman Dorman, we have already voted on it.

Councilwoman Pine, during the work meeting you said he wanted to be reimbursed out of the general fund according to his report which we accepted he is taking this out of his highway fund. The money is there.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, it is up to us to vote on whether or not that is going to happen and we spend that money on that item as opposed to roads.

Councilman Chase, that doesn't have to do with roads, it is his contractual.

Councilwoman Pine, we also pay dues to the organization that he is going to for schooling.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, that is fine and we get publications for that and we can call them for advise, and we do, I assume, and so basically we are very interested in him building ten year roads.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

We have received a resignation letter from William Whitbeck, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

We will be getting another resignation from Mr. Watkins who is moving from the area. We have some ideas, Mr. Whitbeck suggested Jim Glorioso who has done some great work on the Land Use Committee. We will address this and make a decision very soon.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to accept the resignation of William Whitbeck, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. Motioned carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Marie Dermody, did you ever wind up with a resolution regarding the reimbursement of the Town for the monies that have been funded for the senior and youth van, this was in the March minutes that a resolution would be written up.

Attorney Ryan advised them that the Town can't solicit money but other people can solicit money and then make a gift to the town of the money that is given to it.

Marie Dermody, the March minutes mentioned that Attorney Neidl will prepare a written resolution for the reimbursement of the money raised to go back to the Town.

Attorney Ryan will follow up on it and do it.

Marie Dermody, the only other comments I am going to say and from here on in it is a dead issue regarding the Board of Assessment Review, you may of won the battle but you certainly haven't won the war.

Mr. Hurley, I am trying to get a handle on what is going on, you people make a motion, second it and pass it, the people out here are just observers, they don't vote.

Correct.

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Usually in Roberts Rule the motion is put up and there is discussion, is there any discussion.

Councilwoman Dorman, we don't go by Roberts Rule and we have discussion, the Board discusses these items.

You are talking about the library, if the public doesn't know about what the problem is, what are we doing here.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, this has been on all the news channels, the newspapers, radio, local papers, it has been a really big deal.

If we are sitting here and you people are running the whole thing and voting on the whole thing and not even a discussion.

Councilwoman Dorman, you elected us to follow that process to make the decisions, otherwise nothing would get resolved because there would be too many versions.

I thought you people made the vote based on what the people out here talked about. Based on the discussion you people have heard then you vote, you don't vote just as individuals, you are voting for us.

Councilwoman Dorman, yes, if a topic comes up people can talk about it, you can get in touch with anyone of us at this table prior to this meeting and explain what you want.

What is the meaning to having a public meeting.

Councilwoman Dorman, the reason is people want to come and see how we are behaving if they like what we are doing.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, we also have a work session. It is every Tuesday prior to the second Thursday. The work session at 7 PM here and you are welcome to come. You can also call me.

A question to Councilwoman Dorman and Councilman Lansing, have you ever voted no against Mr. Supervisor.

Councilwoman Dorman, yes, I will go back through the minutes and check.

You have three against two.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, come to the work meeting and get an idea of what we are trying to do.

Councilwoman Dorman, make your feelings known to the Board.

Steve Wood, I have talked to members of the Board and called lots of time. They are available to you.

You are not going to agree with everybody on this Board.

Legislator Gordon, commented on the decision made about not sending the superintendent of highways to school for training. There are changes in policy that come down every year. This is one way for the superintendents to catch up on the changes and there are also workshops. Training is the basic of safety and safety has to be your concern.

Supervisor Nickelsberg, Cornell has an ongoing monthly access to all of its information, you can call them at any time and asked them about problems. They are totally available to us. We made our decision, we did it a long time ago, we understand what we are doing and we are moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dorman to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM, 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted;

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk

Approved for Newsletter Publication;

Jost Nickelsberg, Town Supervisor

Land Use Committee

The Land Use Committee (LUC) met again on May 15th in a joint session with the Town Board. The purpose was to set goals for the completion of the review and revision of the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, The need to provide opportunities for more public input and education was also a main topic of discussion. As a result, LUC is seeking comments and questions on Version 2 of the Zoning and Subdivision regulations. There is an Old Zoning and New Draft Zoning Comparison on the website at www.rensselaerville.com to see the changes. Weekly meetings are at 7:00 PM every Tuesday at the Town Hall. Public comments are welcomed at the end of the meeting. Comments can also be mailed to the Town Hall, c/o LUC, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120 or can be sent electronically to the following e-mail address planningboard@rensselaerville.com. Future editions of the Newsletter will feature answers to the questions received.

In addition there will be three question and answers sessions on June 12th at the Rensselaerville Firehouse at 7:00 PM, June 26th at the Tri-Village Firehouse at 7:00 PM, and July 10th at the Town Hall at 7:00PM. Each will be held in a different hamlet, but all the citizens of Rensselaerville are encouraged to attend regardless of the location.

The members also voted 12 to 2 in favor of re-establishing the Agricultural District minimum acreage to 5 acres.



Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy

On Saturday, March 24th, Andrew and Carolina Ward generously hosted a small gathering at their home to introduce some of their friends and neighbors to the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy (the "MHLC"). Jill Knapp, the Executive Director of the MHLC explained what a conservation easement is.

A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust (like the MHLC) that permanently limits uses of land in order to protect conserva-

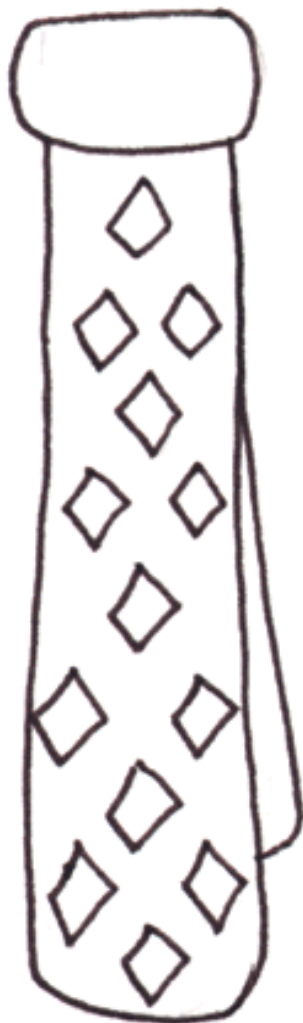
tion values (such as wild habitats, natural forests, bodies of water, or farmland). The landowner decides what parts of their land they want to preserved and what the restrictions should be. The landowner continues to own and use the land and can sell it or pass it on to their heirs. Future owners are bound by the terms of the easement. Easements do not permit access to the property unless the owner wishes.

People execute conservation easements because they want to maintain scenic beauty of their commu-

nity and protect it from inappropriate development. Although an easement may lessen the value of a parcel, there can be a substantial Federal and State tax savings. Placing an easement may also result in a lowering of real estate and estate taxes. Anyone interested in granting an easement should consult their attorney or accountant.

For further information you may visit www.mohawkhudson.org, contact Jill Knapp at 518-436-6346, or mhlc@nycap.rr.com.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

The Town of Rensselaerville Youth Activity Committee invites you and your children to a meeting on Saturday, June 16th at 1:00pm at the Rensselaerville Town Hall

In response to the positive feedback from the surveys we received, we would like to hold a meeting to hear suggestions from the young people on what activities they would be interested in. We will also be looking for some adults to help organize some fund-raising activities. There were many of you who expressed interest in this program and our hope is that together we can begin to plan some activities for the summer.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing all of your ideas on June 16th!!

The Rensselaerville Youth Activity Committee

*Benefit Barbecue- Rensselaerville Playground
June 15, 2007 – 6 to 10 PM*

*Donations to benefit the Rensselaerville Library
Historical Society and Trinity Church*

*Hot dogs, hamburgers, and soda provided
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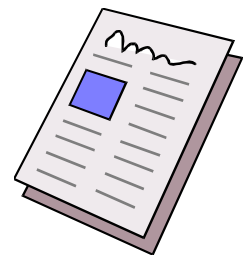
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Dylan, his family & friends would like to personally thank Conkling Hall, the volunteers, and the participants who have generously supported, donated and/or purchased items to make the May 19th garage sale a huge success. Your generosity, thoughtfulness and kind hearts in helping 5 yr. old Dylan beat his life threatening illness called X-link Chronic Granulomatous Disease is gratefully appreciated. You have touched our hearts deeply. Thank You.

Sincerely, Dylan's Family and Friends

OUR TOWN NEWSLETTER

For the past three months, our town newsletter has been produced in house saving the Town approximately \$500.00 each month. If you have something you would like to see added or changed, let us know. We would also like your ideas and critique to determine if this is the way our community would like to see the newsletter. We ask that articles, ads, or community events be sent to the Town Hall via facsimile or email. The e-mail address is: clerk1@rensselaerville.com.



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Rummage Sale at Medusa

The United Church of Christ, in Medusa, will have a Rummage Sale, on June 9th, as part of Medusa Festival Days. The Sale will run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Church Hall.

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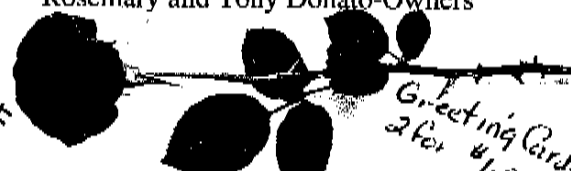
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LOB, Albany, NY 12248
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County Legislature, 39th Dist.
Alexander (Sandy) Gordon
144 Beebe Road, Berne, NY 12023
518-872-2602

Albany County Highway Dept.
518-239-6715

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Tri-Village Fire Company, 911
Social Number - 239-6780

Medusa Fire Company, 911
Back-up Emergency Number -
943-9010
Social Number - 239-6166

Rensselaerville Vol. Ambulance, 911
Information Number - 518-797-5233

Albany County Sheriff, 911
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State Police, Rensselaerville and the
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518-477-9333

Dog Control Officer
Cheryl Tefft-Baitsholts
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IMPORTANT BUSINESS HOURS

Town Board Meetings
Second Thursday 7:00 pm
Working meeting Tuesday before regular
meeting 7:00 pm as needed

Town Justice Court
Monday 7:00 pm

Planning Board
First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals
Second Tuesday 7:00 pm

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer
Thursday 8:00-10:00am, 7-9 pm

Town Clerk's Hours
Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm
Thursday 1:30pm-7:00pm
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Supervisor's Hours
Wednesday 10am - 12 pm
Home office: 7 days 7:30am - 10:30pm

Assessors' Hours
Thursday 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Assessors' Clerk Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning

Town Refuse Station Hours
Wednesday and Saturdays
7:00am-3:45pm

Water/Sewer District Meeting
First Thursday 7:00 pm

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