Preston Hollow Park Fundraiser

As you may know, the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park (Preston Hollow Town Park) sustained great damage during tropical storms Irene and Lee. In an effort to assist in re-building the park a fund raiser dinner will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at the Medusa Firehouse from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The dinner will feature pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, macaroni salad, hard rolls, apple sauce, ice cream, cookies, coffee, tea, lemonade, etc. Take-outs will also be available. A free will offering will be accepted. Wonderful music will be provided by Lloyd Potter. There will also be a raffle for a Spring theme gift basket.

This event will be a collaborative effort on the part of all the hamlets in the Town of Rensselaerville. Anyone interested in joining in any aspect of the planning of this event or helping at the event itself please contact April Caprio at 239-6980. This endeavor is not only a labor of love but also an opportunity for having fun, being with neighbors, and sharing a common goal.

ZBA Position Available

Open to any Town of Rensselaerville resident interested in sitting on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate. This Board meets the first Tuesday of every month, as needed. The purpose of the Zoning Board of Appeals is to interpret the Town’s current Zoning Law as deemed necessary, and review Zoning Law variance request when applications fail to meet the Planning Board or Code Enforcement Officer’s regulations. Alternates will be required to attend all meetings, and vote only when a quorum needs to be met.

Please send letters of interest to:
Kathy Hallenbeck, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120
**Middleburgh Library**

4/3, 10, 17, 24 – 10:30 AM - Drop-in Storytime - This fun, interactive program is designed for little ones age 0 - 5 and their caregivers. We’ll read stories, sing songs, play games, and watch a short film based on a weekly theme. No registration required.

4/3, 10, 17, 24 - 3:30 PM - Reading with Indy - Indy is back again this year to be a reading buddy to your child. Children ages 4-12 are encouraged to visit the Library and read aloud to Indy. Dogs make perfect pals because they are non-threatening, promote trust, and encourage children to take risks in learning by reading aloud, which enhances self-esteem by improving literacy.

1:00 PM – Wednesday Matinee –

4/4 – “Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close” (PG-13)   Stars: Thomas Horn, Tom Hanks and Sandra Bullock

4/11 – “Hugo” (PG-13)   Stars: Asa Butterfield, Chloë Grace Moretz and Christopher Lee


4/5, 12, 19, 26 – 7:00 PM - Knitting Circle - These friendly ladies (men are welcome, but we haven't seen any yet!) knit and crochet, embroider and quilt, and more. You can learn a new skill here or share your own special talents with others. Drop in anytime - no registration required.

4/13 – 5:30 PM – Dinner & A Movie – “War Horse” – (PG-13) - A story about a young man named Albert and his horse, Joey, and how their bond is broken when Joey is sold to the cavalry and sent to the trenches of World War One. Despite being too young to enlist, Albert heads to France to save his friend! We'll provide the pizza and drinks and you bring a dessert to share. Registration required.

4/21 – 11:00 AM – Family Film – “The Muppets” (PG)

Check out our NEW website at [www.middleburghlibrary.info](http://www.middleburghlibrary.info)

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**THE PRESTON HOLLOW BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

The Preston Hollow Beautification Committee will hold its Annual Membership Meeting on Monday, April 9, 2012, at 7:30pm, at the home of Carolin and George Dempsey, 154 Travis Hill Road, Preston Hollow, New York. This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend to hear about past events that have been held, plans for future events and current finances and donations, etc. The committee is always glad to welcome new members.

**MOTHER'S DAY PLANT, FLOWER AND BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER**

Mark your calendars now as The Preston Hollow Beautification Committee will be holding a plant, flower and bake sale on Mother's Day weekend, May 11th, 12th and 13th, at Jimmy Walker's Greenhouse on Route 145 in Preston Hollow. The sale will be on Friday afternoon from 3pm to 6pm, Saturday from 9:30am to 5pm and on Sunday morning from 9:30am to 12 noon. All proceeds will benefit the Beautification Committee's projects and events.
What’s New?

Rensselaerville Library has received a Community Art$grant from The Arts Center of the Capital Region through the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency. The grant will support a new project, Sense of Place, to capture local resident stories from the Town Rensselaerville which may otherwise be lost to history. Storyteller and author, Bairbre McCarthy, will present two story sharing workshops at the Rensselaerville Library on Saturday, March 31 at 1pm and Medusa Fire House on Sunday, April 29th at 1pm. Members of the community are invited to share personal stories that connect them to Rensselaerville; stories of growing up, working, visiting or moving to Rensselaerville. These workshops will explain the project and schedule contributors to digitally record their story either at the Library’s private recording booth or with the Friends of the Library Mobile Outreach. The digital recordings will be archived at the Library, shared on the Library’s website and offered as podcasts, similar to NPR’s Story Corps. Participants will also be invited to perform their work in a free performance celebrating the stories. Bairbre McCarthy will facilitate this performance and inspire other residents to record their stories. Film-maker, Patrick Willems, will record the performance and produce a professional DVD that will be shown in the Fall and available for loan from the Library.

The Library has received a generous donation of $1,000 to purchase children and young adult titles. Stop in and check out some of our new titles.

Save the Date for Rensselaerville’s 7th Annual National Poetry Month Celebrations.

Saturday, April 14th, 4:00pm – Spoken and Sung: An Afternoon with Walt Whitman. Poet Howard Nelson and Soprano Sarah Nelson Weiss will read and sing the extraordinary words of Walt Whitman, with music by composers Ralph Vaughan Williams and Ned Rorem, and new works by young and local composers. Howard is the author of several books, including Earth, My Likeness, a collection of Whitman’s Poetry, a scholar of 19th Century American literature, and professor at Cayuga College. Sarah is a resident of Rensselaerville, Yoga and Pilates teacher, and member of the Village Voices. This is their second collaboration of poetry spoken and set to music. At Conkling Hall.

Friday, April 20th, 7:00pm Poetry Reading by local poet Linda Sonia Miller, who will read from her newly released chapbook: Something Worth Diving For and other work. Linda Sonia Miller: is inspired to write by the mystery of time, the natural world, and the unique stories that compose the relationships in which we engage. She’s been a teacher of literature and creative writing, a Connecticut Writing Project Consultant, and an N.E.H. Fellow. Her work has appeared in such journals as: Ar- ties, South Boston Literary Review, and The New York Times. Her forthcoming chapbook Something Worth Diving For will be published by Finishing Line Press. At the Rensselaerville Library.
Sunday, April 22nd, 2:00 – 4:00pm Favorite Poem Project featuring Hudson Valley poets Cecele Krauss and Mimi Moriarty, as well as your neighbors and friends, and emceed by the inimitable reverend, writer, actress Claire North. The Favorite Poem Project, sponsored by Conkling Hall and the Rensselaerville Library, is part of a national movement begun by former poet laureate Robert Pinsky. This event encourages communities to come together to share poetry. Last year, almost 50 participants gathered to read aloud their favorite poems, everything from the silly to the serious, favorites from childhood and adulthood, as well as original poems. Please bring 1-2 favorite or original poems to this year’s event or just come to listen. At Conkling Hall.

Friday, April 27th, 7:00pm *the haiku year* – A talk and reading by actor, writer, director Tom Gilroy of Rensselaerville and NYC. Seven friends made a pact to write haikus every day for a year. The result was the acclaimed and influential book *the haiku year* by Tom Gilroy and others. Tom will talk about the haiku project as well as read from the book. At the Rensselaerville Library.

Saturday, April 28th, 10:00am-12:00 Haiku Writing Workshop with Tom Gilroy – $25, all proceeds go to support the Library. Pre-registration is required. Mail checks to: The Rensselaerville Library, P.O. Box 188, Rensselaerville, NY 12147. At the Rensselaerville Library.

Do you have an Ereader? You now have access to free ebooks and audio books through the Library and your Library card. No Library card, just stop into the Library and we can help you. Visit http://digitalcollection.uhs.org/ to start downloading. If this is your first visit click on the Digital Help tab or use this link http://bit.ly/AdbObU to get started. Nook owners, are you having difficulty downloading library books at home? The Library can help! We now have software installed on two public computers to assist Nook owners with downloading books. Nook owners, you need to bring your device, your Nook cord, your library card and if you have already established an account with Adobe, your Adobe user id and password.

Do you need assistance with your technology? Contact the Library Director, Kim Graff, to schedule a time to discuss and work through any problems with digital cameras, laptops, software, Library databases, Ereaders, cell phones, GPS etc. Email director@rensselaervillelibrary.org with your type of device and the topic or problem you would like to discuss. Kim will get back to you with dates and times to choose from. Make sure to bring your device and cords with you. We look forward to working with you.

NY State Tax forms are available at the Library. We have a few Federal forms and we can assist with downloading forms from the Internet.

The Library Board of Trustees Meeting is on Monday, April 16th at 7P.M. Meetings are held at the Library and are open to the public.

The Library will be participating in the May Hamlet Wide Garage Sale Day. We are looking for your donations of Books (no encyclopedias, or text books), Movies, Music Cds, Audiobooks and games and gaming devices. Your donations can be dropped off during regular Library hours.

The Library apartment is for rent. Details can be viewed on Craig’s List at http://albany.craigslist.org/apa/2884773445.html

Save the date for the next Festival of Writers: Country and Conflict, July 26-29, 2012

The Library has a new electronic newsletter announcing programs and events at the Library. If you would like to have the newsletter delivered to your email account you can sign up online at http://bit.ly/A3YQaa.
Need Information? Elder Source Line (447-7177) has information about 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 Northeastern 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: Bryant’s Center, Greenville Thursday: Cobleskill (Wal-Mart) 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.

Helderberg Senior Services: Lunches are served Monday through Friday at noon for $3.75. A one-day advance reservation would be appreciated and can be made by calling Marie at 797-3652 between 9:00AM-1:00PM for information and reservations.

We need volunteer drivers!!!! If you have a valid driver’s license and could volunteer a couple hours of your time now and then, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk, for more details.

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Attention All Town of Rensselaerville Residents

To assist emergency services, please post your correct 911 numbers for your residence. The numbers need to be posted in a visible location. Thank you!

The VFW Memorial Garden Committee continues to accept donations, please contact Committee Chairman Jim Glorioso at 239-5902 for more information.

The Committee thanks you in advance for your cooperation & participation in this project to honor those who have served honorably in our Armed Forces.
Conkling Hall - What's On In April

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH. SEE BELOW FOR CELEBRATIONS AT CONKLING HALL.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14: SPOKEN AND SUNG: AN AFTERNOON WITH WALT WHITMAN. Poet Howard Nelson and soprano Sarah nelson Weiss will read and sing. 4:00 PM.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20: Conkling Café, an Open Mic event hosted by Peter Michael. We encourage all forms of appropriate performance art for all ages. Mic, sound system and piano are available. Donations are appreciated. Coffee, tea and treats are available. Performers arrive at 7:00 – 7:30 PM. Music follows.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21: Movie for Grownups: “The Descendants” starring George Clooney. 7:00 PM. Admission $2. BYO treats.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22: Favorite Poem Project. Bring your favorite poem to read or come to listen to your friends and neighbors—everything from the silly to the serious. Special guests are Hudson Valley poets Ceecele Krauss and Mimi Moriarty. Event will be emceed by “our” inimitable Claire North. 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

Classes with Sarah Nelson Weiss, for information call 518 239 6825
Tuesdays 9:00 – 10:15 AM, Yoga
Wednesdays 5:45 – 6:15 PM, Pilates
Saturdays 9:00 – 10:00 AM, Pilates
Classes open to all.

You can reach Conkling Hall at 517 797 3459 or read our website at www.Conklinghall.org. We send frequent announcements/reminders via email. If you wish to be added, please send your email address to Info@ConklingHall.org.

Please visit the Town of Rensselaerville website at www.rensselaerville.com for meeting minutes, the community calendar and much more.

Waste Oil Collection Day:
Saturday, April 28th
7AM–Noon

Paid Advertisement
Annual Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day
Saturday, May 19th
Rain, Snow or Sunshine

Now is the time to sign-up if you would like to hold a sale at your property/location sponsored by the Rensselaerville Fire Department Ladies Battalion. We will advertise in local newspapers, some capital district newspapers, radio and cable television. Your sale will be listed on the map, which will be available the morning of the sale at the firehouse.

Sales should be open from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The cost is still $15.00 per family.

Please send your registration form and $15 registration fee to:

RVFD Ladies Battalion
1364 CR 351
Rensselaerville, New York 12147
Checks payable to RVFD Ladies Battalion

If you have any questions, please call Rose Kuhar at 797-3360. Registration forms must be received by May 12, 2012.

Refreshments and maps will be available at the firehouse between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Garage Sale Registration Form

Name: ____________________________________________ Phone #: ______________________________

Mailing Address:
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Site of Sale: Road name, Route number, 911 number, miles from Village, color of house and other descriptive information:
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Description of items for sale: ______________________________________________________________
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Detailed descriptions will attract potential customers to your sale. Clean, clearly priced items that are spread out for display are more likely to sell.
Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting: Monday, April 2nd at 7:30PM
Company Drill: Monday, April 9th at 7:00PM
Work Night: Monday, April 16th at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department
Calls as of March 9, 2012: 6

April:
2nd - 7:00 pm Company Drill
4th - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting
7th - Easter Egg Hunt - 2:00 pm
9th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
25th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

May:
2nd - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting
7th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
14th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
19th - Garage Sale Day (8am-3pm)
30th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

Upcoming Events:
April 7th - Easter Egg Hunt - 2:00 pm - Location to be determined.
May 19th - Garage Sale Day - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - See registration form to sign up for your garage sale.
May 27th - Chicken BBQ

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Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department
Company Meeting: Wednesday, April 4th at 8:00PM (Drill at 7:00PM)

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department
Company Meeting: Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00PM

Free Will Offering
7 AM TO 11 AM
All You Can Eat Breakfast
APR. 21st

MEDUSA FIRE COMPANY
Rabies Clinic Schedule – 2012

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 a 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 (518) 447-4620 or 447-4625.

| * Saturday March 24 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm. | Town of Berne Highway Garage Route 443 (Helderberg Trail) - Berne |
| ** Tuesday June 5 | ** 4:00pm - 7:00pm | Bethlehem Town Park Elm Avenue - Bethlehem |
| * Saturday September 15 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm. | Village of Colonie Municipal Garage 2 Thunder Road - Colonie |
| * Saturday November 3 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm. | Village of Green Island Public Works Garage Cohoes Avenue - Green Island |

** Saturday Clinics ** - 1:00 - 2:30 pm for cats and ferrets 2:30 - 4:00 pm for dogs

** Tuesday Clinic ** - 4:00 - 5:30 pm for cats and ferrets 5:30 - 7:00 pm for dogs

**DONATION: $8.00 PER ANIMAL**
WANTED

Planning Board is seeking letters of interest to fill a vacant seat, from any town resident interested in sitting on the Planning Board for the Town of Rensselaerville. This is a 7 year term, with meetings held every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM as needed. The Planning Board’s primary responsibilities are to review all minor/major subdivision requests and to ensure responsible land use within the Town.

All letters of interest should be addressed to:
Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk at 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120.

Spring Time Cross Word Puzzle

Can you find: Tulip, Daffodil, Gardening, Showers, Raking

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Church Services

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

**Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church**
Summer Session Worship - 11:00AM
Coffee Hour following Service

**United Church of Christ**
Medusa, 239-4843 or 722-8126
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM

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

**Potter Hollow Union Church**
4824 Potter Hollow Mountain Road
Potter Hollow, 263-4478
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM
Coffee Hour & Sunday School - 11:30AM
Call for Bible Study and Prayer Group
Updated Contact Information

Town Hall
518-797-3798, 518-239-4225
Fax: 518-239-6399

Capital Bldg., Room 502
Albany, NY 12247
518-455-2800

Assembleyman John McEneny, 104th Dist.
LOB, Room 648
Albany, NY 12248
518-455-4100

Co. Legislator, Deborah Busch, 39th Dist.
518-872-0146

Albany County Highway Dept.
518-239-6715, 518-239-6710

Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911
Social Number: 797-9218

Tri-Village Fire Company, 911
Social number: 289-6780

Medusa Fire Company, 911
Back up emergency number, 765-5979
Social number: 239-6166

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

Albany County Sheriff, 911
518-765-2331

State Police
Rensselaerville and Hill towns, 911
518-477-9333

Hilltown Community Resource Center
518-797-5256

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