

Village of Churchville Newsletter

Message from the Mayor...

This summer will bring the conclusion of several of our ongoing projects. The new electric substation is a project soon to be completed. You will continue to see improvements to our overhead system and be prepared for several planned power outages this summer during the actual switch over. You will be notified in advance of any scheduled power outages. Please be patient as this conversion will bring more dependable and reliable power to our residents.

There will be a dedication of the new Westshore trail upon its completion this summer. This trail has been landscaped with a \$10,000 charitable donation to the Village from resident, Dr. Nancy Perkins Weyl. We thank her for the generous donation. Take the opportunity for a walk along this new trail. This project has enhanced the 'walkability' of our Village.

The demolition of the former Luster Coate Metalizing building has been completed. Just another step in cleaning up this property and bringing it back onto the tax rolls. The new apartment complex, Baker Street Landing, continues to be built out and apartments rented.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our concert series this summer and our other events such as the Chamber Walkabout and the Lions Country Fair. There is a new event this summer - the Churchville Riga Invitational Golf Tournament at Mill Creek on September 17th. The proceeds of this will benefit our Churchville Volunteer Fire Department and the Churchville Lions Club.

At different times this year, I have met with Senator Ramzenhofer, Assemblyman Hawley, County Legislator Adair, and Bob McNary; Director of Empire State Development. During each of these meetings, familiarizing them with Churchville and stressing our concerns over keeping the economic health of our community strong is a top priority. And asking for assistance in improving the condition of the CSX railroad crossing on Main Street is always part of the conversation. It is important for you to realize that networking with leaders in our community on a monthly basis through active participation in the Council of Governments and the Monroe County Association of Mayors is also part of my schedule.

We have much to offer in our community and hope to provide the best of services to all. With that, as always, my door is open. Please stop in to see me or contact me by email or phone if you have any concerns or just want to chat. We are fortunate to live in such a great community and we do all that is possible keep it a great place to live. Have a safe and fun summer.

Mayor Nancy L. Steedman



Congratulations Jim Fitzsimmons, for 50 years as Attorney for the Village of Churchville!



On April 27, 2012 family and friends gathered at the Village Office for a tree planting ceremony to honor Jim Fitzsimmons.



Welcome to New Businesses in the Village

Pink Nails



Mayor Nancy Steedman, Deputy Mayor Don Suter and Chamber President, Sue Davis welcome An Pham and Henly Truons who opened the Pink Nail Salon in the Village Commons on February 12, 2012.

Slice Pizza Company



Mayor Nancy Steedman, Deputy Mayor Don Suter and Chamber President, Sue Davis welcome Jeff and Kelly Kanaley who opened the new Slice Pizza Company at the former Momma Mia's location on April 17, 2012.

Support the businesses in the Village-shop local!

Mayor Nancy Meets with County Legislator Jeff Adair

Mayor Nancy was invited by Monroe County Legislator, Jeff Adair, for a meeting and tour of the County Legislative Chambers in Rochester on Tuesday, February 07, 2012. Jeff Adair is the Village of Churchville and the Town of Riga's new County Legislator, and he also serves as the President of the Monroe County Legislature.

The tour was most informative, allowing me to learn more about the County Legislature and Jeff Adair. Before becoming a County Legislator, Jeff was the Town Supervisor for Wheatland. During the last November elections, the legislative districts were redrawn that resulted in a change of our representative from Robert Colby to Jeff Adair.

A busy man with many responsibilities, I found him to be most personable and interesting. He has a deep interest in the communities that he represents and is willing to be of help whenever needed. I am sure that Legislator Jeff will be attending many of our community events this year. So, watch for him in our community and do take the time to introduce yourself and welcome him.



Black Creek Feasibility Study Public Information Meeting

Wednesday May 23, 2012 7-8pm

Churchville Chili Middle School Cafeteria North, 139 Fairbanks Rd Churchville, NY 14428

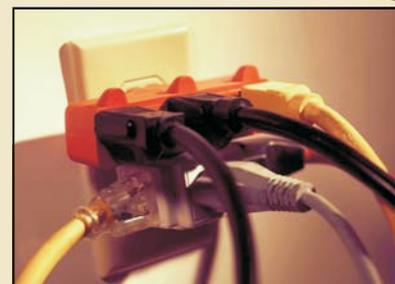
Join us for the first of two public information meetings as part of this project. The objective of this meeting is to provide a project overview and to solicit community feedback.

The Black Creek Corridor Trail Feasibility Study will evaluate the feasibility of a multi-use trail system that would parallel the Black Creek Corridor and provide critical linkage of the Genesee Valley Greenway, Black Creek Park, Churchville Park, the Towns of Chili and Riga, and the Village of Churchville.

Questions? Contact David Lindsay Email: DLindsay@townofchili.org Phone: 585-889-2630

Electric Usage

As a municipal power community, the Village of Churchville enjoys very low electric rates. It is one of many features which attracts new residents and new businesses to our community. Despite two recent rate increases our residential rates are still only \$0.048/kw-hr, less than half of the rate RG&E customers pay and our commercial rates are just as attractive.



However, our low rates can be a double edged sword as there is not a large financial incentive to conserve electricity. This is amplified by the ever increasing adoption of technology in our daily lives: televisions and computers, iPods and iPads, cell phones and smart phones. Households today have more electronic gear than ever, and it is only increasing. The amount of electricity needed to power our devices and appliances increases accordingly.

When you look at your monthly utility bill you will notice a PPAC charge. What is PPAC? This is the Purchase Power Adjustment Charge, the cost of supplemental power the Village must purchase when our allotted hydro-electric power supply is exhausted. This supplemental power is purchased on the open market, at market prices. If you look closely, you will see the PPAC rate is much higher than our basic electric rates.

The amount of supplemental power purchased each month varies and the cost is spread proportionally across all rate payers. In the heaviest months the PPAC charge can add 30%-40% or more to the average electric bill.

Therefore, every kw-hr of electricity saved not only saves you money, but also saves your neighbors money. If every household would adopt the attitude of "Waste not, want not" we could make a significant impact on the amount of supplemental power the Village must purchase each month. The Village Superintendent and Village Board are examining ways to reduce our own electric usage. The commissioning of the new power substation on N. Sanford Rd. will be more efficient and reliable. We are also investigating new municipal lighting options that will provide the same amount of lighting for our streets and sidewalks while using a fraction of the power.

For residents there is the IEEP rebate program. This program provides rebates ranging from a few dollars for small items, up to \$75 or more for larger items. Every resident is encouraged to take advantage of this great program. The only requirement is that the appliance, device, or window meets certain energy efficiency standards. Complete information and forms for this mail-in rebate are available at the Village office. There are also two Kill-A-Watt kits available for anyone's use that can put costs on what it takes to operate any device in your home. Each kit contains a unit that will measure the electric usage of a device or appliance and translate that into dollars and cents. Four kits are in the Village Office, the other is at the Newman-Riga Library. Any resident can check out one of these easy to use kits, complete instructions are included.

There are many things everyone can do to lower our electric costs. By implementing some simple changes we can ensure that we maintain the low electric rates we have today.

Mayors for Meals on Wheels

Mayor Nancy Steedman participated in the Mayors for Meals on Wheels on March 21, 2012. She joined other Mayors and Town Supervisors from Monroe County by touring the facility on Prince Street in Rochester. Then the elected officials donned aprons, hair nets and rubber gloves to assist in filling containers of food for delivery. Mayor Nancy joined with Town of Chili Supervisor, Dave Dunning to deliver meals to several residents in the area. This is a service provided to our residents that is beneficial in many ways. The organization and volunteers should be commended for their work in making this program so successful.



Churchville's Grand Hotels

As transportation routes began to open in and around the village of Churchville, the need to accommodate its many travelers created opportunities for the growth of taverns and hotels. In the township, the earliest opening of a tavern was that of Thomson's Tavern. Constructed in 1808 by Joseph Thomson, this wood structure was once located on the southeast corner of Chili-Riga Road and Riga Mumford Road. It served as a tavern and store until 1811 then Joseph built a new tavern across the street on the southwest corner. Today, the Thomson Tavern is preserved and located at the Genesee Country Museum.

For the village, its earliest tavern/hotel can be traced back to 1815, when Elisha P. Davis built his public house on the southeast corner of South Main Street and Buffalo Street. This building was not only a hotel, but also served as a post office and a staging area for exchanging stage coach horses. At about the same time in history, a hotel was located on the northwest corner and operated by Ichabod Sprague. Both of these establishments served the stage coach traveler and were eventually destroyed by fire.

By the early 1830's, word was spreading throughout the township of the construction of a great railroad line. An article appearing in the December 1835 issue of the Rochester Daily Democrat Newspaper revealed the following: "But the great source of future prosperity to Churchville will be the Tonawanda Railroad, which passes a few rods to the south of the village. Since the location of the railroad, a large number of village lots have been laid out and sold, at prices varying from \$100.00 to \$500.00 per lot. Preparations are making for building extensively in that part of the village next year. Two or three stores, one large tavern, one or more storehouses, mechanics shops, dwellings, and etc. are to be put up. Next year, Churchville will present a scene of life and activity rarely witnessed in many of our larger villages. And I can see no reason why our present little village may not, in a few years, rank with its neighbors, Leroy and Brockport. What the canal has been to Brockport, the railroad will be to Churchville." It was in that same year that Billings Richmond constructed his hotel near the railroad tracks at the corner of what we now know as South Main Street and Howard Avenue. It was once described in a local newspaper as follows: "the south half or the hotel proper was erected when the New York Central was being put through. It was built of wood, two stories high, with a 10 foot front on Main Street, and a 60 foot front facing the New York Central tracks. Later on an addition was built on the north, this being three stories high and also constructed entirely of wood. In its day it was one of the leading hotels of Western New York. Donations, balls, social and in fact any event of any prominence was held in the new annex. In fact old settlers tell of the ballroom which was located on the second floor and how 100 couples were often in attendance." Throughout the years the name of the hotel was changed from the Churchville Hotel, Tupper Hotel and Greene Hotel, but on a warm summers night in 1908 the building was totally destroyed by fire and was never rebuilt.



Churchville's next "grand hotel" was built in 1862 by Hanford Smith. It was once located on the southwest corner of South Main Street and Buffalo Street, where the Riga Newman Library is located. Very little is known about this hotel except what was written in the 1947 book called "Stagecoach Towns" by Arch Merrill. The book quotes an interview with Edmund Parnell, a local Churchville druggist, as follows: "He spoke of the imposing three-story hotel with the Mansard roof that was built in 1864 on the present village park site, with its huge ball room, its "ladies' and gents' sitting rooms," its enormous barn and the traveling shows that exhibited there. He remembered the rich New Yorker who built the hostelry, Hanford Smith, sitting on its rambling porch in his plug hat." But like the hotel previously mentioned, the Smith Hotel also burned down during the massive 1882 village conflagration, which totally gutted the west side of South Main Street. It too, was never rebuilt.

By the spring of 1884, a house once located on the west side of South Main Street, just south of the railroad tracks was completely remodeled by Francis Parish and became known as the Cottage Hotel. A large barn, which served as a livery stable, ice house and sheds were also added. It was said, that the livery stable was one of the finest in the state. Because of Mr. Parish's belief in temperance, this hotel was the only hotel, in the village, to never serve alcoholic beverages. Then on a summers morning in 1912 the Cottage Hotel burnt to the ground and like the other "grand hotels," is never rebuilt.

Rising from the ashes of the 1882 conflagration was the last of the "grand hotels" of Churchville. Built in 1885 by George Smith and originally called the Clinton Hotel, this building is the only one of the "grand hotels" still standing. Its location is 19 South Main Street, at what we now know as the Johnson House.

The building was contracted to Seeley Meeker of Rochester who designed it as a two story brick building with a French roof and the second story built into a banquet hall. The Smith family operated the hotel until 1897, when George Smith was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of his wife Gertrude. The case was very controversial in the village and upon appeal, George Smith's sentence was commuted to life in prison.



Throughout the years the building continued to serve as a hotel, banquet hall and a general store under such names as the Smith Hotel and Ames Hotel. Then in 1946, Hiram and Ruth Johnson purchased the building, made extensive renovations and named it the Johnson House.

In 1977, Mike and Peggy Naughton acquired the Johnson House and through their hard work and devotion have made it what it is today - the finest historic dining establishment in the Genesee Valley.

Submitted by: Ron Belczak, Historian

Boy Scout Troop 133

2nd Annual Chicken BBQ

Saturday, May 19, 2012

Noon - 3pm (or until sold out)

At the old Firehouse

25 E. Buffalo St. Churchville, NY

Tickets: \$8.00 (Available at Churchville Village Office or at the door)

Includes chicken, salt potatoes, coleslaw, roll

Take out only



SAVE THE DATES

August 18 & 19

**Antique Tractors • Farm Equipment • Hit & Miss Engines • Tractor Pulls • Kids' Games • Farmer's Market • Arts & Crafts • Fireworks • Food • World's Famous Chicken BBQ • Entertainment • Silent Auction
...and much more!**

Plan to be part of a Churchville tradition and have fun at the 2011 Churchville Lion's Club Country Fair

<http://www.churchvillelions.org/countryfair/>

Brush Pick-up

Spring/Summer brush pile pick-up will be the first and third Monday of every month, weather permitting. **Lawn debris and leaves will be picked up only if they are in brown biodegradable bags.**

Waste Oil

The Department of Public Works burns waste oil to heat their shop. If you have any waste oil you are looking to dispose of you may drop it off at the DPW. Any questions call 293-3366

Cemetery Rules & Regulations

1. There will be **NO** planting of trees, shrubs, or flowers in the ground by the lessee of the cemetery plot.
2. Pots and urns must be removed from the gravesite by **October 15th of each year**. Christmas wreaths and other such decorations must be removed by **March 15th of each year**.
3. All pots and urns are to be placed at the **side** of the memorial marker and **not in front or rear** for ease of mowing.
4. Plot lessees and visitors are requested to assist the cemetery in maintaining the beauty of the lawns by refraining from placing on plots numerous obstacles that hinder proper lawn mowing, thereby increasing the cost of maintenance.

The Village of Churchville reserves the right to remove any prohibited plot decorations at any time.

Harvey C. Noone Post 954 News

Harvey C. Noone Post 954 of The American Legion invites everyone to attend our observance of Memorial Day starting at 10:30am with our ceremony and remarks at the Churchville Elementary School, followed at 11:00am by the Parade through the Village ending at the soldiers' monument in Creekside Cemetery for our concluding ceremony.

Our Euchre nights are open to the public. The schedule is:

May 4th & 18th Starts at 7:30pm
June 15th Starts at 7:00pm
July 20th Starts at 7:00pm
August 17th Starts at 7:00pm
September 21st Starts at 7:00pm

The Legion facilities are available to rent for any occasion or party, Contact Gil Budd at 293-3418.



Newman Riga Library News

Some library patrons were kind enough to share a pamphlet with me provided by the NY State Education Department, dated 1908. The subject: Library Handwriting: A Guide for the Use of Students in The New York State Library School.

The pamphlet instructs the librarian that “a mechanical accomplishment such as writing could almost subordinate the intellectual side required of the profession. “ What with the “rapidly increasing adoption of typewritten and printed cards, the library hand is less important, but sometimes typewriting is not feasible and handwriting will continue to be critical.” Bad handwriting is synonymous with being an illiterate boor.

Then there is ink. “Ink is very important and must be permanent and uniform in color.” The NY State library recommended Carter’s Record Ink and Stafford’s for blue. Also critical is an ink stand well and “it must be shut away from dust, light, and air.” Pens with good nibs are important. “One must avoid pens with metal next to the fingers as it may bring on writer’s cramp.” Erasers are essential, especially a good steel eraser. (What is a steel eraser anyhow?) And let’ not forget a good blotter.

In summary, “librarians must take great pains to have all writing uniform in size, slant, spacing and forms of letters.”

Do you realize how badly some of us would like to return to those simple times, (at least on some days) when a critical issue, warranting an actual pamphlet, was something as petty as handwriting?

I wonder what the librarian who could travel through a worm hole might think if he wandered into a small public library today. Public relations might prove to be an elusive new responsibility for a librarian traveling forward in time. Back in the old days, libraries were as sacred as “mom and apple pie”. People visited them regularly without the need to be cajoled or coerced. We had books. People came in to get them.

Today, all we do is gather statistics for various entities, funding agencies and otherwise. I suspect that would be a novel activity for that time-traveling librarian.

Staffing is probably more challenging today since working in a library used to be considered a privilege back in the late 1800’ s. Hours were shorter, enabling the library to hire fewer staff and furthermore, people considered their library positions to be careers, not merely jobs.

Most important, I think, is the issue of collection development. We have a myriad number of formats to consider when we purchase items for a library. Do we allocate more toward children’s books or young adult books? How much do we allocate toward eBooks or Books on CD? What about periodicals? Do people still borrow magazines? Even within the realm of adult fiction, modern times have spawned all sorts of literary genres. Do we want to spend money on “chick lit”? What about “literature”, which is less popular. Do we buy what’s in demand like graphic novels, or what is considered good literature? (P.S. Don’t look for E.L. James here, or for graphic novels either....that’s my position, and I’m sticking with it.)

Today librarians must be computer techs as well. Fancy that for a librarian out of time. Crashing PC’s, multiple systems, ever-changing technology, intellectual property issues, security issues for the collection, and even problem patrons...imagine that!

You get the point. Just worrying about my handwriting would be a very good thing. But always remember, some famous people started out as librarians. Consider J. Edgar Hoover, Golda Meir, Mao Zedong and Casanova among many others. Don’t ever mess with a librarian. We have big shoes to fill.

Mark your calendars for the following:

Stone Soup Preschool Program May 1st @ 10:30 A.M.	Rochester Guitar Duo Tim Shannon and Dennis Repino June 26th @ 7:00 P.M. Suitable for Adults and Young Adults	Summer Reading Program Ride the Reading Rocket July 9th – August 16th Preschool – Adult
Adventures in Chemistry Deb Janes July 17th @ 3:00 P.M.	Dave Jeffers and his Puppets July 24th @ 3:00 P.M.	Christmas in July July 31st @ 3:00 P.M.
Water Water Everywhere! August 2nd @ 3:00 P.M.	Visit with Greyhounds August 7th @ 3:00 P.M.	Bagel Party for Juvenile Summer Reading Game August 16th

Submitted by: Donna Haire, Librarian

NOTICE TO ALL CHURCHVILLE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

The Village of Churchville has been in the process of upgrading its electrical distribution facilities. These upgrades include a new 12,470 volt, 14 megawatt electrical substation located on Sanford Road North. This new substation will replace the current substation located on Richmond Avenue.

As we transition electrical load from the Richmond Ave. substation over to the Sanford Road North substation, power interruptions will be required. These interruptions will be localized to targeted neighborhoods and will typically last in duration from 3 to 6 hours. Most interruptions will occur during regular business days and will begin at 9:00 AM. Some interruptions will occur on Sunday mornings to minimize impacts on local businesses and schools. Once a neighborhood has been moved over to the new substation, no further interruption will be required.

We are still in the planning stages and are likely to begin transferring load in late May or early June. We will be hanging flyers on doors in targeted neighborhoods 1 week prior to any shutdown. We realize there is never a good time for electric service interruptions and will make every effort to contain the outages to the scheduled times. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.



Adopt a Garden

Interested in beautifying our Village? Why not "adopt a garden" and do just that! We have several areas in the Village available for your business organization or family to "adopt". The Village provides the flowers and mulch; you provide the planting and care. It's a fun way to work together and help our Village look great!



Interested? Contact Trustee Diane Pusateri at DFPusateri@frontiernet.net or call the Village office, today!

Chamber Walkabout – June 14, 2012

Come and learn about our local businesses. New this year on the library lawn will be the Music Makers Big Band with bandleader Dick Otto. A 20 minute patriotic salute to our armed forces for Flag Day will be played at 5, 6 and 7:00pm. Enjoy more music, art and dance by students from CCSD. The venue is expanding with new and exciting activities. See you there!!



Chamber of Commerce News

The regular meeting schedule for the Chamber is coming to a close for the summer. Our last meeting will be held on May 10, 2012 and will be the presentation of the School Budget by the Churchville-Chili Central School. Meeting will be held at noon at the Johnson House. Please call 293-1111 for reservations.

Special events planned over the summer include:

June 14, 2012 – WalkAbout

July 23, 2012 – Annual Golf Tournament

Both of these events are in the early planning stages but more information will be supplied as it becomes available.

Look for our regular meetings to start up again in September.

Submitted by: Sue Davis, President



Town of Riga offers Free Rabies Clinic

August 25th 1:00 to 3:00 pm

25 E. Buffalo St (at the old firehouse)

Additional parking is available across the street in the old Luster Coate parking lot.

****All dogs & cats MUST be at least 3 months of age & on a leash or in a pet carrier!!**

If you have any questions, call Riga Dog Control 293-3880 ext 125

In order to receive a 3 year vaccine we will need proof of a prior vaccine.



Calendar of Events

- May 19.....Bo y Scout Chicken BBQ
May 19-20Churc hville Greene Garage Sales
May 21.....Cham ber of Commerce Youth Hall of Fame
May 21.....Joint Village/Tow n Board Meeting
May 23.....Black Creek Feasibilit y Study Public Info Meeting
May 28.....Memorial Day Parade
June 14.....Cham ber of Commerce Walk-About
July 23 Cham ber of Commerce Golf Tournament
July 26 Waste M anagement Open House
August 18-19 Lions Cl ub Country Fair
September 17 Churc hville-RigaInvitational Golf Tournament

Mark your calendar!!

Refuse will be picked up:

Thursday May 31st due to Memorial Day

Thursday July 5th due to Independence Day

Thursday September 6th due to Labor Day

The Village Office & DPW will be CLOSED on the following dates:

May 28th - Memorial Day

July 4th- Independence Day

September 3rd - Labor Day

October 8th -Columbus Day

Normal office business hours are 8:30am to 4:00pm

Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings

2nd & 4th Monday of every month at 7:00pm

Planning Board Meetings

1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm

All meetings are at the Village Office

Check www.churchville.net for meeting updates/cancellations, agendas and meeting minutes.

2012 Concert Series in the Gazebo

June 27..... The Don Newcomb Band

Sponsored by Waste Management

July 11..... Carol and the Impalas

July 18..... CoMoTion

July 25..... Fiddlers of the Genesee

August 1 Blue Sky - *Sponsored by Wilkins RV*



Concerts will start at 6:30 pm in the Churchville Village Gazebo and are jointly held by the Village of Churchville and Town of Riga. Concerts will be held Rain or Shine. Rain location is at the Cobblestone Hall on W. Buffalo St.

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