

Village of Churchville Newsletter

Message from the Mayor...

It has been an exciting and busy summer. With so much going on in our community, a list of activities might be more interesting. If you are interested in knowing more about any of these items, please contact me at the office (293-3720) or MayorNancy@Churchville.net.

- A new townhouse development on Washington Street starts breaking ground this fall which will offer some new housing opportunities to our community.
- The Baker Street Landing development is almost complete.
- The former Luster Coate Metalizing Corporation building has been demolished and we look forward to this property being developed.
- On North Main, the Union Congregational Church completed their addition and Arrowmart 'freshened' up their building with a new coat of paint.
- A volunteer helped repair and straighten the headstones in the oldest part of our Cemetery
- The Village Electric conversion to the new electric substation is almost complete.
- The new Memorial Park at the Village Office was dedicated this summer.
- The West Shore Trail will be completed and dedicated this fall.
- The 88 acre vacant farmland between South Main Street and Sanford Road North has been sold and soon to be developed.
- The village has welcomed new businesses and sadly said good-bye to some long standing businesses. I encourage everyone to support our local businesses whenever possible.
- New Verizon service has been added to our water tower to provide better service.
- Churchville resident, Jenn Suhr brought home an Olympic Gold Medal in Pole Vaulting!
- Churchville resident, Ryan Chalmers is competing in the Paralympics in London – still awaiting results at the time of this newsletter.
- The Railroad Crossing on Main Street is to be Repaired – read more about it in this issue.
- Another well attended concert series was offered this summer with the Town of Riga Recreation Department.
- Our local Boy Scout Troop 133 celebrated their 20th anniversary year! Congrats!
- The Chamber Walkabout brought new music and Dolly the Trolley for everyone to enjoy.
- The Churchville Lions Club Country Fair had perfect weather and brought many new visitors to our area.
- There was an increase of canoes and kayaks on Black Creek this summer as more people discover our 'hidden recreational treasure'.

It was a marvelous summer. I certainly hope you had an opportunity to enjoy some of these exciting events. I am always available – stop in to chat or just to say "Hi"....we have a community that I am always proud to brag about as I meet with Mayors and elected officials from other communities.

Mayor Nancy L. Steedman

Jenn Suhr Motorcade

Saturday, September 29th
9:30 am
Churchville Fire Department
24 Washington Street

Read article on back for more details

West Shore Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Saturday, October 20th
11:00 am
85 W Buffalo Street

Read article on page 5 for more details.

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 9th
Village Gazebo
4:30 pm

Watch website for more details

Don't Plant or Place Items Near Pad-mounted Transformers

Some housing developments have underground electricity service with pad-mounted transformers, green metal boxes mounted on a fiberglass or concrete foundation.



Please don't plant or place items around pad-mounted transformers. The risk of serious injury when digging near energized electrical equipment is significant. If there are plants or other obstructions, do not attempt to remove them. Contact the Village of Churchville at (585)293-3366.

As part of our continuing effort to provide safe, reliable service, we routinely inspect pad-mounted transformers. At times we need to access them to maintain equipment or restore power. To make this work possible, we need to be sure there are no trees, plants or other obstructions within 12 feet of the front and within 5 feet of the other three sides. Air flow around transformers is critical to prevent overheating and power interruptions. We have easements to remove obstructions.

Know What's Below

Planting trees, installing a fence, deck or mailbox? Before you dig for any reason, state law requires you to call Dig Safely New York by dialing **811**. There may be underground utilities in your yard that you are not aware of. Call 811 two working days before you plan on digging and utility companies will mark their underground utilities near your dig site. The markings can be in the form of small colored flags or spray paint. Digging without calling first can potentially be dangerous or result in fines and costly repairs. Underground utilities include electric, gas, water, cable tv, phone and more. **It's easy, it's free and it's the law! Call before you dig!!** For more information visit www.call811.com or www.digsafelynewyork.com

Cemetery Decorations

Please remember all pots and urns must be removed from grave sites by October 15th each year. Christmas wreaths and such decorations may be placed at the gravesites but must be removed by March 15th of each year or they will be discarded.

Winter Parking

Remember, **it is illegal to park on any Village streets from 2:00 am to 6:00 am, November 1st to May 1st.** Please note special winter parking regulations in the municipal parking lot on S. Main St. Any cars parked in these areas at said times may be ticketed.

Churchville Lions Club

Interested in volunteering right here in your own community?

The CHURCHVILLE LIONS CLUB serves our neighbors in many ways and is recruiting new members.



Please join us for an Open House at 6:00 pm on November 13th at the Maher Lodge, Sanford Road, in Churchville.

For further information, please call Chairperson Lion Joe at 594-2442, Lion Mike at 594-1414, or Lion Elaine at 293-3142. We look forward to meeting you and providing you with information about our fine organization.

Fall Leaf Pick-Up - Every Monday starting mid-October

There can be NO sticks or twigs in the leaf piles because they will damage the machine. Leaves will only be picked up if piled loosely between the sidewalk and street or in biodegradable bags. (Items in cans will not be picked up) **DO NOT PLACE IN STREET OR CONCRETE DRAIN!**

Main Street Railroad Crossing to be Repaired!!

Thank you to all who registered their complaint with CSX in regards to the condition of our railroad crossing. Sometimes it takes a Village to make improvements to our community and you all came together to help make it happen. I have word from CSX that our railroad crossing on Main Street will be replaced and repaired this fall. It is the result of the many complaints registered by residents at www.CSX.com and by letters and phone calls from the Mayor and Village Attorney. Finally, with the help of Assemblyman Steve Hawley, our message was heard.

There will be some inconvenience as there will be a detour around the crossing during the time of repairs. However, the end result will hopefully be worth the inconvenience. It is my understanding that over 100 feet of rail along with the ties will be replaced on each track at the crossing. This will take several days per side. The new track will be built near the current track and then moved into place. It takes much coordination to keep the trains on schedule, to schedule the equipment necessary for clearing and placing the new track and to coordinate all this with CSX and the Department of Transportation for detours and road closings.

I extend my thanks for everyone who helped make this possible and I look forward to a safer and smoother crossing in our village.

Submitted by: Mayor Nancy

Thank You to the Volunteers

The flowers and planters in the Village looked great – even with the dry weather. Please join the Mayor and Village Board as we thank the many volunteers and village employees for their planting, weeding, trimming and watering of the many planters and flowers in the village this summer. It looked great – even with the dry weather conditions.

A job well done!!!
Thank you to:



Frank Perry
Jim and Mary Terry
Ruth Foley
Sue Mears
The Gathmann family
Union Congregational Church of Christ
Village DPW

Be an H2O Hero This Fall!

Stormdrains lead directly to nearby waterbodies, so keeping lawn and yard care by-products and pool, fountain and spa discharges out of stormdrains will reduce the amount of pollutants entering our local waters. As you perform your household chores this fall, following the guidance below will help improve and protect our local water quality, and make *you* an H2O Hero!

- **Lawn and Yard Care**
 - Mulch your leaves to the extent possible. Mulching returns nutrients to the soil and saves the time and work needed to rake and dispose of leaves.
 - Sweep up lawnmower clippings from your driveway and adjacent roadway to prevent them from entering stormdrains.
 - Never dispose of yard waste in a storm drain, and keeping storm drains clear of leaves and debris will help reduce localized flooding during rainfalls.
 - NYS Law requires that fertilizer landing on impervious surfaces, such as driveways, roadways and sidewalks, be immediately cleaned up and applied to the lawn or containerized.
 - NYS Law prohibits the application of fertilizer on lawns between December 1 and April 1.
- **Winterizing Pools, Fountains and Spas**
 - Wait for chlorine levels to be close to zero.
 - Drain slowly to the lawn or other landscaped area of your property using a low volume pump or siphon. Do not drain down a driveway or to a storm sewer, stream, pond, or other natural water body.
 - Add winter treatment chemicals after draining. This reduces the amount of chemicals needed and saves money. Mix the chemicals in your pool by using a skimmer pole and brush attachment, or similar method.



Household Hazardous Waste Dispose of old or unwanted fertilizers, pesticides, pool chemicals and other household hazardous waste properly, such as at Monroe County's ecopark. Call (585) 753-7600 (Option 3), or go to <http://www.monroecounty.gov/hhw> to schedule a drop-off appointment. **Be an H2O Hero and remember, Only Rain Down The Drain!**

Wheeling Thru The Village

In the early 1900's, bicycling was fast becoming a favorite pastime for Monroe County residents. For the wheelman, the name given to cyclist of those days, it was a time when bicycling paths were being created, connected and managed by each town and village in the county. The Rochester D&C newspaper reported the following in an 1898 article: "The work of the Monroe county sidepath (bicycling paths) commissioners has progressed very favorably up to the present time, and if the wheeling public will show anything like the interest the commissioners have in the matter, valuable additions to the sidepaths of Monroe county will be made before the season to past. The work of the present season is particularly gratifying. About 124 miles of path have been built or greatly improved from last year, and to do this 100 carloads of cinders have been used and a large number of men and teams employed.

The Churchville path has been thoroughly gone over for almost the entire seventeen miles, the path cindered and rolled and the weeds-cut. This makes one of the best paths in the county now, extending to the county line."

But riding down those sidepaths could sometimes introduce you to the local constable, whose job was to enforce the sidepath rules. So don't dare get caught riding your wheels without a sidepath number (license plate) or riding on the sidewalks of the village! The following is an excerpt from a July 3, 1898, Rochester D&C newspaper which documented the first ever arrest for violation of the sidepath law in Monroe County. "Thursday afternoon, Mr. Hawley, of No. 109 Tremont Street, took a spin, out the Buffalo road toward Churchville. As he was riding homeward on the cinder path he met Constable E. J. Ames, of Churchville, who was riding to his home after attending the Smith trial. The constable stopped him and informed him that if he rode on the sidepaths he should provide himself with a sidepath number. Mr. Hawley informed the constable that he had no time to discuss such matters and started to ride on, when the constable told him he was under arrest, and took him before Justice Sperry, of Spencerport, who set the case down for yesterday afternoon. The prisoner was allowed to return to the city on leaving his wheel as security.

When the case was called yesterday afternoon, Mr. Hawley appeared in court with a brand new sidepath number which he had procured immediately after his arrest. The sidepath commission had retained as their attorney H. Clifford Spurr, of this city. The circumstances of the case were related by Constable Ames. Mr. Hawley, when placed upon the stand in his own behalf, pleaded ignorance of the sidepath law regarding the necessity of having a number and then pleaded guilty.

Justice Sperry made a few remarks in which he said that inasmuch as the prisoner might have been ignorant of the law and that as he was a new rider; having had a wheel only a few weeks, the offense was not as great as if he had been riding the whole season without a number. He then fined Hawley the sum of \$2, which was promptly paid. "That number of mine cost \$2.25," said Hawley as he left the court room.

This is the first arrest for violation of the sidepath law. The commissioners feel that all riders of wheels should appreciate their efforts in spending so much money in building the paths and buy the numbers, which can be obtained at all the cigar and bicycle stores of the city for the sum of twenty-five cents. About \$6,000.00 has been spent in placing the paths in condition and the only return for this outlay is by the sale of the licenses.

Stringent measures will be taken to arrest all the violators and they will be severely dealt with. Announcements have been made in some of the towns that the offenders will be held for the grand jury."

Or how about this case, headlined in a May 28, 1899, Rochester Democrat & Chronicle newspaper as: *Infantile Cyclists in Trouble*. "Several young people of Bergen went to Churchville awheel yesterday to see the ball game between the R. B. I's and the Churchville boys. The Bergen children were between the ages of ten and sixteen and had no sidepath numbers, as they came from Genesee County, and Churchville is in Monroe County. Deputy Sheriff Ames and Constable Johnson gathered in the

infants and took them before Justice of the Peace Wright who fined them \$5 each, but suspended sentence. The six girls and two boys of the party went home sadder but wiser cyclists.”

And last but not least, the following article details the violation of a 1886 village ordinance, created to prevent the riding of bicycles on the walks in the Village of Churchville. “The matter of the violation of the ordinance in reference to the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks in Churchville came up with special interest yesterday morning, when the citizen placed under arrest on Wednesday was called before Justice Fitch, of Riga, to answer, to the charge. The session of the court was short, as the prisoner pleaded guilty, and was fined \$1 and costs. The legal authorities of the village have decided that the trustees have no right, according to the state laws, to allow bicycle riding on any part, of the sidewalks within the corporation. By this ruling all persons hereafter found riding on the walks of Churchville will be liable to arrest. The local wheelmen will regard the enforcement of this ordinance as slightly unfair, as unknown bicyclists daily passing through the village will take the walks as they do now, and by means of the speed of their wheels avoid arrest, while the home wheelmen will be compelled to take the carriage roads. However, if the law is thoroughly enforced it will give general satisfaction, and a good beginning has now been made in that direction. (July 3, 1898, Rochester D&C newspaper)

Submitted by: Ron Belczak, Historian

West Shore Trail Ribbon Cutting

Everyone is invited to join us for the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for our new West Shore Trail. This trail was the result of many months of planning as the three communities of Riga, Bergen and Churchville explored the idea of a walking trail from the Village of Churchville to Elba along the former West Shore Railroad tracks. The plan was for the Village of Churchville to be the “Trailhead”. The West Shore Trail Committee dedicated much time and effort on these plans and then the whole project was ended as the communities to the west of Churchville decided not to do the trail.



The Village was able to use this feasibility study as information for a grant application with the New York State Parks and Recreation Department for funding to build the portion of the trail in the Village of Churchville and the Town of Riga. This was a great opportunity to continue our trail system throughout the Village.

We were awarded a grant to build the trail extending about 1500' from Howard Avenue into the Monroe County Park. At the same time, the Village was able to use a Community Development Block Grant through Monroe County to construct a comfort station on the trail and to make sure that the trail met all ADA compliances. The construction of the trail was completed this summer by the Village DPW along with assistance from surrounding village DPWs and the County of Monroe.

The beautiful landscaping along the trail was made possible by a \$10,000 donation from Churchville resident Dr. Nancy Perkins Weyl. The planting consists of a combination of Japanese Tree Lilacs marking the entrances of the trail and buffering by Arrowwood Viburnum. Color was added with Rugosa Roses, and Colorado Spruce trees which have made a beautiful trail. These plants and shrubs were recommended by Shirley Mark, Landscape Gardner at Roberts Wesleyan College. They were selected for their durability and deer resistance.

There are many people to thank for this trail and they will be recognized at the ribbon cutting ceremony. There will be a ‘Walk the West Shore Trail’ scheduled to begin at the Village Office prior to the ribbon cutting. Watch the local papers for more information. Our trail system will eventually make a complete loop along Black Creek and bring walkers, bikers and hikers back into the village center.

If you have not seen this new trail, please stop by – there is parking available and take a walk on the West Shore Trail.

Join us on Saturday, October 20th at 11:00 am for the official Ribbon Cutting on Buffalo Road!

Did you know.....

Permits issued this summer:

Sheds	10	Signs	1	Hot Tubs	1
Swimming Pools	5	Interior Remodeling	1	Porches	1
Decks	4	Fences	4	Additions	1



Newman Riga Library News

Let me introduce you, (or reintroduce you) to the Newman Riga Library. Here are some answers to the most frequently asked questions. Space dictates that we answer only a few in this forum.

How old is the Library?

The library building celebrates its 60th birthday this year. The original accreditation however, was provided by the state in 1921 so actually the library is 81 years old today. In 1952, Churchville resident Floyd Newman provided funds to build the library located at the intersection as we know it today. In 1989, an addition was built, doubling the square footage.

Are the employees Riga Town employees?

No, we are an "Association" library, not a "Town" library. In Monroe County, there are 19 Town libraries and 3 Association libraries.

What is an Association library?

An Association library is a library chartered by the State and registered by the State Education Department, (just like a Town library) but our trustees are elected by the Library Board, not the Town. While we receive funding from local government, we also have private funds in the form of an endowment. While the Village of Churchville owns and maintains the park in which the library building sits, the library owns the building. Newman Riga Library employees are **not** civil service employees. Library employees do not receive NY State benefits. The library is a 501C3 organization, having received this designation in 1988.

How is the Newman Riga Library funded?

Between 20 and 30 % of funding comes from our endowment (amount varies depending on the year)

2% comes from NY State

4% comes from other revenue streams (i.e. fines and copies.)

The rest comes from the Town of Riga

How big is the library collection?

The building houses a collection of 21,775 titles. 74% of it consists of books with 14% of the collection consisting of A/V or non-print material (audio books and CDs) and 12% consisting of Other (magazines, uncataloged movies)

Why is there uncataloged material?

The library does not circulate to other libraries, those items owned in relatively low volume i.e. DVDs and music CDs. Instead, those items remain in our community for use by our residents

What materials circulate the most?

Adult fiction circulates the most, weighing in at 33% of total materials circulated. This is followed by Juvenile Other at 28%, consisting of movies, audio books and board books. 15% of the circulation consists of Adult Nonfiction books, while 11% of materials circulated consists of Adult Other i.e. audio books and movies. Sadly, bringing up the rear is Children's fiction at 8% and Children's nonfiction at 5%.

How many people work at the Newman Riga Library and how many hours per week are you open?

We are open 42 hours per week and employ one full time employee and 5 part time clerks. Our FTE or full time equivalent is 2.86.

What is the Newman Riga Library's annual circulation?

Circulation has risen over the years. In 2005, annual circulation totaled 20,560. In 2011, it was 27,660.

Does the Rochester Public Library or the Monroe County Library System purchase the material in your library?

No, we have a budget and purchase all of our own material, just like a bookstore does. We review titles by reading standard Library journals, and make our own decisions on what material to purchase based on our collection development policy. As a member of the Monroe County Library System, library members are able to order books through the system at a cost of \$.50 per title. So, titles that we do not own may be borrowed from other member libraries as delivery throughout the entire system is provided daily.

Hopefully, this will provide a little insight into the fundamentals of the library that people wonder about.

Mark your calendar for October 18th at 7:00 P.M. Nancy Lynch, author of **Vietnam Mailbag: Voices from the War: 1968-1972** will be at the Newman Riga Library. Author-journalist Lynch started her writing career as a staff reporter for The News Journal (Wilmington Del). For five years, her popular column, *Nancy's Vietnam Mailbag*, afforded servicemen a unique opportunity to tell their stories from the combat zone, riveting readers at home. With the publication of **Vietnam Mailbag**, Ms. Lynch, who lives on Broad Creek in historic Bethel, Delaware, fulfills a decades- long desire to "properly salute my guys."

Chamber of Commerce News

The Chamber hosted its annual Golf Tournament on July 23 at Churchville Golf Course. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful day. The golfing was followed by dinner at the East/West Lodge at Churchville Park. Thanks to the many members and friends of the Chamber who sponsored holes or donated door prizes to make this another successful event. A special thanks to Allyn Barnard who chaired the event and Bobby Ehrmentraut and his crew who brought it all together.

We continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month at noon at the Johnson House. You don't have to be a member to attend but need to make reservations by calling the Johnson House at 293-1111. At this time, Keith Ryan, Program Chair, has scheduled the following programs

October 11 – to be determined

November 15 - Luncheon to honor Riga veterans at the American Legion on Buffalo Rd with speaker Colonel Gary S. Yaple

December 13 - Annual holiday luncheon at Senator's Mansion with entertainment provided by Churchville-Chili students

January 10 - Genesee Country Village and Museum

February 14 - Tour of local business with lunch on site

March 14 - Annual awards dinner

April 11 - Arunis Chesonis, Sweetwater Energy

May 9 - School budget vote presentation

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held at the Johnson House

Submitted by: Sue Davis, President

Household Energy

Monitoring Kits

Kits are now available that contain everything needed to determine the operational cost of each appliance in your house. Just stop in and sign out a kit at either the Village of Churchville or the Newman Riga Library, and get on the road to reducing energy costs!

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

Infrared Home Scanning

Contact the Village of Churchville for an Infrared Home Scanning. The DPW Crew will scan your home from the outside and prepare a report showing areas in your home that may be losing heat. This will be done in the winter months when conditions are best for the Infrared camera to capture potential heat loss.

American Legion News

Harvey C. Noone Post 954 of The American Legion, 6444 Buffalo Rd., invites everyone to join us for Veterans Day Ceremony at the Newman Riga Library in the Village of Churchville at 11:00am on November 11, 2012.

We also invite you to join us for Euchre nights this fall.

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

October 5, Starts at 7:00pm

October 19, Starts at 7:00pm

November 2, Starts at 7:00pm

November 16, Starts at 7:00pm



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

Olympic Gold Medal Winner, Jenn Suhr Motorcade!!

Join in the celebration to honor our Hometown Olympian!

The Town of Riga and the Village of Churchville are planning a celebration of Jenn Suhr's Olympic Gold medal win in Pole Vaulting. It will be a busy day for the Riga resident on Saturday, September 29th. The event will begin at 9:30 AM at the Churchville Firehouse at 24 Washington Street. There will be a short presentation by town and village officials followed by some words from Jenn Suhr. If time allows, Jenn will be available to sign some autographs for her fans. At 10:15 AM Jenn will be escorted by motorcade to North Chili where she will be the Grand Marshall in the Roberts Wesleyan Homecoming parade.

The motorcade is expected to travel from the firehouse, west on Gillman Road to Main Street, then south on Main Street to Buffalo Road through the four corners of the Village and then directly east to North Chili. Residents along the route are being encouraged to come out and wave flags, hold signs in support of Jenn's great accomplishments or join in on the motorcade.

Tentative schedule:

- 9:30 am – meet at the Churchville Fire Department located at 24 Washington Street
- 10:15 am – Motorcade to begin (from Fire Department, through the Village to Roberts Wesleyan College)
- 10:45 am – Motorcade to arrive at Roberts Wesleyan College

For additional information contact:

Town Supervisor, Bob Ottley 261-9301 Or Mayor Nancy Steedman 293-3720

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

- October 8 - Columbus Day
- November 12 - Veteran's Day
- November 22 & 23 - Thanksgiving
- December 24 & 25 - Christmas
- December 31 - New Year's

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.

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