

Village of Churchville Newsletter

Message from the Mayor...

The wonderful weather that we have been experiencing will soon end and winter will be upon us. I hope that everyone will prepare in case we have a repeat of last winter. By the end of this year, the additional gas lines will be installed in Taylor Farms to provide a new option for heating in the months ahead. There are also many Energy Saving options for village residents from checking your home for heat loss to taking advantage of rebate programs for energy efficient appliances, windows and doors. Check with the village office to see what we have available. One piece of good news from last winter is that the ice on Lake Superior was over 10 feet thick from the intense winter cold. This ice had a slow melt over the summer and kept the water level high at Niagara Falls. Yes, this did help us by having no reductions of hydro power through November.

Shortly, the village will begin preparing the budget for 2015-16. As mandated by the State, we will be once again budgeting for the 2% tax levy and preparing for the Tax Freeze. Meanwhile, we will do our best to provide the best in services to our village residents.

Thanks to a Community Development Block Grant, we were able to install an ADA door opener to the entrance to the village hall with no cost to the village. It certainly has made it easier for all who enter our building.

Once again, if you have any issues that I may be able to assist with, please stop in or call. My door is always open. Have a great fall and winter. Keep safe and warm.

Mayor Nancy L. Steedman

Deputy Clerk Cathy Paye Retires

After 21 years with the Village of Churchville Cathy Paye retired this spring. Cathy started as Billing Clerk in December of 1992. She was appointed Deputy Clerk in April of 2000 and continued as Billing Clerk.



On August 12, 2014 Cathy was presented with a scrapbook of photos and well wishes that were collected in the office over several weeks prior. Cathy looks forward to spending time with her husband Fred, her daughter Crystal, her son Dave and especially her new grandson Tucker. Cathy says, "I will cherish the years that I worked in Churchville and the lifelong friends I have made."

Village of Churchville Staff Changes

Vicki Rowland (left) has worked for the Village of Churchville for 5 years and has recently been promoted to Deputy Clerk/Billing Clerk. She started her employment with the Village as Planning/Zoning Board Secretary and Office Assistant. Vicki resides in the area with her husband Michael, their son Tim, who was a 2013 recipient of the Chamber Youth Hall of Fame award, and their daughter Katrina, who attends SUNY Potsdam. Vicki takes pleasure in spending her weekends with her family on Lake Ontario. Vicki enjoys living and working in Churchville and the new responsibilities of Deputy Clerk/Billing Clerk.



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Kathy Thompson (right) has recently been hired to be the Planning Board/Zoning Board Secretary and Office Assistant, a vacancy that occurred when Vicki took the position of Deputy Clerk/Billing Clerk. Kathy and her husband Jon live with their daughter Brooke, who is studying at G.C.C. and recently started an internship with the Rochester Lancers, and their son Jordan, who plays football with Cal/Mum. In her spare time Kathy enjoys gardening and baking. Kathy may look familiar to some as her previous employment was with Barnard Chevrolet for 7 years. Kathy looks forward to learning about the various aspects of working in local government.

Thank you Churchville Veterinary Hospital!



The new "doggie clean-up" bag station on the West Shore trail has been installed. The dog watering station at the Village Office near the Memorial Park is now installed and in use by many of our four-legged friends. Join us in saying thanks to the Churchville Veterinary Hospital for their generous donations.

Pictured here from the Hospital are John Fitzgerald, LVT, Dr. Parsons, Patti Dilulio, LVT and Mackenzie Diamond.

Chamber of Commerce News

The Chamber "kicked off" its 2014 year with a Wine and Cheese party in September. The event was hosted by the Johnson House and Peg Naughton generously provided the cheese and crackers while her vendors provided the wine. It was well attended and a nice way to open the program season.

This year there will be changes in the meeting schedule. We're hoping that offering programs at times other than lunch will spur members to attend more functions. Program Chair, Keith Ryan has the following events scheduled. Events are open to the public but reservations are required by calling the numbers listed below.

- Thursday, November 13th – 12:00 noon at Harvey C Noone American Legion Post Luncheon to honor Riga area veterans. Reservations Meghan Lodge 293-3720
- Thursday, December 11 – 12:00 noon – Holiday Luncheon – Raymond Adams Cobblestone Holiday music presentation by students from the Churchville-Chili School District. Reservations Meghan Lodge 293-3720.

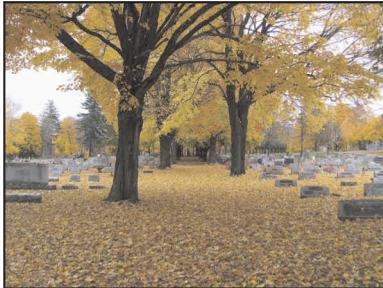
Programs for the 2015 year are still in the planning stages. Program announcements are published in the Suburban News so watch for them – hopefully we'll be offering something of interest for everyone.

Information on membership and programs is also available on our website www.churchvillechamber.org

Submitted by: Sue Davis, Chamber President

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.

Newman Riga Library News

Everyone grieves in his or her own unique way. The process is often long and painful whether the deceased is a spouse, a child, a parent or a friend. A new Bereavement Collection being introduced at the Newman Riga Library addresses the problem. It contains books on grief, loss and coping for all ages. The Baker family has generously gifted the library with a "loaded" Kindle currently containing 24 e-books on grief in memory of their loved one, Diane Baker. It is the intention of the family to provide help with the healing process through bibliotherapy. The Baker family has also had a custom built book case delivered to the library, which will house a hard-copy collection of all the titles resident on the Kindle for those individuals who choose actual books over e-books.

In presenting the gift, the Bakers have stated that while "nothing will be able to take away hurt and sorrow, or magically end the grieving, perhaps this collection of books will help people in need understand their emotions and their loss, and help them through their toughest moments."

Diane Baker was a long-time patron and community member. She was bright, she was singularly kind and I know she would have supported the family's plan in their efforts to reach out to others in need through such a gift. Books were her joy and her refuge, and she understood that she had many friends who shared her passion.

The collection currently contains books ranging from miscarriages and stillbirths, to the death of parents. It contains books for children, like **The Invisible String** by Patrice Karst, to classics like C.S. Lewis's **Grief Observed**. The collection was developed with the help of Lifetime Care and several hospice libraries. It is the intention of the Baker Family to add to the collection over time.

In order to borrow the Kindle, an individual must be 18, possess a valid library card, be a Riga resident, and present a valid Driver's License and cash deposit (returnable upon receipt of the Kindle at the end of the borrowing period). A signed agreement detailing all specifics must be negotiated upon circulation. The checkout period is 21 days.

Look for e-books and actual hard copy titles like **Healing a Spouse's Grieving Heart: 100 Practical Ideas for After Your Husband or Wife Dies** by Alan Wolfelt, one of Lifetime Care's most recommended authors.

Mark your calendars for **Evening Story Time** for families with children up to age five:

September 24 @ 7:00 PM
October 22 @ 7:00 PM
November 19 @ 7:00 PM

Submitted by: Donna Haire, Librarian



Excerpts from the Village Charter

One of the most important documents for any village is its charter. Simply put, the village charter is a document that outlines the roles and responsibilities of its elected officials, defines the physical boundaries of the village and details the rules and regulations for the residents of the village.

For the village of Churchville, the earliest known record of a village charter is an eight page printed document that was adapted by the village board in 1866. But, the most complete village charter, for the 1800's, is a thirty-two page 1885 version which contains some very interesting ordinances that I would like to share with you.

On January 30, 1858, the village trustees enacted an ordinance that was to prevent injury to shade and ornamental trees within the village limits. "Whoever shall cut, girdle, despoil or in any other way willfully injure any shade tree or ornamental tree, in or upon the park, or any other public ground or in or upon the cemeteries in the village, or in or upon any street, public lane or ally, or cut, mar, or deface any bridge, shall forfeit ten dollars, to be recovered in the corporate name of the village, with cost of suits. Whoever shall tie any horse, team or animal whatever, to any such shade or ornamental tree, shall forfeit five dollars. If any person shall negligently or designedly leave any horse, team or animal whatever, standing near any such shade or ornamental tree, and such team, horse, or animal shall bite, gnaw, or otherwise injure any such shade or ornamental tree, the person so offending shall forfeit five dollars."

In 1873, an ordinance was fashioned to prevent persons between the ages of eight and twenty years from getting on or off moving railroad cars in the Village of Churchville. "Whoever between the ages of eight and twenty years, shall get on or off any train of cars while in motion within the limits of the Village of Churchville, (providing the act is done for pleasure or practice), shall be arrested by the police constable on complaint of any person who shall see the act committed, and shall be taken before any justice of the peace in the Village of Churchville, and if found guilty of said act, shall be sentenced to a fine of not less than one dollar, or more than five dollars, or confinement in the village lockup for not less than 24 hours, or more than 48 hours, or both, in discretion of the court."

Then there is the 1876 ordinance which is my all-time favorite. It was created to "prevent truancy of boys during school hour in the village of Churchville." "Any male child between the ages of five and twenty-one years of age, and having sufficient bodily health and mental capacity to attend the public school – whether a member of the school or a habitual truant or vagrant, having no visible employment – who shall be found during school hours in any of the streets, hotels, stores or any place of business or public place or who shall be found fishing, playing ball or otherwise spending their time during the hours of school – within the corporate limits of the village of Churchville – unless employed by their parents or guardian, or unless such child has that day been to school and been excused there from by his teacher – shall be guilty of vagrancy or disorderly conduct and liable to arrest therefor, by the police constable or special police of said village and put in the lock-up of said village to be examined and tried by a justice of the peace of the Town of Riga; and if upon such examination or trial the said person be found guilty of any of the said offenses, he shall be committed to said lockup by said justice, and be kept in close confinement for a period not exceeding eight hours and it shall be the duty of said police constable or special police, upon notice given by any trustee or inhabitant of said village, or upon view by said constable or special police, to arrest such person or persons so offending and keep them confined in the said lockup until an examination or trial be had, but if no such examination or trial is begun before 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day of such arrest, he shall thereupon be discharged by said police officer."

And finally, in 1878 the following ordinance was created to "prevent the throwing of snow balls or other missiles in or into the streets of the village." The fine was one dollar for each offense but it was also stated that it was "the duty of the police constable or watchmen to arrest any such offender and confine said person in the lockup in the village of Churchville, until such time as a trial can be had. Such confinement not to exceed eight hours from the time of arrest and if no examination or trial is begun before 8 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day of such arrest, he shall be thereupon be discharged by said police officer."

Submitted by: Ron Belczak, Historian

Monroe County Eco Park

Did you know that we have a great place in Monroe County to dispose of items to be recycled where you can drop off your items all at the same time? We do – Eco Park is located at 10 Avion Drive in Rochester.

The **Eco Park** is an innovative partnership between Monroe County and Waste Management of NY that provides county residents with a “one-stop drop-off” to dispose of or recycle certain items. The **Eco Park** is a residential drop-off facility (no businesses) and, except for household hazardous waste (HHW) materials, residents are responsible for unloading their own vehicle. **Cathode ray tube (CRT) televisions and computer monitors are not accepted for recycling at the Eco Park. Please check this link for more information on the Eco Park.** <http://www2.monroecounty.gov/ecopark>

‘Single-stream’ Recycling is Here!

The Monroe County Recycling Center has started to accept single-stream materials from its recycling collector customers, such as Waste Management. Single-stream means that you can now mix paper materials with your plastics, metals and glass in the blue recycle box that is placed at curbside for pick up. You no longer have to separate them. Check out this link to learn more about what types of materials can be recycled.

<http://www2.monroecounty.gov/des-residentialrecycling.php>

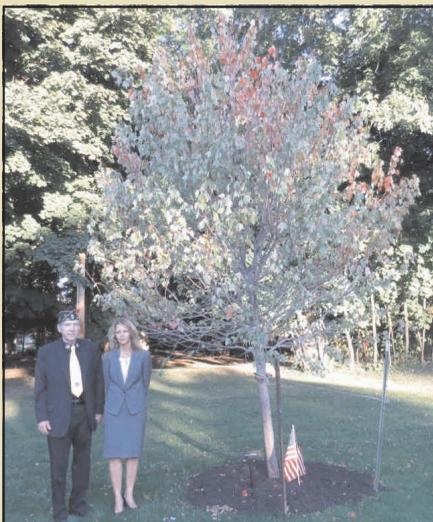


Harvey C. Noone Post 954 News

Tuesday evening September 23, 2014, Lori Orologio, Superintendent of the Churchville-Chili School District and Gil Budd, Commander of Harvey C. Noone Post 954, American Legion, joined in the Re-Dedication of the Crimson Maple Trees planted in Honor of our deceased Veterans. Gil presented Lori an American Flag that was flown over our Nation's Capital on September 15, 2014.

We must keep in mind we are much like the trees planted to honor our fallen heroes. Some are taken before their time, some succumb to disease or natural disaster, and some just give out of old age. We are here today to show the renewal of life and our dedication to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice by planting new trees in their honor. Just as we pass on to succeeding generations, the rituals of honoring our veterans living and deceased.

Pictured left: Gil & Lori at one of the four newly planted crimson maples.



Pictured right: Gil & Lori at Memorial Stone, with new flagpole and new garden.

Of the 10 previously planted trees, 4 were removed and replanted in connection with the renovations done at Churchville Elementary School this summer. The circle in front of the school, where the flagpole is located was totally updated. A new flagpole, new garden and walkway to the Memorial Stone which lists the names of the 8 Churchville graduates who died in WWII.



Submitted by: Gil Budd, Commander

Fall Leaf and Brush Pickup

Two of the most popular Village services are leaf and brush pickup. To keep these services cost-effective please read and follow the information below:

Fall loose leaf pickup will run October through November.

- Rake leaves (no grass, sticks or landscaping) as close to the road as possible by 7am Monday mornings.
- **Keep sidewalks, streets and concrete drains clear of leaves as this can cause drainage issues.** Public Works crews will collect the leaves once a week, weather permitting.
- Items in cans/containers will NOT be picked up.
- After loose leaf pickup is complete, place leaves in biodegradable lawn bags for pickup.
- Once crews make a sweep of an area they will not return until the next scheduled pickup, unless under special circumstances.

Brush pickup will continue through mid-November, weather permitting.

- **Brush pick up is intended for residential trimming only.** When hiring a tree contractor they should cut down and remove large trees from your property.
- Please stack branch piles neatly near the road by 7am on the first and third Monday of each month.
- **Piles should be no larger than two feet high and five feet wide.**
- Please place cut ends together.
- Keep sidewalks, roads and drains clear of debris.
- Vines, root material, thorny branches, and landscape material (weeds, grass clippings, timber) will NOT be collected unless it is in a biodegradable bag. Items in cans/containers will NOT be picked up.
- Once crews make a sweep of an area they will not return until the next scheduled pickup, unless under special circumstances.

Winter Reminders

The Village DPW prides themselves on keeping our streets and sidewalks safe and useable in the winter season. You can help by remembering the following:

- Overnight parking is prohibited on village streets from 2:00am – 6:00am, November 1 and May 21 for snow plowing purposes. Tickets will be given to vehicles parked during these hours. The fine is \$25 and must be paid within 7 business days.
- Please note the special winter parking regulations in the municipal parking lot on S. Main St. Tickets will be given to vehicles parked in these restricted areas. The fine is \$25 and must be paid within 7 business days.
- New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law states that it is illegal to shovel or plow snow into the roadway. If you use a snow blower, point the blower away from the street. If you hire a contractor to plow your driveway or shovel your walk, you should make certain that they do not plow or shovel snow into the street.
- Please do not place refuse and/or recycle bins in the street or on the sidewalk.
- Please keep bushes and trees trimmed so the sidewalk plow can keep the sidewalks clear.



Photo taken by John Spaulding



Building Inspector Report

The heating season is here and will be with us for several months. With everyone's home tightly sealed and the use of heating appliances for the winter increases the threat of a carbon monoxide problem rises. You should have a carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home where you have a device that produces carbon monoxide. Your carbon monoxide alarm should be tested monthly. Having your heating appliances checked by a certified technician and not using portable heating devices is always a good practice.

When planning to do a construction project, install a swimming pool, fence, deck or other home improvement project please ask in advance if a building permit is required. You can call the Village of Churchville Office to receive building permit information so that your project will not be delayed later. Remember that the New York State Building Codes are the minimum requirements that should be met to assure the publics and your family's safety.

Building Permits issued as of September 30, 2014

Ranch Townhouse Permits - 10
Deck Permits - 2

Swimming Pool Permits - 1
Fence Permits -3

Sign Permits - 4
Fireplace Permits - 1

Shed Permits - 3
Other Permits -6

Submitted by: Tom Perkins, Building Inspector

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.

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Calendar of Events

- October 18 Chicken & Biscuit Dinner at 4:30, Riga Church
- October 31 Halloween Parade starting at Bank of Castile at 6:30pm
- November 1.... Craft Sale 9am-2:30pm, American Legion
- November 8.... Rummage Sale 7am-1pm, Riga Church
- November 13.. Chamber Veterans Luncheon at the American Legion Post
- November 15.. Fall Craft Show 10am-3pm, Riga Church
- December 11.. Chamber Annual Holiday Luncheon at the Cobblestone

Please watch the local paper for date and time for the Village of Churchville Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration

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

- October 13-Columbus Day
 - November 11- Veteran's Day
 - November 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving
 - December 25 & 26 - Christmas
- 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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