

Village of Churchville Newsletter

Message from the Mayor...

As I take office as Mayor I wish to thank all those who have provided encouragement, expressed confidence in me, and offered notes of inspiration. I am committed to doing the best job as Mayor as I can, and with the help of the Board of Trustees, the village office and DPW staff, and all those who volunteer their time on our various boards and committees, I'm confident the best is yet to come. Their years of experience are invaluable.

I especially would like to thank Mayor Nancy Steedman for all she has done for the Village of Churchville during her 22 years as Trustee and Mayor. She initiated and was the driving force behind many important projects; the Sanford Rd substation, LED streetlight conversion, development of the West Shore Trail, and much more. All will have long lasting, positive impact to the village. Her love and dedication to the Village of Churchville exemplifies what it means to give back to her community.

The Board of Trustees has recently adopted an updated Zoning code and we continue our recodification efforts to bring the entire Village Code up to date with modern standards, layouts, and terms. Our LED streetlight conversion project is nearly complete, saving the Village significantly on our electric usage every day. And we continue to work with the County of Monroe on the expansion of the West Shore Trail to provide additional recreational opportunities. These are just a few of the projects which are ongoing.

I look forward to serving as your mayor and am only a phone call or email away and my door is always open. You will often see Anne and me walking our dog, Callie, in the evenings as well, please stop me and say hello.

Mayor John T. Hartman

Proclamation in Honor of Nancy Steedman

On March 28th, 2019 the Village board passed a proclamation in honor of Mayor Nancy Steedman. Our village is better place to live, work and play due to Nancy's leadership as our Mayor for 12 years, and Village Trustee for 10. Nancy made it a priority to help our village obtain grants in excess of 1.2 million dollars, spear-headed efforts to make Churchville a walkable community and was instrumental in efforts to construct our new electric substation at Sanford Road North. Her love and dedication will be long remembered as she retires as our mayor. The full proclamation may be found on the village website. Thank you, Mayor Nancy – we will miss you!

Submitted by: Deputy Mayor Diane Pusateri on behalf of the Village Board





5TH

ANNUAL
SAINTS SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB, INC.

**FREE
ADMISSION**



**FOOD TRUCK RODEO
FUNDRAISING EVENT**

WHEN

MAY 16, 2019 4:30-9PM

WHERE

Churchville-Chili High School Bus Loop
139 Fairbanks Road, Churchville 14428

WHAT

Food Trucks - Raffles - Music - Fun - Games
and Vendors!

"COME JOIN IN ALL THE FUN"

#SSBC_FTR_2019

2019 Summer Concerts at the Gazebo

Join us for a relaxing time and great music during the month of July. Thank you to Riga Recreation for another great season! Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Rain or Shine - Alternate site will be the Cobblestone Hall

July 3rd.....The Jimmy Jam Band
 July 10th.....Johnny Bauer
 July 17th.....Generations
 July 24th.....Blue Sky
 July 31st.....8 Days A Week

Harvey C. Noone Legion News

One hundred years ago, Congress chartered the American Legion. It was formed so that post WWI, those who had served their country in war, could continue to serve their country in peacetime.

Every year, American Legion Posts across our country take the lead in conducting Memorial Day Services. Our community gathers each year at Churchville Elementary School to conduct an opening service. Then, there is a parade to Creekside Cemetery, where American flags have been placed on the grave of every veteran. Here, the services are concluded with a prayer, a rifle salute to those who died fighting for our nation, taps are played and finally bagpipers play Amazing Grace.

It is a moving ceremony. It gives everyone in attendance the opportunity to honor and reflect upon the sacrifices of those whose lives were cut short while defending our nation and our freedoms. It is a reminder for adults, and a lesson for our children, that freedom exists because there are individuals willing to give their lives to fight to preserve it.

Please join us for our services being held on May 27, 2019 starting at 10:30am at Churchville Elementary School.

Submitted by: Gilbert L. Budd, Commander

Spring & Summer Brush Pick up

- **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.
- **The leaf machine is not used in the spring, please place all leaves in biodegradable bags.** Use biodegradable bags for vines, root material, thorny branches, and landscape material (weeds, grass clippings, timber) . Items in cans/containers will NOT be picked up.
- Please stack branch piles neatly near the road by 7am every Monday through the end of May, then the first and third Monday of every 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.
- Once crews make a sweep of an area they will not return until the next scheduled pickup.

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 in maintaining the beauty of the lawns by refraining from placing 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.

Arbor Day

Each year at Arbor Day the Village of Churchville plants a tree in honor of someone who has made significant contributions to the village. This year we are proud to honor Melvin (Mel) Olver, who for over 20 years served as Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals attorney, as well as Deputy Village Attorney. A white birch tree has been planted along the West Shore Trail, commemorating Mel's contributions to the growth of the village. Thank you Mel for all you have done.

Building Inspector News

With summer just around the corner and the building season in full swing a few things to think about from the Village Building Department:

Building permits required. Except as otherwise provided in Subsection **B** of section 38-4, a building permit shall be required for any work which must conform to the Uniform Code and/or the Energy Code, including, but not limited to, the construction, enlargement, alteration, improvement, removal, relocation or demolition of any building or structure or any portion thereof, and the installation of a solid-fuel-burning heating appliance, chimney or flue in any dwelling unit. No person shall commence any work for which a building permit is required without first having obtained a building permit from the Code Enforcement Officer.

Exemptions. No building permit shall be required for work in any of the following categories:

1. Installation of swings and other playground equipment associated with a one- or two-family dwelling or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses);
2. Installation of swimming pools associated with a one- or two-family dwelling or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) where such pools are designed for a water depth of less than 24 inches and are installed entirely above ground (unless serviced by a pond filter).
3. Construction of retaining walls, unless such walls support a surcharge or impound Class I, II or IIIA liquids;

If you do you have a pool, fence, deck, storage building on your property that does not have a valid Certificate of Compliance, you can contact the Building Department to correct any violations. In most cases most violations can be corrected by submitting a building application, sketch plan or drawings and having a proper safety inspection by the building department. By correcting any of these violations now you can save yourself a lot of grief when you list the property for sale.

108-45.13 E. No parking in required yards. No parking shall be permitted in any required front yard or in any side yard abutting a dedicated street. If you are parking in either of the spaces aforementioned you are violating the Village Code.

Submitted by: Tim McElligott, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement/ Fire Marshal

Julie Michalko Appointed to Village Board

At the April 8th meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, Julie Michalko was appointed as Trustee to fill the open seat on the board for the remainder of the legislative year. Julie has been the Chairperson of the Planning Board and is very familiar with many of the items before the board. She and her husband, Ron, have been village residents for many years

and are the owners of Lighthouse Kayak and Canoe on the banks of the Black Creek.

The entire Village Board welcomes Julie and is looking forward to having her insight and experience on the board.



Pictured left to right: Trustee Julie Michalko, Deputy Mayor Diane Pusateri, Mayor John Hartman, Trustee Michael Brown, Trustee Scott Cullen

The Wisdom of a Child

The following newspaper article is one of the most touching pieces of journalism that I have ever discovered in all my years of research. It was written in 1880, just 15 years after the end of the Civil War. But, before I get to that article, it is important that I provide you with some background information.

On June 16th, 1865, two months after the end of the American Civil War, the citizens of the Town of Riga participated in the dedication of a monument that honors those individuals from the Town of Riga who lost their lives in the Civil War. Erected in the village cemetery, the Soldiers Monument was a generous gift from Milton Whipple who was a wealthy investor and farmer from the Village of Churchville. Mr. Whipple, who was deeply affected by the loss of his friends, had inscribed on one side of the monument the following: "Erected by Milton Whipple, To the memory of the Citizens of Riga Who Died in the service of their Country." Engraved along the other three sides of the twelve-foot tall limestone monument, are the names, ages and dates of death of those men.

For the nation, Decoration Day was established on May 5th, 1868 and was first celebrated on May 30th, 1868 at Arlington National Cemetery. The tradition was initiated by the National Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), an organization of Union veterans, with its goal on Decoration Day to honor our nation's fallen soldiers by decorating their graves with flowers and flags.

The creation of a village Grand Army of the Republic chapter did not occur until 1883 but prior to that, the local citizens of Churchville had taken it upon themselves to honor their deceased veterans by placing flowers on their graves on Decoration Day.

But, several years prior to 1880, the village became somewhat forgetful in fulfilling their Decoration Day obligations, only to be changed when a group of young girls decided to take on the duties that a community let slip.

"CHURCHVILLE. The general apathy that has been manifested by the older inhabitants of Churchville for the last few years, about decorating the soldiers' graves, aroused the patriotism of the children to perform due honor to their heroic fallen soldiers, and plant emblems of affection and remembrance upon their tombs. A number of girls aged from ten to twelve years announced, on Saturday, their determination to perform these ceremonials, and it was given out in the churches that immediately after the close of the Sabbath-schools their intentions would be consummated. A large number of the citizens assembled in the cemetery at the time appointed, and soon a number of girls, corresponding to the number of graves, came to the grounds, each bearing a national flag and bouquet. After singing a verse of sacred music before each mound of the heroic loved and lost, the tributes of regard and respect were planted on the graves of the sleeping soldiers. In small villages there seems to be a growing indifference among the parents and friends in observing the ceremonies that was intended by Congress, when it appointed "Decoration Day," in which they might visit the graves, perpetuate the memory, and recount the heroic deeds of their fathers, sons, and associates who gave their lives a sacrifice on the altar of liberty that America's free institutions might be perpetuated. When such indifference is manifested, it is befitting the children, that they should rebuke the parents for their inexcusable negligence, and we trust that the one given here to-day will have its salutary effect in this place for years to come."

Thanks to those young girls, the Churchville Memorial Day observance has and will continue to be a community tradition for all to respectfully appreciate.

If you plan to attend this year's ceremony at the cemetery, when a moment of silence is given, listen all so carefully, for in the wind you may just happen to hear those children's voices singing praise to our honored veterans as they have for the past 100 plus years.

Submitted by: Ron Belczak, Historian

Planning Board and Zoning Board Alternates

The Village of Churchville has openings for Alternates on the Village Planning Board and Village Zoning Board. Applicants must be a resident of the Village of Churchville. There is a stipend for serving and training will be provided. If you are interested, please send a letter of interest to Mayor John Hartman at Mayor@Churchville.net.

Newman Riga Library

Annual Book Sale and Basket Raffle

We are pleased to kick off our **Annual Book Sale** along with the Union Church Strawberry Social Event on Thursday, June 13th. The book sale will continue to run on Friday, June 14th and Saturday, June 15th with special deals each day. Spend \$5 or more at the book sale and get a free raffle ticket for a \$25 Visa Gift Card!

Our basket raffle will start **May 1st** with tickets at \$5 or 3 for \$10. The drawing will be held on the last day of the book sale (winner need not be present.)

Book Sale Dates:

Thursday, June 13th (3-8 pm)
Friday, June 14th (11-5 pm)
Saturday, June 15th (9-1pm)

“A Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program



“A Universe of Stories” is the theme for 2019 and the program will run from June 27 through August 8. If you are between the ages of 2 and 200, we have a game for you! Come in and play for prizes, both big and small. Just like last year, middle, elementary, and preschool-aged children will get a task-oriented gameboard; adults and young adults will play a self-directed game. Please visit the Library for more information.

There is a lot of fun planned for this summer at the Library, including Magic Joe, a magician with an out-of-this-world show, and African drum master Mayukwa Kashiwa. Beekeeper Mike Van Edwards will be bringing a beehive (**without bees**) and we'll help him harvest the honey while learning about bees and bee gardens. There will be plenty of makerspace opportunities this summer, too. As of press time, we are coordinating with BOCES to house some of their STEM collection for the summer. Look for 3-D printers and robots galore! We are also looking into a program regarding the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website for dates and times.

Schedule of Summer Reading Programming (all programs start at 3pm):

June 27: Games begin; Rocket crafts
July 9: African Drum master Mayukwa Kashiwa
July 16: Magic Joe
July 23: Movie! Movie!
August 1: Beekeeper Mike Van Edwards
August 9: End of Game Bagel Party!

Library Services:

Photocopying	\$.20 image
Printing (black and white)	\$.20 page
Printing (color)	\$.50 page
Fax	\$1.00 (1st page)
	\$.50 remaining

Library Hours:

Please remember the library closes on Saturdays during the summer months.

M-W-F: 11am – 5pm

T-TH: 11am – 9pm

SA: 10am – 2pm (closed Saturdays June 15th - September 7th)

SU: Closed

Check our Facebook Page or website for additional library information: www.newmanrigalibrary.org

Submitted by: Lynn M. Brown, Director, Newman-Riga Library

Updates

CAB - I am the Village of Churchville's representative to the Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB) for the Mill Seat Landfill. This board meets four times a year and all are welcome to attend. The next meeting is July 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Landfill. I get questioned most often about when the landfill will become full and stop operating. Given the recently obtained expansion permits, the landfill is expected to be operational until about 2050. It began operations in 1993. The Village benefits from the landfill from being part of the Town of Riga, which receives revenue as a host benefit, and additional revenue for residential trash pickup.

Fire Department – Churchville is very fortunate to have a volunteer Fire Department; I thank all of our selfless volunteers. Do you realize nearly half of our Village tax is for fire protection? Specifically, \$1.59 of the \$3.20 Village tax rate is Fire Department Tax. Can you imagine what the cost would be if we had a paid Fire Department? They are always looking for volunteers so consider getting involved to see if it is right for you.

Zoning Code Update - The zoning code update is complete; this code is a significant improvement to the previous code. The new code is more consistent and much easier to understand. Refer to the Village website for details.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Submitted by: Michael Brown, Trustee

Churchville-Riga Chamber of Commerce News

What a long winter! Finally Spring is in the air or should I say on the calendar! I look forward to the sidewalks of Churchville filling up again with "walkers" and "strollers".

This past winter the Chamber was busy with their regular activities, including the annual Veterans Day luncheon at the Harvey C. Noone Post, and our holiday luncheon where we were entertained by students from the Churchville Chili School District.

Finally, in December we hosted our first "Holiday Home Tour". Eight families decorated and opened their homes to over 300 people. It was a hugely successful event and we were so proud to show off some of our many beautiful homes in Riga. To top it off we were able to donate the proceeds of \$3,000.00 to The Make A Wish Foundation.

In April, we honored our award winners. Congratulations to Gary Zimmerman, Lighthouse Kayak and Canoe, Village of Churchville/Nancy Steedman and Paul Robinson and Judy Johnson!

As always our meetings and activities are open to all. We welcome new people and new ideas. Have a look at the chamber website to see what's coming up!

Submitted by: Joan Hawthorne, President



Pictured left to right: Julie and Ron Michalko, Gary Zimmerman, Paul Robinson, John Hartman and Judy Johnson Photo credit: Keith Ryan



Photo credit: Nancy Steedman

Lights on Black Creek Dam

Next time you are driving through the Village of Churchville check out the new LED lights installed by the Village DPW shining on the Black Creek Dam. These lights have the ability to change colors for the holidays and there is even a light show at approximately 9:30 pm every night. So when you're passing through take a moment to stop and enjoy the view of one of the remarkable features in the Village of Churchville.

Submitted by: Scott Cullen, Trustee

Village of Churchville
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Calendar of Events

May 13 Chamber of Commerce Youth Hall of Fame
May 16 Saints Sports Booster Food Truck Rodeo
May 18 & 19 Churchville Green Garage Sales
May 27 Memorial Day Parade
July 3 Summer Concert at the Village Gazebo
July 10 Summer Concert at the Village Gazebo
July 17 Summer Concert at the Village Gazebo
July 22 Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
July 24 Summer Concert at the Village Gazebo
July 31 Summer Concert at the Village Gazebo
August 1 Summer Concert at the Village Gazebo
August 8 Summer Concert at the Village Gazebo
August 17 & 18 Lions Club Country Fair

Garbage Date Changes

Memorial Day - Pickup will be Thursday, May 30th
Labor Day - Pick up will be Thursday, September 5th

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

May 27 - Memorial Day
July 4 & 5 - Independence Day
September 2 - Labor 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
2nd 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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