

# Village of Churchville Newsletter

## Message from the Mayor...

Can it really be time for the fall newsletter? Where did summer go? Every year I ask myself these questions and every year the answers are the same: Yes, and I don't know. Hopefully everyone has an opportunity to enjoy beautiful fall weather and finish up any projects remaining before the weather turns.

This was a typical busy summer in the Village. The annual concert series at the gazebo was its usual success with many people coming out to enjoy the music and socialize with their neighbors. Thank you to the Town of Riga for putting on the concerts and to the various sponsors. Our LED street light conversion project and the revamping of our sewer code were completed, as well as the usual street, electric, and office projects that were planned for the year, including a new, more secure payment drop box at the Village office. The DPW crew has finished some sidewalk work throughout the village, grinding down high spots to make the sidewalks safer and easier to traverse. My thanks go to all of our DPW and office staff for the fantastic work they do every day to keep the village running smoothly and looking good.

Fall also means budget time and the village department heads are busy planning projects for next year. Each year the village board works very hard on the budget, balancing the needs and wants of village residents with the fiscal realities of our taxpayers. I am confident we will again put together a budget that best meets all the needs of the village.

*Mayor John Hartman*

## Meghan Lodge Retiring



It is with mixed emotions that we will be bidding a happy retirement to our Village Clerk/Treasurer, Meghan Lodge. Meghan

came to the village as deputy treasurer 20 years ago and stepped into the role of Village Clerk/Treasurer in 2012. Her expertise in municipal finances is a primary reason the Village is on solid financial footing, and she always has a smile for everyone who comes into the office. Meghan will be deeply missed by all who have worked with her, and we wish her much happiness and enjoyment in retirement. Meghan will be with us until mid-November so please stop by the office and wish her well.

## Youth Hall of Fame



Congratulations to Taylor Shakeshaft and Hunter Potts, this years recipients of the Greater Churchville -Riga Chamber of Commerce Youth Hall of Fame Award.

(Pictured left to right: Town Supervisor Brad O'Brocta, Monroe County Legislature Steve Brew, Taylor Shakeshaft, Hunter Potts and Mayor John Hartman)

## Halloween Parade

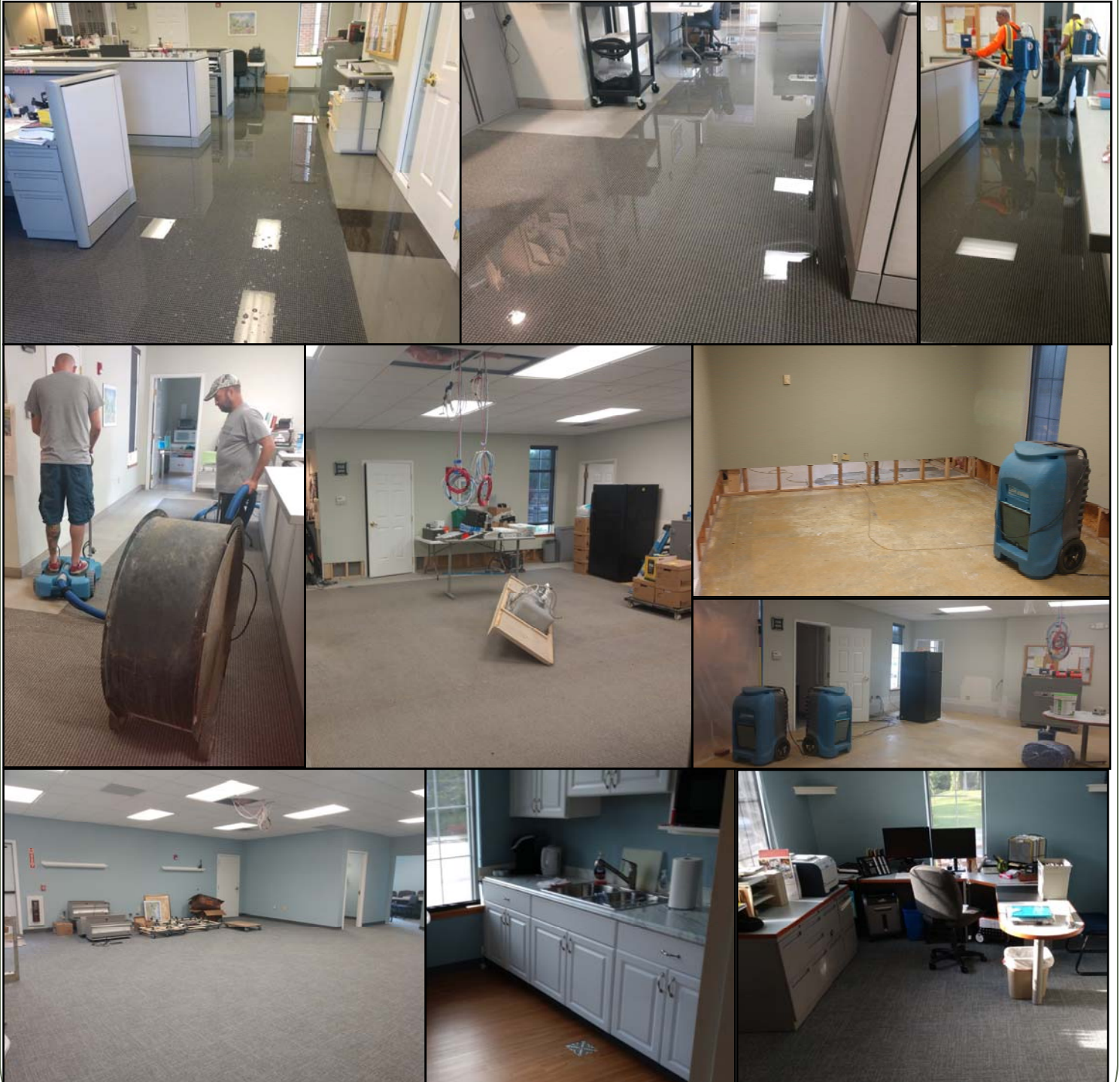
The Halloween parade will be Wednesday, October 31st at 6:30pm. Everyone will meet in the Churchville Commons Parking Lot near the Bank of Castile. Parade to the Church Lodge at 6:45 to enjoy cider, donuts and candy

Costume judging will be for 1-6 year olds and then for 7-12 year olds.



## Village Office Flood

One of the more exciting things that happened this summer was the flood in the Village office. A faulty ice maker spraying water for most of a weekend can do quite a bit of damage. Fortunately we did not lose anything that could not be replaced. Quick action by our DPW crews and office staff and our IT provider, The Pinpoint Group, resulted in all offices being relocated and operational by late in the day, minimizing the disruption. It took about 5 weeks but we are now back in full swing with new paint and carpet (and a new floor drain in the kitchenette). Everything went about as smoothly and quickly as anyone could expect, thanks go to all who worked to get the office repairs done.





## Residential Brush Pick Up News

With the overwhelming amount of tree removals occurring in the Village, we would like to remind residents to read and follow the current rules and regulations.

The Village of Churchville offers residential curbside brush collection on the first and third Monday of the month April through October.

To ensure successful brush collection please abide by the following requirements:

- All brush shall be out and ready for pick up the Sunday evening prior to pick up.
- Collection is for residential pruning only.
- No commercial or industrial pickups.
- No tree contractor waste of any kind. If a contractor is used to perform this work, the contractor is responsible for hauling away ALL materials.
- No whole tree removals of any kind, by homeowner or general contractor
- Limbs shall be no greater than 8 inches in diameter and no longer than 6 feet in length.
- Piles must be neatly stacked and no more than 6 feet by 8 feet and shall be 5 feet or less in height.
- Piles shall be neatly stacked parallel to the road with all cut ends facing the same direction.
- No root balls, tree stumps, lumber, fencing, decking, discarded firewood, concrete, dirt, trash or remodeling debris will be collected.
- ONE pile per address per pickup.
- No private roads or driveway collection.
- Piles shall be in the front of the property between the sidewalk and curb without blocking the sidewalk or road.
- Do not place near fire hydrants.
- Small items such as grass clippings, mulch, nuts, twigs and leaves shall be placed in biodegradable paper bags or they will not be picked up.
- Vines and limbs with thorns shall be bundled neatly with twine and not exceed 50 pounds.



The crew will not make return trips to collected areas. The village reserves the right to decline pick-up for any reason.

**If your brush was not picked up on the day of brush pick up please review this list and make sure you are meeting the requirements.**

## Loose Leaf Pick Up

**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.
- December 1st through September 30th, please 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.

## Newman Riga Library

1 South Main Street  
585-293-2009

In case you haven't noticed, our new website ([newmanrigalibrary.org](http://newmanrigalibrary.org)) is live and fully ADA compliant! Expect to see changes as we are still in the process of updating pages and how they are displayed. Upcoming programs will be found under the "Programs and Events" tab at the top of the home page. You can also access your library account and the catalog directly from this page.

Keep checking our website and Facebook page for additional library programs and events as they are scheduled. Please call the library if you have any questions at 585-293-2009.

### Preschool Storytime Fall 2019 Session

Children ages 3 – 5 yrs. are invited to join Mrs. Sarah for Tuesday Morning Preschool Storytime! The Fall Session will start on **Tuesday, October 1st at 10:30 a.m.** and will run approximately 10 weeks. There will be stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays! No registration is necessary.

#### Session Dates:

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
November 5, 12, 19 (no Storytime Thanksgiving Week)  
December 3, 10

### Adult Coloring with Brenda

Take time out from your daily routine and let your creative side shine at our Adult Coloring Program. Bring your own project/supplies or we have supplies here for beginners. No registration is required.

#### Program Dates:

October 15<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-8:00pm  
November 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-8:00pm  
\*\* Other dates will be added depending on Interest.

### Fall 2019 Library Hours:

**M-W-F:** 11am – 5pm  
**T-TH:** 11am – 9pm  
**SA:** 10am – 2pm  
**SU:** Closed

### Library Services:

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

Submitted by: Lynn M. Brown, Librarian

## 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 from November 1 through May 21 for snow plowing purposes. Tickets will be issued 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 issued to violators 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.

## Political Signs

The Village Building Department wishes to make you aware that the recent changes to the village code are now in effect. For political signs please consult the code book on the Village website for changes to the old code. Please make sure you are using the new code, Chapter 250.

## Churchville Lions Club



The Churchville Lions Club has a Holiday Food Box Delivery for those in need. These deliveries are made at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. And as most of you know, we also have a Medical Loan Closet for anyone in need of medical equipment, from crutches to hospital beds and everything in between.

We have combined these two services into one telephone number (585) 594-2103. If you have a need for medical equipment or if you are in need of a holiday food box, please contact that telephone number.

Also, we have placed food collection boxes in the Churchville Village Hall and the lobby of the Riga Town Hall for anyone that would like to donate non-perishable items to help the holiday food deliveries. We help the Community but the Community also helps us!

## Black Creek Streambank Stabilization Project - Fall Update

This project continues to move forward. In August a meeting was held with members from the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District, the NYS DEC as well as village officials and staff to review the project progress in further detail. Design and permit progress were discussed, as well as 100-year flood plain considerations. Next steps include start dates, design finalization and permit approvals. The MCSWCD obtained a \$409,000 NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Project grant to improve water quality, support fish habitat and reduce flooding along Black Creek. Updates will be reviewed at monthly Black Creek Watershed Coalition meetings.

Submitted by: Deputy Mayor Diane F. Pusateri

## Energy Efficiency Rebates

The Independent Energy Efficiency Program, Inc. (IEEP) along with many of its 35 member municipal electric utilities celebrated American Public Power Week October 6th-October 12th, 2019 by announcing that it has distributed more than 550,000 energy efficient light bulbs since 2001 to customers in an effort to promote energy efficiency within their electric systems. These ENERGY STAR LEDs use about 90% less energy than standard incandescent light bulbs and have increase life span while proving high quality lighting.

Did you know that the Village of Churchville distributes an energy efficient light bulb to each new resident when they sign up for electric service?

Also, we like to let our residents know, that with assistance from our partners at the IEEP, rebates are available for the purchase of energy star appliances and turning in old inefficient refrigerators. If you are interested in any of these rebates please find the forms on our website: [www.churchville.net](http://www.churchville.net) (forms & applications/utilities forms) or of course stop in at the village office to pick up a form.

An Interesting Fact: Between 2005 and 2018, through its efforts with the IEEP, the Village of Churchville has reduced carbon dioxide emissions by 606 tons; sulfur dioxide emissions by 5,191 tons and nitrogen oxide emissions by 1,436 tons. This is the equivalent to the removal of 354 cars from New York roads.

Submitted by: Meghan Lodge, Clerk/Treasurer

## CGI Communications Churchville Video Tour Project

The Village Board is excited to announce that we've embarked on a creative video tour project with CGI Communications, a media production company located in downtown Rochester. This video tour will be highlighting our local businesses & nonprofits, recreational opportunities and quaint community atmosphere. Make sure to be on the lookout for this project in the coming weeks on our website that will feature our village and showcase just what makes our village the best kept secret in Western New York!

Submitted by: Deputy Mayor Diane F. Pusateri



## Snippet's From The Past

Over the years, I have collected a handful of short newspaper articles that not only provides for some interesting reading but also gives us a brief insight to our local history. The following are just a few of those short stories.

The year was 1890 and the United States had just added two new states to the union, consisting of Idaho and Wyoming. It was also the year that the first pro baseball game was played and the first Army-Navy game was played at West Point. Out west, the U.S. 7th Cavalry massacred 200 captive Sioux Indians at the Battle of Wounded Knee, South Dakota which finally ended the American-Indian wars. In the Town of Riga, the Town Supervisor was instructed to deed to the Village of Churchville the property deeded to the Town of Riga, by Samuel Church, and used as a burial ground near the North Bridge in the Village of Churchville. (Now called the Creekside Cemetery) During that year, the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle newspaper reported the following: "April 7th, The annual pew rental in the Congregational Church at Churchville will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock," and in a December article, "The people of Churchville are trying to raise \$5,000 to secure the location of the Free Methodist seminary to be built to replace the seminary burned awhile ago at Chili." Yes, it appears we started but never finished a fund drive to bring the seminary to Churchville which would have eventually turned into the Roberts Wesleyan College that we know of today.

In 1905, the first automobile to exceed 100 miles/hour was achieved, Las Vegas, Nevada was founded and Frances Willard became the first women to be honored with a statue in the National Statuary Hall, which is located in the United States Capitol building. In the Village of Churchville, an order of the Eastern Stars was instituted, William Ormrod renovated the Davis residence located at 99 South Main Street, and the Churchville Home Telephone Company was created by William Ormrod to provide telephone system within the village limits. The Batavia Times newspaper reported the following on June 23th: "Our boys and girls should not want to leave the farm now, as most of them have a telephone in the house, a rural mail box at the gate and a horse and buggy in the barn." A local newspaper contributor suggested the following: "Don't throw papers, orange and banana peels and similar rubbish on the sidewalks or lawns. The paper blows along the street, frightens horses and spoils the neat appearance of lawns and yards that careful people have spent time and labor in making tidy and presentable."

In 1907, Oklahoma become 46th state in the union, the first Christmas Seals were sold, and for the first time a ball drops at Times Square to signal the New Year. In the Township, William Ormrod paid half of the \$1,000.00 required to have a bridge built on South Main Street near the Shelter Cove Road intersection. The Batavia newspaper detailed the following: "April 26th, Tuesday, fourteen men were arraigned before Justice Robertson by Officer Miller and railroad detectives for illegally riding on freight trains." "The local barbers have united in a new law to go into effect May 1st, when it will cost 25 cents for a haircut and 15 cents for a shave, including neck shave and bay rum." And on December 20th; "Lily, the 11 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fridd, who was bit by a mad dog Friday, was taken to the Pasteur Institute, New York, for treatment.

The dog's brain was sent to Ithaca through the instigation of Dr. M. D. VanHorn, where it was analyzed by Dr. Moore, who pronounced it a case of rabbles. It is expected that quarantine will be placed on dogs in Monroe County."

It was in the year 1908 that Henry Ford began sales of his famous Model T car for \$825.00 and Orville Wright made the first one hour non-stop airplane flight. At the same time, the Village of Churchville began to light up with the distribution of natural gas by the Churchville natural Gas and Oil Company. Land for a Village Park, leased from William Ormrod, was created by the Village Board at the property we now know as the Riga Newman Library. It appears that an old problem resurfaces and a local organization is set to fight it as reported in the February 28th Batavia Times newspaper: "A meeting of the Churchville Political Equality Club was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. Hughes. The Civic Department of the club decided to take action in regards to beautifying the streets, such as keeping them free from banana, orange peels, etc. They intend to confer with the village fathers in regards to the same. Then at the railroad tank house on Savage Road the following incident was reported: "John Lawler and his partner Frank Smith, who are employed at the West Shore tank house narrowly, escaped receiving serious injury yesterday afternoon while shoveling coal to fire the boiler. He discovered a tin can with a string attached and upon investigation found, it contained 10 lbs. of gunpowder. It is thought that it was accidentally dropped in the coal at the mines."



And finally, as we now experience one of those “old fashion winters,” let us look back to the year 1945 when the Batavia Times newspaper inserted the following: “About a dozen railroad trains were stalled east of Lancaster outside of Buffalo. Other trains were stalled on the New York Central near Byron, Bergen and Churchville. It is reported that if these storms continue there will be a great food and fuel shortage all over. Many of the older Residents cannot recall ever having experienced such a severe winter.”

*Submitted by: Ron Belczak, Historian*

## Do's and Don'ts for Woodstoves and Fireplaces

### Do

- Get your fireplace and/or wood-burning stove inspected annually
- Purchase a shield (wire-mesh or glass-gate) which would stop possible fire sparks
- Only use dry wood and with a mixture of small chunks and large chunks as the smaller one starts combustion
- Use well-seasoned quality firewood (wood with less water in it). This will help to ensure your fireplace and wood-burning stove only burn clean and more efficiently.
- Test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in the house.
- Tell your insurance company you have a fireplace or woodstove. If they do not know they may not cover damage caused by one.

### Don't

- Have carpet installed directly in front of a fireplace or wood-burning stove
- Use lighter fluid to start a fire as this could cause an explosion
- Use charcoal either to put inside your fireplace or wood-burning stove, it can let off harmful carbon monoxide that can be deadly
- Leave small children unattended around open fireplaces or wood burning stoves for even 5 seconds

If you require a wood stove or fireplace safety inspection please feel free to contact me.

Submitted by: Tim McElligott, Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer

## 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. We are not responsible for items either damaged or missing in the cemetery.**

## Infrared Home Scanning

Contact the Village of Churchville for an Infrared Home Scanning. The Electric Department 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

### 2019

October 31 ..... Halloween Parade - 6pm - Start near the Bank of Castile  
November 14..... Chamber of Commerce Veterans Luncheon  
December 8..... Village of Churchville Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration  
December 12..... Chamber of Commerce Holiday Luncheon

### 2020

January 26 ..... Lions Club Winterfest

**Garbage Delay - Garbage pickup moves from 12/25/19 to 12/26/19**

### Holiday Toy Drive Give a Toy & Spread Some Joy!

The Town of Riga will be working with the Churchville Lions Club & St. Vincent's Church in collecting donations of new unwrapped toys suitable for children ages 1-12, at the Riga Town Hall (6460 Buffalo Rd.) from November 4<sup>th</sup> till December 6<sup>th</sup>. The toys will then be given to children of less fortunate families in our community.

Please help us spread some cheer this holiday season!

Questions? Call 585-293-3880 Ext 121 or 122

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

November 11 - Veteran's Day  
November 28 & 29 - Thanksgiving  
December 25 - 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

2nd Wednesday of every month at  
7:00pm

All meetings are at the Village Office  
Check [www.churchville.net](http://www.churchville.net) for meeting  
updates/cancellations, agendas and  
meeting minutes.



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