

Village of Churchville Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor...

Spring is here! I hope that you are all energized for the summer ahead. There have been many projects going on in the Village this past fall and winter. I invite all of you to the Village Board room to take a look at the display of projects that involve our community. You will be amazed at them all.

I am pleased that we are able to apply for several grants to assist with these projects. The grant monies help reduce the fiscal responsibility of each and every one of us while providing continued enhancement to our village. As you know, the *New York State Main Street Grant* continues with revitalizing our Main Street. We are awaiting notification as to whether we are the successful recipients of a *Records Archival Grant* that will double our record keeping capacity and a *Recreational Trails Program Grant* to start the WestShore Trailhead in the Village. The newest grant opportunity is through *Restore New York* to obtain funds to demolish the buildings and restore the grounds at the former Luster Coate site. We also have three projects on the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act List*. We continue to search out and review all the grant opportunities that come our way.

In these fiscally tough times, I encourage all of you to ask at the Village Office for what can be done to help you reduce electric costs. The Village has many programs and services available through the Independent Energy Efficiency Program. Even though we are fortunate to have lower costs for electricity in the Village, energy conservation by each of us helps to reduce the overall rising costs.

Do check out the progress of the new Village Electric Substation that will be under construction this summer on Sanford Road North. This will upgrade our existing substation, adding increased reliability and safety.

I thank the community members who have been volunteering their time in so many different ways. We now have Community Gardens, a Community Memorial Park, and a Community Nursery for native trees and shrubs. It is the team effort of this community that helps make these projects happen.

I also hope you are able to take advantage of the celebrations this summer in the Village. The Village of Churchville has much to offer through our parks, sidewalks, businesses and organizations. It is a great place to live!

I wish you all a safe and fun summer.

Mayor Nancy Steedman

Help **CELEBRATE** Earth Day/Arbor Day

2nd Annual Electronics



Recycling Drop-off

- ❖ Saturday, April 25, 2009
- ❖ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- ❖ Town of Riga Highway Garage
Buffalo Road Churchville

Sponsored by:



Accepted Materials:

- ♦ Monitors (CRT's) ****your cost** \$5 per monitor**
- ♦ Televisions ****your cost** \$10 per television**

- ♦ Computers/laptops
- ♦ Printers
- ♦ Computer Mice
- ♦ Keyboards
- ♦ Copiers
- ♦ Typewriters
- ♦ Fax Machines
- ♦ Cellular phones
- ♦ Pagers
- ♦ Audio equipment
- ♦ Video equipment
- ♦ Telephone equipment
- ♦ Cables/wires

*All data is secure -
shredded or destroyed*

Non-Acceptable Materials:

- ♦ Microwaves
- ♦ Refrigerators
- ♦ Home appliances
- ♦ Vacuum cleaners
- ♦ Batteries
- ♦ Household hazardous waste
- ♦ Liquids
- ♦ Yard equipment
- ♦ Small gas powered equipment
- ♦ NO Businesses

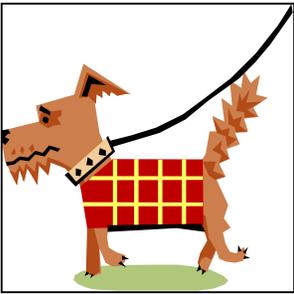
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Earth Day/Arbor Day Activities

10:00 AM	Town Bicentennial Dedication	Riga Town Hall
10:30 AM	Heritage Tree planting by Village	Churchville Village Office
11:00 AM	Community Nursery planting	Brew Road
1:00 PM	Story Time	Newman-Riga Library
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Earth Day/Arbor Day Booths, Events	Churchville Village Office

Brownie Troop 104 Visits the Mayor

On April 2, Troop 104 visited the Mayor to learn more about Village government. This was in response to a letter from the Troop regarding dogs that run loose in the Village and to learn if we had leash laws. The Brownies are concerned about dogs that are not on a leash and could possibly cause harm or scare residents as they walk on the sidewalks. So, we encourage everyone to keep their dogs on a leash and take measures to ensure that residents walking on



the sidewalks are not put in any type of unsafe situation. The Brownies from Troop 104 and the Village Board thank you for following the Leash Laws that are in effect in the Village.



Mayors for Meals on Wheels

On March 18th, Mayor Nancy joined several Monroe County Mayors, Town Supervisors and Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks at the “Mayors For Meals” campaign. Mayors For Meals is an annual national

campaign, held in March of every year, and designed to increase public awareness, recruit new volunteers and increase funding for Members of the Meals On Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) Member local Senior Nutrition Programs. As part of this campaign, Mayor Nancy toured the MOW facility in Rochester and delivered several meals to Riga residents. This is the second year in a row that she has participated in this event and finds it very rewarding and educational. If anyone would like information on how to volunteer with MOW, please contact her at the Village Office.



Building Department News

Nice weather is coming quickly which means it will soon be time to open those pools. Any pool that can hold 24 inches of water or more must conform to the current New York State Building Code for pool safety. This includes soft sided and blow up pools. The Village requires that these pools need a permit and an electrical inspection. The Village of Churchville wants to keep all residents and guests safe and by following these requirements a serious accident can be avoided. If you are unsure if your pool is included please contact the Village, we will be happy to assist you.



Before beginning any type of construction, remodeling, improvement, removal, relocation or demolition work on your property it is necessary that you obtain the correct building permit. If you plan on selling your property in the future the banks will check to make sure you have all the proper building permits for all structures on your property. If you do not have the required building permits it will delay closing on your property and may cost you extra to get the required building permits. Please call the Village of Churchville to find out if you need a building permit before you begin any projects.

Uniqueness in Churchville

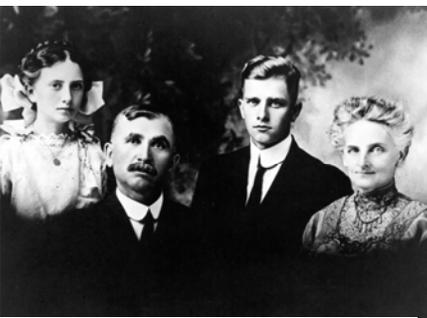
In the last newsletter, I had the pleasure to introduce the All Fair Toy Company of Churchville and its history. Now, in keeping with the theme of searching for unique businesses in the village, I present to you the following from a 1904 Rochester Democrat and Chronicle newspaper:

“The older residents of the village have been interested during the last few weeks in the demolishing of the former home of the late Philander Stone and family. It is located on South Main Street, but a short distance from the birthplace of the late Frances W. Willard, (The Willard house was once situated where the present-day flower shop is located) and has been torn down in order to make room for a modern house to be built for John C. Newman. It was one of the oldest residences of the village, and here for many years lived the family of Philander Stone, who invented and manufactured the first harmonium or organette introduced in this section of the country. The instrument at first, like all things in the early stages of development, was a crude affair containing two octaves of keys, and was played upon the lap. One hand operated the bellows while the other played upon the keyboard. Later Mr. Stone enlarged the scope of the instrument to about five octaves, mounted it upon legs and added the foot pedal that supplied the power to the bellows. Finally there was added the swell pedal.

For many years the manufacture of these harmoniums was quite a prominent feature of the village until the modern reed organ was introduced, when the call for the little melodeons ceased. With the passing away of the old home, comes the reminder of an industry that originated here and spread, and then ceased because of the more modern instrument.”

In the article it is of interest to note that Philander Stone was originally from Pittsfield, Mass., and settled in the village as early as 1828. He married Miss Abby Savage and was one of the charter members of the Union Congregational Church in the village. Philander operated his own business on South Main Street manufacturing and custom painting carriages and wagons. It is certainly these skills that enabled him to produce fine musical instruments. Then in 1890 at the age of 82, Mr. Stone quietly passed away at his home.

The John C. Newman house was once located where the present Bank of America is located in the Churchville Commons. John Newman’s son Floyd was raised in that house and educated in the village schools. In 1908 Floyd entered Cornell University and majored in chemistry. After graduation, he went to China as a Standard Oil Company employee then entered the military as an officer in the U. S. Army. After WW I he co-founded the Allied Oil Company, Inc. of Cleveland until it merged in 1948 with the Ashland Oil and Refining Company.



**John Newman family.
Floyd Newman in the back row**

In his life, Floyd Newman served as a former Cornell University Trustee and as a Presidential Councilor. He generously provided for the Helen Newman Hall, Newman Lab and the F.R. Newman Arboretum to the Cornell campus, and supported the University’s geological sciences and athletic programs.

To us, his greatest contribution was in 1952, when he made a generous contribution to the Town of Riga in the gift of what we now call the Newman Riga library building. Then in 1963, the Newman house was purchased by the village and torn down to build a parking lot in what would be the start of the village commons.

P. STONE,
CARRIAGE MANUFACTURING,
Painting Trimming, and Gen-
eral Repairing.
CHURCHVILLE, - - NEW YORK.

Advertisement in the 1878 Churchville
Advertiser newspaper



**Newman house on
South Main Street**

Submitted by Ron Belczak, Village Historian

Welcome to Vicki Rowland

We are pleased to introduce to you a new employee at the Village of Churchville, Vicki Rowland. Vicki was recently hired as an Office Assistant with a variety of responsibilities. We are very fortunate to have Vicki on the staff. Vicki and her husband Michael live in Riga with their two children Katrina and Timothy. When she is not working, she is busy spending time with her family traveling to soccer games and the Special Olympics. Vicki says that she really enjoys the interaction with all the Village residents. So, if you haven't met Vicki yet, please do stop in and welcome her.



Village Codes Are Undergoing Review

Recently, Mayor Nancy Steedman established a "Village Code Review Committee" and charged the committee with the responsibility of reviewing and updating all of the village codes. The committee members are the Deputy Mayor, Planning Board Chair, Code Enforcement Officer, Fire Marshall and the Village Planning and Zoning Attorney.

Currently the committee is finalizing a long overdue revision of the village's Sign Law and should have a draft of the new code ready for Village Board review in April. After the new law has been reviewed by the Village Board a public hearing will be held in May so that public input can be heard and considered before the new code becomes law.

Please watch the Suburban News for a legal notice that will detail the time and date of this hearing. In the near future the committee will be reviewing and updating all of the village's Zoning Districts.

Submitted by Don Suter, Deputy Mayor

Churchville Local Development Corporation

My sincere thanks to go the following for their contributions towards the creation of the Churchville Local Development Corporation: MRB Engineering Group, Dr. Nancy Weyl, President of Nancy A.K. Perkins, Charitable foundation, Mr. Jim Fitzsimmons, and Chris and Lisa Steubing. It is through their generous



contributions that we are able to form the Churchville LDC. This will be another economic development tool for the Village that will be useful now and in the future. If you would like to learn more about the Churchville LDC or how you can contribute funds, land or assistance, please call the Village Office.

Churchville Appliance Advantage

Be sure to take advantage of the Village of Churchville's Appliance Advantage. The Village has partnered with the Independent Energy Efficiency Program (IEEP) to encourage residents to upgrade their appliances to Energy Star® labeled appliances. You will be eligible for a rebate if you purchase certain Energy Star® labeled appliances such as air conditioners, ceiling fans, washers, dryers and more! All you need to do is go to the Village office for a rebate form, fill that out and send it to the address on the form along with a copy of your receipt, copy of your most recent Village of Churchville electric bill and sufficient Energy Star® product documentation. Once processed you will then receive a rebate for the incentive amount listed on the rebate form.

Creekside Cemetery Reminder

The Department of Public Works takes pride in maintaining and keeping the Creekside Cemetery attractive and well groomed. As spring arrives we would like to remind you of a few important cemetery rules. There will be NO planting of trees, shrubs or flowers in the ground around the memorial markers and all pots, urns and other decorations are to be placed at the SIDE of the memorial marker NOT in front or rear for ease of mowing. We appreciate you following these rules to help keep maintenance costs down.

Newman Riga Library News

Force of habit causes people to always look at the new book section of the library for their books. And as a result, really good books often elude them. The good ones continue to lurk in the older sections as well as the new, waiting to be discovered.

In April 1862, when 20 Union soldiers crossed Confederate lines to steal a locomotive called the General and destroy a critical confederate supply line, a great story of espionage, trial and escape was born. Half the men were executed and the other half escaped and received the newly established Medal of Honor. Both general readers and Civil War buffs will love **Stealing the General** by Russell S. Bonds.

Devil in the White City by Erik Larson reads like a novel. But this is nonfiction. Larson introduces Daniel Burnham, architect responsible for the fair's construction, and H.H. Holmes, a serial killer masquerading as a doctor. Burnham's charge was to construct the famous "White City" around which the Chicago World's fair was built while Dr. Holmes plagued the city with scores of murders. Appearances of famous notables include Buffalo Bill Cody, Susan B. Anthony and Thomas Edison. Both the appeal and the dark side of 19th century Chicago are revealed through Larson's skillful writing.

Given Lincoln's role as commander-in-chief to the nation's survival, this role has been under examined. Author, McPherson, of **Tried by War**, offers evidence of Lincoln's military effectiveness in this analysis of preserving and protecting the union, even while occasionally violating longstanding civil liberties. The policy and strategy that he employed made him the most hands-on American commander-in-chief. While he was considered an amateur of war, McPherson paints him as America's greatest war hero who initially defined the war's aims as preserving the Union and only later changed them to ending slavery, when he sensed the public was at last ready to bear such a lofty burden.

Dan Pallotta, author of **Uncharitable** turns on its head the assumption that charity and capitalism should be forever divided. Don't charitable causes deserve the same kind of competitive forces that work to get results in the for-profit sector? The author traces the history of nonprofits to Puritan notions of charity and self-denial. He discusses trends in the nonprofit sector that tweak the edges of a system sorely in need of change if it is to deliver on its mission. It is a passionate and thought-provoking book on the subject.

In **American Prometheus**, Kai Bird and Martin Sherwin explore J. Robert Oppenheimer's life and deliver a said biography of the man whose name represents the culmination of 20th century physics. He is painted as both a controlling force as well as a victim of the mechanisms of power. The scientists portrayed along with Oppenheimer speak for themselves in the book, about their reaction to the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. Life after the bomb is explored to demonstrate how he was lionized in the short term. His loose connections to Communism caused people like J. Edgar Hoover to work at destroying his reputation, leaving him devastated, paranoid and disillusioned about his work.

Tucked away in the young adult section of the library is a fictional book entitled **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas** by John Boyne. A powerful tale, the book (and a newly released movie) documents the relationship between a young German boy of privilege, son of a German officer, and his new-found friend, an imprisoned boy in a place called "Out With". The German boy's innocence of the Nazi tactics, and his friendship with young Schmuell, set in motion a series of events, resulting in disaster. Not for the faint of heart (or young children), the "fable", as designated by the author, demonstrates how listeners and observers became complicit in the horrors of the Holocaust. Be forewarned, this one will haunt you for a long time.

Just a few titles to whet your appetites for more....

Mark your calendars for the following events:

Programs

We continue to celebrate the Bicentennial with the Introduction of our Ancestrylibrary.com classes. Thus far, we have had 4 classes, (all well attended) and due to public interest, we are adding more. Continue to check our website to see more scheduled classes. Two classes are currently planned for: **May 12th at 7:00 P.M and May 21st at 2:00 P.M.** Space is limited so call 293-2009 to sign up soon. We will continue to offer these throughout the year as long as there is interest.

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Mark your calendars for:

May 7th at 7:00 P.M. An Evening of Riga History with Ron Belczak
(suitable for adults and young adults)

Summer Reading Program

“Dig into a Good Book” July 6th – August 13th

(Independent Reading Programs for Preschoolers, Young Adults and Adults)

Special Summer Programs planned thus far include:

July 14th 3:00 PM Ganandagan Story Teller

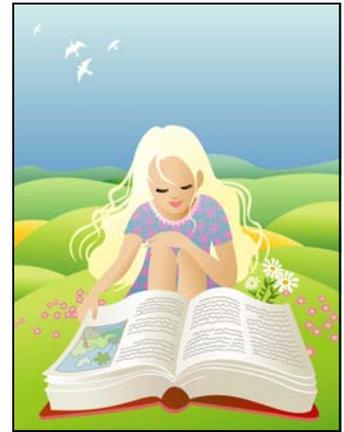
July 28th 3:00 PM Batphile with Liz Thompson

Ice Cream Social (Date to be Announced)

August 13th End of Celebration Bagel Party (for game players)

Stay tuned for More!

Submitted by Donna Haire, Newman Riga Library



Volunteers...Making our community a better place!

“You are the kind of volunteers that we are grateful for each day.
You put your heart into your work and it shows in every way.”

Frank Perry has been volunteering his time for the upkeep of the gazebo flower beds. You will see him out there weeding and planting. Each summer it looks great, thanks to his help. He is also the artist rotating his paintings in the Village office foyer. Please take the time to check them out. Along with all this, Frank has been active on the Westshore Trail Committee and has built a replica of the intended area. This will be on display at the Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration in the Village Office.

Linda Gathmann and family have been the loving caretakers of the Library grounds since 2002. It has become a family project to keep the flower beds looking beautiful. They continue to try new plants or move plants to different locations depending on their growth needs. We thank Linda, Dave and Sallye for all their efforts. It certainly is always stunning and shows the love that they put into their care.

The **Congregational Church** has adopted the central planter in the Commons parking lot. They have named it the Peace Garden. There are many tulips planted in the garden and the watering, weeding and mulching is all done by volunteer church members.

We are fortunate to have so many interested citizens in our community who volunteer their time to keep it looking beautiful. Our thanks go out to each and every one of them. Please share your compliments with them too and if you are inspired to adopt an area in the Village to share your gardening skills, let us know. The Village buys the plants, you just need to plant them and care for them during the summer months. There is no expense to the individuals or organizations. There are many areas where everyone can have a part in making our community beautiful. So, adopt a planter or a flower bed!!

Greater Churchville-Riga Chamber of Commerce

Citizen of the Year—Dick Stowe

Business Person of the Year— George “Buddy” Filowick

Civic Beautification Award— Chris & Lisa Steubing

Congratulations!

The C.O.W. is coming to Churchville

Soon you will notice some activity at the Water Tower. The Monroe County Water Authority is going to repaint it! While they are painting the tower the cellular antennae will be moved to a C.O.W. (Cellular On Wheels) in order to maintain cellular service in in the area during the project. Look for further information from the Water Authority regarding this summer project.

Calendar of Events

April 21.....Arbor Day Celebration
 May 16-17.....Churchville Greene Garage Sale
 May 25Memorial Day Parade
 June 11Churchville Walk About
 August 16-17 ...Lions Club Country Fair

Concerts in July

July 1“Group Therapy”
 July 8“The Jimmy Jam Band”
 (sponsored by Waste Management)
 July 15 ...“Blue Sky”
 July 22 ...“Smugtown Stompers”
 July 29... “Fiddler’s of the Genesee”



All concerts held at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Village gazebo. In case of bad weather call 293-3880 x130. These concerts are jointly held by the Village of Churchville and Town of Riga.

THE VILLAGE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

May 25th , Memorial Day
 July 3rd, Independence Day
 September 7th, Labor Day



HOLIDAY REFUSE PICKUP

Refuse will be picked up
 Thursday, May 28th due to Memorial Day
 and
 Thursday, September 10th due to Labor Day



VILLAGE BRUSH PICK-UP

First and third Monday every month the Village will be picking up brush piles. Lawn debris and leaves must be in brown biodegradable bags to be picked up by the Village.



E-Z PASSES

The Village Office has E-Z Pass On-the-Go tags for \$25. The tag is active immediately for the first \$10. The remaining \$15 will be added to your tag once registered.

PASSPORT BOOKS AND PASSPORT CARDS

The Village Office is now accepting applications from 9a.m. to 3p.m. Monday–Friday. Passport Books: \$100.00
 Passport Cards: \$45.00 Photos: \$10.00



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