

Village of Churchville Newsletter

Message from the Mayor ...

As we welcome spring and summer, I hope that you will be able to enjoy much of what we have to offer in our community. Check out the many Churchville activities that are on the calendar for this summer and 'Discover Churchville!'

Some of our current projects this summer include our new electric substation, improved drainage in the village, cleanup of the former Luster Coate area and the continuation of cost effective services. The contracts with National Grid for our electric service have been completed and the new electric substation will soon be online. In order to make this change, there will be several planned power outages in the Village this summer. You will receive advance notice by mail and if you have any special concerns regarding these, please contact our office. We will do our best to keep these outages short in duration. This is a necessary step to bring the Village further reliable service. I apologize in advance of any hardship that this might bring to you and your families and/or businesses. (See article on page 7 for more information on the scheduled power outage)

Contracts for continuation of the clean up of the former Luster Coate site have been completed and you will see some activity in that location this summer. We are also working towards a 'ribbon cutting' for the new WestShore trail at the Churchville WalkAbout. I encourage everyone to enjoy the 2011 Concert Series planned for this summer.

The following article is to introduce to you our two new employees Karen Carr and Paul Robinson and to welcome Meghan Lodge in her new position as Clerk/Treasurer. We are a fortunate village in that we have once again been blessed with knowledgeable, capable and caring employees. I look forward to working with them in the year ahead.

Have a wonderful summer, and if you have any concerns, questions, or would just like to chat – please stop in at the Village office – my door is always open.

Mayor Nancy L. Steedman

Village of Churchville Welcomes New Employees

Meghan Lodge has worked 11 years for the Village of Churchville and recently was promoted to the Clerk/Treasurer position. She started her employment with the Village as the Electric Bookkeeper and served as Deputy Treasurer. Meghan grew up in the Spencerport area and resides there with her husband John. They have two children, Alexandra who will be graduating from Wells College this year with a degree in Biochemistry and Donald who is attending SUNY Binghamton majoring in Political Science. Meghan enjoys weekends and vacations boating with her family on Sodus Bay. She has always enjoyed working with the community residents and is now looking forward to working closer with the Village Board, networking with other Clerks and the new responsibilities of being Clerk/Treasurer.



Pictured: Meghan Lodge, Karen Carr and Paul Robinson

Karen Carr was hired to be the Electric Bookkeeper, a vacancy that occurred when Meghan took the position of Clerk/Treasurer. Karen and her husband Joe live in the area with their three sons Joe (16), Tommy (12) and Kenny (10). Her spare time is spent with the family enjoying camping, sports, family trips, scrapbooking and reading. Karen's previous employment was with Home Properties for 15 years as the Regional General Ledger Supervisor. Karen brings her accounting and organizational skills to maintaining the Churchville Municipal Electric books. Karen looks forward to working in a small office and being able to interact with the customers on a daily basis.

Paul Robinson, the Village of Churchville Superintendent of Public Works, brings his 16 years of experience from his previous employment with the Village of Spencerport. This includes his skills and knowledge in the DPW area combined with his strong electric background and 25 years working with public utilities. Paul lives in Spencerport with his fiancé Allene and two children Christian and Cory. Paul enjoys camping, ATV riding, hunting, fishing and sports with his family. Paul finds satisfaction in completion of community projects that are done at the best cost with best services with the resident in mind.

Help CELEBRATE Earth Day/Arbor Day

4th Annual Electronics

Recycling Drop-off

- ❖ Saturday, April 23, 2011
- ❖ 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- ❖ Town of Riga Highway Garage
Buffalo Road Churchville

Sponsored by:



Acceptable Materials (Covered Electronic Equipment Under The NYS Law)

- Computers
- Televisions (as well as cathode ray tubes)
- Small Scale Servers
- Computer Peripherals*
 - o Monitors
 - o Electronic Keyboards
 - o Electronic Mice or Similar Pointing Devices
 - o Facsimile Machines**
 - o Document Scanners**
 - o Printers**
- Small Electronic Equipment*
 - o VCRs
 - o Digital Video Recorders
 - o Portable Digital Music Players
 - o DVD Players
 - o Digital Converter Boxes
 - o Cable or Satellite Receivers
 - o Electronic or Video Game Consoles

* Computer peripherals and small electronic equipment also include any cable, cord, or wiring permanently affixed to or incorporated into such product.
** Only those intended for use with a computer and weighing less than 100 lbs.

Non-Acceptable Materials:

- ♦ Microwaves
- ♦ Refrigerators
- ♦ Home appliances
- ♦ Vacuum cleaners
- ♦ Batteries
- ♦ Household hazardous waste
- ♦ Liquids
- ♦ Yard equipment
- ♦ Small gas powered equipment

***Plan to remain in your vehicle and Staff will unload the contents

Earth Day/Arbor Day Activities

10:00 AM	Tree Plantings by Town	Riga Town Office
10:30 AM	Heritage Tree planting by Village	Creekside Cemetery
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

West Shore Trail Update

After much work by a dedicated group of citizens, the West Shore Trail project has taken the next step to becoming a reality. The Village has contracted with Parrone Engineering to take the concept plan developed by the West Shore Trail Committee to begin design of the trail.

The trail will extend from Howard Avenue westward across W. Buffalo St. and connect with the trail in the county park providing a connection to miles of secluded walking trails. The trail will consist of a crushed stone surface suitable for biking, walking, and wheelchair access, seating areas to enjoy the woodlands, wetlands, and wildlife, and an informational kiosk about the Village. A comfort station will also be included at the W. Buffalo St. crossing, along with parking. Work will begin in April with tentative completion in late summer, and is funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant and a New York State Parks and Historic Preservation grant.

This trail will be a beautiful addition to our Village, and continues the theme of developing a network of walking and multi-use trails throughout the Village and surrounding areas. We are excited to see the work begin, and look forward to adding this wonderful asset to our Village.

Order Your Brick Today

Boy Scout Tyler Swetman will be completing his Eagle Scout project this spring with the installation of the memorial bricks at the Village office. If you haven't ordered a brick for your family or loved one, please do so soon. Order forms may be picked up in the Village office, Town office or through the Lions Club. One brick is only \$35. Tyler is from Troop 133 and his Eagle project is to organize and construct the bricks that will go in front of the stone wall near the gazebo. This is a joint Village, Town and Lions club project. For more information, check out our web page at www.Churchville.net



SAVE THE DATES

August 20 & 21

**Antique Tractors • Farm Equipment • Hit & Miss Engines • Tractor Pulls • Kids' Games • Farmer's Market • Arts & Crafts • Fireworks • Food • World's Famous Chicken BBQ • Entertainment • Silent Auction
...and much more!**

Plan to be part of a Churchville tradition and have fun at the 2011 Churchville Lion's Club Country Fair

<http://www.churchvillelions.org/countryfair/>

Village of Churchville's New Website

The Village of Churchville's website has been redesigned to help serve you better. There is easy access to many commonly used forms and applications, an up-to-date calendar of meetings and community events, photo albums, access to the cemetery database, information about services provided by the Village of Churchville and much more!! Check out the new site at www.churchville.net .

Household Energy Monitoring Kits

Kits are now available that contain everything needed to determine the electric 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!

Adopt a Garden

Interested in beautifying our Village? Why not "adopt a garden" and do just that! We have several areas in the Village available for your business organization or family to "adopt". The Village provides the flowers and mulch; you provide the planting and care. It's a fun way to work together and help our Village look great!

Interested? Contact Trustee Diane Pusateri at DFPusateri@frontiernet.net or call the Village office, today!

A Real Fishy Story

With the colder weather now behind us, it's time to get out and enjoy those warm weather activities. Throughout the years, the recreational activities offered by Black Creek were readily available for the community and their quest to enjoy. Meandering through the heart of the village and once considered the path for the original Erie Canal, Black Creek, or Chekanango as the Indians called it, offered then and now, such activities as picnicking, boating, swimming and fishing. These activities are well documented but the activity that has caught my interest is the sport of fishing in waters of Black Creek. In 1896 the Rochester Post Express newspaper described fishing in the creek as follows: "The beautiful stream running through here, known as Black Creek, gives those desirous of fishing excellent sport in capturing the finny tribe, a pleasure that most all enjoy. The stream is well stocked with fish, ranging from one fourth pound to ten pounds. It is stated that pickerel weighting seventeen pounds have been caught."

Now, you would think that all you have to do is grab a fishing pole, some bait, and head down to the creek. Usually, most fishermen prefer this method, but on a hot summer day in July of 1898, a group of individuals decided differently and proceeded with a rather unorthodox and illegal method of catching the big "ones."

With their windows wide open and the clocks approaching 2 o'clock on a Tuesday morning, the residents of the village were suddenly awakened to what was described as "five heavy explosions." Stumbling in the darkness, many villagers peered into the gas lighted streets only to find no evidence of mischievous behavior. It was not until daybreak that the consequences of those early morning explosions were to be revealed. There, above and below the dam, the crowds gathered at the bank of Black Creek to witness a most horrible sight. Floating on the surface were the remains of thousands of fish of all descriptions ranging in size from one inch in length to fifteen pounds. Summoned at once, the village Constable and hotel owner (owner of what we now know as the Johnson House) Edward Ames arrived on the scene and upon further investigation he observed that the explosions had created two large craters in the water, one fifteen feet in diameter and the other some twenty feet deep. Scattered along the bank were the remains of some broken stone jugs and cans that contained a partially stained volatile residue. Realizing he needed help, Constable Ames headed for the railroad station on South Main Street to telegraph the Monroe County District Attorney and a representative from the state Fish and Game commission. As the day wore on, the constable was approached by several individuals who were able to provide details that seem to incriminate some local villagers. Apparently, just two days earlier, a group of men had approached a local dealer and requested some material which was explosive but not really unusual to buy. The men were later observed walking towards the creek with some containers. Knowing the type of material used, Constable Ames figured that the explosions should have occurred within a few minutes but apparently the gang did not know what they were doing and it took two days to explode. Within days, warrants for the arrest of four individuals were issued but they were nowhere to be found. Eventually, the suspects gave up and with lawyers in hand, appeared before the Riga Town Justice. In the end, various verdicts were delivered but a few of the men received sixty days in the Monroe County Penitentiary and a fifty dollar fine.

Now the story does not end here. Some eleven years later in 1909, a similar but not as violent situation occurred where individuals used a volatile material to kill fish in the creek. But once again, justice would prevail and the guilty parties were arrested and punished.

Submitted by: Ron Belczak, Historian

New Dog Control Information

Dan Forno has replaced Lori Kellogg as the Riga/Churchville Dog Control Officer. Call the Riga Town Hall (293-3880 Ex 125) during normal business hours (M-F 9 AM-4 PM & Wed 9AM-5PM) for all dog related questions and complaints. For dog related emergencies that occur after-hours such as, a stray dog that has been **contained**, a dog that has been struck by a car or a dog bite, please call 911. For problems with stray or feral cats, call the Humane Society (223-1330) and for problems with nuisance wildlife, contact a wildlife removal service.

Submitted by Town of Riga

The Churchville Dam - A Village Curiosity

Originally, the Churchville dam was built to provide power for Samuels Church's sawmill in 1808 and by 1810 the same dam provided power to turn the mill stones in Church's grist mill. This early dam was constructed of stones and reinforced with wooden logs. Over time, history will record that the dam was destroyed several times by flood waters. By the turn of the nineteenth century, the stone and wooden structure was replaced by the use of concrete. Then in 1920 the grist mill was torn down and a water powered generating plant was built to electrify the Riverside Paper Box Factory. Finally, in 1928, Monroe County purchased over 500 acres of land, together with water rights and the dam of the Riverside Paper Box Factory, to establish Churchville Park.



Churchville Dam under construction in early 1900's

Submitted by: Ron Belczak, Historian

Black Creek Stream Corridor Trail Feasibility Study Grant Awarded

The Village of Churchville has partnered with the Town of Chili, Town of Riga, Monroe County and the Genesee Transportation Council staff to study the feasibility of an approximately 15-mile-long multi-use trail system parallel to the Black Creek stream and linking Black Creek Park, the Genesee Valley Greenway, and Churchville Park in the Towns of Chili and Riga and the Village of Churchville. The grant has been awarded in the amount of \$60,000.

Greater Churchville-Riga Chamber of Commerce News

The Chamber has had a busy year. A beautiful color brochure highlighting our Town, Village and local businesses has been developed and printed. This has long been a goal of the chamber and finally was completed thanks to our committee composed of Allyn Barnard, Cindy Jessop, Mayor Nancy Steedman and Stacy Stanton. We also have a committee working on the development of a new website and expect that to be available soon.

A number of events have been planned. We hope that you will be able to join us at them.

Youth Hall of Fame Awards will be held on May 16 at the Town of Riga Meeting Room

Village Walk About is scheduled for June 9. This is a great event and gives our businesses a chance to introduce themselves to members of the community.

The Annual Chamber Golf Tournament and Dinner will be held on Monday, July 25 at Churchville Golf Course. Even if you don't golf, plan on attending the dinner afterwards.

We recently held our Annual Awards banquet. Keith Ryan was recognized as the Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year. The Civic Beautification Award was presented to Eric Borschlein who designed the Westside Community Federal Credit Union on East Buffalo Street. Arthur Minery of Churchville Physical Therapy received the Business Person of the Year Award. Ray Ehrmentraut who gives so much of his time to the Boy Scout Association received the Citizen of the Year Award. Congratulations to all of our winners.

We continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month at noon at the Johnson House (except June, July and August). You don't have to be a member to attend but need to make reservations by calling the Johnson House at 293-1111. Our monthly program will be available on our website when it is operational and of course, is published in the "Suburban News." Keith Ryan, Program Chair, has some great speakers lined up.

Submitted by Sue Davis, President

Newman Riga Library News

Welcome to the world of **Overdrive**, digital distributor of e-books and audio books. By visiting the Monroe County Library System homepage (www.libraryweb.org), you can click on “Download” and begin the process of downloading e-books and audio books from **Overdrive** for free to your computer and possibly, to your peripheral portable device. (Not all are compatible.) Be aware that there are Nooks, at least eight versions of Sony’s, Kobes, Literati Nextbooks, Pocketbooks, and Pandigitals and they are all portable device e-readers . There are Apple I pads, I phones, I pods, I touches and I shuffles (many versions of each), along with over **seventy five** MP3 players and smart phones, ranging from Sony to Blackberry, and they are all compatible portable devices for listening to audio books.

At the library, we offer classes on how to download e-books and audio books to your **computer**. We do not offer instruction on how to download to any of the specific devices listed above. As the list of compatible devices changes almost daily, and as each device requires some unique nuance to “make it happen”, the responsibility rests with you, the patron, the owner of the portable device, for that transfer from computer to device. Quite simply, it is too much to ask that library staff be expert on so many devices.

Let it be said upfront, Kindle’s are NOT compatible with **Overdrive**. There are no plans for them to ever be compatible. But take heart; there are still plenty of sites for all. Consider Project Gutenberg (out- of- copyright general fiction and nonfiction), Planet eBook (out- of- copyright general fiction), Mobipocket (general fiction and nonfiction at a price), Manybooks.net (fiction and nonfiction) and Internet Archive (out- of- copyright general fiction and nonfiction). Some or all of these will be appropriate for your computer and/or portable device, whatever that device may be.

Instructions for adding necessary software to successfully download e-books and audio books are available on **Overdrive** as well as the sites listed above. Every site has its own requisite software and most portable devices do too. Tutorials are usually available.

Our experience has shown that once a patron learns how to download an audio or e-book to a computer, completing “half the process” if you will, a certain level of familiarity and comfort is established, and people are inspired to “go the distance” alone. We invite you try it by attending one of our classes. They are scheduled for the following dates: April 12th and May 17th at 7 P.M. Additional dates will be forthcoming.

Mark your calendars for the following additional events:

Go Diego Go
Story Time with a Special Guest
May 3 @ 10:30 A.M.

Donald S Hall
Missing Mansions: East Avenue Back Then
July 14@7:00 P.M.

Vietnam Mailbag: Voices from the War
1968-1972
Meet author Nancy Steele
May 5 @ 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Donna Haire, Librarian

WANTED!

Your photos of how and what you enjoyed this summer in Churchville. Submit photos with your name, address and phone number (so they can be returned) to Mayor Nancy in the Village Office. We would like to use them for a display in the front foyer this coming September.

Passport Books and Passport Cards

The Village Office is now accepting applications from 9a.m. to 3p.m. Monday– Friday.

E-Z Passes

The Village Office has E-Z Pass On-the-Go tags for \$25.

Reminders

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

Brush Pick-Up

Spring/Summer brush pile pick-up will begin in April and will be the first and third Monday of every month, weather permitting. Lawn debris and leaves will be picked up only if they are in brown biodegradable bags.

Winter Parking

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.

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.

Scheduled Power Outage

As we move closer to energizing our new Sanford Road substation later this summer, a village wide electric shut down will be required. The shutdown will allow National Grid, the village's electric supplier, to install a utility pole and equipment that will serve our new substation. At that time, the Village of Churchville, along with neighboring municipal electric communities, will be performing distribution system improvements. The required outage is expected to take about 4 hours. We have tentatively scheduled Sunday May 1, 2011 at 6:00 am through 11:00 am. In the event of inclement weather, the above date and time will not be utilized and the new shutdown date and time will be on Sunday May 8, 2011 at 6:00 am. Every effort will be made to contain the outage to the above times. Please take time to review the following information:

- Emergency personnel have been notified and remain available for any needs that may arise
- Please attend to any electrically dependent appliances such as garage door openers, fish tanks, security systems, sump pumps etc.
- Customers with health related electrical needs should contact the Village Office prior to the shut down so that we may make arrangements on your behalf. (The Village is also maintaining a list of residents on life support, please contact Stacy at 293-3366 or email stacy@churchville.net to be added to the list. If your situation changes please let us know.)
- We ask that all customers review their individual situation and respond appropriately prior to the shut down

Scheduled Power Outage Date: Sunday, May 1, 2011 6:00 am - 11:00 am

Alternate Power Outage Date: Sunday, May 8, 2011 6:00 am - 11:00 am

Calendar of Events

- April 23 Arbor Day Celebration
May 16 Joint Village/ Town Board Meeting
May 16 Youth Hall of Fame
May 21-22 Churchville Greene Garage Sales
May 30 Memorial Day Parade
June 9 Chamber of Commerce Walk-About
July 24-30 2011 Amateur Disc Golf Championships
July 25 Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
July 28 Waste Management Open House
August 20-21.... Lions Club Country Fair

Mark your calendar!!

Refuse will be picked up:

Thursday June 2nd due to Memorial Day

Thursday July 7th due to Independence Day

Thursday September 8th due to Labor Day



2011 Concert Series in the Gazebo

- June 29 The Jimmy Jam Band- Sponsored by Bene-Care
July 6 Carol and the Impalas
July 13 The Don Newcomb Band
July 20 Hill Brothers
July 27 Blue Sky - Sponsored by Waste Management
August 3 Just 4 Fun



Concerts will start at 6:30 pm in the Churchville Village Gazebo and are jointly held by the Village of Churchville and Town of Riga.

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

- April 22nd - Good Friday
May 30th - Memorial Day
July 4th & 5th - Independence Day
September 5th - Labor Day
October 10th - Columbus Day
Normal 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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