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Highlights in this month's issue



BOA Updates



Food Pantry Events



St. Patrick's Day

From the Desk of Mayor Stammel

I am pleased to share with you some of the exciting developments taking place across our great city. Over the past month, we have made significant strides in economic development, public safety, accessibility improvements, and community engagement.

One of the key initiatives moving forward is the **Redevelopment Project at 20 Herrick St.** (formerly St. John's School). In collaboration with Empire State Development and McManus Elm, LLC, we continue to make progress on this transformative project, supported by Restore NY VII funding. Recently, Planning Director Tom Hulihan and I visited the site to witness firsthand the advancements being made. This is just one of many revitalization efforts shaping the future of Rensselaer.

We also secured a **\$150,000 grant from the New York State Archives Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund**, which has helped us better organize city records and enhance efficiency across all departments, including City Hall, the Library, Police and Fire Departments, and the City of Rensselaer Industrial Development Agency (CRIDA). This effort will improve accessibility to city documents and ensure a more responsive government for our residents.

In the realm of **public safety**, I recently attended an informational presentation on a shared **target range and training center** for the East Greenbush, North Greenbush, Rensselaer, and Schodack Police Departments. This collaborative project will provide our law enforcement agencies with a safe, dedicated space for training and certification while offering cost savings and improved scheduling flexibility.

Additionally, we celebrated the **swearing-in ceremony** for several dedicated public servants, including: Honorable Linda Blom-Johnson, Honorable Heather Dukes, Sergeant Daniel D. Micare II, and Officer Kristian A. Lapp.

In another milestone, I, along with members of the **Rensselaer Fire Department**, **toured the McManus Apartments project**. This \$8.8 million redevelopment, supported by a \$2 million Restore NY award and facilitated by CRIDA, will bring 49 new apartments and commercial space to our city. The project incorporates modern safety features, and leasing is expected to begin later this year.

Our commitment to accessibility continues with the **ADA Public Streets and Sidewalk Plan**, developed with the support of a grant secured by the Planning Department. This plan will ensure our city becomes more walkable and inclusive for all residents. The Common Council has approved the plan, and we will now seek additional funding to bring these much-needed improvements to life.

Finally, we are proud to collaborate with **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)** on a new **lighting design project for City Hall and Huyck Park**. Over the next several weeks, RPI students will be working to develop creative and innovative lighting solutions, and we look forward to seeing their ideas come to life.

These initiatives are just a few examples of the progress we are making together. Rensselaer is growing, evolving, and positioning itself for a bright future. I look forward to continuing this work alongside our dedicated city staff, local organizations, and, most importantly, you - the residents of Rensselaer. Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Stay tuned for more updates as we keep moving Rensselaer forward!

Rensselaer Moves Forward with Brownfield Opportunity Area Designation

The City of Rensselaer has announced its intent to seek an official Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) designation from the New York State Department of State. This move, if approved, could unlock additional financial incentives and development opportunities for targeted areas within the city.

The designation would make available additional Brownfield Tax Credits for qualifying redevelopment projects and grant priority to applications for state, federal, and local funding. The initiative aims to revitalize underutilized properties, attract investment, and promote sustainable economic growth.

The city's BOA planning document, titled *Rensselaer Rising*, outlines the vision and strategy for redevelopment. Residents and stakeholders interested in reviewing the document can access it through the City Planning Department's website at www.rensselaerplanning.com. Copies are also available at City Hall (62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, NY 12144), or by contacting Thomas Hulihan, Director of Planning and Development, at thomas.hulihan@rensselaerny.gov or 518-462-4839 x3.

The BOA designation process is an essential step in the city's broader efforts to transform former industrial and vacant sites into productive, community-enhancing developments. By securing this status, Rensselaer positions itself to attract new businesses, housing projects, and public infrastructure improvements that benefit both residents and the local economy.

Officials encourage public engagement and feedback as the city moves forward with the nomination process. More information will be provided as the application progresses.



Strategy 2.2: New Pocket Park and Waterway Connection

Rensselaer Redevelopment Project at 20 Herrick St. Moving Forward with Restore

The City of Rensselaer is making strides in revitalization efforts, with significant progress underway at **20 Herrick Street**, formerly known as **St. John's School**. Earlier this week, **Mayor Stammel** and **Planning Director Thomas Hulihan** met with **Empire State Development** to discuss the next steps for the **Restore NY VII** funding awarded to the redevelopment project.

The project, led by **McManus Elm, LLC**, aims to transform the former school into a revitalized space that contributes to the city's growth and economic development. Today, both Mayor Stammel and Director Hulihan visited the site to witness firsthand how much progress has been made.

"This is an exciting project for our city," said Mayor Stammel. "We are committed to seeing it through and ensuring that it benefits our residents and the community as a whole."

The **20 Herrick Street Redevelopment Project** is just one of many transformative initiatives currently underway in Rensselaer. As the city continues to focus on redevelopment and infrastructure improvements, officials are dedicated to keeping the community informed every step of the way.

Stay tuned for further updates as this project moves closer to completion!

About Restore NY VII

Restore NY is a state program designed to support the rehabilitation and redevelopment of blighted properties, encouraging economic growth and revitalization in communities across New York. The funding assists municipalities in restoring and repurposing historic buildings, vacant sites, and underutilized spaces.

For more updates on development projects in Rensselaer, follow city announcements and stay engaged with ongoing revitalization efforts.

Department of Public Works Update on Rock Salt Supply

We want to provide you with information regarding the recent challenges the City has had with salt supply. We had an order scheduled to arrive on February 10th, but when it did not come as expected, we contacted the supplier, who assured us it would be delivered by Friday, February 14th.

At the time, we still had some salt stored in the shed, but as many of you experienced, the storm brought significant ice accumulation, which quickly depleted our remaining supply over the holiday. We actively reached out to other suppliers in an effort to replenish stock, but due to the widespread impact of the storm, salt shortages were reported across the entire county.

Fortunately, we received our delayed shipment, and the Council had approved an additional \$25,000 as a precautionary measure to ensure we are better prepared in case of another severe storm. This allows us to secure additional resources and avoid potential shortages in the future.

This winter has been particularly unpredictable for our region, and while we do our best to anticipate and prepare for weather-related challenges, some circumstances remain beyond our control. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to keep our roads safe.

Thank you,

Department of Public Works

Celebrating Leadership & Service: Honoring our Community's Finest

On February 26th, we proudly celebrated the achievements of four distinguished individuals whose dedication and service continue to make a profound impact on our community. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to:

Honorable Linda Blom-Johnson
Honorable Heather Dukes
Sergeant Daniel D. Micare II
Officer Kristian A. Lapp

Judges Blom-Johnson and Dukes, your unwavering commitment to justice and fairness will shape the future of our community for generations to come. The responsibility of upholding the law and ensuring a just legal system is no small task, and we are confident that you will serve with the highest level of integrity and dedication.

Sergeant Micare and Officer Lapp, your courage and commitment to protecting and serving our community inspire us all. Law enforcement plays a crucial role in maintaining safety and order, and your leadership within the force sets a shining example for others to follow. Your devotion to duty does not go unnoticed, and we are grateful for the sacrifices you make daily.

As we honor these outstanding individuals, we recognize the importance of strong leadership and the impact it has on the well-being of our society. Their dedication, professionalism, and service remind us all of the values that build a strong and just community.

Once again, congratulations to each of you! May your careers continue to be marked by excellence, and may your influence be felt for years to come. Your contributions do not go unappreciated, and we look forward to witnessing the positive change you will continue to bring.



Mayor Maintains an Open Door Policy for City Residents

In an era where accessibility to local government can sometimes feel limited, our Mayor stands out as a leader who is always willing to engage with residents about any city-related concerns. Whether it's scheduling an appointment, sending an email, making a phone call, or simply stopping by the office, the Mayor remains open and available to listen and provide guidance.

City matters can range from routine neighborhood concerns to larger community-wide issues. While some problems may be beyond his direct control, the Mayor is always ready to assist, offering advice and direction to help residents find solutions. His commitment to open communication ensures that voices in our community are heard and that residents have a direct line to leadership.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this accessibility. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas to improve our city, do not hesitate to reach out. Call the office and schedule a time—your input

Common Council Workshops & Meetings

Are you interested in what's happening in Rensselaer? Then please consider attending the Common Council Workshops & Meetings to get the real scoop on what's happening in your City. The Workshops are held every 1st and 3rd Monday of each month and the Council Meeting are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays both at 6:30 PM at City Hall (see attached Calendar for dates for this month at the end of this Newsletter).

Agendas are posted on the City's website at <https://rensselaerny.gov/meeting-agendas-and-minutes> each Monday prior to the Workshops. Your attendance and input are important and your community needs your support. We hope to see you there!

City Newsletter - Subscription & Article Submission

The Rensselaer Newsletter began its first launch this past January. Since then it has become the place City Residents look to for news and facts about what's going on in the City. The Newsletter is produced and designed by volunteers Dave Ellis and Madeline Rizzo with content provided by City Hall employees and residents.

to be added to the Newsletter distribution list please send an email to Info@rensselaerny.gov
We look forward to hearing from you!

Inquires regarding articles, submission of articles or

Upcoming Relevy for Unpaid Solid Waste and Water Bills

Residents are reminded that **July is relevy time** for any unpaid **solid waste and water bills**. Any outstanding balances will be added to property taxes if not paid by the deadline.

To avoid penalties, residents are urged to check their account balances and make payments before the final due date. If you are unsure of your balance, you can contact:

- ☐ **Solid Waste Department** at **518-462-9616 (option 1)**
- ☐ **Water Department** at **518-462-6466 (option 2)**

Additionally, residents should ensure that their **address on file is correct** to receive proper billing information.

Final Payment Deadline: July 11

Payments must be made to the **Treasurer's Office on or before July 11**. No payments will be accepted after this date. **Postmarked payments will not be accepted, and no exceptions will be made.**

Help Maintain Neighborhood Catch Basins

What is a Catch Basin? It is simply an underground box that helps reduce flooding damage by directing the water through a drainage pipe underground. These Basins require regular cleaning and maintenance and should be cleaned and pumped out at least once a year but sometimes more. If you see that a Catch Basin in your neighborhood needs some maintenance, please contact the Rensselaer City Water Department at 518-462-6466 for assistance.



Brush Cleanup & Preparation of Yard Waste

BRUSH: LEAVES / GRASS CLIPPINGS MUST BE IN PAPER BIODEGRADABLE BAGS. WE WILL NOT PICK UP LEAVES / CLIPPINGS IN PLASTIC BAGS. ALL BRUSH / BRANCHES, TWIGS SHALL BE NO LONGER THAN 4 FT (NOT OVER 40 LBS) AND MUST BE TIED TOGETHER. CUT DOWN TREES / LIMBS OR EXTREME LARGE PILES WILL BE CHARGED BASED ON SIZE.

YARD WASTE PICK UP SCHEDULE: **MONDAY MORNINGS (EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS)**

BRUSH / TWIGS, LEAVES, GRASS CLIPPINGS (PLACE CURBSIDE SUNDAY NIGHT)



City of Rensselaer Enhances Records Management with State Grant

The **City of Rensselaer**, in partnership with the **City of Rensselaer Industrial Development Agency (CRIDA)**, has successfully enhanced its records management system thanks to a **\$150,000 grant** from the **New York State Archives Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund**. This funding allowed the city to collaborate with **K. Sickler-Murphy, Records Management Consultants**, a **New York State Certified Women-Owned Business**, to review, organize, and properly dispose of obsolete records across multiple city departments.

Records from **City Hall, the Library, Police and Fire Departments, and CRIDA** were cataloged, improving efficiency and accessibility. **Mayor Mike Stammel** highlighted the impact of this initiative, stating, *"This grant helped to organize all of our paper files and greatly enhanced the efficiency and responsiveness of the City of Rensselaer."*

As part of the project, consultants **Kathy Sickler and Kerry Murphy** completed a **Final Report** that included a **Future**

Needs Assessment and Records Management Plan, ensuring long-term sustainability. They also conducted **staff training sessions** to maintain seamless operations across departments.

This initiative was made possible through the dedication of **City Clerk Nancy Hardt**, who initially proposed applying for the funds. *"Enhanced organization and accessibility of our records will improve our ability to respond to document requests in a timely manner,"* said Hardt. The **City Planning Department**, led by **Thomas Hulihan**, also played a crucial role in processing the application and coordinating efforts. *"This was truly a collaborative effort involving multiple departments and CRIDA,"* said Hulihan.

The **NYS Archives Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund**, established in **1989**, supports projects like this through fees collected during the recording of certain legal documents. Thanks to this funding and a dedicated team effort, **Rensselaer's records management is now more**

Keep Sidewalks Clear & Safe



It won't be long before spring is here but in the meantime we want to remind all property owners and tenants that keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice is **your responsibility**. Safe sidewalks ensure that everyone—especially children, the elderly, and individuals with mobility challenges—can move safely through our community.

Please do your part by following these simple steps:

Shovel promptly after snowfall to keep sidewalks clear.

Apply salt or sand to prevent dangerous icy conditions.

Ensure pathways are wide enough for safe passage, including strollers and wheelchairs.

A little effort goes a long way in keeping our neighborhood safe and accessible for all. Let's work together to make winter a little easier for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!

County Hazard Mitigation Plan Available for Review

The Rensselaer County Bureau of Public Safety is updating our County's Hazard Mitigation Plan, which happens every 5 years! This important plan helps break the cycle of disaster damage and reconstruction, addressing high-priority hazards like flooding and strengthening our community's resilience against future disasters.

Municipal and county officials have worked together to develop projects aimed at making our community safer, and we need YOUR input to shape a better future.

The draft plan is available for review on the [Rensselaer County Bureau of Public Safety website](#). You can submit your feedback from **today to April 11th, 2025**.

Your voice matters! Share your thoughts and help us create a more resilient County. For any comments or questions, please reach out to the planning team at Jeanne.Bunting@iem.com

Final Plan Documents can be found at: <https://www.rensco.com/316/Final-Plan-Documents>

Document Shredding Schedule for 2025

Do you have confidential papers that need secure disposal? Residents of East Greenbush, Schodack, and the City of Rensselaer can bring up to 3 boxes of documents to be safely shredded at one of our shredding events this year!

Shredding Event Dates & Locations:

April 26th | 9 AM – 12 PM
East Greenbush Town Hall, 225 Columbia Tpk, Rensselaer, NY 12144
(518) 477-2005

July 26th | 9 AM – 12 PM
Schodack Town Hall, 265 Schuurman Road, Castleton, NY 12033
(518) 477-7590

October 25th | 9 AM – 12 PM
Rensselaer City Hall, 62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, NY 12144
(518) 462-4266

Take advantage of this FREE service to protect your personal documents. Spread the word and mark your calendars!

For more information, contact:
City Garage: (518) 462-5512
Solid Waste Dept.: (518) 462-9616 | (518) 462-9617

History of St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. St. Patrick's Day 2025 will take place on Monday, March 17. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

Who was St. Patrick?

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 493), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

More than 100 St. Patrick's Day parades are held across the United States; New York City and Boston are home to the largest celebrations.

When Was the First St. Patrick's Day Celebrated?

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing a Roman Catholic feast day honoring St. Patrick on March 17. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland but in America. Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in the Spanish colony of St. Augustine, Florida. The parade, and a St. Patrick's Day celebration a year earlier were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur.

More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in New York City on March 17, 1762 to honor the Irish patron saint. Enthusiasm for the St. Patrick's Day parades in New York City, Chicago and Boston and other early American cities only grew from there.

The Irish in America

Up until the mid-19th century, most Irish immigrants in America were members of the Protestant middle class. When the Great Potato Famine hit Ireland in 1845, and over the next six years close to 1 million poor and uneducated Irish Catholics poured into America to escape starvation.

Despised by the American Protestant majority for their alien religious beliefs and unfamiliar accents, the immigrants had trouble finding even menial jobs. When Irish Americans in the country's cities took to the streets on St. Patrick's Day to celebrate their heritage, newspapers portrayed them in cartoons as drunk, violent apes or monkeys.

The American Irish soon began to realize, however, that their large and growing numbers endowed them with a political power that had yet to be exploited. They started to organize, and their voting bloc, known as the "green machine," became an important swing vote for political hopefuls. Suddenly, annual St. Patrick's Day parades became a show of strength for Irish Americans, as well as a must-attend event for a slew of political candidates.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman attended New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade, a proud moment for the many Irish Americans whose ancestors had to fight stereotypes and racial prejudice to find acceptance in the New World.

To learn more about the History of St. Patrick's day go to <https://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/history-of-st-patricks-day#what-do-leprechauns-have-to-do-with-st-patrick-s-day>

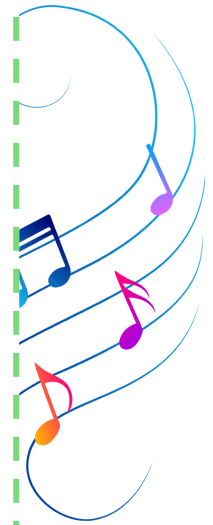


Spotlight into events
at Rensselaer
Senior Center

Rensselaer Seniors Spotlight

Our new Senior Center is open and waiting for you to join us. As of December 20th, the Schodack Senior Center will be getting a brand new facelift and we are pleased to host the seniors from there. We serve lunch Monday - Friday at 12:00 noon. We do ask for a reservation by calling 518-487-4427 so we are prepared for you. The suggested contribution is \$3.00. Activities will be available starting in January and yes we will be having Bingo every fourth

Tuesday of the month. We will try to incorporate the Schodack classes with ours so you won't miss out on anything. We are also in need of gently used quality clothing for our Boutique. At this time, we are accepting all clothing, shoes, pocketbooks and jewelry emphasizing spring and summer. You can donate from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM Monday - Friday. We hope to see you soon at our new center located at 6 Ridge Road in Rensselaer.



Attention Seniors: New Grocery Transportation Service!

We're excited to introduce **twice-weekly transportation to the grocery store** to ensure seniors have convenient access to essential shopping. This service is designed to **promote independence, reduce transportation barriers, and keep you connected to the community.**

Spots are available but you will need to reserve.

Call the **Senior Center** at **(518) 487-4427** or **(518) 487-4471** to register.

We're committed to supporting our seniors and making everyday life more accessible.

We can't wait to see you on board!

Vendor Opportunity: Food & Music Festival

Calling all vendors! The Food and Music Festival at the scenic Riverfront Ballpark is set for June 14th, and we are looking for vendors to participate in our exciting Flea Market/Yard Sale. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your goods and services to a lively crowd in a beautiful setting.

Spaces are limited, so don't miss your chance to be a part of this vibrant community event. Whether you specialize in handmade crafts, vintage treasures, or unique products, we welcome your participation.

Secure your spot today! For more information or to reserve your space, contact Gloria Fonda at the East Greenbush-Rensselaer Senior Center, 166 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer. You can reach her at (518) 487-4427 or via email at gfonda84@gmail.com.

Join us in making this festival a success!

Senior Center Mardi Gras Celebration

Mayor Mike Stammel, Planning Director Tom Hulihan and Legislator Scott Rogers joined in the Mardi Gras Celebration at the East Greenbush-Rensselaer Senior Center!

They shared updates on what's happening in Rensselaer and took the time to recognize the outstanding work of Rensselaer County Department of Aging Commissioner Darcie Casey and Senior Center Director Gloria Fonda in keeping our senior community engaged and thriving.

It was a fantastic day of fun, connection, and celebration! Thank you to everyone who made this event so special.



MENU **Rensselaer County Department of Unified Family Services- AGING Nutrition Services- 518-270-2739**

To Reserve or Cancel Call: Troy: 518-270-2740 Rensselaer 518-487-4427

Hoosick Falls: 518-686-7561 Grafton: 518-279-3413

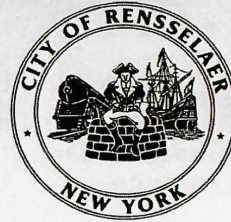
****MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

March 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3) Salisbury w/Smothered Gravy Mashed Potatoes Buttered Wax Beans White Bread Granola Bar	4) Baked Chicken and Pasta w/Cajun Cream Sauce Broccoli Florets Garlic Breadstick Mardi Gras Dessert	5) Eggplant w/Sauce Pasta w/Sauce Italian Blend Italian Bread Cookie	6) Chili w/Sour Cream & Cheese Rice Peas & Onions Biscuit Fresh Fruit	7) Lemon Garlic Cod w/Tartar Baked Potato Diced Carrots Peanut Butter Crackers
10) Shepard's Pie Seasoned Beef in Gravy Buttery Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots Biscuit Fruit Cocktail	11) Cheeseburger Tater Tots Steamed Broccoli Round Roll Diced Peas	12) CHEF'S CHOICE	13) Chef Salad Cold Plate Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, Ham, Turkey, Cheese, & Dressing Potato Salad Croutons Fresh Fruit	14) Creamy Macaroni & Cheese Zucchini & Tomatoes Normandy Blend Yogurt
17) Italian Style Sausage & Peppers Pasta w/Sauce Italian Blend Italian Bread Cookie	18) Swiss Steak Mashed Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Wheat Bread Fresh Fruit	19) Corned Beef Cabbage w/Garden Veggies Red Potatoes Rye Bread St Patrick's Dessert	20) Chicken Cordon Bleu Mushroom Garlic Pasta Spinach Fresh Fruit	21) Open Faced Tuna Melt Cut Corn Peas & Onions White Bread Strawberry Applesauce
24) Liver w/Bacon & Onion Gravy Fluffy Mashed Potatoes Cut Green Beans White Bread Diced Peaches	25) Chicken Patty Parm Pasta w/Sauce Italian Blend Veggies Garlic Bread Stick Italian Ice	26) L/S Hot Dogs w/Mustard Vegetarian Baked Beans Seasoned Sauerkraut Hot Dog Roll Mandarin Orange Cup	27) Meatloaf w/Onion Gravy Buttery Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Florets Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit	28) Butter Crumb Cod w/Tartar Rice Spinach Yogurt
31) Simple Baked Chicken w/Rosemary Gravy Baked Sweet Potato Wax Beans Wheat Bread Fresh Fruit			Nutrition Abbreviations: NCS-No Concentrated Sweets L/S-Low Sodium (salt) Soft-Low Fiber UNS-Unsweetened	This Program is funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging Older Americans Act, NYS Office for the Aging and Rensselaer County. Suggested Contribution \$3.00 per meal

Suggested contribution \$3.00 per meal. Guests under 60 must pay \$5.00 per meal. No one is denied due to the inability to contribute

MON 3	TUE 4	WED 5	THU 6	FRI 7
10am Chair Yoga 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Chorus	10am Board/Card Games 10:15am Line Dancing 12pm Mardi Gras Special Dinner 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Band: Ragtime Windjammer	10:15am Line Dancing 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Intro To Cornhole 12:45pm No Exercise Class	10am Mahjong 10:30am Tech Drop In 11am Counting Breaths Meditation 12pm Lunch	10am Art Class W/Tom 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Darts
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CARRY THE LOAD - RENSSELAER

Riverfront Park

-  Date: May 6, 2025
 Location:
5th & Broadway, Rensselaer, NY 12144
 Time: 11:30 AM

Agenda

- 11:30am: Meet at Riverfront Park
- 12:00pm: Begin the 6-mile walk through Rensselaer
- 2:30pm: Arrive back at Riverfront Park
- 3:00pm: National Anthem
- 3:05pm: Inspiring Speakers
 - Hear powerful stories from veterans, first responders, and families honoring those who served
- 3:30pm: Food and Post-Walk Hangout
- 5:00pm: Event Ends



[Register To Join Event](#)

CarryTheLoad.org





RENSSELAER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Drop-in Computer help:

Wednesday, March 5
from 2-3 PM.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County's Digital Literacy Educator is ready to answer your technology questions. No sign up needed, bring your device if possible.

Drop-in tech help

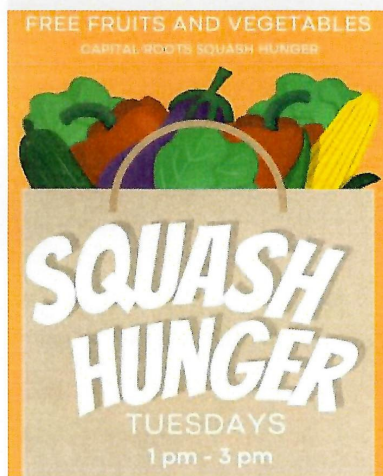
every Thursday at 11 AM.

Stop in with a question or problem and our staff member Amber will help!

Friends of the Library

Meeting Thursday, March 20 at 6 PM. Looking for new members!

Zoom meeting connection available- ask for an invite!



Rebuilding NY's Historical Kitchens

Thursday March 13, 6

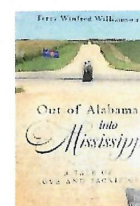
PM. Food Historian Sara Evenson

will discuss how kitchens were built in the

eighteenth century, how have they have been rebuilt and reinterpreted at modern historic sites and museums, and in what ways that might alter our understanding of the culinary and cultural past. Light refreshments. Registration required – please call Crailo State Historic Site at (518) 463-8738 by 3/11.

Local Author Book Signing

Saturday March 15 from 11-1PM.
Terry Williamson will discuss his memoir, *Out of Alabama, Into Mississippi*. Copies available for sale.



LEGO Builders

Wednesday March 19 from 3-4 PM. Ages 5-12. Build a Lego brick creation to show off your creativity. No sign-up needed.

TAG: Teen advisory Group meeting and Art sharing

Thursday March 27, 6 PM. Help us plan our next teen event and get community service hours. For this meeting, teens are encouraged to bring art to display in our program room. Ages 12-18.



For information or to sign up for events, call **518-462-1193** or go online at rensselaerlibrary.org

Library Board will meet the first Monday of the month



Like us on Facebook for updates and city info.

Rensselaer Public Library

676 East Street
Rensselaer NY 12144
(518) 462-1193

[RensselaerLibrary.org](https://rensselaerlibrary.org)

HOURS:

MON 12-5
TUE 10-5
WED/THU 10-8
FRI 10-5
SAT 10-3
SUN- CLOSED

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

Saturday April 26, 2025 from 10am to 2pm.

Rensselaer Fire Department North End Firehouse

2 St. Francis Pl.

Rensselaer, NY

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Proper disposal of unused prescription and over-the-counter medications is important to protect both people and the environment. Unused prescription and over-the-counter medications that remain in the home can cause serious harm to people if they are taken accidentally, intentionally misused or inappropriately given to someone else. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. Unused medications that are flushed down the toilet or poured down the sink can enter the water supply, harming fish and other wildlife and posing a potential risk to people.

Do not bring hazardous wastes, sharps such as used needles, or illegal drugs.

For more information or for additional collections sites go to:

www.dea diversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback

Any questions can be directed to Deputy Chief John Mooney at john.mooney@rensselaerpolice.org



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CHANGE OF LOCATION TO RENSSELAER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Saturday January 18, 2025 at 9:30-11 am
Saturday February 15, 2025 at 9:30-11 am
Saturday March 15, 2025 at 9:30-11 am
25 Van Rensselaer Drive, Rensselaer, NY
(go up the main pathway and take your first right)

Volunteers NEEDED:
1. email us at: greaterhope20@gmail.com
2. arrive and register by 7:30 am

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- 02 Submit Your Application**
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- 04 Start Your Journey**
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Service Commitment: You must commit to a three-year service requirement, working for a healthcare, behavioral health, or social care network provider in New York State that serves a patient population that is at least 30% Medicaid-reliant or uninsured.



Approved Fields

- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Associate Registered Nurse
- Registered Nurse to BS in Nursing
- Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Physician Assistant
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor
- Certified Pharmacy Technician
- Master of Social Work
- Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor
- Certified Medical Assistant
- Respiratory Therapist
- Community Health Worker
- Patient Care Manager / Coordinator

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