



RENSSELAER CITY NEWSLETTER

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Highlights in this month's issue



Fire Dept. CTE Program



Sprinkler Park Opens 7/1



Memorial Day Parade

From the Desk of Mayor Stammel

As Mayor, it's both my duty and my obligation to protect the interests of Rensselaer's taxpayers. That's why I felt compelled to issue a public statement this week regarding the Common Council's deeply concerning decision to allocate up to \$50,000 in taxpayer funds to a politically connected consulting firm, Syndicate Strategies.

This isn't about partisanship or politics — it's about principle. The responsibility of reviewing and amending the city budget lies squarely with the elected members of the Common Council. That is their job. Handing that duty off to an outside consultant not only undermines public trust, but it also raises serious ethical and fiscal concerns.

We're a small city. Fifty thousand dollars is not pocket change. That money could be invested in much-needed street repairs, youth programming, senior services, or community revitalization efforts. Instead, it's being funneled to a firm with clear political ties — at a time when the Council President, who supported this measure, is also running for Mayor.

This move not only defies common sense, but it also invites serious questions: Is this truly about budget revisions, or is taxpayer money being used to support a political campaign behind the scenes?

Residents deserve transparency, accountability, and leadership that puts community needs above political ambition. I put out this media release because the people of Rensselaer have a right to know how their money is being spent — and they have a right to demand better.

I encourage all residents to reach out to their Common Council representatives and attend a Council meeting. Let them know you expect honesty, efficiency, and respect for your tax dollars.

This is your city. Your voice matters.

— **Mayor Mike Stammel**

Shared Services Police Cadet Program

The Shared Services Cadet Post 2010 is actively recruiting its first Cadets! The intent of this Post is to educate youth about the law enforcement profession. We are excited about enhancing the relationships between community members and stakeholders and our respective police departments. The program is operated by members of the East Greenbush, North Greenbush, Schodack and Rensselaer City Police Departments! Youth ages 14 to 21 are encouraged to apply to be our first Cadet members. Recruitment begins NOW with an anticipated initial meeting taking place in the month of September. See our flyer below for more information on who can apply. Email us with any questions or to request an application and one of our recruiters will be in touch. We look forward to hearing from you! "Courage. Character. Commitment."

JOIN THE SHARED SERVICES POLICE CADET PROGRAM

Courage. Character. Commitment



ARE YOU READY TO STEP INTO A FUTURE OF SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP?

Become a Police Cadet and gain real-life experience in law enforcement while giving back to your community

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Ride-alongs with experienced officers
- Reality-based training
- Hands-on law enforcement events
- Classroom instruction
- Leadership and teamwork skills

REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN

- Ages 14 to 21
- Maintain at least a "C" average in school
- No criminal history
- Parental consent if under 18
- Strong interest in law enforcement and public service

APPLY NOW AND START YOUR JOURNEY

For more information or to request an application, contact or visit us at:

sharedservicescadets@schodackpolice.com



RPD Expands Bicycle Patrol Program with Addition of eBikes

The Rensselaer City Police Department is excited to announce the addition of two electric bicycles (eBikes) to our Bicycle Patrol Program. This enhancement is made possible through state grant funding and marks a significant step forward in modernizing our community policing efforts.

The new eBikes will enable officers to patrol larger areas more frequently and efficiently. With electric assistance, officers can cover greater distances with less physical strain, allowing them to respond to incidents more quickly and with reduced fatigue. The eBikes are also ideal for maneuvering through crowded areas, tight spaces, and varying terrain—making them especially useful for patrols in parks, events, and pedestrian-heavy zones.

An important benefit of this program is the opportunity to increase our presence in city parks and engage more closely with the community. Officers will be able to connect with residents, promote safety, and provide education on the appropriate and lawful use of eBikes within city limits.

The Rensselaer City Police Department is committed to embracing innovative solutions that enhance both officer effectiveness and community outreach. We look forward to seeing the positive impact these eBikes will have on public safety and neighborhood engagement.



Prelude to the Parade A lighthearted moment before a solemn day of remembrance

Thank you to everyone who came out and lined the streets for today's parade. Your presence and spirit made it a truly special event.

This year holds particular significance as we mark the **50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War**. On this day and every day, we honor the brave men and women who have served our country with courage, dedication, and sacrifice. Let us carry their stories and their legacy in our hearts.

A heartfelt thank you to our **Master of Ceremonies**, all of our **guest speakers, parade participants**, for being a part of such a meaningful event. And thank you to the City Clerk's Office for putting this in helping put this event together.

We also extend our congratulations to the talented young artists who created the **1st and 2nd place winning drawings** featured on the front and back covers of this year's program!



City 's Sprinkler Park to Reopen July 1st.

City's Sprinkler Park to Reopen July 1 for Summer Fun

As temperatures begin to rise, the City of Rensselaer is once again offering a refreshing escape for local youth. The popular Sprinkler Park on East Street will officially reopen on Tuesday, July 1, providing a cool and safe space for families to beat the summer heat.

The park will operate seven days a week through Saturday, August 16. Weekday hours run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., while weekend visitors can enjoy the sprinklers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Access to the park is limited to City of Rensselaer residents living within the 12144 zip code. All visitors must provide proof of eligibility. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or adult sibling.

To ensure a family-friendly environment, pets and private parties are not permitted. The park is also a designated alcohol-, tobacco-, and drug-free zone, in keeping with the city's policies across all public parks.

With another hot and humid summer expected, the City's Sprinkler Park is poised to be a popular destination for families once again.



15-LOVE Summer Tennis Program Returns to Riverfront Park

Young tennis enthusiasts in Rensselaer will once again have the opportunity to take to the courts this summer, as the 15-LOVE Summer Tennis Program returns to Riverfront Park on Broadway.

The free program, open to youth ages 4 to 18, will run from June 30 through August 13. Sessions will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays between 2:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., offering instruction and play for a wide range of skill levels.

Participants must register online through the 15-LOVE website at www.15love.org.

A long-standing favorite in the community, the 15-LOVE program promotes tennis, teamwork, and healthy living—all while having fun on the court.

New CTE Firefighter Program for Students

The Rensselaer City Fire Department and the City School district announce an exciting new opportunity for students with the official launch of its CTE Firefighter Program—a career and technical education initiative designed to prepare students for real-world service in emergency response.

Through the program, students will have the chance to train alongside professional firefighters, earn industry-recognized certifications, and explore career pathways in public safety. Participants will also receive a \$750 stipend to support their training.

“This is more than just a class,” said district officials. “It’s hands-on experience, valuable credentials, and a direct link to meaningful careers in public service.”

The program reflects the district’s ongoing commitment to providing students with practical, career-focused education. Whether students are considering a future in firefighting or simply want to gain real-world skills, the CTE Firefighter Program offers an impactful starting point.





NOW ENROLLING

Career & Technical Education

FIREFIGHTING PROGRAM

Hosted By: City of Rensselaer Fire Department





Scan to Apply

**WHY JOIN?**

- Hands-on training with certified NYS Fire Instructors
- Real-world experience in active fire service environment
- **BEFO Certification** upon completion, with a \$750 stipend

**EARN ACADEMIC & CAREER CREDIT**

- Job Shadowing
- Internships
- Networking with active duty members

**CAREER PATHWAYS**

- Firefighter
- EMT
- Fire Science
- Homeland Security
- Health and Safety

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Open to 11th & 12th Grade
- Half-Day Program
- Begins: Fall of 2025
- Speak with Guidance Counselor or contact us directly

**CONTACT INFO**

JoinRFD@RensselaerNY.Gov

Now Recruiting: Be Part of the First Class of Cadets!

Shared Services Cadet Post 2010 is officially launching—and we're looking for our very first group of Cadets! This exciting new program is designed to introduce young people to the field of law enforcement and foster strong relationships between local police departments and the communities they serve.

Operated by members of the East Greenbush, North Greenbush, Schodack, and Rensselaer City

Police Departments, the Cadet Post offers hands-on experiences, education, and mentorship for youth ages 14 to 21 who are interested in learning more about public safety and service.

Recruitment is underway now, with our first official meeting planned for September. If you or s

omeone you know is interested, please refer to the flyer below for eligibility details. To apply or ask questions, simply send us an email—one of our recruiters will get back to you with more information.

We're excited to welcome a new generation of leaders who embody **Courage. Character. Commitment.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

June 6, 2025

Water Conservation Advisory – City of Rensselaer and Town of East Greenbush

Due to ongoing water maintenance activities at the Cross Street Pump Station in Troy and necessary repairs to the Pump Station's main water valves, the **City of Rensselaer** and the **Town of East Greenbush** will continue to operate under a **water conservation advisory until further notice**.

Jointly, the City of Rensselaer and Town of East Greenbush are monitoring the water levels continually throughout each day. At this time, households should reduce usage. Residents should limit use of their dishwashers and laundry throughout the next week. We have discussed with the Fire Chiefs the emergency use of hydrants throughout both the City and the Town during this time. During this advisory, use of water for filling pools, hot tubs, lawn sprinklers and hoses should **not** be considered.

Due to the fact that we are currently operating our auxiliary pump (our back-up) while the three (3) main pumps are replaced and the pipes within the station. This advisory is anticipated to remain in place through the completion date the week of June 16th. The situation will be reviewed and discussed daily between the City and the Town until the pump replacement and pipework is complete.

Please note: There is no boil water advisory in effect.

We will provide updates as conditions change. This advisory will remain in place through June 16th.

For further information or questions, please contact:

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Mayor Mike Stammel

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We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

2025 Annual Bulk Pick Up Schedule

The City of Rensselaer's Solid Waste Department is pleased to announce the 2025 Annual Bulk Pick Up Event for all bill-paying city residents. This annual service allows residents to dispose of large household items—but please read the guidelines carefully to avoid fines or missed pickups.

SCHEDULED BULK PICK UP DATES:

Bulk pick up takes place on Mondays only.
Place your items curbside the night before (Sunday between 4:00 PM and 12:00 AM):

- If your trash is picked up on **TUESDAY**: Your bulk date is Monday, September 8, 2025
- If your trash is picked up on **WEDNESDAY**: Your bulk date is Monday, September 15, 2025
- If your trash is picked up on **THURSDAY**: Your bulk date is Monday, September 22, 2025
- If your trash is picked up on **FRIDAY**: Your bulk date is Monday, September 29, 2025

IMPORTANT BULK PICK UP INFO:

- No weekend pickups or special arrangements.
 - Brush, tree limbs, and leaves will **NOT** be picked up during this event.
- This is bulk-only—place regular trash out on your usual day.

SIZE & FEES:

- Bulk pile size must not exceed: 4 ft wide x 4 ft high x 8 ft long
 - Standard size pile: \$250.00
 - Property clean-outs: \$500.00
- Oversized piles will be charged based on size

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED (NO EXCEPTIONS):

- Gas/oil, human waste, liquid paint (unless dried or absorbed with litter)
 - Auto parts, batteries
 - Concrete, bricks, pool or household chemicals
 - Medical waste, needles
- TVs or computers

ITEMS ACCEPTED WITH A FEE:

- Propane tanks: \$25.00 each
 - Mattresses/box springs: \$25.00 each
 - Tires: \$25.00 each
- Construction debris (must be broken down and bagged or bundled; no bricks or concrete)

REMINDERS:

- Inform your tenants of bulk pick up dates.
- Missed pickups will not be rescheduled.

Violations or littering may result in a \$1,000 fine.
For more information, contact the Solid Waste Department:
518-462-9616 or 518-462-9617

July is Relevy Time: Important Notice Rensselaer Residents

The City of Rensselaer is reminding all residents that **July is Relevy Time**. Any outstanding **solid waste or water bills** will be **relevied in July**, meaning unpaid balances will be added to property tax bills.

Residents are strongly encouraged to check their balances as soon as possible. If you are unsure of your current amount due, please contact the appropriate department:

- **Solid Waste Department:** 518-462-9616 (Option 1)
- Water Department:** 518-462-6466 (Option 2)

In preparation for the relevy process, residents should also ensure that their **mailing address is up to date and accurate** to avoid missing important notifications.

Final Payment Deadline: July 11th

The **last day to make a payment** to the City Treasurer's Office is **Thursday, July 11th**. **No payments will be accepted after this date**. Please note that **postmarks will not be accepted**—payments must be received by the Treasurer's Office **on or before July 11th**. No exceptions will be made.

Celebrating 175 Years of Transit History at the Joseph L. Bruno Rail Station!



Mayor Mike Stammel, City Planning Director Thomas Hulihan and Assistant Planning Director Amy Lolik were proud to join CDTA CEO Frank Annicaro and Rensselaer County Historian Kathy Sheenan attend the unveiling of “From Horse Rail to Mobility Hubs: 175 Years of Public Transportation in the Capital District,” a dynamic new exhibit at the Joseph L. Bruno Rail Station.

This beautifully designed installation — created by RPI Architecture student Naomi Gaylor with guidance from Professor Sara Tack — honors the rich legacy of public transit in our region, from horse-drawn railways to today’s multimodal mobility hubs.

The City of Rensselaer is proud to be part of this celebration of innovation, growth, and accessibility. Congratulations to CDTA, Hart Cluett Museum, RPI, and all the partners who made this historic project possible!

Keep Rensselaer Beautiful: A Reminder on Property Maintenance Standards

The City of Rensselaer is a vibrant community, and one of the many things that contributes to its charm is the collective effort of its residents and property owners in maintaining their homes and yards. As we move further into the growing season, this is a friendly reminder to all property owners and residents about the importance of maintaining your grass and weeds to comply with both state and local property maintenance codes.

According to these regulations, grass and weeds on your property must not exceed 10 inches in height. This standard is not merely an aesthetic preference; it is a crucial component of urban hygiene, public safety, and neighborhood beautification. Properties with overgrown vegetation can become havens for pests, obscure visibility at intersections, and detract significantly from the overall appeal and value of our neighborhoods.

Maintaining your property, including regular mowing and weeding, plays a significant role in creating a more attractive and enjoyable environment for everyone. Well-kept properties contribute to a sense of community pride, enhance curb appeal, and foster a more pleasant atmosphere throughout our city streets. It's a simple act that collectively makes a substantial difference in the overall character and livability of Rensselaer.

Let's work together to ensure Rensselaer continues to be a beautiful and welcoming place to live, work, and visit. Your cooperation in adhering to these property maintenance standards is greatly appreciated and directly contributes to the well-being and visual appeal of our beloved city. Thank you for doing your part to keep Rensselaer looking its best!

Honoring Our Veterans: Share Their Stories With Us

Do you have a loved one who served in the United States Armed Forces? Whether it was a grandfather in World War II, a sister in Iraq, a friend who served stateside, or a neighbor who made the ultimate sacrifice—**we want to hear their story.**

The City of Rensselaer is collecting personal stories from residents about the veterans in their lives. These stories are a meaningful way to honor the service, sacrifice, and courage of the men and women who have worn our nation's uniform.

We believe every veteran's story deserves to be remembered—and shared. Whether it's a paragraph, a full biography, or a cherished memory, your submission can help keep their legacy alive for future generations.

📧 **Submit your story to:**
info@rensselaerny.gov

You're welcome to include photos, service details, or simply what made your veteran so special to you and your family.

Let's come together as a community to celebrate and remember those who served. Your stories will be highlighted in future city newsletters, on our website, and possibly during upcoming Veterans Day events.

City of Rensselaer's Veteran's Banner Program



Veterans Banners Renewal Notice

The City of Rensselaer extends our heartfelt gratitude to all who have generously sponsored a Veterans Banner in honor of our hometown heroes. Your dedication plays a vital role in preserving the legacy of those who have bravely served our country, while also fostering a deep sense of pride and appreciation within our community.

As time passes, some banners have unfortunately become illegible due to wear and tear. As a result, these banners will need to be retired this year. While we have successfully reached most sponsors, a few could not be contacted due to outdated information.

If your banner is older than three years, we encourage you to reach out to Madeline Rizzo, Banner Coordinator, at (518) 462-9511 to inquire about its status. If your banner has been retired, it will be available for pickup at City Hall, and we would be honored to return it to you as a cherished keepsake.

For those who wish to continue honoring their veteran, we invite you to purchase a new banner. Please refer to the attached Banner Brochure for details on how to place an order.

The Wall that Heals

On Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025, the Rensselaer City Police Department proudly joined the East Greenbush, Schodack, North Greenbush Police Departments, and the New York State Police to escort *The Wall That Heals* from the House of Praise in Schodack to La Salle Institute.

The escort route passed through the City of Rensselaer, traveling down Columbia Street to Broadway, then up Broadway to Washington Avenue, as it made its way to LaSalle Institute. We were honored to help welcome *The Wall That Heals* to LaSalle Institute in Troy, where it was open to the public from June 5th to 8th.

This powerful traveling exhibit — a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial — offers a space for healing, remembrance, and reflection. We are proud to be part of bringing it to the Capital Region as we honor the courage and sacrifice of the men and women who served.



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.

Inquires regarding articles, submission of articles or to be added to the Newsletter distribution list please send an email to Info@rensselaerny.gov
We look forward to hearing from you!

Upcoming Re-levy for Unpaid Solid Waste and Water Bills

Residents are reminded that **July is re-levy 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.**

Residents are encouraged to act promptly to avoid additional fees or penalties associated with the re-levy process.

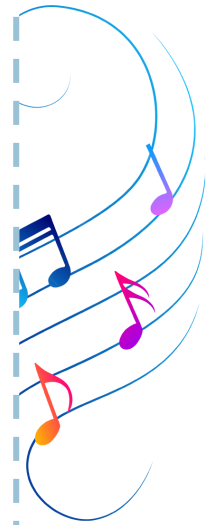
Rensselaer Seniors Spotlight



Spotlight into events
at Rensselaer
Senior Center

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!

Flag Day Celebration

Join us Saturday, June 14, 2025 at Riverfront Park, Rensselaer, NY for an exciting Flag Day Celebration filled with live music and fun!

Live Performances:

Joe Adee & The Lug Nuts | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Legacy Music Group | 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Food Trucks will be on site, so bring your appetite and enjoy the day with family, friends, and great music by the river!

Don't miss this patriotic party!



City of Rensselaer Presents:

FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

JUNE 14, 2025
RIVERFRONT PARK
RENSSELAER, NY

PERFORMANCES BY:



Joe Adee & the Lugnuts

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM



Legacy
MUSIC GROUP

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE ON SITE

Senior Center Lunch Menu

MENU

Rensselaer County Department of Unified Family Services- AGING Nutrition Services- 518-270-2730

To Reserve or Cancel Call: **Troy: 518-270-2740 GRAB & GO Rensselaer 518-487-4427**

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

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

JUNE 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2) Eggplant Parmesan Pasta w/Sauce Brussel Sprouts Garlic Bread Sticks Cookie	3) Salisbury Steak w/Smothered Gravy Garlic Mashed Potatoes PEI Blend Veggies Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit	4) BBQ Meatballs Mashed Sweet Potatoes Peas & Onions Wheat Bread Peanut Butter Crackers	5) Hawaiian Turkey Burger w/Pineapple and Red onion Confetti Rice Broccoli Florets Round Roll Fresh Fruit	6) Chicken Patty Cordon Bleu Sandwich Buttery Diced Potatoes Cut Green Beans Round Roll Diced Pears
9) Lemon Garlic Cod w/Tartar Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Orange Cup	10) Swiss Steak w/Tomato Gravy Baked Potato Spinach White Bread Fresh Fruit	11) Chicken Parmesan Pasta w/Sauce Italian Blend Garlic Bread Stick Italian Ice	12) CHEF'S CHOICE	13) Grilled Chicken Strips Tossed Salad w/Dressing Sweet Corn & Chickpea Salad Croutons Fresh Fruit
16) L/S Hot Dogs w/Mustard Vegetarian Baked Beans Seasoned Sauerkraut Hot Dog Roll Diced Pears	17) Baked Chicken w/Rosemary Gravy Baked Potato Sliced Carrots Dinner Roll Cookie	18) Mac & Cheese Goulash Zucchini & Tomatoes Normandy Blend Cinnamon Applesauce	19)  Closed	20) Egg Salad Cold Plate on Lettuce Italian Pasta Salad Pickled Beet Salad White Bread Yogurt
23) Cheeseburger Tater Tots Brussel Sprouts Round Roll Granola Bar	24) Butter Crumb Cod w/Tartar Mashed Potatoes Spinach Strawberry Applesauce	25) Italian Style Sausage & Peppers Pasta w/Sauce Italian Blend Italian Bread Ice Cream	26) Corned Beef Cold Plate w/Mustard Dill Potato Salad Cottage Cheese w/Pineapple Rye Bread Fresh Fruit	27) Asian Style Beef & Broccoli White Rice Biscuit Fresh Fruit
30) BBQ Chicken Breast Mashed Sweet Potatoes Buttered Wax Beans White Bread Mandarin Orange Cup			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 Voluntary Contribution \$3.00 per meal. Guests under 60 must pay \$5.00 per meal. No one is denied due to the inability to contribute.

Senior Center June Event Schedule

MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6
● 10am Chair Yoga	● 10am Board/Card Games	● 10:15am Line Dancing	● 10:30am Tech Help W/ Michell	● 10am Art Class W/Tom
● 12pm Lunch	● 10:15am Line Dancing	● 12pm Lunch	● 11am Meditation W/ Surya	● 12pm Lunch
● 12:45pm Chorus	● 12pm Lunch	● 12:45pm Exercise Class	● 12pm Lunch	● 12:45pm Cornhole
	● 12pm Moving Veterans Wall		● 12:45pm Crafts W/Harry	
			● 12:45pm Darts	
9	10	11	12	13
● 10am Chair Yoga	● 10am Board/Card Games	● 10:15am Line Dancing	● 10am Mahjong W/ Mary Jo	● 10am Art Class W/Tom
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● 12:45pm Chorus	● 12pm Lunch	● 12:30pm Gone Grey Ent	● 11:30am Food Demo W/ Jillian	● 12:45pm Cornhole
	● 12:45pm Trivia W/ Jackson	● 12:45pm NO Exercise Class	● 12pm Lunch	
			● 12:45pm Darts	
16	17	18	19	20
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23	24	25	26	27
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● 12:45pm Chorus	● 12pm Lunch	● 12:30pm Karaoke W/ Bobby T	● 11am Meditation W/ Surya	● 12:45pm Cornhole
● 6pm Riverfront (Donny Elvis)	● 12:45pm BINGO W/ Jackson	● 12:45pm NO Exercise Class	● 12pm Lunch	
			2 more	
30				
● 10am Chair Yoga				
● 12pm Lunch				
● 12:45pm Chorus Playing At Mill				
● 6pm Lustre Kings At Riverfront				

BOUTIQUE HOURS

Monday-Friday

10:00-12:00 12:30-2:00

All proceeds benefit our Senior Center Programs.

We are always looking for quality gently used clothes, shoes, purses and jewelry.

Donations are greatly appreciated.

Rensselaer City Concert Series

2025 RENSSELAER CITY

CONCERT SERIES

LIVE @ RENSSELAER RIVERFRONT PARK

JUNE 23 - DONNY ELVIS

JUNE 30 - LUSTRE KINGS

JULY 7 - BAND OF GOLD

JULY 14 - HOT VOX TRIO

JULY 21 - LUCIA & LEVI

JULY 28 - DONNY ELVIS

*All Shows
6pm - 8pm*



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Rens. County Youth & Office of Children and Family Services

June 1 & 8 2025
12:00-12:30 **FOOD Distribution**
FREE Meat, Fruit, and Vegetables
FREE Groceries, Meats, etc.
FREE Bread by Panera

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June 15, 2025
12:00-12:30

June 22, 2025
12:00-12:30 **Food Distribution**
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June 29, 2025
12:00-12:30

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RENSSELAER POLICE DEPARTMENT

The "HOPE"
Drive Thru Pantry
Meat, Fruit, Vegetables, Dairy & More
RENSSELAER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
25 Van Rensselaer Drive, Rensselaer, NY

Saturday May 17, 2025 at 8:30-11:00 am
Saturday June 21, 2025 at 8:30-11:00 am

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

 **Office of Children and Family Services**    **RENSSELAER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**   **Regional Food Bank**
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Library Corner

Sign up for our email newsletter!

JUNE 2025



RENSSELAER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Drop-in Computer help:

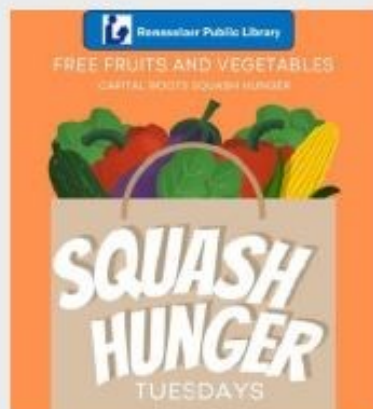
Wednesday, June 4 2-3 PM.
CCE of Rensselaer County's Digital Literacy Educator is ready to answer your technology questions. No sign up needed, bring your device if possible.

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, June 19 at 6 PM. Looking for new members! Zoom meeting connection available- ask for an invite!



Drop-in Job Help

Thursday June 5, 1-3 PM Stop in to get help on your job hunt with Rensselaer County Career Center.

Summer Reading Fair- Saturday June 28 from 11-2.



Sign up for summer reading at our party! We will have popcorn, ice cream, balloon twisting, crafts, music and more!

Summer reading: **Color Our World**, will run from June 28-August 9. Pledge to read 15 minutes a day and get our reader's kit! Children ages 5-12 can stop in to the Library this summer to talk about their reading and get a small prize, as well as chances to win bigger prizes. Check our special flyer for events!

For information or to sign up for events, call **518-462-1193** or go online at [rensselaerlibrary.org](https://www.rensselaerlibrary.org)

Library Board will meet **June 9th at 4 PM.**



Like us on Facebook for updates and city info.

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

RensselaerLibrary.org

HOURS:

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

Keeping Our Streets Clean: A Reminder on Trash Placement

The beauty of Rensselaer is a shared responsibility, and every resident plays a vital role in maintaining our community's attractive image. To keep our streets pristine, it's important to remember the city's regulations regarding curbside trash placement. Adhering to these guidelines helps present a clean image and significantly reduces issues like blowing litter and animal interference.

To ensure tidiness, the City of Rensselaer requires that trash should not be placed curbside until 4:00 PM the evening prior to a scheduled trash pick-up. This regulation is in place for several important reasons, all contributing to the overall well-being and aesthetic appeal of our city.

Firstly, placing trash out later ensures our streets remain clear and uncluttered during daylight hours. This impacts the visual appeal of our neighborhoods, creating a more inviting atmosphere for both residents and visitors. It helps present a consistent image of a well-maintained community, reflecting the pride we all have in Rensselaer.

Secondly, delaying placement reduces unwanted blowing trash. When garbage bags are left out for extended periods, winds can tear them open, scattering litter. By placing your trash out closer to pick-up, you significantly minimize the chances of your waste becoming an environmental nuisance.

Finally, delaying curbside placement until the evening deters scavenging animals. Raccoons and other wildlife can rip into bags, creating a messy scattering of refuse that spoils the appearance of our streets and attracts more pests. Limiting the time your trash is exposed helps prevent this common and frustrating problem, keeping our neighborhoods cleaner and healthier.

The City of Rensselaer's Code Enforcement Department will monitor compliance. For a first-time offense of placing trash curbside before the designated 4:00 PM timeframe, residents will receive a warning. For repeat offenders, the city will implement fines beginning at \$250. These fines underscore the importance of this regulation in maintaining the cleanliness and order of our city.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation. By ensuring trash is placed curbside at the appropriate time, you are directly contributing to keeping Rensselaer clean, inviting, and a source of pride for all who call it home and for all who visit our wonderful community. Thank you for helping us make Rensselaer an even better place to live!

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2025

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JUN 30–AUG 22, 2025

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM ●

Open to Youth Ages 5-15 ●

\$200 Per Week, Assistance Available ●

Learning Activities, Sports, Swimming, & More ●

Dropoff / Pickup at Camp or Clubhouse ●



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City of Rensselaer Events and Meetings

JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Common Council Workshop 6:30 @ City Hall	3	4 Common Council Meeting AND PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 @ City Hall	5	6	7
8	9 Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 @ City Hall	10	11	12	13	14 FLAG DAY CELEBRATION 11- 6—River front park
15	16 Common Council Workshop 6:30 @ City Hall	17	18 Common Council Meeting AND PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 @ City Hall	19	20	21 HOPE Drive Thru Pantry—Rensselaer Elementary School 8:30—11:00 am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Common Council Workshop 6:30 @ City Hall					

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