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EV Infrastructure Grant



City Plants Pinwheels



History of Memorial Day

From the Desk of Mayor Stammel

As we gear up for the upcoming **Memorial Day Parade** and begin our **spring cleanup**, I want to take a moment to update you on some important efforts happening around our city.

This spring, the City is tackling multiple projects on top of our usual workload. Our crews are busy **cutting back old brush, maintaining parks and green spaces, and preparing our streets for the Memorial Day Parade**—which is just around the corner!

With all of this on the **DPW Crew's agenda**—and with our garbage truck not operating at full capacity and in need of replacement—we've **moved Bulk Trash Pickup to September**. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make these necessary adjustments.

Additionally, as soon as the weather allows, we'll begin **repairing pot-holes** throughout the city. We know this is a priority for many of you, and we're committed to improving our roads as quickly as possible.

We also kindly ask residents to **help maintain their properties** so we can keep our neighborhoods and city looking its best. Your cooperation makes a huge difference in keeping Rensselaer clean, welcoming, and inviting for all.

Thank you for your support, and let's work together and take pride in our city to make this a great spring for our city!

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Memorial Day Parade!



Get Ready, Rensselaer! The Annual Memorial Day Parade is Almost Here!

Mark your calendars and gather your flags — the City of Rensselaer and the Gerald O'Neil American Legion Post 1683 are proud to present the Annual Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 25th!

The day kicks off with a heartfelt tribute at 1 PM as gun salutes echo through Beverwyck Cemetery on Washington Ave, honoring the brave men and women who served our country.

Then, at 2 PM, the parade marches into action from the corner of Washington Ave and Forbes Ave, bringing a wave of patriotism, community spirit, and celebration!

The festive route will travel across Third Street, down Partition Street, across the Veteran's Crossing Bridge on Broadway, and conclude in front of City Hall at 62 Washington St.

Grab your family, wear your red, white, and blue, and come celebrate our heroes in true Rensselaer style! Let's make this year's parade the most memorable one yet!

Rensselaer Awarded Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Grant

We're thrilled to share that the City of Rensselaer has been awarded a \$233,000 grant from New York State as part of the Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure initiative. This funding will support the installation of a double pedestal electric vehicle charging station — location to be confirmed, either at the Library or The Esplanade.

Even better, for the first two years, the grant will cover all electricity costs, making the charging stations free for public use. This is a big step toward promoting sustainability and increasing access to clean transportation options in our community.

Stay tuned for updates on the installation location and timeline!

Heroes in Action!

We are pleased to extend our sincere appreciation to the **City of Rensselaer Fire Department** for their outstanding service and swift action during an unusual rescue on Riverside Avenue.

Yesterday, our firefighters responded to a call involving a rare African Gray parrot that had become trapped in a precarious situation. Through their quick thinking, professionalism, and compassion, they successfully rescued the bird and reunited it safely with its relieved owner.

This incident serves as a heartfelt reminder that the dedication of our first responders extends beyond traditional emergencies. Their commitment to safeguarding all members of our community—both residents and their cherished companions—reflects the true spirit of service.

We are deeply grateful to the City of Rensselaer Fire Department for their unwavering commitment to protecting and serving our community in every circumstance. To the men and women of our Fire Department: thank you for always protecting our community, no matter how big or small the mission. Your dedication and heart continue to inspire us all!



Community Invited: Dedication of Memorial Plaque for Patricia

**You're Invited: Dedication of Memorial Plaque for Patricia Jackson
May 10th at 1:00 PM | Eastland Park (Lakeview Avenue, Rensselaer)**



Please join us for a special ceremony as we gather to honor the life, legacy, and extraordinary spirit of **Patricia Jackson** with the dedication of a memorial plaque in her name.

Pat Jackson was more than a public servant — she was a force of nature. A champion of our city, a beloved friend, and a woman of action, Pat's unwavering dedication left an indelible mark on every life she touched. Her passion and heart were unmatched, and her memory continues to inspire all of us.

The final placement of memorial plaque will be placed in Eastland Park and will stand as a lasting reminder of her love for this city and its people, especially its youngest residents, whose laughter will echo in the park she helped create.

Let's come together once more to reflect, remember, and celebrate the beautiful legacy of a truly great gal.

Bring your stories, your love, and your gratitude. All are welcome.

Rensselaer Takes Steps to Improve Clean Mobility Options for Residents

The City of Rensselaer is taking an exciting step toward improving transportation access for senior citizens and residents without vehicles. With support from a NYSEDA grant, the city has partnered with Labella Associates to conduct a **Clean Mobility Feasibility Study**.

This initiative will explore eco-friendly transit options such as electric micro-transit vehicles, on-demand ride services, and carshare programs. The goal is to better connect residents to essential destinations like grocery stores and the new Rensselaer-East Greenbush Senior Citizen Center.

Over the next several months, city staff and consultants will actively seek community input through **surveys, public events, and focus groups**. Your voice matters!

Mayor Michael Stammel shared his enthusiasm:

"This program is a great opportunity to help seniors access our fantastic new center and assist residents in getting to grocery stores and other key locations."

The Rensselaer Common Council has endorsed the project and encourages all residents to participate in shaping this innovative effort.

To learn more and stay informed, visit:

www.rensselaerny.gov

www.rensselaerplanning.com

Call: 518-462-4839

[NYSEDA Clean Mobility Program](#)

Let's build a cleaner, more connected Rensselaer — together!



City Receives \$233,000 Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant

In a significant step towards bolstering its commitment to sustainability and embracing the electric vehicle revolution, the City of Rensselaer has been awarded a substantial grant of \$233,000. This funding, announced by Governor Kathy Hochul as part of a larger \$4.85 million statewide initiative kicking off Earth Week, will be specifically used for the installation of one Direct Current Fast Charger (DCFC) pedestal within the city. This investment is a component of New York State's ambitious \$3 billion ongoing commitment to electrify the transportation sector and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The allocation of these funds underscores the state's dedication to empowering municipalities in the transition to cleaner transportation options. By strategically placing DCFC infrastructure, the City of Rensselaer will play a crucial role in alleviating range anxiety for EV drivers, encouraging greater adoption of electric vehicles among residents and visitors alike.



DCFC technology represents a significant advancement in EV charging capabilities. Unlike Level 2 chargers, which can take several hours to fully charge an electric vehicle, DC fast chargers can provide a substantial charge in a much shorter timeframe – often in under an hour, depending on the vehicle's battery capacity and the charger's power output. This rapid charging capability makes electric vehicles a more practical option for longer journeys and daily commutes, further driving the shift away from gasoline-powered vehicles.

For the City of Rensselaer, this grant represents more than just the installation of a charging station. It signifies a forward-thinking approach to infrastructure development and a commitment to creating a more sustainable community. The presence of a publicly accessible DCFC pedestal will not only benefit local EV owners but also attract environmentally conscious travelers to the city, potentially boosting local businesses and enhancing Rensselaer's reputation as a green-friendly destination.

The strategic location of the DCFC pedestal will be a key factor in maximizing its impact. Considerations will likely include accessibility for drivers, proximity to amenities such as shops and restaurants, and integration with existing transportation networks. By carefully planning the placement, the city aims to create a convenient and reliable charging option for a wide range of EV users.

This investment in Rensselaer is a testament to the collaborative efforts between the state and local governments in addressing climate change and promoting clean energy solutions. As New York State continues its ambitious journey towards a fully electrified transportation sector, initiatives like these infrastructure grants will be instrumental in building the necessary framework to support the growing number of electric vehicles on the road. The residents of Rensselaer can look forward to a future with cleaner air, reduced noise pollution, and the convenience of fast and accessible EV charging right within their city. This Earth Week announcement marks a tangible step towards a greener and more sustainable Rensselaer for generations to come.

For the first two years, the grant will cover all electricity costs providing free charging for the community.

Rensselaer Plants Seeds of Hope for Child Abuse Prevention

Last month, a heartwarming display of unity and commitment unfolded at Huyck Park, right across from Rensselaer City Hall. Staff members from both City Hall and the Rensselaer City Police Department joined forces to participate in the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Pinwheel Planting Celebration.

The vibrant blue pinwheels, now gently spinning in the park's breeze, serve as a powerful national symbol for child abuse prevention. Each whimsical turn represents the collective hope for a future where every child can flourish in a safe, happy, and healthy environment. Their playful design stands as a poignant reminder of the carefree childhood that all young individuals rightfully deserve.

This annual tradition underscores the deep and ongoing commitment of the NYS OCFS and the City of Rensselaer to safeguarding and uplifting its youngest residents. By planting these symbols of hope, the city reaffirms its dedication to creating a community where children are protected and nurtured.

Residents are warmly encouraged to take a moment to visit Huyck Park and reflect on the significant message carried by these cheerful pinwheels. Let this visual representation inspire continued collaboration and collective action in fostering a supportive and nurturing environment for all children in our community.



Coach Mike Quinn Honored with Jeff Blatnick Inspiration Award

Mayor Stammel proudly joined Legislator Scott Rogers and fellow members of the Legislature recently to celebrate a remarkable individual within the Rensselaer community: Rensselaer City School District Varsity Wrestling Head Coach Mike Quinn.

The occasion marked a special recognition for Coach Quinn, who was bestowed with the prestigious "Jeff Blatnick Inspiration Award" in honor of his outstanding and impactful coaching career. The award serves as a testament to Coach Quinn's dedication, leadership, and the positive influence he has had on countless young athletes.

Superintendent, Joe Kardsash, was also present as Legislator Rogers read the official resolution. This resolution not only highlighted Coach Quinn's impressive achievements in the realm of wrestling but also acknowledged his profound impact as a cherished member of the school district.

The sentiments expressed during the recognition underscored the deep appreciation for Coach Quinn's commitment to the students of Rensselaer. The resolution conveyed heartfelt gratitude on behalf of all the students whose lives he has positively shaped and the residents of Rensselaer, acknowledging the significant difference he has made in

the lives of the youth.

Coach Quinn's recognition with the "Jeff Blatnick Inspiration Award" is a well-deserved honor, reflecting his years of dedication and the inspiring role he has played in the Rensselaer community. His legacy extends far beyond the wrestling mat, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of the young people he has mentored.



Rensselaer Officials Urge Dog Owners to Secure Their Pets Amid Rise in Stray Dogs

Rensselaer residents are being asked to take extra steps to secure their dogs following a recent rise in loose and unidentified dogs on city streets. The Rensselaer Police Department has reported more calls about stray dogs, raising concerns over public safety and animal welfare.

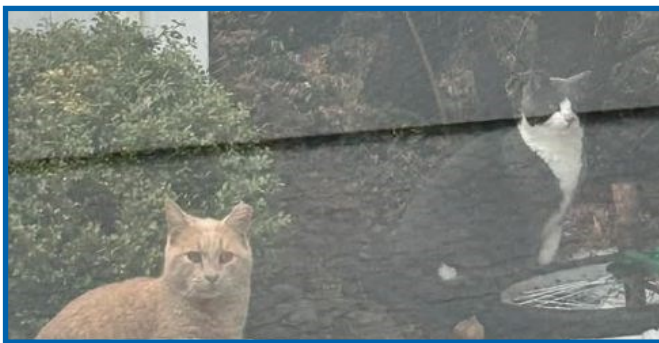
Stray dogs risk injury, getting lost, or causing accidents. To help address the issue, the police department reminds residents of key responsibilities:

- **Secure Your Yard:** Check fences and gates regularly. Dogs can escape through weak spots, especially after storms or digging.
- **Use ID Tags:** Ensure dogs wear collars with up-to-date ID tags including your name, address, and phone number.
- **Microchip:** Microchipping offers permanent identification and increases the chances of a lost dog being returned.
- **License Your Dog:** All dogs must be licensed through the City Clerk's office, which also ensures vaccinations are current.

Visit rensselaerny.gov for licensing details.

Taking these simple steps can help keep pets safe and reduce the number of strays in Rensselaer.

The Unseen Residents: Understanding & Helping Our City's Feral Cat Population



Across our city, in hidden corners and overgrown lots, live many unseen residents: feral and homeless cats. These cats are often born outdoors, with little human contact, and their existence stems from both nature and human actions—like abandoned pets or unneutered cats allowed to roam.

Feral cats, like the orange tabby shown here with a tipped ear (a sign it's been spayed or neutered), avoid people but still need food, water, and shelter. While they may seem like a nuisance, they're simply trying to survive.

Thankfully, local volunteers are making a difference through **Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR)**—a humane approach that helps stabilize the cat population. If you see trapping in your area, know it's part of an effort to care for these animals and reduce future litters.

Rensselaer Residents: Time to Register Your Backyard Chickens

The City of Rensselaer's Building and Code Enforcement Department is now actively enforcing the recently updated Chicken Hen Registry. This means that all residents who keep chickens, ducks, geese, or other fowl within city limits are required to register with the Building Department and comply with the regulations outlined in the city's comprehensive chicken hen law.

This initiative aims to ensure responsible animal husbandry within the city, addressing potential concerns related to public health, noise, and property maintenance. The registration process will allow the city to maintain an accurate record of fowl ownership, facilitating communication and ensuring adherence to the established guidelines.

What You Need to Know About the Chicken Hen Registry:

- **Registration Requirement:** All residents possessing chickens or other fowl must register with the City of Rensselaer Building Department. This includes those who currently have fowl and anyone planning to acquire them in the future.
- **Annual Renewal Fee:** A non-refundable annual renewal fee of \$25 is now required for each registered premise where fowl are kept. This fee will help offset the administrative costs associated with the registry and ongoing enforcement.
- **Adherence to City Law:** Registration is only one part of the requirements. Residents must also fully comply with all regulations outlined in the City of Rensselaer's chicken hen law. This law covers various aspects of fowl ownership.
- **Enforcement:** The Building and Code Enforcement Department will be responsible for ensuring compliance with both the registration requirement and the underlying chicken hen law. Failure to register or adhere to the regulations may result in warnings, fines, or other enforcement actions.

Why is this important for Rensselaer Residents?

This enforcement effort is crucial for maintaining a harmonious living environment within the City of Rensselaer. By ensuring that all chicken and fowl owners are registered and following established guidelines, the city aims to:

- **Protect Public Health:** Proper sanitation and waste management practices, as mandated by the law, help prevent the spread of diseases and maintain a healthy environment for all residents.
- **Minimize Nuisances:** Regulations regarding coop placement, flock size, and the prohibition of roosters are intended to reduce noise and odor concerns for neighbors.
- **Promote Responsible Animal Ownership:** The law encourages responsible care for the fowl, ensuring they are housed in safe and adequate conditions.
- **Maintain Community Standards:** Clear guidelines help maintain the aesthetic quality of residential areas and prevent potential conflicts between neighbors.

A complete list of regulations may be found at: <https://ecode360.com/I5430234>

Building a Safer Tomorrow: Celebrating International Code Council's Building Safety Month in Rensselaer

Every year, as spring breathes new life into our communities, the International Code Council (ICC) spearheads a vital campaign: Building Safety Month. This annual international event shines a spotlight on the critical role that building codes, code officials, and the entire construction industry play in ensuring the safety and sustainability of the buildings where we live, work, and play. Here in the City of Rensselaer, our dedicated Building Department's Bureau of Code Enforcement actively embodies this commitment year-round, particularly through their diligent Certificate of Occupancy and Fire Safety inspections, coupled with essential site visits.

Building codes might seem like an abstract concept, but their impact is profoundly tangible. They are the bedrock of a safe and resilient built environment, establishing minimum standards for structural integrity, fire safety, energy efficiency, and accessibility. These codes are not static documents; they evolve based on the latest research, technological advancements, and lessons learned from past events. Building Safety Month serves as an important reminder of this continuous improvement and the collective effort required to maintain these high standards.

Here in Rensselaer, the Building Department's Bureau of Code Enforcement is on the front lines of this effort. Their meticulous Certificate of Occupancy (CO) inspections are a crucial step in ensuring that new or altered buildings are safe for their intended use. Before a property can be legally occupied, it must undergo a thorough examination by our local experts. These inspections verify that the construction adheres to the adopted building codes, covering everything from the structural framework and electrical systems to plumbing and ventilation. A CO signifies that the building meets the necessary safety standards, providing peace of mind to residents and business owners alike.

Complementing these initial occupancy checks are the vital Fire Safety inspections conducted by the Bureau of Code Enforcement. Fire safety is paramount, and these inspections are designed to minimize the risk of fire and ensure the safe evacuation of occupants in the event of an emergency. Inspectors meticulously review fire suppression systems, alarm systems, emergency lighting, and egress pathways. Their keen eye for detail can identify potential hazards before they become life-threatening, safeguarding our community.

The work of the Building Department's Bureau of Code Enforcement extends beyond these formal inspections. Regular site visits are also a crucial component of their proactive approach to building safety. These visits allow code officials to monitor construction progress, address potential issues early on, and ensure ongoing compliance with regulations. By being present on-site, they can foster communication with contractors and developers, promoting a collaborative environment focused on safety and adherence to code.

Underpinning all these activities is the essential role of Code Enforcement. These dedicated professionals are the guardians of our local laws and regulations, with a primary focus on public health, safety, and welfare. Code Enforcement officers address a wide range of issues, from unsafe building conditions and zoning violations to environmental concerns. Their proactive enforcement ensures that properties throughout Rensselaer are maintained to a standard that protects the well-being of all residents. By addressing potential problems before they escalate, Code Enforcement plays a vital role in preventing hazards and preserving the quality of life in our city.

Building Safety Month provides an opportunity to recognize the dedication and expertise of the professionals within Rensselaer's Building Department's Bureau of Code Enforcement. Their daily commitment to upholding building codes and conducting thorough inspections often goes unnoticed, yet their work is fundamental to the safety and well-being of our community. They are the unsung heroes who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that our homes, schools, businesses, and infrastructure are safe and resilient.

As we observe Building Safety Month, let us take a moment to appreciate the importance of building codes and the diligent work of the Building Department's Bureau of Code Enforcement. Their commitment to performing thorough Certificate of Occupancy and Fire Safety inspections, conducting essential site visits, and ensuring compliance with local regulations directly contributes to a safer and more secure future for all of us in the City of Rensselaer. By understanding and supporting their efforts, we can collectively build a stronger and safer tomorrow.



Honoring Our Veterans: Share Their Stories With Us

Our veterans have given so much in service to our country, and their stories deserve to be remembered and shared. Every veteran has a unique journey, filled with dedication, sacrifice, and courage. We want to help honor them by sharing their stories with our community.

If you have a veteran in your life whose story you would like to share, we would love to hear from you. Whether it's a short note about their service or a detailed account of their experiences, we can put together a meaningful article to honor them.

For those veterans who have banners displayed in their honor, we would be happy to include their picture along with details about where their banner resides. This is a wonderful way to recognize and appreciate the sacrifices they have made.

Additionally, we will be compiling information and resources for veterans, ensuring they have access to the support and recognition they deserve. If you have any details, contacts, or helpful resources that could benefit our veterans, please share them with us.

Let's work together to honor those who have served. Send us your stories, pictures, or notes, and we will make sure their legacy is preserved and celebrated.

Thank you to all our veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice!

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.

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.

Statewide Burn Ban in Effect Until May 14th

The City of Rensselaer reminds all residents that the **New York State Burn Ban** is currently in effect through **May 14th**. During this period, **open burning of brush, leaves, and other debris is strictly prohibited** to reduce the risk of wildfires.

Residents are urged to comply with this regulation to help protect our community and natural surroundings. Violations may result in fines and penalties.

For more information, visit the **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) website** or contact City Hall.

Brush Cleanup & Preparation of Yard Waste

Spring is here and that means it is time for some spring clean-up!

Trash: as a reminder, trash and recycling is collected **Tuesday - Friday Mornings** - there is no pickup on weekends or holidays. Be sure to place your garbage curbside the night before your scheduled pickup, no earlier than 4:00 pm.. Trash must be **bagged, tied, and placed in a 32-gallon container with a tight lid**. Recycling must go in the **city-provided blue bin** - clean, loose recyclables at the bottom, and flattened paper on top. Cardboard **must be cut down to 3x2 feet**.

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)

Homeowners, please remind your tenants to follow these rules. Violators may face fines up to \$1,000 for littering which will fall on the homeowner.

If you see trash around your property, please pick it up and dispose of it. **LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR CITY CLEAN AND WELCOMING THIS SPRING!**

THIS YEAR'S BULK PICKUP EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER.



History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2025 will occur on Monday, May 26.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

The Birthplace of Memorial Day and Early Observances

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries.

By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. And some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of formerly enslaved people in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

Waterloo—which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

Decoration Day

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed.

The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there.

Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor the dead on separate days until after World War I.

Memorial Day Becomes A Federal Holiday

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

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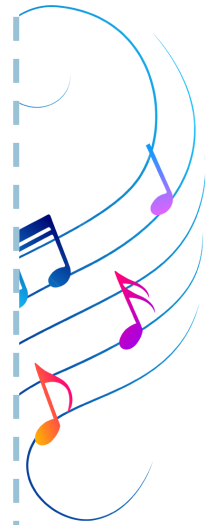
Rensselaer Seniors Spotlight



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!

Senior Center Lunch Menu

Rensselaer County Department of Unified Family Services- AGING Nutrition Services- 518-270-2740

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

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

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

MENU

MAY 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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		1) BBQ Chicken Cold Plate on Lettuce Macaroni Salad Cottage Cheese w/Pineapple White Bread Fresh Fruit	2) Creamy Macaroni & Cheese Zucchini & Tomatoes Normandy Blend Cinnamon Applesauce
5) Ham Steak w/Pineapple Glaze Red Potato Sliced Carrots Rye Bread Cookie	6) Hawaiian Turkey Burger w/Pineapple and Red onion Confetti Rice Broccoli Florets Round Roll Diced Peas	7) CHEF'S CHOICE	8) Meatloaf w/ Gravy Baked Potato Peas & Onions Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit	9) Greek Chicken Gyro w/Tzatziki Sauce Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, & Onion Dill Potato Salad Naan Shell Yogurt
12) Salisbury w/Smothered Gravy Mashed Potatoes Buttered Wax Beans White Bread Fresh Fruit	13) Chicken A 'la King White Rice Peas & Carrots Biscuit Granola Bar	14) Beef Stew w/Garden Veggies Diced Potatoes Whole Baby Carrots Corn Bread Fresh Fruit	15) Lemon Garlic Cod w/Tartar Mashed Potatoes Spinach Mandarin Orange Cup	16) Tuna Salad Cold Plate on Lettuce Italian Pasta Salad Pickled Beet Salad Cookie
19) Italian Style Sausage & Peppers Pasta w/Sauce Italian Blend Garlic Bread Stick Cinnamon Applesauce	20) Liver w/Bacon & Onion Gravy Parmesan Mashed Potatoes Cut Green Beans White Bread Ice Cream	21) L/S Hot Dogs w/Mustard Vegetarian Baked Beans Seasoned Sauerkraut Hot Dog Roll Diced Peas	22) Chicken Patty w/White Country Gravy Mashed Sweet Potatoes Harvard Beets Biscuit Fresh Fruit	23) Roast Beef Cold Plate w/Horsey Mayo Macaroni Salad Tossed Salad w/Dressing White Bread Yogurt
26) MEMORIAL DAY - REFLECTER AND HONOR	27) Cheeseburger Tater Tots Brussel Sprouts Round Roll Fresh Fruit	28) Butter Crumb Cod w/Tartar Mashed Potatoes Spinach Strawberry Applesauce	29) Orange Popcorn Chicken White Rice Broccoli Fresh Fruit	30) Sliced Turkey Cold Plate on Lettuce Bruschetta Spaghetti Salad Cottage Cheese w/Peaches White Bread Yogurt

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.

Senior Center Event Schedule

MAY 2025

MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU May 1	FRI 2
			10:30am Tech Drop In W/ Mich 11am Meditation W/ Surya 11:30am Clean Mobility Presen 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Hill Country Cloggers	10am Art Class W/Tom 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Cornhole
5	6	7	8	9
10am Chair Yoga 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Chorus	10am Board/Card Games 10:15am Line Dancing 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Exercise Class 12:45pm Classic Movie and TV	10:15am Line Dancing 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Exercise Class	11am Meditation W/ Surya 11:30am Frank Merola New ID 12pm Jennie Carpinello's 105th 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Entertainment: Donny	10am Art Class W/Tom 10:30am Teacup Gardens W/L 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Cornhole
12	13	14	15	16
10am Chair Yoga 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Chorus	10am Board/Card Games 10:15am Line Dancing 12pm Lunch	10:15am Line Dancing 11:30am Food Demo W/ Nick 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Exercise Class	11am Meditation W/ Surya 12pm Lunch 12:30pm Craft Class W/ Harry 12:45pm Darts	10am Art Class W/Tom 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Cornhole
19	20	21	22	23
10am Chair Yoga 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Chorus	10am Board/Card Games 10:15am Line Dancing 12pm Lunch 12pm May Babies Birthday Cel 12:45pm Entertainment By: Pet	10:15am Line Dancing 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Exercise Class	11am Meditation W/ Surya 11:30am Trap, Neuter, Vaccinat 12pm Lunch 12:30pm Craft Class W/ Harry 12:45pm Darts	10am Art Class W/Tom 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Cornhole
26	27	28	29	30
	10am Board/Card Games 10:15am Line Dancing 12pm Lunch 12:30pm Bingo	10:15am Line Dancing 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Exercise Class	11am Meditation W/ Surya 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Darts	10am Art Class W/Tom 12pm Lunch 12:45pm Cornhole

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

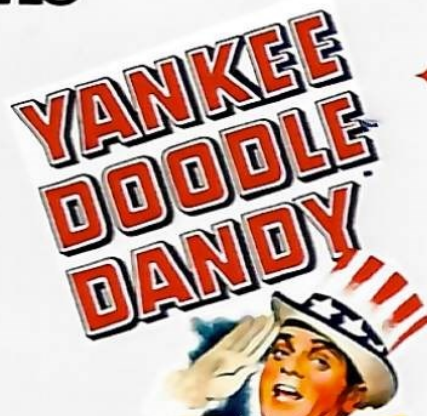
JULY 21 - LUCIA & LEVI

JULY 28 - DONNY ELVIS

*All Shows
6pm - 8pm*



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Senior Center May Special Event Schedule

May 1, 2025

Hill Country Cloggers @ 12:45

May 6, 2025

Classic Movie and TV Team Trivia w/Jackson 12:45

May 8, 2025

Jennie Carpinello 105th Birthday Party

Mother's Day Celebration—Entertainment by Donny Elvis

Frank Merola, DMV New ID Information @ 11:30

May 9, 2025

Tea Cup Cardens w/Lori @ 10:30

May 14, 2025

Food Demo w/Nick @ 11:30

May 15, 2025

Mahjong @ 10:00—2:00

May 20, 2025

Happy Birthday to all the May Babies

May 22, 2025

Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Return Presentation w/Nadine @ 11:30

May 29, 2025

Mahjong @ 10:00 to 2:00

Rensselaer County Hazardous Waste Disposal Event

Rensselaer residents have an opportunity to safely dispose of harmful and poisonous household items at the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Day. This important event provides a responsible way to clear out unwanted materials that should never be thrown in the regular trash or poured down the drain.

What: A SAFE way to dispose of harmful, poisonous items.

When: Saturday, May 10th

Where: The Alamo Transfer Station, located at 3000 Main St. in Troy, NY 12180.

Important: Rensselaer residents must register to attend this event. You can sign up online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Rensselaer-May-2025>

To find out which materials are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Day, please visit <https://rensselaerny.gov/>.

For any questions, please contact Ann Shaughnessy at (518) 270-2888 or via email at ashaughnessy@rensco.com.

This initiative underscores the City of Rensselaer's commitment to environmental safety and providing its residents with the resources for proper disposal of hazardous waste. Don't miss this chance to safely and responsibly dispose of unwanted household chemicals and contribute to a healthier community.

Winged Wonders Beneath the Bridge: Peregrine Falcons

The iconic silhouette of the Dunn Memorial Bridge, arcing gracefully across the Hudson River, holds more than just the passage of traffic. For years now, this steel giant has played host to a different kind of traveler, one whose aerial mastery and fierce beauty captivate all who witness it: the peregrine falcon. And for the lucky residents and visitors of Rensselaer, the vantage point of Riverfront Park offers a front-row seat to this wild spectacle.

These magnificent birds of prey, once teetering on the brink of extinction, have made a remarkable comeback, finding unexpected havens in urban environments. The tall structures and abundant pigeon populations of cities mimic their natural cliffside habitats and prey sources. The Dunn Memorial Bridge, with its sturdy ledges and commanding height, provides an ideal nesting site, offering both security and a panoramic view of their hunting grounds.

From the tranquil expanse of Riverfront Park, nestled along the eastern bank of the Hudson, patient observers are often rewarded with glimpses of these avian athletes. With binoculars or even the naked eye, one might spot a sleek, slate-blue and white adult perched majestically on a bridge support, its piercing yellow eyes scanning the skies. The air might then erupt with a flurry of powerful wingbeats as a falcon launches into flight, a dark arrow against the urban canvas.

The hunting prowess of the adult falcons is a breathtaking display of nature's efficiency. With incredible speed, reaching dives of over 200 miles per hour, they stoop upon unsuspecting prey – often pigeons – in mid-air. This dramatic aerial ballet, sometimes unfolding against the backdrop of the river and the Albany skyline, is a privilege to witness from the peaceful setting of the park.

Library Corner

Sign up for our email newsletter!

MAY 2025



RENSSELAER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library will be **CLOSED**
May 24 and 26.

Drop-in Computer help:

Wednesday, May 7 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 Job Help

Thursday May 8, 1-3 PM

Stop in to get help on your job
hunt with Rensselaer County
Career Center.

Drop-in tech help every

Thursday at 11 AM.

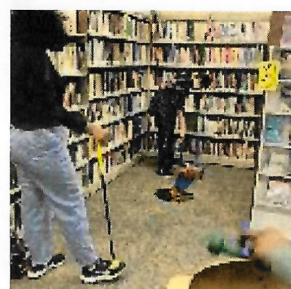
Stop in with a question or problem
and our staff member Amber will
help!

Friends of the Library

Meeting Thursday, May 15 at 6
PM. Looking for new members!

Zoom meeting connection
available- ask for an invite!

*April's
mini golf
program*



Mother's Day Craft

Tuesday May 6, 3 PM. Make a tissue paper flower for your
mother or grandmother (or anyone else!). Drop in program. Take
home kits will be available during the week if you are unable to
attend.

The Erie Canal at 200: Reflections on Murky Waters

Thursday May 8, 6 PM. The Erie Canal is celebrating its bicentennial!
Learn the story of the canal and how it has been heralded in pop culture,
folklore, and the history books. Discover how it was recognized at 100,
and what celebrations the corridor has planned for its 200th! Please sign
up.

Teen improv gaming



Thursday May 29, 6 PM. Tell a story together in this unprepared
roleplaying improv session with few rules and a lot of silliness. Snacks
and dice provided. Ages 12 and up.

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

HOURS:

MON 12-5

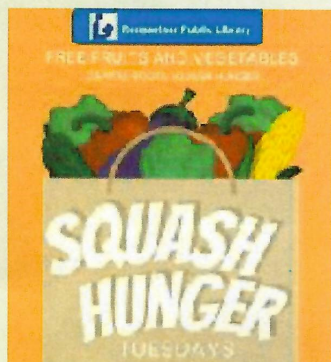
TUE 10-5

WED/THU 10-8

FRI 10-5

SAT 10-3

SUN- CLOSED



Rensselaer Library Honored During National Library Week

In celebration of National Library Week, Rensselaer County Legislature Scott Rogers and Mayor Mike Stammel made a special visit to the local library to recognize its vital role in the community. The visit served as a gesture of appreciation for the library's ongoing contributions to education, community engagement, and public service.

During the visit, they met with library staff and patrons, highlighting the importance of libraries as inclusive spaces that foster learning and support residents of all ages. Officials praised the library's programs, resources, and its commitment to innovation in meeting the evolving needs of the county.

"We're proud to work with the Rensselaer County Legislature to serve our county and community," said a library spokesperson. "Their support underscores the value of public libraries as essential cornerstones of civic life."

National Library Week, celebrated annually in April, is a time to recognize the transformative power of libraries and the dedicated staff who keep them running. This year's theme, "Ready, Set, Library!" encourages everyone to explore their local library's offerings, from books and technology to classes and community events.

Congratulations to Jane Chirgwin and Team!



HELP SHAPE MOBILITY OPTIONS IN THE CITY.

THE CITY OF RENSSELAER PLANNING DEPARTMENT WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Scan the QR code
to take the survey:



[https://rensselaer-clean-
mobility-labeller.hub.arcgis.com/](https://rensselaer-clean-mobility-labeller.hub.arcgis.com/)

Website Link



Quick & easy to complete



For City of Rensselaer
residents



Make your voice count in
future planning decisions

This survey is conducted by the City of Rensselaer with assistance from the New York Energy Research & Development Agency to better understand the transportation needs of Rensselaer City residents. In particular, those needs related to getting access to grocery stores and County Senior Center services. Your help in completing the survey is appreciated.



CARRY THE LOAD - RENSSELAER

Riverfront Park

 Date: May 6, 2025

 Location:
5th & Broadway, Rensselaer, NY 12144

 Time: 11:30 AM

Join Carry The Load as we come together for Memorial May, a month-long movement honoring the sacrifices of our military, veterans, first responders, and their families.

Join us at Riverfront Park, where we'll walk and gather as a community to reflect, connect, and show our support of our nation's heroes.

Together, We #CarryTheLoad  

[Register To Join Event](#)

CarryTheLoad.org





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Individual Golfer w/banquet \$150

Banquet Guest Only \$50

Join us for a fantastic day of golf, good food, great drinks, and prizes. All proceeds support free and low-cost sports programs for kids in the greater Capital Region.



Friday, May 30th, 2025
at 8am-4pm



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May 4, 2025 12:00-12:30 FOOD Distribution
FREE Meat, Fruit, and Vegetables
FREE Groceries, Meats, etc.
FREE Bread by Panera

Food Distribution/Palm Sunday/Palms May 11, 2025 12:00-12:30
FREE Meat, Fruit, and Vegetables
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FREE Bread by Panera

May 18, 2025 12:00-12:30 Easter Sun. & Bags/Food Distribution
FREE Meat, Fruit, and Vegetables
FREE Groceries, Meats, etc.
FREE Bread by Panera

CLOSED Happy Memorial Day
FREE Meat, Fruit, and Vegetables
FREE Groceries, Meats, etc.
FREE Bread by Panera

May 25, 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

NEW YORK STATE Office of Children and Family Services
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June 5 – 8, 2025

Event Schedule

June 5
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10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

June 6
Candlelight Ceremony
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

June 8
Closing Ceremony
1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

For More Information:

Website: www.TheWallThatHealsTroy2025.org

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OF SOUTHERN RENSSELAER
COUNTY

2025

CAMP ADVENTURE

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 ●



[BGCSORENSCO.ORG/CAMP](https://bgcsorensco.org/camp)



City of Rensselaer Events and Meetings

MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Planning Commis- sion Applications Due	2	3
4	5 Common Council Workshop 6:30 @ City Hall	6 CARRY THE LOAD Riverfront Park @11:30 am	7 Common Council Meeting AND PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 @ City Hall	8	9	10
11 	12 Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 @ City Hall	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Common Council Workshop 6:30 @ City Hall	20	21 Common Council Meeting AND PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 @ City Hall	22	23	24
25	26 	27	28	29	30	31

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