Host your next big event at the Aspen House! The RCA Office is now taking reservations for 2020.

Aspen House is truly a multi-use facility. From Radisson Nursery School to RCA meetings and events to resident parties, it’s a very busy place! This rental option is available only to Radisson residents and Corporate Park members, and it couldn’t be more convenient.

Check out available dates on the Event Calendar on our website and call the office to verify. Due to the popularity of this venue, we can offer only a 24 hour hold without a contract and payment.

We continue to make facility improvements to keep Aspen House fresh and up to date. The large community room has an area that can be used for a dance floor, to serve food or even as an aisle for a wedding! The new carpet on the other side of the room provides lots of seating, an area for kids games or tables for a presentation. Use the high-top bistro tables for pops of color and as a comfortable place for guests to strike up conversation. Coordinate your table coverings and tabletop decorations to give it a finished look. There are any number of possibilities!

Spring is very popular for graduations and showers, so get your contract in early to be sure you get your date of choice. Keep in mind there are sometimes schedule changes that open a previously reserved date.

Rental Options for Private Parties
- Full Day (8am - 1am) $225
- Daytime (8am - 3pm) $125
- Evening (4pm - 1am) $125

Birthday Party
Sweet 16
Bridal Shower
Graduation
Receptions
Baby Shower
Family Reunion
Anniversary
Our Annual Founder's Day Celebration was another huge success this year! Although we had to dodge a few sprinkles at the beginning, it didn’t deter the crowds from coming and the amazing time everyone had that evening!! Enough can’t be said about what a true celebration this event is, recognizing the community’s inception forty-five years ago.

So much work goes into an event like this, for it to run as smoothly as it does. Although many people played a role in volunteering that day, there are several people that deserve special recognition for their part in this popular event. Much of the credit goes to Jeanine Downes, Director of Community Programs, who led the planning process, with the volunteers of the Recreation Committee. A special thanks to our maintenance staff, who spend a lot of time getting the park prepped and ready for the day’s event, as well as keeping the park clean and things in working order during the event.

Quarterly statements will be processed and mailed the first week of September. If you are interested in receiving future statements via email, help us ‘Go Green’ by signing-up for paperless billing. After you receive your statement in the mail, simply log on to the website www.estmt.net and enter your personal ID code, provided to you at the top of the statement. Future statements will be sent to you via email. Also, look for additional payment options available. Details will be included in the September statements.

As part of our yearlong celebration of Radisson’s 45th Anniversary, Town Historian Bonnie Kisselstein will be doing a special presentation of her very popular program “The History of Radisson”. The presentation will be held at the Baldwinsville Public Library – Community Room 2 on Tuesday, October 1 at 7pm. If you haven’t seen Bonnie’s presentation yet, you will thoroughly enjoy it, I assure you. Even if you have, please plan on attending again. Bonnie is continually discovering new information on the community, which she is eager to share with us all.

Water Aerobics

We could have not asked for better weather at this summer’s water aerobics class. The ladies showed up each morning with a smile on their face, ready to dance and sing-a-long to upbeat tunes. We celebrated the end of another successful season with a delicious brunch. Everyone brought a favorite dish to share. It was a morning filled with coffee, good food, and even better company. We’d like to thank all of the ladies for the positive attitudes and awesome energy that they brought each morning. Their grinning faces and a good workout were a wonderful way to start the day. Also thank you to the guards and instructors who helped make this season a success! We hope everyone has a great rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing everyone next year!

Sincerely,
Erin Miles
Oberon Pool Programs Coordinator

Walgreens Flu Shot Clinic Coming to Radisson
Flu, pneumonia and shingrix will also be available.

Tuesday, September 24th and Wednesday, October 2nd from 4:30 – 7pm at the Aspen House.

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2019 Founder's Day
This year’s Founder’s Day was truly special as we celebrated the community’s 45th Anniversary! In addition to the kid’s craft tent, bounce house and Hippo Chow Down, we had new games for the enjoyment of teens. Pong, cornhole and Jumbo Jenga were a hit for all! Children also enjoyed visiting Air FX Body Art for artistic temporary tattoos. All ages enjoyed Italian Sausage, Hoffman’s hot dogs, chips, beverages and Sunshine Ice Cream! Many people took the opportunity to see the grand fire trucks and ambulance up close. And making a repeat appearance – the Air 1 helicopter was amazing!! Kyle Micho provided awesome opening music, and later Six Pack got the crowd singing along with crowd-pleasing hits until PYROTECNICO started the magnificent display of fireworks, which was a perfect end to a wonderful day!

Special thanks to our Sponsors for supporting this amazing community event (please see page 4). Also, thank you to all of the volunteers that worked in the food and beverage tents, the Rec Counselors who worked at the children’s activities, and the maintenance staff for helping with this event. Last, but certainly not least, many thanks to the Belgium Cold Springs Fire Department, Greater Baldwinsville Ambulance Corps and the Onondaga Sheriffs department for ensuring the safety of all participants.

Founder’s Day is our largest annual Radisson Community event. Celebrating our 45th Anniversary was a tremendous milestone. Spending it with neighbors, family, and friends made it special for everyone in attendance.
Baldwinsville Troop 80's 22nd ANNUAL LOBSTER SALE
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Cost: $12.00 (prepaid) per 1-1¼ lb. Fresh Maine lobster - live or steamed
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Look for a scout in your neighborhood soon or you can call, write or email the contacts below. Be sure to include your name, address, # of lobsters you would like (specify live or steamed) and, most importantly, a contact phone number. Make checks payable to: Troop 80

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On December 11, 1941, Germany declared war on the United States. Three months later, 250 families living between the Oswego and Seneca Rivers, on and nearby the current Radisson Community, were ordered by the Army Corps of Engineers to evacuate their homes. Eight thousand acres of land were depopulated by the orders, and all roads into the area were blocked. Within a month, construction of a huge ordnance (ammunition and weapons) plant began, with more than 3,000 workers employed at the peak of construction. By January 1943, less than a year later, the plant was in full operation.

The plant was under heavy security. Ten miles of chain link fencing, with strategically located guard towers, protected it. At night, floodlights played on all perimeter areas. Inside were 88 main buildings and more than 20 miles of roads. Eight thousand men and women worked there. They made, processed and shipped dinitrochlorobenzene, more commonly known as “Explosive D.” It was used in armor piercing shells, and it and its processing were deadly business.

The most dangerous operations were conducted in buildings along the east side of Radisson’s drumlin – a natural hill or ridge formed by glacial ice. This was done so that, in the event of an explosion, the village of Baldwinsville would be shielded from danger. The concrete foundations along the east side of the drumlin, off what is now Willett Parkway, were part of that main manufacturing area. These cradles supported the large acid vats used in processing the explosive. The architectural sculpture that identifies Radisson’s main entrance at Route 31 and Willett Parkway, was conceived in 1974 by Sergei Yevich. He used the shape of those cradles as the basis for his design.

A year and two months after production began, it was stopped. In 1947 the property that had been the Ordnance Works was declared surplus, and the Works were abandoned. During the next few years, the Works were dismantled or destroyed and the property disposed of. Only the administration buildings near Route 31 and some of the larger concrete buildings remained.

Some farmhouses and cottages left from before the War were offered to the public for lease. A plan to use the larger buildings for veteran's housing fell through. Over 5600 acres went into the land bank and was eventually sold. State officials looked into the possibility of relocating the State Fair to that area but then decided not to. Syracuse University began renovating some of the buildings for student housing, but that work was never completed.

The State Conservation Department purchased 3000 acres in the north end of the property for the Game Management Preserve. Later, in 1952, the trustees of the William Waldorf Astor estate bought 2000 acres for residential and commercial development, but the development never took place. For the next 20 years, the land stood idle. The Urban Development Corporation (UDC) purchased the land in 1969. It is now the site of the Lysander Planned Community, better known as Radisson.

If you would like to learn more: Bonnie Kisselstein, Baldwinsville Public Library local history librarian and Town of Lysander historian will again present her very popular program “The History of Radisson” at the Baldwinsville Public Library – Community Room 2, on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7PM. Also, visit the Baldwinsville Public Library local history room, the Town of Lysander historian’s office or make an appointment at the Shacksboro Schoolhouse Museum to learn more about Baldwinsville’s Patriotic Contribution to WWII.

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