

# RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

I hope that you are all enjoying the mild winter that we have experienced this season.

## TOWN OF RUSH WELCOMES RICHARD E. ANDERSON AS RUSH TOWN SUPERVISOR



*Richard E. Anderson being sworn in  
by Town Justice Thomas Doupe  
on January 3, 2012*

As of this writing, I have been your Supervisor for almost three weeks. In that time, I have been meeting with the various Department Heads within the Town.

Elected Officials do not report to me directly, so it is very important that we communicate well in order to provide a high level of service to the Rush taxpayers.

## WELCOME NEW TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

I would like to welcome **KATHRYN STEINER** and **DANIEL WOOLAVER** to the Rush Town Board. I look forward to working with you on future town projects.

## TOWN SUPERVISOR, WILLIAM R. UDICIOUS, RETIRES

**WILLIAM R. UDICIOUS** retired from his position as Rush Town Supervisor on December 31, 2011.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill, on behalf of the Town, for his twelve years of dedicated service to our community. We wish him well in all his future endeavors.

Below is a photo of Bill's final Town Board meeting, held on December 28, 2011.



**2011 Rush Town Board Members**  
*Left to Right*  
*Al Simon, Lisa Sluberski, William R. Udicius,  
Richard Anderson and William Riepe*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

**Michael Catapano**, who is now an **Eagle Scout**. A ceremony honoring him, and others in Troop 31, was held on January 13, 2012, at St. Anne's Church on Mt. Hope Avenue in the City of Rochester. Michael organized a project to restore the hiking trails at the Ronald McDonald House. This was a great idea and one that was very much appreciated by the Ronald McDonald House and all the people who walk those trails. The Town of Rush, your home community, supports you as you move on into the next phases of your life. Great job!



If you have questions regarding Town matters, please feel free to call me on the phone or to schedule a visit with me. I can be reached at (585) 533-9058.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Anderson

**Town Clerk's Office**  
*Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk*  
*Mon.- Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM*  
*Phone: 533-1312*  
[Pam@townofrush.com](mailto:Pam@townofrush.com)

## RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

Your 2012 combined Town and County tax bills have been mailed. If you have not received a tax bill, please contact me at 533-1312 for a duplicate bill.

I will be collecting taxes until May 31, 2012, at 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Mailed payment should be addressed to: Pamela J. Bucci, Collector, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York 14543.

Your payments are interest free through February 10, 2012. To be eligible for the Installment Payment Option, your first payment must be made by

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Taxes paid under the installment option are payable as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> payment 25%, January 1 to February 10<sup>th</sup> -  
interest free
- 2<sup>nd</sup> payment 25%, February 11<sup>th</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup> -  
1½% interest penalty
- 3<sup>rd</sup> payment 25%, March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> -  
3% interest penalty
- 4<sup>th</sup> payment 25%, April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> -  
4.5% interest penalty

Taxpayers are also eligible for a Partial Payment Option. Initial payment of at least 25% of taxes due, plus any accrued interest, can be made at any time between January 1<sup>st</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Further information about payment, interest charge and payment locations are listed on the back of the tax bill or by visiting the County website at [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov). If you are having difficulty, feel free to call the Town Clerk's Office and we will be happy to assist you.

Pamela J. Bucci  
Town Clerk/Collector  
Dated: December 31, 2011

## CONSERVATION BOARD POSITION

The Town of Rush is now accepting applications from town residents for an open position on the Conversation Board. Meetings are held on the **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM**. A stipend is provided for each member. All applicants are asked to submit a letter of interest to Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk. For further information, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 533-1312.

## PLANNING & ZONING BOARD APPLICATIONS

Many of you have inquired about the outcomes of Planning Board (PB) and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) applications. Because the Town Newsletters are published bi-monthly, the ZBA and PB news sometimes becomes old news. So that you may be informed, (as a town courtesy and not a legal obligation) we send out a notice to all residents within 500 feet of parcels being discussed at meetings. All public hearing notices are published in the Sentinel and Henrietta Post. All of the meeting agendas, minutes and now Applications and Decisions are posted on the town website at [www.townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com). Below is a brief synopsis of

most recently heard applications before the PB and ZBA meetings.

### Planning Board:

Nov. 15, 2011: No Applicants/Meeting Cancelled  
Dec. 20, 2011: Public Hearing: #2011-08P by Casey and Martha Beebe requesting approval to subdivide 1.53 acres from an existing 10.59 acre lot to be combined with an existing parcel located at 565 Five Points Road. – Approved.

Public Hearing: #2011-07P by Thomas Haefner acting as agent for Earle Terwilliger requesting re-subdivision to convey .26 acres to be combined with Lot A of the Rush Hills re-subdivision. Property is located at 297 Jeffords Road. – Approved with conditions.

### Zoning Board:

Nov. 10, 2011: No Applicants/Meeting Cancelled  
Dec. 8, 2011: End of year review

### CONSERVATION TREE, SHRUB & PLANT PROGRAM

Forms for the 2012 Conservation Tree, Shrub & Plant Program are available in the Town Clerk's Office or by visiting [www.monroecountyswcd.org](http://www.monroecountyswcd.org). All orders and payment are due and payable to the Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District (MCSWSCD) by March 18<sup>th</sup>. Tree pick-up is scheduled for April 19-20, 9AM – 6 PM, at the Monroe County ecopark, 10 Avion Drive, Rochester, NY 14624 (**new pick-up location**). Maps or directions can be found at [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark) or contact them at 473-2120 ext. 3.

### **MUNICIPALITY HIP (Home Improvement Program)**

If you are in need of home repairs and are income-eligible, Monroe County Community Development is providing assistance.

Please stop in the office to pick up an application or visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov). They have been providing assistance to homeowners since 1975.

### **NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES**

Notary Public Services are available to all residents at no cost. If you require services, please have

available proper photo identification, for example, driver's license, passport or student ID. If having your document notarized is time sensitive, please call ahead to make sure a notary public is available. Also, wait to sign your document in the presence of the notary.

**Code Enforcement Office**  
*Submitted by Gerald Kusse, Code Enforcement/  
Building Inspector*  
Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
[Gerry@townofrush.com](mailto:Gerry@townofrush.com)  
Phone: 533-9114/278-8130

I wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

In this article, the first of 2012, I am reminding you of New York State and Town of Rush requirements regarding building permits. Part of that reminder has to include our experience over the past two years that banks, insurance companies, etc., often will not allow a refinance, sale, etc., to proceed without verification from the local building official that all structures, additions and alterations on the property were added with the required permits and inspections. Postponing a sale or a refinance until I can provide the necessary response can be very frustrating for the property owner. Below is the list of property additions and improvements that do require a building permit issued by the Town of Rush building department:

- all dwelling construction; all agricultural use construction; all swimming pools; all fence construction; all re-roofing; all sheds, barns, garages, etc.; back-up generators; door and window replacements; install underground tanks; \*electrical repairs/ additions; most signs HVAC system replacement; some interior remodeling; all solid fuel appliances; any demolition permit; any repair and replacement of decks; plumbing and waste systems

\* electrical inspections must be done by a licensed underwriter

The above list is intended as a guideline. If you are planning a project and you are uncertain about the permit requirement, please call to discuss it with me. I look forward to working with you on your next project.

## Assessor's Office

Submitted by: Dan Stanford, Assessor  
Mon. & Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
[Dan@townofrush.com](mailto:Dan@townofrush.com)  
Phone: 533-2330  
Colleen Statskey, Assessor's Clerk  
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
[Colleen@townofrush.com](mailto:Colleen@townofrush.com)  
Phone: 533-2330

**REMINDER:** Please remember that if you are receiving an exemption for Agricultural Land, Star Enhanced or Low Income Senior...**YOU MUST** renew them before March 1, 2012. The Assessor's Office sends out a renewal form; however it is your responsibility to make sure the exemption is renewed. Should you have any questions or concerns with assessments, please call me.

## Recreation Department

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor  
Mon., Wed. 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Thursdays 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Phone: 533-2340  
[Pat@townofrush.com](mailto:Pat@townofrush.com)

In cooperation with the Rush Recreation Department, please see the below news release:



## Snowmobile Safety Certification Courses

The New York State Park Police will be holding a snowmobile safety certification course for kids ages 10 to 18, on February 11, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All children in this age group must have a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile alone, anywhere other than on family owned or leased land. Youth who complete the training and pass the exam will receive their certification.

The course will be held at the Town of Rush Recreation Pavilion, 5977 E. Henrietta Road, Rush, NY. (Located behind the Rush Town Hall.) **Pre-registration is required.** Students should bring a

bag lunch. Call the New York State Park Police at **585-658-4692** to register. Space will be limited so call early. There is no cost associated with this program. If you have any questions you can call Patricia at 533-2340. For more information about New York State Parks, please visit their website at [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com).

## OPEN TERRA CLASS

The Town of Rush Recreation Department in cooperation with "Open Terra" will offer a class on making Open Terrariums. "Open Terra" will provide all the tropical flowers, plants, vases and materials. These mini-gardens are colorful, lively and make great gifts during the indoor months. We will work with you step-by-step to make your own mini-arrangement in a vase.



The class will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8PM in the Rush Pavilion. Cost will be \$20.00 for Rush residents and \$25.00 for non-Rush residents. You can sign up for the class at the Rush Town Clerk's Office.

## Basketball

The Men's Seniors Basketball program (55 and older) meets at the Monica Leary School gym on Tuesdays from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Please call Dick Wallace at 334-8202 for more information

## Spring Basketball Camp

The Town of Rush Recreation Dept. will be offering a six week Tuesday evening Basketball camp at the Monica Leary gym on Tuesdays 3/6/12, 3/13/12, 4/3/12, 4/17/12, 5/1/12 for beginner players ages 7-9 years old. The children will work on skill development and play simple games. The cost is \$60.00 for Rush residents and \$65.00 for

non-Rush residents. The camp runs from 6:00PM-7:30PM. Sign up began on January 17, 2012. You can still sign up at the Rush Town Hall or download an application on the Town of Rush website under Recreation.

### Spring Tumbling/Cheer Camp

The Town of Rush Recreation Department has teamed up with Gary Molinari, Tumbling Coach, and Cheerleading Coaches Bethany Spuck and CJ Rose to offer a tumbling/cheer camp at the Monica Leary School gym. The eight week spring camp will be offered for children grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Times: 6PM-7:30PM. The camp will be Wednesdays 4/4/12, 4/18/12, 4/25/12, 5/2/12, 5/9/12, 5/23/12, 5/30/12, and 6/6/12. The cost will be \$60.00 for Rush residents and \$65.00 for non-residents. Sign up begins February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Rush Town Clerk's Office. You can also download this application from the [www.townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com) website under Recreation documents.



### 2012 Spring Flag Football Program

The Town of Rush Recreation Dept. and Football Coach Doug Hudson will be offering a six week Flag Football camp for boys and girls 8-12 years old on Mondays April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup> (last day) and Wednesdays April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM-7:30PM at the Rush Town Park football field. On Mondays the children will work on skill development and on Wednesdays they will play flag football games. The cost is \$60.00 for Rush residents and \$65.00 for non-Rush residents. Applications for this program are located on the townofrush.com website under recreation.

### Town of Rush Pavilion

The Town of Rush Pavilion is available for rentals. There have been reservations made well into this year, so if there is a date you are looking to rent the Pavilion, please call for availability. At this time, we cannot take reservations for dates in 2013. Please call 533-2340 for more information. Permits to use the pavilion or park can be located on the townofrush.com website under recreation.

### Town of Rush After School Program at Monica Leary School

There is always availability in the Rush after school program. If you would like more information please call 533-2340. We are now taking children in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Looking ahead into the future . . .** I am currently planning a Water Safety Class to be held at the Rush Pavilion and a Yoga class for kids at the Monica Leary School to be held after school.

***Please remember "no news is good news" if you do not hear from the Recreation Department, the programs go on as scheduled. Any questions, please call the Recreation Department at 533-2340.***

### Highway Department

*Submitted by: Mark David*

*Highway Superintendent*

*Phone: 533-1770*

*Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM*

[www.townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com)

With the lack of snow and ice, the highway personnel have kept busy with brush trimming along Town roads, equipment maintenance, repairs and modifications, along with addressing some drainage issues, etc.

The major upcoming Town road projects for this year will be **Boulder Creek Drive**, which will include some upgrades to the drainage structure, milling to slope and hot mix paving. **Pleasant Drive** and **Hanlon Drive** will receive a double surface treatment. **Honeoye Falls Five Points Road** between the Five Points and Works Road will be surface treated. Letters will be mailed out to residents on these roads with a more detailed scope of work and the time frame of the project as that becomes available.

The brush pile at the transfer station on Stonybrook Road will be chipped soon. There is some demand for the pile and I am waiting for vendor proposals. The Town should now be able to recoup the fuel costs for maintaining the pile.

**Historian's Office**

*Submitted by Marjorie A. Kirch*

*Mondays, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

*Phone: 533-1312*

[\*Margie@townofrush.com\*](mailto:Margie@townofrush.com)

While doing research for someone regarding a Rush Town Supervisor from the early 1900's, I realized that there was no complete listing of prior Town Supervisors and the years in which they served. As a result, utilizing information from prior records and documents, I compiled a complete list for future reference. Shortly thereafter, while visiting another Town Hall, I noticed that pictures of several prior Town Supervisors were placed on the walls; it occurred to me what a nice tribute it was to those who had served their community.

It was then that I determined that a complete list of Town Supervisors which I had recently compiled should be shared with the residents of Rush. With assistance from Dawn Marie Annunziata, (Secretary to the Supervisor), and with input from Pamela Bucci (Town Clerk) and Meribeth Palmer (Deputy Town Clerk) a plaque listing every Rush Town Supervisor and his/her term(s) of office was designed. The Rush Town Board approved the project and the plaque, with the names and terms of office of each Town Supervisor since our town was founded, now hangs in the Town Hall (directly across from the Supervisor's Office).

Many of your friends and neighbors are descendants of this dedicated group of people, beginning with William Markham in 1818 through Richard Anderson in 2012. I hope you feel as I do that these names don't belong in a file drawer, but should be displayed with pride and appreciation for everyone to see.

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**On a different note**, I received a phone call from a lady in New Jersey about a month ago. She said she had found my name as historian on the Rush website and had a very old book that had been in her family's possession for many years. She had no idea where it came from, having never lived in Rush, and to her knowledge neither had any of her relatives.

The inside cover of the book contained the inscription "D.A. Markham – East Rush". The caller went on to explain that D.A. Markham was apparently a seamstress because the book contained swatches of material, together with

names and dates written under each swatch. She said she and her mother discussed it and felt it should be returned to the area from which it originated **and offered to donate it to the Town of Rush**. I, of course, gladly and gratefully accepted her offer. Two days later, I received the book professionally boxed via FED EX.

The book contains many, many swatches identifying old established Rush family names from the mid to late 1800's.

Following are a few examples:

- Bertha Stull -1891**
- Allie Lyday – 1893**
- Albert Goff – 1882**
- Annie Lyday -1882**

The cover of the book is beautiful and in fairly good condition; the pages, however, are very delicate. I met with our Town Librarian, Kirsten Flass, to discuss the best way to provide the community access to this new find; this is what we decided to do: We are having pictures taken of each page, to be displayed along with the book in a glass-enclosed exhibit at the Library. We hope to have the exhibit completed by the time you receive this newsletter.

In addition to a thank you note, I have sent this gracious donor the book "The Road to Yesterday" written by Jean Yawman when she was Town Historian. We will also send her pictures of the completed exhibit.

Thanks to all who have sent me items, volunteered your time, or offered ideas.

Respectfully – Margie Kirch



**Rush Senior Citizens**  
*Submitted by: Nancy Miller,  
Secretary*

The Rush Seniors finished 2011 on a high note with a great Holiday Party at Wildwood Country Club. The social hour, complete with a word scramble contest, was followed by a great buffet. The entertainment for the day was provided by a group of Seniors from Henrietta known as the **Keenage Kazoo and Kitchen Band**--14 folks in all. We got

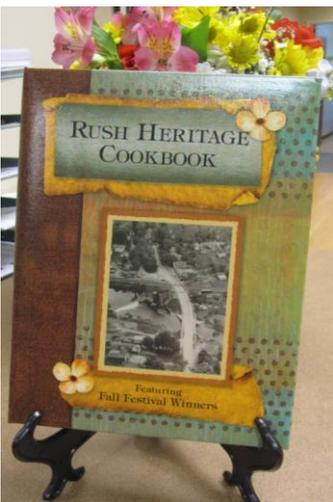
into the holiday spirit by hearing songs of the season, readings and a sing- a- long.

Members remembered the homebound of our group with a flower or cookies during the holiday season.

The new year is off and running--**Jim Richards** is our new president with other officers remaining the same. Part of the new travel schedule was revealed at our January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and there is lots of excitement ahead. The 4th of July New York City trip is booked already, but a waiting list will be created. A trip to the Mendon Players on February 15<sup>th</sup> requires sign-up only -- it's free! The second trip of the year is to Beeches Theatre in Rome with a buffet and an Irish show on March 13th. March 27<sup>th</sup> is the annual trip to the Southern Tier for a Pancake Breakfast at Cartwrights. On May 10<sup>th</sup> the group will travel to Geneva for the Vicki Lawrence Show. All of these opportunities are open to Seniors from Rush or neighboring towns. Call Mary Anne Brice for reservations and information (533-1185).

Entertainment at the January meeting was a wonderful slide presentation by **Witold Bujak**, showing all the sights and beauty of last fall's trip to Quebec and Montreal. It was a stunning presentation.

Our next regular meeting will be on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Rush Firehouse--11 AM for social hour, potluck lunch at noon. A **surprise** program will follow. All Rush Seniors (that's 55+) are invited to join the group.



The Rush Seniors' Cookbooks are still available at the library and town hall for **\$15**. These books are truly unique because of their loose leaf nature. This cookbook would make a wonderful **Valentine's Day** ♥ gift! Additional special recipes will be available from Chris Miller as the year goes along.

A 2012 appendix is planned for the end of the year for a nominal fee. A gift that keeps on growing!

## Library News

Submitted by: Kirsten Flass, Director

Mon., Wed., Fri. 1 PM - 8 PM,

Tues., Thurs. 11 AM - 8 PM

Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM (Sept. - May)

Phone: 533-1370, Fax: 533-1546

[www.libraryweb.org/rush](http://www.libraryweb.org/rush)

Dear Neighbors,

Winter has finally arrived! Wildlife might be hibernating, but we don't; we're always looking for ways to enhance our services and program offerings to you, our patrons. New books, movies, e-books, magazines and other materials arrive weekly, and many programs are offered each month to enrich your lives. We hope you **love** what we offer- if so, collaborate with us on our "**Library Lover's Month**" campaign in February. You can even take your enthusiasm for the Rush Public Library a step further- go to the Rochester Regional Library Council's web site ([www.rrlc.com](http://www.rrlc.com)) beginning February 19th and **cast a vote for us to be the 2012 Public Library of the Year**. The winning library receives a \$100 prize and a plaque to hang in the library. Stop by the library or our web site ([www.RushLibrary.org](http://www.RushLibrary.org)) for more details.

**Wine-Tasting Benefit:** Tickets are on sale now at the library for our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Wine Tasting Benefit, "**A Friends' Night Out**", sponsored by the **Friends of the Rush Library and Century Liquor & Wines**. Join us on **Saturday, March 10th, from 7-9:30 pm at Magnolia's Restaurant at Wildwood Country Club here in Rush**. Tickets are \$30 per person (cash or check only.) In addition to wines, we offer hors d'oeuvres, a chocolate-tasting table, coffee & dessert, our popular silent auction, plus live Beatles music from the band, *Eight Days a Week*. And, new this year, you can try locally-produced cheeses from the Finger Lakes Cheese Trail. We are still soliciting silent auction items such as artwork, professional services, gift cards and gift baskets. Call Friends' Chairperson, Heather Iannone, at 359-9914 if you have an item to donate. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support our Reading Garden, our Summer Concert Series, plus additional projects and programs inside the library but outside of our operating budget. **This is a fun evening out with your friends & neighbors, and we'd love to see you there!**

**Free Tax Forms and Instruction Books** are now available in limited supply at the library. You may also download & print NYS forms at

<http://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/> and federal forms at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/> or stop in; our library staff members will be happy to help you. (Printing out the forms at the library costs 15¢ per page.)

**The Community Craft Project:** The Rush Library is pleased to be collaborating for the sixth year with the **Monroe County Fair Association** on a community service project. We are soliciting **handmade mittens, gloves, hats and scarves** for donation to students in the Rochester City School District. Donations could be knitted, crocheted or sewn from fleece. You may drop off completed projects at the library and they will be on display here until **June 1st**; then they'll be delivered to the Fair & Expo Center in time to be exhibited at the Monroe County Fair in July. Last year's projects were truly wonderful; I hope you are inspired once again!

Looking forward to seeing you...

Kirsten

*Upcoming Events at the Rush Public Library  
for February and March  
Submitted by Joan Celentano-Children's and  
Adult Services*

**February:**



**Valentine Crafts for Kids: Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-Noon.** Children ages 4 and up will be making a variety of easy Valentine projects.

Children will also be able to decorate and eat their own Valentine cookie. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Crafter's Corner for Adults: Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** We will be making a Valentine Shadow Box decoration. For this craft you will need to bring in an empty cracker or pasta box. A sample of this craft will be available in the Library. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Library Knit Chicks** is our bi-monthly fiber crafting circle at the library; we are meeting on the **second & last Saturdays of each month from 10:30 'til noon. We'll meet February 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, and March 10<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.** Join us for coffee, tea, conversation and inspiration.



**On a Cloud with Pavlova:**  
**Chocolate Demonstration and Tasting** with local Pastry Chef, Valerie Mertsock, on **Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** Learn to make

Pavlova; an elegant dessert named after a Russian ballet dancer. It's a delicate pastry with a crisp outside and a soft, light inside that sets the perfect stage for berries, chocolate sauce, whipped cream, mousse and more! Space is limited and registration is required.

**American Girl Club** will resume on three upcoming **Tuesdays: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and March 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30pm** for children ages 6-10. Meet Addy Walker (1861) living in a boarding house with her family in Philadelphia. Addy's parents are getting married again; they "jumped the broom" to marry in slavery, but now can have a church wedding and Addy is making them a wedding quilt. Participating children will be able take part in making a quilt square for a library quilt that will be displayed once finished. Space is limited; please register in advance. Children get the most out of this program when they attend *all three* sessions.

**Discover Rochester & Rush: 200 Years of Historic Architecture** is a program presented by **The Landmark Society of Western New York** on **Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** Come and meet Cynthia Howk, Architectural Research Coordinator, who will present an illustrated program of historic buildings and sites in Rochester and the Town of Rush. This event will take place in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Great Shark Tooth Hunt** for children ages 6 and up will be on **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-12:30pm.** Join in on a "field trip into the past" with Richard D. Hamell, Associate Professor Emeritus at MCC. Children will see a slide presentation of the fossil history of our region and then search through ancient sands for their very own 5 million-year-old shark teeth! Children are also welcome to bring in a fossil or rock they'd like to have identified. Space is limited and registration is required.



**Author Visit: Michael Keene**, who penned **Folklore and Legends of Rochester-The Mystery of Hoodoo Corner and Other Tales**, will visit on **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm.** Rochester has been the cradle of many modern spiritualist movements that have given rise to various legends that shroud our city. Was McCurdy's Department Store cursed? Who were the Fox Sisters? And what were the secrets of the Freemasons? Michael will take us on a journey into the past to try and unravel these and many other fascinating

mysteries. Space is limited; please register in advance.



**Rush Reader's Book Club:**

**Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm.** This month's selection will be ***The Piano Lesson*** by August

Wilson. Celebrate Black History Month with Mr. Wilson, a Pulitzer Prize winner, Broadway playwright, and founder of the Black Horizon on the Hill Theatre Company. *The Piano Lesson* concerns the struggle of two siblings over a precious family heirloom, a piano carved with the images of their enslaved African ancestors, and asks the question, "What do you do with your legacy and how do you best put it to use?" Join us for great conversation, coffee and dessert. Space is limited and registration is required.

**March:**

**Bedtimes Stories for Kids: Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** Children ages 4 and up are invited to listen to ***Winnie the Pooh, Somebody's Treasure.***

Simple things become somebody else's treasure as each friend realizes they have something to share. Children may come in their PJs and bring their favorite plush friend. A bedtime snack will be provided. Each child who registers in advance will receive a FREE book courtesy of Kohl's Department Store. Space is limited and registration is required.



**Lego™ Club for Boys ages 6-10 resumes on two Tuesdays: March 13<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:30pm.**

Children (and parents, if they wish to play alongside their child) will listen to a story and then create a Lego model based on the theme of the book. Space is limited and children must be registered in advance. *Note:* Please leave your own Legos at home; we have plenty for each child to play with.

**Tapas Night: Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the Rush Town Pavilion. Come and enjoy Spanish Culture at the library! Elena Rey-Kautz will show you how to prepare authentic Spanish tapas (small hors d'oeuvres) including a potato omelet and croquets. We will be serving Sangria (Spanish wine beverage) along with other tasty treats. There will be a \$3.00 tasting fee for this adult event, payable that night. Advance registration is required.

**Crafter's Corner for Adults: Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** We will be making a very modern

***Beaded Leather Wrap Bracelet.*** A sample of this fabulous craft will be on display in the library. Space is limited and registration is required. There will be a \$5 materials' fee for this craft.

**Friends of the Rush Library:** will meet on **Wednesday, March 21st at 6:30 pm.** We'll be wrapping up the Wine-Tasting Benefit and discussing the Summer Concert Series, the Garage Sale, plus other fundraising and advocacy efforts. New members and ideas are always welcome!

**Rush Readers' Book Club:** will be held **Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm.** This month we will



be participating in "If All of Rochester Read the Same Book" sponsored by Writers and Books; we'll be discussing ***The Madonnas of Leningrad*** by Debra Dean. Shifting between 1941 and present day, this story is described as, "a remarkable novel about the consolation of memory." Ms. Dean will be in Rochester March 23-31, and many readings and author interviews will be held throughout Monroe County. We'll have readers' guides and a schedule of these community events in March. To participate in *our* discussion, please register in advance, as space is restricted. A limited number of paperback copies will be for sale at the circulation desk.

**Children's Authors to Visit the Rush Library!** On **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-12:30pm** local children's authors ***Shella Shubuck, Bill Schoff*** and ***Jeanne Bowman*** will be delighting children ages 4 and up as they read from their respective books. The authors will be happy to visit with the children after the readings to talk about their work. *Copies of their books will be available for sale, and the authors will be pleased to sign them.* This program will take place in the Rush Town Pavilion. Please register in advance for this unique opportunity.

**Driver Safety Program for Teens:**

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. My Car My Life**



will be presented by Karen Knauf, program coordinator for Injury Free Coalition for Kids of Rochester. This is a program to encourage teens between the ages of 13-15 the importance of good driving habits. Teens will watch a movie, *The Fifth Quarter*, about the 15-year-old brother of football player Wake Forest, who was fatally injured in a car crash. Join us for discussion and pizza. Space is limited and registration is required. Parents who wish to join their children must also register for a seat.

**Rush Fire District  
Fire Department &  
Rush Ambulance**

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**FIRE DISTRICT:** The organizational meeting was held on January 2nd. Bob Faugh was elected as Chairman and Larry Meston was elected as vice-chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Robert Kuhls was appointed as Treasurer and Karen Wanderslaben was appointed to the Secretary position. The Fire Commissioners meeting will be held the third Tuesday, 7 pm at station one. All of our meetings are open to the public.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE:** The Chiefs and Asst. Chief were approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners and the line officers for the department were approved by the Board of Directors at their organizational meeting. See web site for complete list.

**ANNUAL REPORT:**

**Total of 396 Fire & EMS Calls for 2011.** That is a call every 22 hours. We had one serious fire in our district last year with 25 members in attendance. We had no injury or deaths involved in any fires. We responded to 47 false alarms where there was no need for the fire department (set off by accident, malfunctions, set off by occupant). We had 44 good intent type alarms or calls for EMS (where the system went off because of cooking or someone thought the FD was needed at a location for a car wreck or for some other reason).

**PLEASE, if your system goes off, call 9-1-1 and tell them what is going on. DO NOT RELY on your system alone to get a rapid response with adequate manpower.** We still have an officer respond and confirm your information.

**Total Ambulance Calls 257 or 63% of our responses.** The ambulance responded to 28 emergency scene stand-bys. We provided 20 responses for mutual aid. We were cancelled on 9 of the mutual aid calls. We responded to 50 vehicle crashes. We transported 120 patients with another 44 being transported by a full ALS/BLS ambulance usually from Henrietta. (22 of these were from the Rush Family Medical Office). We used an ALS "fly car" Medic on 100 calls. We cancelled ALS or the patient was released to BLS by ALS 14 times.

Henrietta Ambulance provided 98% of our ALS both the fly car where the medic rode in our ambulance or they sent a full ambulance to transport the patient in 2011. We had contact with 296 patients during the year, 38 refused treatment.

**Response times:** Our average response time to get a properly equipped "first responder" EMT on scene of a priority type call was 5 to 6 minutes 90% of the time. This response time is exceptional. We have two "first responder" officer's cars with AEDs. (automatic defibrillators). Several others officers have basic life support equipment that respond to the scene.

**Donated time:** Over 1,500 man/woman hours were expended on these calls. All these hours were donated by your relatives, friends and neighbors. Another 3,000 hours were donated for training, seminars, drills, carnival, maintenance on equipment/ buildings and local, regional and state meetings.

**FUND DRIVE:** We have received over \$50,000 from the 2011 annual fund drive. **Thank you very much!** The per resident donation is unmatched ANYWHERE in western NY state. Over 70% of our residents donated. The money goes for general operations such as Fire Prevention, Girl/Boy Scouts and Explorer sponsorships, training/seminars, fire and EMS equipment, office costs and the rest into Rescue Truck and Ambulance replacement funds. **We have a new \$130,000 ambulance being built at this time.** No fund drive money is ever used for our few social functions.

**BOY SCOUTS AND EXPLORERS:**

The Explorer Post will have a **Pancake Breakfast at the fire house Sunday – February 19th starting at 10 am ending at 2 pm.**

**RUSH FD WEB SITE:** We update the NEWS section of our web site with pictures and information every few days. [www.RushFD.org](http://www.RushFD.org) .

**LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Ladies Aux. would like to thank the Rush Fire Department for hosting and providing a wonderful Christmas party for us this year. Each and every member exceeded our expectations and created a delicious meal, and not to mention fantastic caroling! Thank you to all at the Rush Fire Department and best wishes for this New Year!

**\*New Members:** Please contact Joan Madigan at 229-4168 or email her at [jmadigan@aol.com](mailto:jmadigan@aol.com), or visit our website at [www.rushfd.org/ladiesaux.htm](http://www.rushfd.org/ladiesaux.htm).



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<b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> <b>First Day of Spring</b>		<i>Sunday - 11<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Saturday - 17<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Tuesday - 20<sup>th</sup></i>

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