

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

Hopefully you have all been able to enjoy our unseasonably warm weather and are looking forward to the spring season.

FIRE AT TOWN HALL UPDATE

On March 5, 2012 at 7:10 PM the fire alarm sounded at the Rush Town Hall. The Rush Fire Department responded and discovered a fire in our records room that had been extinguished by the sprinkler system. The Fire Department's quick action minimized the water damage to the building. They aided the staff in relocating the town records to the Board Room and vacuumed up the standing water on the floor and carpets.

At 10 PM Emergency Enclosures were called and within an hour they responded with a crew to begin remediation. They brought dehumidifiers, air purifiers and multiple fans. They worked until 3 PM. The follow days have been filled with new ceilings, walls and painting. As of this writing, March 19, 2012, we are awaiting carpeting. We anticipate project completion by the end of the month.

I am happy to report that the Town Hall staff has been able to maintain services to the public throughout this ordeal.

BOCES PROPERTY UPDATE

We have received a "Best Practices" Recommendation on the agricultural parcels at the BOCES property from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

We have completed a forest survey on the wooded portion with the Regional Forester from the D.E.C. in Avon. The report is pending but will include management recommendations based upon a recreational use in the future.

If you have questions regarding Town matters, please feel free to contact me by phone or schedule a visit with me. My direct phone number is 533-9058.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Anderson



Town Clerk's Office
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FIRE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

As Supervisor Anderson said, we were fortunate not to have suffered loss by fire. Records were not burned, however, some were very wet. They have been sent to be vacuum freeze-dried. By the writing of this letter, we may have them restored. As always, we are happy to serve you in any way possible.

IF YOU CARE, LEAVE IT THERE

DEC Advises: Do Not Disturb Fawns and Other Young Wildlife

Every spring, we receive calls about fawns left behind by their mothers. People do occasionally find a lone fawn and mistakenly assume it has been orphaned or abandoned, which is very rare. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) reminds us to keep our distance and not to disturb newborn fawns or other young wildlife as many animals are in the peak season for giving birth or hatching young. A fawn's best chance to survive lies in being raised by its mother. White-tailed deer fawns present a good example of how human intervention with young wildlife can be problematic. In such a case, fawns should not be picked up. In fact, if human presence is detected by the doe, the doe will delay its next visit to nurse. Human scent can also put the fawn at risk by attracting predators to the site. Fawns nurse three to four times a day, usually for less than 30 minutes at a time, but otherwise the doe keeps her distance. This helps reduce the chances that she will attract a predator to the fawn.

MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Town of Rush Farmland Protection Plan Draft is now available for public review. The Farmland Protection Plan can be viewed on the Town of Rush web site. Hard copies are available for review at the Rush Town Clerk's Office and in the Rush Library, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York, during regular business hours,

Dated: March 14, 2012

Meribeth Palmer, Deputy Town Clerk

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD INQUIRIES:

Below is a brief synopsis of meeting discussions before the PB and ZBA. Formal applications were not submitted:

Planning Board

January: Informal discussions regarding business proposal at 7283 West Henrietta Road

February: Informal discussion - Jim Kolb of Colby's Ice Cream and Bake Shop at 7272 West Henrietta Road

Zoning Board

January: Informal discussion - Joseph Giorgione appeared to review possible uses for the property located at 6101 East Henrietta Road

February: Workshop - Mark Hasman and John Lombardo appeared to request sign variances for 7283 West Henrietta Road.

March: Public Hearing: Mark Hasman and John Lombardo sign variances for 7283 West Henrietta Road. Sign Application: APPROVED.

OPEN POSITION

SECRETARY TO SUPERVISOR

P/T 15-20/hrs. per week Secretary to Supervisor, Town of Rush: Must have an AAS Secretarial degree or equivalent experience with strong computer skills and clerical work background including proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel. Accounting background and a familiarity of website updating is helpful. Must be well organized, detail-oriented, a self-starter, able to maintain confidentiality and able to work in a small office atmosphere. Benefits include NYS Retirement System, pre-tax eligibility for medical/dependent care. Send resumes to: Town Clerk's Office, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York 14543 by April 7, 2012.

OFFICES CLOSED

All town offices will be closed on Friday, April 6th, Good Friday.

The Town Clerk's office will also be closed between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM on Tuesday, April 10th through Tuesday, April 17th and Monday, April 23rd through Wednesday, April 25th. These times will allow staff to perform daily business banking and lunch breaks. I apologize for any inconvenience.



Highway Department
Submitted by: Mark David
Highway Superintendent
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Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM
www.townofrush.com

Town Wide Brush Pick Up:

The Highway Department will be conducting its annual brush pick up along all roads in Rush commencing April 23rd. We eagerly encourage residents to utilize this service. Pick up will begin on the west side of town and continue east until complete. Once a road is completed, there will be no return trips. Since we are unable to inform you of the exact day that we will be working on your street, it is suggested that you have your brush ready for pick-up on the 23rd of April.

GUIDELINES:

- Residential pick up only
- Brush shall be no longer than 15'
- Brush shall be placed parallel to the roadway, and neatly stacked
- Brush piles shall be placed 6-10' from shoulder of roadway
- Not place brush directly under overhead wires.
- Do not place brush over utility shutoffs.

Condensed larger piles are easier for us than multiple small piles.

WHAT WE DON'T ACCEPT:

Metal or any other non-wood materials, lumber, landscape ties, or any other manmade construction materials, tree stumps, leaves, garden and lawn debris. The transfer station located on Stonybrook Rd. opposite the Town Park is always open and maintained. Town residents may drop off any brush generated within the Town at their convenience.

Once again its brush and limb wood only. No trash or other items.

LAWN DAMAGE REPAIRS:

The early spring weather has the Highway crew out repairing lawn damage from plowing. If we overlooked any areas, please call and let us know. Snow fencing will also be coming down and then it's time to remove the snow plows, wings and salters from the trucks. General repairs, preventative maintenance, painting and storage of our winter equipment will signal that we can put winter behind us and begin the summer roadwork program.

The mild winter has resulted in some savings for the Town in the form of lower overtime labor, materials and

fuel costs. These savings will help with the projected escalation in fuel costs. Fuel cost directly impacts the asphalt index and the amount of roadwork to be completed is therefore also affected. At this time all Town road work projects appear to be budgeted properly and will begin as scheduled. Our in ground storage tanks were topped off earlier this year to take advantage of the lower pricing at that time.



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Just a REMINDER that Grievance Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2012. If you have any questions or concerns with assessments, please call me. Thank you.



Rush Fire District
Fire Department &
Rush Ambulance
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FIRE DISTRICT:

HOUSE NUMBERS AND IDENTIFICATION: Our crews are still having *problems finding* the correct locations because of either no house number or it being hard to see from the road. We still see joggers and walkers dressed in dark clothing. **Please** have some ID on your person. You should wear a reflective vest when you take a stroll, walk your dog or jog near the roadway.

COMPUTER UPGRADES: We are upgrading our systems and server due to the numerous new tasks that we now provide to the department. We are getting all our computers upgraded to Windows 7. Some operating systems were so old they would not work with current programs.

I AM RESPONDING: We have a system that allows responding officers and 911 in Rochester to see who is responding from their home by our responding members pushing a few buttons on their cell phone. It is also shown on a screen in the radio room and truck room of station one.

TEXT MESSAGING: We also have system where text messages are sent to every members cell phone or other mobile device, who wants it, with the call location and information. Unlike our pagers and MDT system that have limited coverage, these will work any place they have cell coverage. Some officers have MDT devices provided by the county or the Rush FD; now every member has access to this same information.



TOUGH BOOK COMPUTERS: The Fire Department and Fire District made a joint purchase (\$4,500 each) to put a tough book type laptop computers in the ambulance and rescue truck with internet access. This will make our record keeping easier, give us instant access to data on vehicle information and anything else on the web to assist in our EMS reporting mandates. This venture cost \$9,000.

NEW PUMPER: We have a committee of commissioner and FD members working on a replacement for our 1995 Freightliner unit. It will be a min. four man cab, about the same size truck with a top mount pump control, PTO generator, with flood lights, foam system, 750 gal of water and 1500 GPM pump.

LANDSCAPING AT STATION 1: For spring we have cleaned up and planted some new shrubs on the northwest side of station 1.

FLOOD LIGHTS AT STATION 2: Four new low wattage flood lights have been installed on the front corners of station 2 at West Rush.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE: We have responded to 87 calls for service as of 3-15-12.

SPRINKLERS WORK: On March 5th during fire meeting, 34 members responded to the Town Hall for a reported fire. Equipment was on scene within two minute of being notified of the alarm. The sprinkler in the area of the fire had it out. The fire department spent the next two hours doing salvage, pulling down dry wall from the ceiling below and clearing out the water.

The water damage in that area and the floor below was substantial but had it not been for the sprinkler a major part of the town hall would have been a total loss. Things will dry out and can be salvaged.

FASNY STATEWIDE OPEN HOUSE: Rush FD will have an open house April 22nd from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Stop in and see the equipment. Talk to the volunteers and ask questions about your fire department and ambulance service. A Rush FD history power point will be showing all day in the meeting room.

There will be refreshments. This is a statewide effort to recruit more volunteers and make the community aware of how your volunteer FD and ambulance services operate. We will have carbon monoxide and smoke detectors available to Rush residents at no charge. Please stop by.

2012 FUND DRIVE: In 2011 your volunteers responded to 396 emergency calls, that's one every 23 hours. They donated over 6,000 hours to provide emergency service, attend meetings (Local, regional and state), attended training and drills, raised funds and maintain buildings and equipment. We have only ONE goal and that is to

provide the best service we can for you and your family.

We are 100% volunteer, NO ONE GETS PAID! The ambulance responded to 260 calls in 2011. We responded to 50 vehicle crashes. **We have one of the last free ambulance services in the county and cover 98% of our calls with a 1st responder on scene of priority calls within 6 minutes of dispatch 90% of the time!**

You should receive an annual fund drive letter and postage-paid envelope for the AMBULANCE and FIRE DEPARTMENT operation in May.

We use fund drive money for our scouting, fire prevention programs, training, seminars and two replacement funds – one for the ambulance and the other for other vehicles and large equipment i.e.: rescue truck – brush truck. No fund drive money is used for our few social events. Very few Fire Depts. or Ambulance services can say that!

We are replacing our 2004 Ambulance with a new Ford E-350 V-10 gas engine - Marque Modular walk-thru ambulance this spring. The cost of \$130,000 and is covered by past fund drives, memorial donations and some carnival profit.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS: We are a tax-exempt 501(C)3 organization. This allows anyone who donates to us to claim the donation on their income tax and for us to be tax exempt ourselves. We also are listed as a charitable organization by NYS Attorney General's web site. We are very proud and thankful to the Rush residents who support us with donations.

We Thank You In Advance For Your Consideration!

PAST OFFICERS BANQUET: The Rush FD Banquet was held at RIT Inn - 110 members and guests attended. The Past Chief Bob Derick from Henrietta Fire Dept. was the MC. Past Officers honored were Past Asst. Chief Jim McNeil, Past Lt. Dan Monaghan, Past Lt. Vern Wandersleben, Past Safety Officer Joe Cirincione, Past Asst. Secretary Bev Smith and Past Director Red Bayer. The Rush FD Ladies Auxiliary presented a check for \$2,000 to the firefighters to purchase new equipment.

RUSH FD BOY SCOUTS: Boy Scout Kyle Daub became an Eagle Scout. He received a \$50.00 check from the FD. The RushFD.org web site is being modified so the Scouts (Boys & Girls) we sponsor will have info on the web. It will be on the Explorer & Scout link on the home page.

EXPLORERS SCOUTS: We are looking for new explorers. It is not all work and no play; they learn CPR and how to respond in emergency situations and attend social events.



Ladies Auxiliary

- The Ladies Auxiliary would like all those who attended and offered their help to our Chicken and Biscuit Dinner in March. The proceeds go towards funding the Betty Wilkins Scholarship Fund.
- We would also like to thank all the children and families who attended our 2012 Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you for another successful year.
- If you would like to check out some of the many community and member activities which make up our year-long program, stop over to the Fire Department Open House on April 22, 1 to 4pm or visit www.rushfd.org/ladiesaux.htm

Recreation Department
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SPRING TUMBLING/CHEER CAMP **Hurry and sign up now!!!**



The Town of Rush Recreation Department has teamed up with Gary Molinari tumbling coach, and cheerleading coach CJ Rose to offer a tumbling/cheer camp at the Monica Leary School gym.

The 8 week spring camp will be offered for children grades 3rd-6th. 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.

You can also download this application from the 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 6 week Flag Football camp for boys and girls 8-12 years old on Mondays April 23rd, 30th, May 7th, 14th and 21st and June 4th (last day) and Wednesdays April 25th, May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 6:00PM-7:30PM at the new 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 a Rush resident and \$65.00 for non-Rush residents. Applications for this program can be located on the [townofrush.com](http://www.townofrush.com) website under recreation.

VICKIE MENZ'S SUMMER AEROBIC CLASSES

In cooperation with the Recreation Department Vickie Menz will be instructing a 9 week Summer Aerobics' classes for the Recreation Dept. The classes will be offered on Tuesdays (May 1st – June 26th), and Thursdays (May 3rd -June 28th) from 6:15PM-7:15PM. You can download an application from the townofrush.com website or come into the Rush town hall and sign up. The cost will be \$30.00 per person 1x a week for a Rush resident and \$35.00 for non-Rush residents for Tuesdays or Thursdays. There is a discount to join both days \$50.00 for Rush residents and \$55.00 for non-Rush residents.

The Town of Rush Recreation Department along with Aria Goodberlet Soccer Coach will be offering soccer camps again this summer. You can find applications for the camps listed below at the townofrush.com website under recreation. They also can be found at the Rush Town Hall clerk's office. Please call 533-2340 with any questions.

TOWN OF RUSH GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER CAMP 2012



Head Coach Sike Dardaganis, University of Rochester and Assistant Coach Aria Goodberlet, RH Varsity Soccer

- **Dates:** Monday August 13th-August 16th
- **Time:** 9:00-11:30AM
- **Location:** Rush Town Hall Park
- **Who:** Girls who will be in grades 9-12 in Sept. 2012
- **Description:** Camp will focus on tactical development and game situations. Individual and team concepts will be taught through a variety of activities and scrimmages. This advanced camp will prepare players interested in trying out for the junior varsity and varsity level. Please bring a ball, shin guards and water. *Each player will receive a camp T-shirt.
- **Cost:** \$110.00 Rush Resident, \$115.00 Non-Rush Resident

TOWN OF RUSH GIRLS MODIFIED SOCCER CAMP 2012

Girls Soccer Camp Head Coach: Aria Goodberlet, Rush-Henrietta Girls Varsity Soccer Coach and Staff

- **Dates:** Monday August 13th-August 16th
- **Time:** 5:30PM-8:00PM
- **Location:** Rush Town Hall Park



- **Who:** Girls who will be in grades 6-8 in Sept. 2012
- **Description:** Camp will focus on individual skill development and game situations. Individual and team concepts will be taught through a variety of activities, fun games, and scrimmages. This camp will prepare players interested in playing at the modified level this fall. Please bring a ball, shin guards and water. *Each player will receive a camp T-shirt.
- **Cost:** \$60.00 Rush Resident, \$65.00 Non-Rush Resident

TOWN OF RUSH JULY SUMMER CAMP RUSH CHILDREN ONLY **Ages 7-10 Years Old**

The Town of Rush Summer Camp is going to take place at the Rush park pavilion beginning on July 11th and concluding on July 27th. The program will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30AM-2:30PM. The Rush Summer Camp is filled with great crafts, outdoor activities and ends on Fridays swimming at the RH Sperry High School pool. The camp is for children going into 1st-5th grade. You can sign up at the Rush Town Clerks office. There are 24 openings available. This camp is free to Rush children only. These applications are not available on the town website.



The Town of Rush Recreation Department has applied for a grant from the Greater Rochester Health Foundation in hopes of getting financial assistance to provide the residents in Rush an August camp for children ages 7-10 years old. In the next newsletter I hope to give you good news about the funding for this camp.

TOWN OF RUSH TRIP CAMP for children ages 11-14 years

The Town of Rush Recreation Department is planning on having trip camps for kids 11-14 years old again this summer. The kids will go to water parks, Stonybrook Park in Dansville to hike, see a movie with friends, and go to lollipop farm and get a tour of their campus. All kids will need to bring water, snacks and lunches. They will also need to bring their own sunscreen, a waterproof watch if possible, bug repellent, towels, sneakers, and a jacket or sweatshirt if needed.

The following trip camps will be split into July and August months. There will be 3 trips scheduled for the month of July on Thursdays, and 3 trips scheduled for August on Thursdays as well. There will be a minimum of 12 children that will need to attend each month.

JULY AND AUGUST TRIPS (THURSDAYS) 11-14 Years Old

All trips begin at the Rush park pavilion. We are not responsible for money children bring with them. Please make sure they are responsible enough to carry their own money if they desire it.

JULY

7/12/12 **Stonybrook Park**
Leave 10:00AM- Return 4:30PM

7/19/12 **Lollipop Farm**
Leave: 10:30AM- Return 2:30PM

7/26/12 **Darien Lake**
Leave: 10:00AM-Return 5:00PM

AUGUST

8/2/12 **Movie** (the campers choice must be age appropriate) Leave: 1:30PM-Return 4:00PM

8/09/12 **Roseland Park**
Leave: 10:30AM- Return 3:30PM

8/16/12 **Seabreeze**
Leaving 10:30AM- Return 4:30PM

Cost: July Camp: \$70.00 Rush residents \$75.00 for non-Rush residents

August Camp: \$60.00 Rush residents \$65.00 for non-Rush residents

Trip forms can be found on the town website at www.townofrush.com under Recreation or at the Town Clerk's office.

HOOP MOVES!!! Hoop Moves -- Hula Hooping For Serious Results

Remember when exercise was fun? Workouts like a kid again: sweat, laugh, and challenge your limits with every "swish" of the hoop. Hoop Moves is a non-impact, fat-burning workout that strengthens your core, tones your whole body, and calms your mind. Hooping burns 400-600 calories an hour—and that hour flies by! Even if you never hooped as a kid, our adult-sized hoops and Hoopnotica certified instruction can get you "in the hoop."

The Town of Rush and Rush resident and certified instructor Caren Pita are happy to announce Hula classes that will be offered in the Rush pavilion. The 6 week class will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM-7:30PM April 25th-May 30th. The cost will be \$45.00 for Rush Residents and \$50.00 for non-Rush residents Hoops will be provided for class, or bring your own. Bring water, athletic shoes, and a sense of fun. Ages 13-seniors.

You can sign up for this class at the Rush Town Clerks office or down load an application on line at www.townofrush.com under Recreation.

TOWN OF RUSH PAVILION

The Park Pavilion is available for rent. There have been reservations made well into next year, so if there is a date you are looking to hold an event in the Pavilion, please call ASAP for availability. Please call 533-2340 for more information. Permits to use the Pavilion or Park can be located on the website at www.townofrush.com under Recreation.

LOOK AHEAD INTO THE FUTURE

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



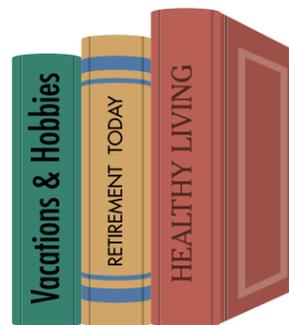
Library News

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Dear Neighbors,

Friends' Benefit Update: Thank you to all of you who attended our 8th "Friends' Night Out" Fundraiser in March. We tasted many wonderful wines thanks to our sponsor, **Century Liquor**, and we enjoyed the hospitality of **Magnolia's Restaurant at Wildwood Country Club**. Special thanks go to Heather Iannone & Valerie Mertsoc for organizing another successful evening and silent auction; we are also appreciative of Friends who volunteered that night, and very thankful for our local business owners who faithfully sponsor our event. We hope you will support *them* in return! **A complete list of sponsors follows our newsletter. Proceeds from this event support our summer concerts series and the educational and community programs we hold all year long.**

Book Donations: Spring cleaning is underway! If you are interested in donating items to the Friends Book Sale we are always grateful, and can issue you a receipt for your taxes, but **we'd like to remind residents that we have limitations on what we can accept. We cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, VHS Tapes, or textbooks** because they do not sell and create a burden for volunteers and staff with respect to storage and disposal. **We also won't accept dirty or musty/moldy books** due to health hazards for the book sorters; but you **can** recycle any unreadable book in your recycle bins at home. And please bring in donations during our open hours. Thank you for your understanding!



The Friends' Summer Book Sale will be held **Monday, June 4th through Friday, June 8th during library business hours.** We'll have a well-organized selection of hardcover and paperback bestsellers, and loads of non-fiction books too! There will be a \$2.00 bag sale on Friday of that week.

Vera Bradley Raffle: *Back by popular demand,* Heather is organizing her annual raffle of Vera Bradley purse packages beginning **April 16th.** Check out our web site mid-April to see the terrific choices, and then come to the library to participate. Tickets will be sold in packs of 5 for \$5.00. Proceeds of this raffle benefit the Friends of the Rush Library and our Summer Reading Program for all ages.

Tax Forms: A limited number of federal and state forms are still available in the library **until April 17th.** If you require an uncommon form, or we have run out of the form you need, our clerks can download it from the federal or state government web sites. Printing costs 15¢ per page. Or you can visit the following links: <http://www.irs.gov> or <http://www.tax.state.ny.us/>.

Memorial Day Essay Contest: The American Legion Stevens-Connor Post is collaborating once again with the Rush Library on an Essay Contest open to Rush residents. The theme is "**What Memorial Day Means to Me**" and there will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes of Best Buy gift cards for two different age groups (6 prizes in all.) **The deadline for submission is May 1st.** All of the details are available at the Rush Library, and essays may be submitted there as well.



The Community Craft Project: We are continuing to collect handmade **mitten, hats and scarves** in conjunction with the Monroe County Fair Association. (Items may be knitted, crocheted, or sewn.) Completed projects may be dropped off at the library where they will be on display 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, and donated to needy Rochester City School District students in the fall. Last year's projects were truly wonderful; I hope you are inspired once again!



Fall Festival Contests: Friends of the Rush Library are sponsoring two contests at the Fall Festival on September 15th: **1. Biggest Sunflower (2 prizes - one based on flower weight, one based on diameter) 2. Best**

Flower Arrangement. Participants can get started by picking up free sunflower seeds in the library beginning mid-May, while supplies last. More contest details will be available in the library during the summer.



Web Site: Don't forget to bookmark our web site www.RushLibrary.org. It lists all of our upcoming programs, events, and new materials. It's easy to navigate and is updated frequently.

Looking forward to seeing you...
Kirsten

Upcoming Library Events for April and May

*Submitted by: Joan Celentano,
Children's and Adult Services*

April:

E.P.I.C. Baby Sitter Training: for children ages 11-16 will be held on **Tuesday, April 10th from 11:30am-3:30pm (during school break week.)** This course teaches the roles and responsibilities of the babysitter, including skills in accident prevention and handling emergencies. Students are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch, and refrigeration is available. Space is limited and registration is required. (E.P.I.C. charges \$42.00 for this program, and it is payable the day of the program.)

Just Yell "Fire": is a personal safety program presented by E.P.I.C. **Trainings** for young women ages 11-19, and will be held on **Thursday, April 12th from 12:30pm-2:30pm (during school break week.)** This seminar focuses on empowerment, safety awareness, safe dating, self defense & letting girls know they can keep themselves safe so that they can go to the mall, a party, or just walk home without risk.... Space is limited and registration is required. (E.P.I.C. is charging \$25.00 per student and it is payable the day of the program.)

Knit Chicks will continue to meet on the **second and last Saturdays** of the month for any type of needlework and conversation. We'll gather on **April 14th & 28th,** and also on **May 12th and 26th.** These will be our last Saturday meetings until fall! Join us for coffee, tea, and new ideas. We will continue to collect donations of **mitten, scarves and hats** until June 1st.



April is National Grilled Cheese Month! Calling all Foodies- come celebrate with us on **Monday, April 16th starting at 5:30** in the Rush Town Pavilion. Make yourself a **gourmet** grilled cheese sandwich. You will choose your own fillings and we will grill your creation! Dinner also includes chips, drinks, dessert and a pickle. Please register in advance for this fun event. **Tickets are \$5.00 per person** to cover the cost of food, payable that

night. (Note: if the Town Court needs to use the space that night to hold court during the building remodeling, our back-up date is Monday, April 30th, and we will call you.)

The "Coupon Queen"

will make a visit to the library on **Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00pm.** Meet Heidi Dodds; learn how she got her start in couponing, where to get coupons, and how to shop and maximize savings at each store. She will also teach you how to coupon on the internet, with smart phones, and more. Space is limited and registration is required for this informative and fun evening.



Hydrofracking and Subsurface Geology Issues will be presented on **Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00pm** in the Rush Town Pavilion. This information session will be given by Dr. Richard Young, Distinguished Service Professor of Geological Sciences at SUNY Geneseo. The pavilion accommodates only 100 people, so you **must call us to register in advance** for a seat.



Rush Readers' Book Club: In April we'll be reading *Mudbound* by Bellwether Prize-winner Hillary Jordan. It's described as "a gripping and exquisitely-rendered story of forbidden love, betrayal, and murder, set against the brutality of the Jim Crow South." Join us for dessert, coffee and great conversation on **Wednesday, April 25th or Thursday, May 3rd at 7:00pm.** Space is limited; please register in advance for a seat.

May:

Amazing Backyard Plants: Saturday, May 5th at 11:00am. Meet gardener Jack Kowiak and learn the remarkable stories of some everyday plants in your own backyard. Discover the weed that helped the Allies win WWII, the bush that is responsible for Americans speaking English rather than French, and a plant you may have right now that dinosaurs once enjoyed! See how plants impact both our history and lives today. Please call to register for a seat.

On a Cloud with Pavlova: Join us for a rescheduled **Chocolate Demonstration and Tasting** with local Pastry Chef, Valerie Mertsock on **Tuesday, May 8th 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.

Celebrate National Children's Book Week, May 7th - May 12th: Each child who checks out a Rush library book will receive a FREE book courtesy of Kohl's Department

Store. Children must be present in order to receive their book.

Bedtime Stories for children **ages 3 and up on Thursday, May 10th from 7-7:30pm.** Children are welcome to come in their PJs and bring their favorite cuddly friend. We will provide a bedtime snack. Space is limited and registration is required.



American Girl Club will resume on **Tuesdays, May 15th, 22nd & 29th from 3:45-4:30pm.** Meet Molly McIntire from 1944, growing up when the world was at war. Learn what Molly's life was like when her father was away caring for wounded soldiers, her family took in boarders, and she had to eat "terrible things." Children will also participate in a craft pertaining to this era. Space is limited and registration is required.

Discover Rochester & Rush: 200 Years of Historic Architecture (re-scheduled from February) is a program presented by **The Landmark Society of Western New York on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00pm.** Meet Cynthia Howk, Architectural Research Coordinator, who will present an illustrated program of historic buildings and sites in Rochester and the town of Rush. Space is limited and registration is required.

Crafter's Corner for Adults: Thursday, May 17th at 7:00pm. We will be making **Fascinators** (the fun and funky hats or hair adornments worn by royalty) or a **Stylish Pin** for your spring jacket. A sample of these fabulous crafts will be on display in the library. Space is limited and registration is required. Note: Either one of these items would be great to wear at our **Friends' High Tea Party!**

Friends' High Tea Party: Saturday, May 19th from 11am-1:30pm. The Friends of the Rush Library invite you to join them for their annual High Tea to be held at **The Rabbit Room Restaurant** in The Lower Mill Gallery in Honeoye Falls. Wear your fancy hat (or fascinator) and bring your favorite china tea cup if you wish; enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors for this charming afternoon social. High Tea includes sweet and savory delights and English tea. Tickets for this event are \$15.00 per person (on sale at the library.) *Note: There will be a special **Vera Bradley** raffle package that will only be available to High Tea participants, and raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the event.* Proceeds benefit our Summer Reading Program.



Travelogue: Take a trip to Sicily with Christy Simons on **Tuesday, May 22nd at 7:00pm.** See the sights and sounds of Palermo, visit quaint villages, experience the

historical beauty of the Greek ruins, and last but not least, see the infamous Mt. Etna volcano. Register in advance for a fun-filled evening of Italian culture and travel. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Rush Readers' Book Club will be held on **Thursdays, May 24th or May 31st from 7-9:00pm.** This month's selection will be *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. In this charming debut novel, Simonson tells the tale of Maj. Pettigrew, an honorable Englishman whose friendship with a widowed Pakistani shopkeeper takes an unexpected turn, which "wraps around the reader like a comforting cloak," making this a true page-turner. Join us for a cup of tea or coffee and dessert. Space is limited and registration is required.



Bicentennial of the War of 1812: This program will be held on **Tuesday, May 29th at 7:00pm.** Preston Pierce will present: **"Danger Close"** about the War of 1812 and its impact on WNY. Mr. Pierce discusses the causes of our "second war of independence" and the many ways it affected those who lived in this area. The War of 1812 gave us the symbol of Uncle Sam and our National Anthem,

and a peaceful boundary that now welcomes residents of our former enemy nation as tourists. Please register in advance for this program.

Looking Ahead to June:

GazeboFest! Our first outdoor concert of the series will be held on **Friday, June 15th at 6:30pm.** The band is yet-to-be-announced, so watch our web site and Town Newsletter for more details.



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Dog Control Officer
Submitted by: Mike Czora
Dog Control Officer
Phone: 533-1312 (During Business Hours)
Cell: 330-9100 (After Hours)

Well it that time of year again, the temperatures are warming up and it is at this time that our canine friends seem to escape outdoors, or their owners are not keeping them under control. If your dog does get loose, it is much safer and easier to find the owner if your dog's license is on their collar (which is the law).

§ 28-7. Issuance of dog license and identification. C. The identification tag shall be affixed to a collar on the dog at all times, provided that a dog participating in a dog show is exempt from such requirement, during such participation.

Help us help you, keep your dog safe.

As I answer calls for dog control throughout the town I have found that many of the dogs I come across are not licensed. It is a Rush Town law and a NYS law that all dogs be licensed and have their license on the collar. If your dog is found to be unlicensed, you are subject to a fine of up to \$75 dollars for the first offence. Licenses are \$9 Dollars for spayed/neutered, and \$18 dollars for unspayed/unneutered. A dog running at large is a danger to itself and the drivers on the road. Please license your dogs and keep them safe.

Code Enforcement Officer/

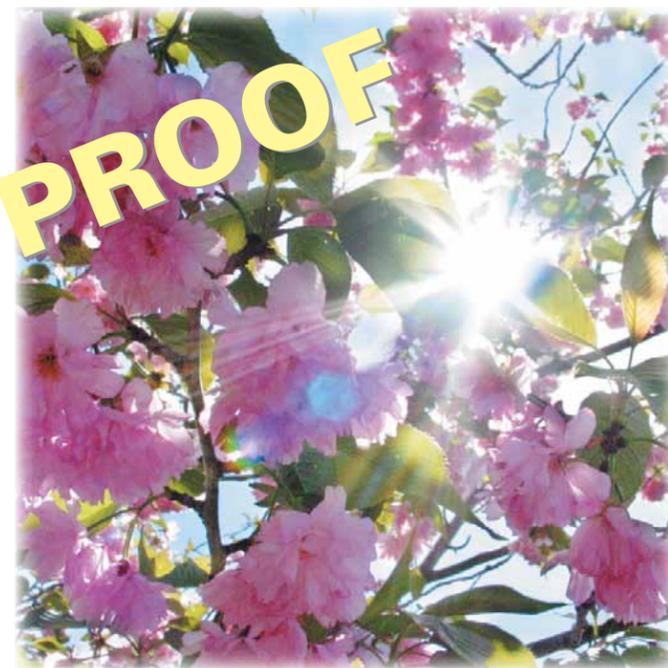
Building Department
Submitted by: Gerald Kusse
Mondays 9 AM – 3 PM
Thursdays 4 PM - 6PM
Cell: 278--8130
Phone: 533-9114, Fax: 533-1546
Gerry@townofrush.com



Recently a Rush resident suggested that I use this newsletter column to inform readers of recent code enforcement activity. After giving it some thought I agree it is the right thing to do. Beginning in this issue I will identify code enforcement actions that have occurred over the previous four months. No names, no addresses. Just the violation and the action taken.

Code	# of Violations	Violation	Action
120-62 F	6	unlicensed vehicle	notice sent
120-57G	5	boat, camper, etc. parked in front	notice sent
36-12	2	no building permit	warning issued permit purchased
36-13	1	no electrical insp.	warning issued inspection/ approved
120-12 (3)	1	outside storage	warning issued
120-62 A	1	noise	warning issued

This list does not show the numerous violations that are removed after a verbal notice has been issued. After being informed that they have a violation on their property, most residents remove it within a short period of time and no further action is taken. If you have other suggestions for improvement please contact me.



Historian's Office

Submitted by Marjorie A. Kirch
Mondays, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Phone: 533-1312
Margie@townofrush.com



NEW EXHIBIT AT THE TOWN HALL

As many of you know the Steven Connors Legion Post and property have been sold to Monroe County Parks. Fortunately, the Legion and the scout troop they sponsor have a dedicated room in the building where they will continue to meet.

On exhibit, outside the Supervisor's office is the list of all the Legion Commanders from the forties through 2013, along with many of their pictures and years served.

The building originally was Rush # 2 School and the Parks Department has decided to retain the school number on the front of the building.

The Legion members have served this community valiantly, in many ways, over the years and though they have gone through some changes, I am sure they will continue to be a significant presence in Rush.

★ STORY OF A FALLEN SOLDIER ★

A few weeks ago retired Marine Corps. Captain Richard Updaw of Rush, who served in Vietnam, came in to see me regarding some research he was doing. Research that he had begun many years ago about a young (19 years old) Marine Cpl. by the name of Bob Hodes, whose grave site he discovered at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Bob Hodes lost his life at the battle for Iwo Jima. Dick says from the moment he saw that grave he was focused on finding out everything he could about this young man. He researched old military records, sought out family members and even went to Iwo Jima on the one day a year the Japanese authorities allow American civilians to visit.

There are so many twists and turns to Dick's quest to learn about this young man, that his story could be made into a movie. The D & C will be featuring an article around Memorial Day to tell a part of the story. **Urge you all to watch for the article and read it. AND THEN – Dick has agreed to share the full story of his incredible journey to search for the young man he regards as a lost brother, at a presentation to be held sometime this summer. The Library and I will be working with Dick to arrange a convenient time, date, place, etc. and that information will be published hopefully in our next Newsletter. Tell your friends and neighbors as well, because this is a must see and hear event. Many of Cpl. Hodes relatives still live in Rush and I am sure they will be in attendance.**

P.S. Thankfully I was able to provide him with some information he did not have.

Best wishes for a wonderful spring – *Margie*

Introducing Our New Monroe County Legislator for the 5th Legislative District

My name is Karla Boyce and this past November, I was honored to be elected as Monroe County Legislator for the 5th Legislative District. This district encompasses the Towns of Mendon and Rush, as well as portions of Pittsford and Henrietta. I have lived in the Town of Mendon for almost 30 years and as a member of your community, I share many of the same concerns about the future of Monroe County. I am humbled to have the opportunity to serve and represent our district.

Although I am new to serving the 5th Legislative District, I am no stranger to the Monroe County Legislature. I previously represented the towns of Wheatland, Rush, Mendon, and a portion of Pittsford and Henrietta in the 12th Legislative District from 1993-2004. Since the end of my legislative term in 2004, I have continued to be active in the community and served on the Mendon Town Board for two years.

Much of my passion for service derives from my desire to assist the youth in our community. The experience I have gained from my previous positions as Program Coordinator for the Monroe County Children's Center and Executive Director of the Rochester/Monroe County Youth Bureau has given me firsthand experience of the issue facing today's youth. The firsthand knowledge and experience I gained from these positions will help me to better serve our community.

For those of you who are not familiar with composition of the Monroe County Legislature, there are nine standing committees that meet every month in addition to the full legislature. Each committee has the responsibility to exercise oversight of those departments, agencies, boards, and commissions within its jurisdiction. I serve as Chair of the Agenda/Charter Committee, which is responsible for revisions to the Monroe County Charter/Administrative Code. I also serve as Vice Chair of the Human Services Committee, which is responsible for social services and related programs and agencies including the Office of Aging, Health Department, Monroe Community Hospital, and Rochester/Monroe County Youth Bureau. These are just a few of the many programs available to you as a resident of Monroe County.

One of my duties as a Monroe County Legislator is to assist members of our community in accessing services provided by Monroe County. I will be holding office hour in various parts of the district throughout the year and I encourage you to come and ask questions. As your County Legislator I am here to listen to your questions and concerns and if I cannot supply an answer, I will put you in touch with someone who can.

I encourage you to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns. I am excited to have the opportunity to serve the 5th Legislative District as a Monroe County Legislator. Please feel free to contact my office by calling 753-1922 or emailing me at monroe5@monroecounty.gov.



Karla Boyce



Rush Senior Citizens

Submitted by:
Nancy Miller, Secretary

The Rush Seniors are off and traveling again! March 13 was St. Patrick's Celebration in Rome NY. The annual trip to Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn to indulge in pancakes and maple syrup is scheduled for March 27. On April 14 it's off to Niagara Falls, Canada for a magic show, lunch and Imax movie on "The Falls: Legends and Daredevils." May 10 we travel for an evening performance by Vicki Lawrence. June 18 will be a performance of "Kiss Me Kate" at the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse on Cayuga Lake followed by lunch and a visit to Thomas Kinkade Signature Gallery of Finger Lakes. July 3-5 we will celebrate the holiday with a Hudson River Cruise - visit to West Point, Vanderbilt Estate and dinner and NYC FIREWORKS viewing from riverboat. (Note - all trips have openings but there are only 7 spots left for NYC at this writing). All are welcome and may contact Mary Ann Brice (533-1185) for details and sign-up.

Our March meeting featured a special treat. After our usual luncheon of yummy home cooked foods, we were given a concert by two musical groups from Sperry High School - the Girls' Chorus and the Mixed Chorus - 95 talented young people all dressed in their concert outfits made the day special with song. They were great.

The Rush Senior's Cookbook is still for sale at the Rush Library - it would make an excellent Mother's or Father's Day gift!

All Rush Seniors (that's 55 years of age) are invited to join us - the second Thursday at noon at the Fire Hall - just bring a dish to pass. Watch the Penny Saver for special entertainment notices.

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