

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

I think that we can safely assume that spring has arrived. The beautiful weather has restored our lawns and returned foliage to our trees. Our attentions are now turned towards gardening and mowing.

Town Hall Fire Update: As of March 31st, 2012, our Town Hall was completely restored and carpeted with the exception of the records room. Because it was the origin of the fire, it became evidence in the insurance investigation. We could not rehabilitate the room without a release from the insurance companies. We received a release at the end of April, and completed the restoration effective May 19th, 2012. We now need to install air conditioning and humidification units in the room. Soon, we will retrieve our records from the freeze drying company and repopulate the records room. There is still much paperwork to be filed with the insurance company to settle the claim.

I would like to thank Ann and Bill Meister for their generous donation of two all weather picnic tables for The Rush Town Park. One is located next to the playground, and the other is beside Honeoye Creek, near the soccer field. Both picnic sites will have charcoal grills. Please think of Ann and Bill as you enjoy the improvements.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Valerie Mertsock as Secretary to the Supervisor. Valerie brings many skills to the job and she will be responsible for the town website. Please welcome Valerie to her new position.

Please enjoy your summer. I will see you at the carnival and various parades during the summer months.

Warmest Regards,



Richard E. Anderson

Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk
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DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE SERVICES?

Access to the Rush Town Code: Many of you call with questions about various permits, requirements for those permits, allowable set-backs to place sheds, trees, fences, housing animals on your property, etc. Those specific questions can now be answered by a click of a mouse on our town website at www.townofrush.com. General Code, who publishes our codes, has provided the Town of Rush, for a short time, with a free subscription. Access is available on the home page for your convenience. By using the searchable engine, it is easy to view information. If you have additional questions or need clarification, please give us a call and we will be happy to assist you.

DMV Renewals and Passport Applications:

Residents of Monroe County – HELP keep a portion of your driver's license renewal and passport application fees in Monroe County by placing your forms in envelopes addressed to Henrietta ALB Branch, Suburban Plaza, 2199 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, New York 14623. (Bright yellow envelopes already addressed are available in my office.) By sending your renewals and applications back to the above address, you will be putting 12.7% of your license fee and \$30 of your passport fee back in your own county! You may also go directly to the Monroe County Clerk's Office, 39 West Main Street, Rochester for both these services and get your registration back faster, while keeping your taxes in check! For more information, please visit the Monroe County website at www.monroecounty.com or give us a call.

Disposing of Your Recycling Items, Hazardous Waste, etc.

Monroe County has developed a partnership with Waste Management of New York providing a facility available to all residents. The recycling facility is called the ecopark and is located at 10 Avion Drive Rochester, New York, 14624, adjacent to the Rochester International Airport. The ecopark has regular collection hours from Wednesday to Saturday 7:30 AM until 1 PM and a special collection open at certain times during the month by appointment only. A great deal of information and answers to your questions can be accessed through their website at www.monroecounty.gov.

Free Fishing Days – June 23rd & 24th

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has scheduled an annual free fishing event on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, June 23rd & 24th. Anyone, whatever your age, may fish without a license anywhere in New York State. Fees for 2011-2012 have not increased and are as follows: Seniors (70+/Military disability) - \$5; Annual season \$29; 7-day Fishing – \$15; 1-day fishing - \$5. All other regulations are still in force. For further information, please access their website at www.dec.ny.gov.

Dog Licenses and Change in Other Associated Fees

All dogs owned, kept, harbored or cared for within the Town of Rush that are four months of age or older, unless otherwise exempted, are required by NYS law to be licensed by the Town of Rush. When licensing your dog, please provide a copy of your dog's rabies certificate and neutered or spayed documentation. The current fee for neutered/spayed dogs is \$9 and \$18 for all others. Each animal will be assigned a dog tag which will assist the Dog Control Officer in finding its owner if ever it becomes lost.

On May 9, 2012, the Rush Town Board approved the following fee changes during the course of 1 year: Seizure fee \$20, 1st offense; \$30, 2nd offense; and \$50, 3rd offense. The replacement of a lost dog tag is \$3. The boarding fees will remain the same, \$11 per day. Please help keep your dog safe and out of harm's way.

FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

There will be a Federal Primary Election, United States Senate and Congressional Offices, this year scheduled for Tuesday, June 26th. Polls will be open from 12 noon until 9 PM. Registered Rush residents can vote at the Rush Pavilion located in back of the Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush.

OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of Independence Day, Town Hall offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th.



A Monroe County Update from Legislator Karla Boyce

Recently, Legislators from the Majority caucus made a stand against the ever-present issue of bullying. I was proud to join County Executive Maggie Brooks at the "Call to Action to Prevent Bullying" summit on March 20, 2012 at the Monroe Community Hospital. Hundreds of people from all over Monroe County attended the event which called for county-wide action to prevent bullying.

Prior to the event, a new local law co-sponsored by County Executive Maggie Brooks, County Legislator Carmen Gumina and Vice-President Michael Barker was introduced to protect children under the age of 18 from cyber bullying attacks and to make those attacks punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 or one year in jail.

Many guests came out to speak at the County Executive's "Call to Action to Prevent Bullying". The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Sam McQuade, a Rochester Institute of Technology professor and expert on computer security and internet issues. Dr. McQuade helped define the many factors that contribute to environments where bullying persists and also outlined the ongoing commitment that is necessary to create and implement culture change. He claimed that 33% of kids in Monroe County, grades 10-12 have been a victim of cyber bullying.

As the first step in County Executive Maggie Brook's "7 Steps to Prevent Bullying," all attendees were encouraged to sign a pledge to prevent bullying by promoting nonviolence and notifying parents or other authorities when they witness bullying. I am proud to support the anti-bullying effort and look forward to this law being put into effect.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 753-1922 or monroe5@monroecounty.gov.

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.

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The summer of 2012 is almost upon us. This is the season when most construction/home improvement projects take place, and it is the time of year when property maintenance, or the lack of, is most noticeable. The following is hopefully helpful as we look at our planned projects and as we deal with the numerous property maintenance tasks that will keep us busy until next fall.

First, the "projects". What do fences, additions, sheds, garages, pools, re-roofing, decks, etc., have in common? All of those projects require a Building Permit to be issued by the Town of Rush. This list is in no way complete.

If you are thinking of a project and you are unsure about the permit requirement, please call. We will gladly help you with your plan and the permit application process to ensure complete success.

Now, the "property maintenance" part. Both New York State and the Town of Rush have property maintenance requirements written in the codes. These "codes" focus on many requirements from controlling lawn grass height and weed control to junk and debris placed on the property, unlicensed vehicles and boats/trailers and other items stored on the property. If you have any questions about what is allowable and what isn't, please call. We would much rather help with an alternative than react to a violation.

This is also a very good time to remind all property owners on the "Town Code" requirement for address numbers to be easily seen on every house. **Every month I am informed by our emergency responders of their frustration when they did not know exactly which house was the one they had been called to.** I have experienced this also. This has happened in **both** daylight and nighttime conditions. Many times the lack of displayed numbers has delayed abilities to respond quickly to an emergency request.

Be aware that the Rush Town Code, Chapter 40, Numbering of Buildings, lists these requirements;

- Numbers shall be displayed in Arabic font.
- Minimum height of the numbers shall be 4 inches.
- Numbers must be secured to the "front wall, front porch, or a post in the front yard".
- Numbers can also be displayed near the main entrance or travel way (sidewalk or driveway) leading to the entry door.
- The numbers must be secured at least 4 feet high and no more than 10 feet high.
- The color of the numbers must contrast with the surface color the numbers are secured to so they are easily seen from the street during daylight.

The "Code" also gives the building inspector the authority to remove numbers that do not comply with the "Code" and to install numbers that meet the above specifications. **Doing this would result in a \$15.00 fee, charged to the property owner.**

We should all make sure our house numbers are available for the emergency responders to easily see, should we ever need them.



Dog Control Officer

Submitted by: Mike Czora,
Dog Control Officer

Phone: 533-1312 (During Business Hours)

Phone - After Hours: 330-9100

Finally the warm weather is here and the animals are out playing. Some of them will naturally get loose, and as I have asked before, for their safety and others please place their license tags on their collars and have them wear them at all times. Nobody wants their dog to be wandering without identification.

The Monroe County Department of Public Health offers free rabies vaccination clinics throughout Monroe County. Clinics are available during the month of June in Penfield, Clarkson, Irondequoit and Perinton. By accessing their website at www.monroecounty.gov you will find the full schedule.

While performing my DCO duties, I have been finding that many of the dogs living in our town are not licensed. A yearly fee of \$9 or \$18 are nominal charges compared to having your dog seized and boarded until it has been licensed and vaccinated for rabies.

I want to remind everyone that it is both a New York State law and Town law that your dog be licensed. Below is an excerpt of the current law. You may find the entire Town law by accessing the town website at www.townofrush.com and clicking Town Code.

§ 28-15 Enforcement, seizure and impoundment.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 117 of the New York Agriculture and Markets Law:

The Rush Town Code says:

It shall be the duty of the Dog Control Officer or Deputy Dog Control Officer to enforce the provisions of this Chapter and to seize all dogs found in violation of this Chapter or which are ordered seized by a Town Justice.

NYS Article 7 section 117:

§ 117. Seizure of dogs; redemption periods; impoundment fees; adoption. 1. Any dog control

officer or peace officer, acting pursuant to his special duties, or police officer in the employ of or under contract to a municipality shall seize:

(a) any dog which is not identified and which is not on the owner's premises;

(b) any dog which is not licensed, whether on or off the owner's premises;

The law is very clear. Please keep your pet safe and out of harm's way. Do the responsible thing and license your dog. Thank you.

Michael J. Czora, DCO

Historian's Office

Submitted by Marjorie A. Kirch

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

Phone: 533-1312

Margie@townofrush.com

In coordination with the Town Library, there are two exciting events scheduled to be held in the Pavilion in June. They are listed below, please check them out, share the content with a friend or neighbor and mark your calendars.

In the last newsletter I shared with you the "Story of a Fallen Soldier", as told to me by retired Marine Corps. Captain Dick Updaw of Rush. Dick had discovered a grave stone at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery many years ago, of a 19 Year Marine Cpl. Bob Hodes, who was killed in World War II, in 1945. Dick says from the moment he saw that grave, and found that very little was known about this young man, it became Dick's "obsession" to discover as much about him as possible in order to ensure he was not forgotten. His quest included a trip to Iwo Jima on the one day a year the Japanese authorities allow American civilians to visit.

Dick has agreed to share the incredible journey he has taken over many years, learning all he could about Cpl. Hodes, whom he regards as a lost brother. It is a fascinating story and I hope you will join us.

What: Story of a Fallen Soldier

Date: June 13, 2012

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Town Hall Pavilion

Please register at the Library or you may call the Library at 533-1370 to register

At the conclusion there will be a question and answer period.

Since taking office two years ago, I have been asked various times "will you ever be presenting a program on the history of Industry"? In May I had the pleasure of meeting with Velma Harris, the Assistant Director of Industry. I left that meeting thinking how fortunate this community is to have such a dedicated, innovative, creative and responsible person working to enhance the lives of the boys housed there.

As a result of that meeting, in coordination with the Rush Library and my office we are sponsoring the following program:

What: The History of the School at Industry
Who: Velma Harris, Assistant Director and others involved now or in the past

Why: To educate those of us in the community about the facility such as: Why in Rush – What was it like in the early years – What is it like now – What are the range of ages of the boys – What stories can you share with us - What is your vision for industry over the next few years

When: May 20, 2012 at 7:00pm
Where: Rush Town Pavilion

Please register at the Library or you may call the Library at 533-1370 to register.

At the conclusion there will be a question and answer period.

A reminder: When dropping of items or documents for me at the office please, leave your name and contact number. *Thanks – Margie*

Highway Department

Submitted by: Mark David
Highway Superintendent
Phone: 533-1770

Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM
www.townofrush.com

The Town of Rush Highway Department contracts with Monroe County to perform road construction

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and general maintenance on county roads. These work agreements bring revenue back to the town, helping to offset the town's budget. The county roads in town that will be worked on this year include:

Honeoye Falls #6 Road: Getting Nova Chip paving between Rt.15 to just east of Works Road intersection. **Phelps Road:** Surface treating with 3/8" modified stone.

You may have noticed the survey markings along Pinnacle Road. The county is finishing the engineering phase of a Capital Improvement Project that will include paved shoulders and a new pavement overlay. The project is to be completed in two parts over a two year period. Phase #1 in 2013 will be between Rt 251 and the Rush town line. Phase #2 in 2014 from the Henrietta town line to the NYS Thruway.

Town road projects this summer will include:

Boulder Creek Drive: Milling and paving along with some additional drainage work. This will be done in part with C.H.I.P.S (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program)

funding. **Pleasant and Hanlon Drive:** Will receive a double surface treatment. **Honeoye Falls 5 Points:** (Middle section) A single surface treating.

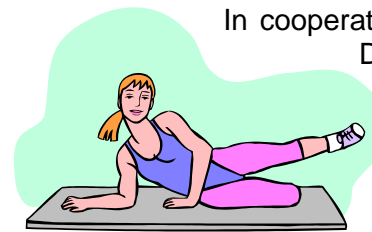
Wardell Road and Honeoye Falls 5 Points Road: (East section) Asphalt prep and shoulder adjustments, as well as ditching and tree work, for next year's surface treating.

Other town roads will also be receiving prep work and/or spot repairs, as well as drainage and tree trimming.

Recreation Department

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor
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Thursdays 8:30 AM-3:30 PM
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Pat@townofrush.com

AEROBICS WITH VICKIE



In cooperation with the Recreation Department, Vickie Menz will be instructing a 7 week Summer Aerobics classes for the Recreation Dept. The classes will be offered on Tuesdays (July 10th-August 21st) from 6:15PM-7:15PM. You can download an application from the town website or

come into the Rush town hall and sign up. The cost will be \$24.00 per person for a Rush resident and \$26.00 for non-Rush residents.

A reminder: All payments are collected during sign up to ensure your spot, and the class' success.

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 by going to the town website at www.townofrush.com 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 Coach Aria Goodberlet, RH Varsity Soccer Coach

- Dates: Monday August 13th-August 16th
- Time: 9:00-11:30 AM
- 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.

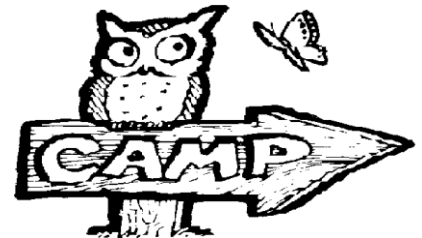
Cost: \$60.00 Rush Resident, \$65.00 Non-Rush resident

Both camps will take place at the new Rush soccer fields behind the Rush Town Hall. You can register for the soccer camps at the Rush Town Clerk's office.

For questions please call the Rush Recreation Supervisor at 533-2340. Applications are available on line at www.townofrush.com.

Town of Rush July Summer Camp Rush Children 7-10 yrs. old only

The Town of Rush Summer Camp is going to take place at The Rush Park Pavilion, 5977 East Henrietta



Rd, 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 Clerk's office. There are 24 openings available. This camp is free to Rush children only.

Town of Rush August Summer Camp Rush and Non-Rush Residents

There will also be an August camp offered for children 7-10 years old for Rush and non-Rush residents. This camp will run for 3 weeks on Wednesdays and Fridays August 1st-August 17th from 8:30 AM-2:30 PM The Rush Park Pavilion, 5977 East Henrietta Rd. There will be a cost associated with this camp. The cost will be \$120.00 for Rush children and \$125.00 for non-Rush children. The kids will do crafts, play games and go swimming at the high school pool on Fridays. On Fridays the pickup will be at the Sperry High school pool area. You can find the application for this program at www.townofrush.com or at the Rush Town clerk's office.

Town of Rush Trip Camps July and August Children 11-14 yrs old.

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.

Town of Rush July and August trips (Thursdays) 11-14 yrs. old

All trips begin at The Rush Park Pavilion, 5977 East Henrietta Rd. 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.** We will leave at 10:30 AM and return at 4:30 PM.

7/19/12 **Lollipop Farm.** We will leave at 10:30 AM and return at 2:30 PM.

7/26/12 **Darien Lake.** We will leave at 10:00 AM and return at 5:00 PM.

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

August

8/2/12 **Movie** (The campers choice must be age appropriate). We will leave at 1:30 PM and return at 4:00 PM.

8/09/12 **Roseland Park.** We will leave at 10:30 AM and return at 3:30 PM.

8/16/12 **Seabreeze.** We will leave at 10:00 AM and return at 4:30 PM.

Cost for August camp: \$60.00 Rush residents \$65.00 for non-Rush residents

You can sign up for these trips at www.townofrush.com under Recreation or at the Town Clerk's office.

LEAVE THE DATE OPEN FOR THE RUSH FALL FESTIVAL September 15h, 2012

The Rush Fall festival will be Saturday, September 15th at the Rush Firemen's grounds 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. We will be planning to have some of the old favorites such as the pies eating contest, and the bake off contest, but we also plan to have more activities such as a petting zoo and bouncy house. There will also be more kids games to play. The Rush library is also participating this year by having some fun filled activities going on as well. To see what the library is planning please look under the library section of the newsletter. If you would like to be a food or craft vendor you can now access the application and vendor letter at www.townofrush.com under Recreation.

Rush After School Program 2012-2013

The Rush after school program is open for public registration. The program operates after school hours daily until 5:30 PM at the Monica Leary Elementary school. The children do a range of activities, have daily snacks, homework time, and have outings on a regular basis. We do now take children in 6th grade. The 2012-2013 Rush after school application can be found at www.townofrush.com under Recreation. Upon registration you need to sign up at the Rush Town Clerk's office. There is an after school handbook which indicates when the quarterly payments are due and when there is no school.



Town of Rush Pavilion

The Town of Rush Park Pavilion is available for Rentals. There have been reservations made well into next year, so if there is a date you are looking to rent the pavilion please call ASAP for availability. Please call 533-2340 for more information. Permits to use the pavilion or park can be located 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

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

Dear Neighbors,

Summer Reading: We are busy preparing for our annual **N.Y.S. Summer Reading Program**. **This year's theme is “Dream Big: Read!”** and it runs from **Monday, July 2nd through Friday August 3rd**. Studies show that students who challenge themselves to read over vacations maintain their grade-level reading performance. We love to see our returning readers and encourage them to read 20 books (of varying genres) in one month... a great accomplishment, with prizes along the way to keep them motivated. We recommend that parents allow children to pick out their own books during summer break, so that reading becomes a pleasure instead of a chore; plus we strive to make it easy on families by allowing kids to check out as many books as they want at a time, in order to do the program at their own pace and around their family's schedule. Teens & adults will have their own reading contests too, thanks to the generosity of our Friends Group and local business sponsors. Programs associated with summer reading are listed



further down in this newsletter; please be sure to register in advance for any programs that you are interested in, as many fill up quickly.

Summer Hours & Closed Dates: The library will be **closed on Saturdays** for the summer beginning June 2nd; we will resume our Saturday hours after Labor Day, beginning **Saturday, Sept. 8th**. The library will be closed for Independence Day on **Wednesday, July 4th**, and **will be closing early at 5:00 PM on Friday, July 20th** in honor of the Firemen's Parade.

V.I.P. Museum Passes: By checking out a pass you are entitled to discounted admission at these museums: Genesee Country Village, Memorial Art Gallery, George Eastman House, Rochester Museum & Science Center, and ARTISANworks. These are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and are an affordable way to take in local cultural events, especially if you are hosting vacationing guests this summer.

Friends' Summer Book Sale: will take place during the week of **June 4-8** while the library is open. We have a selection of bestsellers, romance novels, non-fiction books, collector's books, and more, with prices starting at only 25¢. On Friday of that week, we'll have a \$2.00 bag sale all day (Wegmans/Tops plastic bags only.) **The proceeds from the sale are used to supplement our book budget every year.** Volunteers are needed to help set up and tear down the book sale on two Saturdays for about an hour (June 2nd & 9th at 9:00 AM), so if you are available to help, please give the library a call. Special thanks to our ongoing volunteer book sorters: Cathy M., Pam, Cathy F., Karin, and Mary who work year-round to offer you a well-organized Book Nook and book sale.

Adopt-an-Author: Another nice way to support your local library is to “adopt” your favorite author. Register your selection with me, and when “your” author publishes their next book you'll be the first to read it with your \$15 donation. (You will bypass any other patron holds!) This donation is tax-deductible, and we'll create a book plate in your honor. It is also a great gift idea for the person who has everything.

Display Case: Do you have a collection you'd like to share with our patrons? Our locking glass display case is available to house your collectibles for a

time. We are also looking for original artwork to display; just call and make an appointment.

Web Site: Remember to bookmark our web site www.RushLibrary.org. We update it regularly with upcoming events and we have links to your library account, the library catalogue, e-book information & tutorials, and many resources for "what to read next."

Looking forward to seeing you...

Kirsten

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

****Please note: if you have registered for a program but find out later that you cannot attend, please offer the courtesy of a phone call to the library to cancel your reserved seat. There are times when other patrons are waiting for a space to open up in a full program. Thank you for your consideration.**

June

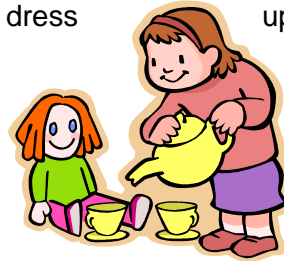
Vera Bradley Raffle: You still have time to purchase raffle tickets to try to win one of our six beautiful Vera Bradley purse packages. The Friends Group has organized this fundraiser; it provides **support for our summer reading programs**. \$5 buys you five chances to win and helps us reach our fundraising goal!

Friends of the Rush Library will *not* have a meeting this summer, but we still need dynamic volunteers from time-to-time. Budget cuts make fundraising more necessary than ever. There are no dues to pay, only a few meetings each year, and you'll feel rewarded for assisting the Rush Library. **We need you.** If you have ideas for the Friends, would like to help out, or be placed on the email list, contact Chairperson Heather Iannone at 359-9914.

Lego Club™: This program for boys ages 6-10 will resume on **Tuesdays, June 12th, 19th, and 26th from 3:45-4:30 PM**. All Lego supplies will be provided, and children only need to bring their imaginations. This is a popular program and fills up quickly. Please register in advance for a spot.

Story of a Fallen Soldier: will be presented on **Wednesday, June 13th at 7:00 PM** in the town pavilion. Retired Marine Corps Captain Dick Updaw of Rush discovered the grave of 19 year-old-Marine Cpl. Bob Hodes, who was killed in World War II, in 1945. Dick says that from the moment he found out about this young man, it became his obsession to ensure that this soldier was not forgotten. His quest included a trip to Iwo Jima on the one day per year that civilians are allowed to visit. Please join us for Captain Updaw's fascinating story. Space is limited and registration is required.

Mommy and Me Tea Party: **Thursday, June 14th from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM**. Children ages 3 -6, accompanied by a parent or guardian, are invited to dress up and come enjoy tea,



lemonade and finger foods. We will listen to a tea party-themed story and play a game or two. Space is limited and registration is required.

Gazebo Fest: The first of our Summer Concert Series begins on **Friday, June 15th at 6:30 PM**. Come see the **Blacktop Daddies**; they play a mix of Classic Rock, Blues and Swing. We encourage you to bring your own chairs, blankets, drinks, and snacks. Note: alcohol is not permitted on town property. **Concerts are sponsored by the Friends of the Rush Library.**

Sundaes on Tuesday: Children ages 3-10 are invited to a **Make-Your-Own-Sundae Party** on **Tuesday, June 19th from 6:30-7:30 PM**. This event will be held outside under our gazebo (weather permitting.) Participants **MUST** be registered in advance to ensure that we have enough ice cream and toppings.

The History of the School at Industry: will be presented by Velma Harris, Assistant Director of the School at Industry on **Wednesday, June 20th at 7:00 PM** in the town pavilion. This program will educate the community about the facility, how it came to be in Rush and what it's like today. Pictures and memorabilia from the school will be on display. If you know anyone who has any memories to share, we would love to hear from them. A question & answer period will conclude the program. Please register in advance for a seat.

Rush Readers' Book Club: This month's selection will be *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson; we'll meet on **Thursday, June 28th and Thursday, July 5th from 7-9:00 PM.** Combining meticulous research with nail-biting storytelling, Larson brings Chicago circa 1893 to vivid life. This spellbinding non-fiction bestseller intertwines the true tale of two men--a brilliant World Fair architect and a serial killer. Aren't you intrigued? Coffee, tea and dessert will be served up along with stimulating conversation. Space is limited and registration is required.

Note: There will be no book club in the month of July.

Library Knit Chicks are taking the summer off since the library is closed on Saturdays until after Labor Day. We'll see you back on **September 8th** when you can show off all the projects you'll complete this summer!

July

Summer Reading Programs for Kids, Teens, and Adults: Children entering K-5th grade can pick up their reading logs beginning **Monday July 2nd**, they will earn a prize for every 5 books they read, culminating with grand prize drawings when the program ends on **Friday August 3rd**. Teens & adults will enter drawings for prizes with each book they finish. **All prizes are supplied by local businesses and the Friends of the Rush Library, and we are grateful for their support!** Call or visit the library for more information.

Summer Reading Kick-Off: Friday, July 6th at **7:00 PM.** **Dream Big: READ with the *Knights of Wonder*,** an original interactive story by Mary Ann Jakubowicz and Lois Sprague of **Twisting Stories.** Children will be able to actively participate in a story involving knights, princesses, dragons, and balloon costumes, made right before their eyes. Shall the dragon live or not? The audience will decide! All families are invited to this fun event, but please register in advance.

Seneca Park ZooMobile: will be here on **Tuesday, July 10th at 2:00 PM.** "**Night and Day**" is the theme of this program and it showcases the unique animals that are awake at nighttime versus daytime; it is suitable for children of all ages. Some of the animals that may be featured are: a barred owl, a chinchilla, a bearded dragon, a red footed tortoise or another surprise animal. (Zoo staffers select different animals each day.) This fun and

educational event will be held in the town pavilion. Please register in advance for a seat.

Crafter's Corner for Adults: **Tuesday, July 10th at 7:00 PM.**

Own the Night is the Summer Reading theme for adults. In keeping with this theme, we will be using mason jars and jam jars to create several types of candle holders. Rescue some from your recycling bin and bring them along if you wish. There will be a \$3 materials fee per person, payable that night. Samples of these crafts will be in the library in June. Space is limited and registration is required.



Own The Night is also the theme for the **Teen Summer Reading** this year. We are offering two craft projects for teens & tweens entering **grade 6 and up:**



1. String Lamp: Wednesday, July 11th from 6:30-7:30 PM; create this fun lamp to hang in your room. All materials and flameless tea lights will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required.

2. Glow in the Dark Fingernails:

Wednesday, July 25th from 6:30-7:30 PM. "Get a grip on reading" with nail art using glow-in-the-dark nail polish, plus old book pages and clear nail polish. All materials will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required.



Gazebo Fest: We welcome back one of Rochester's favorite bands: **Paulsen, Baker and Garvey** on Friday, **July 13th at 6:30 PM.** They'll be playing originals and covers of Folk/ Rock classics. We encourage you to bring your own chairs, blankets, drinks, and snacks. Note: alcohol is not permitted on town property. **Concerts are sponsored by the Friends of the Rush Library.**

Papi r Mache' Craft for children **ages 5-10** will be held on **Tuesday, July 17th at 2:00 PM.** Meet local children's author and artist Shella Shubuck, who will school young children in making their very own little **Ruby the Mouse** to take home. A sample of charming Ruby will be on display in July. Space is very limited and registration is required.

Night Owls Story Time for children **ages 5-7** will be held on **Tuesday, July 17th at 7:00 PM.** Come and listen to some **new** bedtime stories and have a

snack! Bring your favorite snuggly friend. Space is limited and registration is required.

Catch a Dream: Children **ages 8-12** are invited to come and make a Native American Dream Catcher on **Tuesday, July 24th at 2:00 PM.**

This class will be taught by Carole West from The History Center in Ithaca. According to tradition, a dream catcher captures the bad dreams in its web and lets the good dreams pass through. Added objects like beads and feathers have special meanings, and participants may also bring their own special charms or beads to use. Space is limited and registration is required.



Monroe County Department of Environmental Services presents the following programs, held in the town pavilion and geared to school-age kids. Each program is an hour long, starts with a short lecture, then a demonstration, and ends with a craft. Advance registration is required for each session.

Lesson 1: The Environment, Thursday, July 12th at 2:00 PM. What is the environment and why do we need to care for it?

Lesson 2: Solid Waste (Garbage) and Recycling, Thursday, July 26th at 2:00 PM. Every person makes 5 pounds of trash every day. Find out how to make less garbage and take care of the earth.

Lesson 3: Water Quality and Conservation, Thursday, August 2nd at 10:00 AM. Become a drop of water in the Water Cycle game. Learn about things we do every day that affect the water quality right here where you live!

Gazebo Fest continues on **Friday, July 27th at 6:30 PM** with **Buffalo's Big**



German Band playing a fast-paced selection of festive party music- waltzes, rheinlanders, polkas, and traditional favorites from a huge catalog. We encourage you to bring

your own chairs, blankets, drinks, and snacks. Note: alcohol is not permitted on town property. **Concerts are sponsored by the Friends of the Rush Library.**

A Drawing as Tall as Me! An art class for **children ages 3-7** will be held on **Tuesday, July 31st at 2:00 PM.** How tall are you? We'll trace your body onto a large piece of paper, and then you can color yourself as a memorable life-size poster. Space is limited and registration is required.

Summer Reading Finale: Celebrate Reading with **The Jim McCarthy Family Concert** on **Friday, August 3rd at 7:00 PM.** It's for families who have participated in our Summer Reading Program. This dynamic show features audience participation & celebrates children's books with lively songs written especially for "Dream Big: READ." This show will be held in the town pavilion. Please register in advance for your seats.

Gazebo Fest Finale will be held on **Friday, August 10th at 6:30 PM.** Groove to the sounds of **The Bob Squad** playing "Rock-n-Roll You Know." We encourage you to bring your own chairs, blankets, drinks, and snacks. Note: alcohol is not permitted on town property. **Concerts are sponsored by the Friends of the Rush Library.**

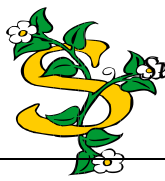
Looking Ahead to August:

Fall Festival Preview: The Friends of the Rush Library will be sponsoring several activities in this year's festival. They will be having a **Local Food Festival** in the town pavilion, a **Garage Sale fundraiser** in the town parking lot, and sponsoring 2 contests: a **sunflower-growing contest**, and a **flower-arranging contest.** All details will be available this summer in the library; free sunflower seeds will be available beginning June 1st if you need them.



Altered Book Art Show: our 3rd show will be coming this fall. Start dreaming of your next work of art!

We welcome your feedback and suggestions for programs!



Rush Senior Citizens

Submitted by: Nancy Miller, Secretary

The Rush Seniors meet the second Thursday of each month. The food, entertainment, and fellowship are super. All Rush residents who are 55 and over are invited to join in the fun.

In April, we were educated about the History of Jazz via the music of the Karl Stabnau Trio from the Eastman School of Music. On May 10th, our trusty school bus traveled to the Geneva Opera House to be treated to the hilarious comedy of Vicki Lawrence. She appeared as herself and as Mama from the Carol Burnett Show. She was absolutely great.

Our next journey is to Auburn's Merry-Go-Round Playhouse on June 18th to see Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate". There are still seats available so call Mary Anne Brice (533-1185) to reserve your spot!

We are all looking forward to the July 3rd-5th trip to West Point and New York City, and viewing the fireworks from the boat!

The fun continues on July 24th for the annual Mystery Tour. We know we get lunch but the destination is secret. Also planned are trips to Buffalo, Niagara on the Lake, and Seneca Niagara Casino.

There are lots of open spots so call Mary Anne for information and reservations.

Plan to join the trip of the year to Horizon Inn in Vermont September 4th-7th, a fantastic trip as reported by our members.

June 14th is a members only luncheon provided by the Rush Lions Club, followed by a presentation on "Using your e-Reader at the Library to get free downloads" by Webster librarian Greg Benoit. All welcome to attend this presentation.

July and August meetings feature picnics at the Firemen's Field Pavilion, always a super picnic.

We hope you all viewed the Rush Seniors participation at the Memorial Day Parade honoring our country's veterans.

Rush Fire District Fire Department & Rush Ambulance

Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner
Phone: 533-2058, www.rushfd.org

FIRE DISTRICT:

YOUR TAX RATE: It's time for us to start preparing a 2013 budget. Our goal is to LOWER the rate you pay this coming year, if we can. At this time, you pay \$1.10 per thousand. As our costs continue to go up, we try to save money any place we can. We have two major reserve funds; one for building and grounds, and the other for apparatus and major equipment such as the radio system replacement and new vehicles. Specs for a new quick response pumper are being put together now, which will cost over \$400,000 (We have sufficient money in the equipment reserve replacement fund for this purchase). We are planning on major front driveway apron repair and expansion at Station One in 2013.

The Fire Chief Jim Bucci and Firefighter Mike Terzo Jr. took on a major project that divides the town into 20 box locations. We will have a neighboring fire department apparatus, and firefighters respond at the same time we are dispatched by 911. This will be for Type A Fire situations. These are mainly structure fires or fire in a structure. We are very fortunate to have very few of these type fires, but when they happen we want a quick response with enough people to make a rescue and save property without having to wait to get one of our officers or members on the scene and then call for mutual aid. This will be on line and ready to go by August 1st, 2012 with the 911 center. We have had this type of agreements for many years with the departments on our south and south east border for tanker response in areas that we have no hydrants. Almost all the volunteer FDs are in the same situation of very little help in the first few minutes of the fire and this includes most of our neighbors. We are providing the same service for them when needed.

The Fire District would like to thank the Town of Rush for allowing us to use the BOCES property and buildings for training. Several of our members modified a building so we can do some mandated training in town and not have to go to Brighton or the County training center to do it.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE:

Congratulations to Beth Faugh, Joe Schutt and Jeremy Hunter who just successfully completed their NYS Fire Fighter One training at the County Fire training center.

John Scott and Roy Czernikowski have completed their NYS EMT class, Jeremy Hunter completed has received his NYS CFR (Certified First Responder).

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE: All resident should have received a fund drive request for Ambulance and Fire Department operations. A special "thank you" goes out to all of the residents that contributed to our annual fund drive. We realize that the economy is having an adverse effect on many. Your firefighters appreciate the Rush community financial support that is unmatched per mailing anywhere in western New York! No fund drive money is used for any social events.

Fund drive money goes for training, fire prevention activities, scouting programs, new equipment and vehicles such as a new ambulance and brush/utility vehicle. The new ambulance we just bought cost us \$130,000. Fund Drive money and memorial fund donations were used for this purchase. We are looking into a new ATV and a utility/brush fire truck.



CARNIVAL 2012

Save these dates – July 19th, 20th and 21st. Thursday night will bring reduced prices on clams and beer, and legal gambling every night. The Parade will be Friday night 7 PM sharp! Back by popular demand, the band on Saturday night July 20th will be Reporter.

FREE ADMISSION - NO COVER: There will be one price ride specials Thursday night 6-10 PM & Saturday 1-5 PM and the **Ladies Auxiliary Kiddie Parade** will be on Saturday at noon.

The Chicken BBQ is on Saturday, with fireworks at 10 PM on Saturday night. The 50/50 Raffle drawing will be at 11 PM Saturday night. Check the web site under Carnival for more information and parade a week before for the line-up.

Local businesses have been given the opportunity to advertise their goods and services with a banner in the beer tent. The Advertising Program has a onetime \$85.00 (banner fee) which can be used every year. The other piece of the program is the business gets \$100 worth of 50/50 raffle tickets every year they participate in the program. Contact Jim Bucci @ 507-1025 if you were not contacted or would like to participate.

CANIVAL RAFFLE: Due to popular demand, 50/50 raffle tickets are available now. **THREE** prizes of \$1,500 each are possible if we sell out of the tickets like last year. (Last year's three prizes were \$775 each) As of 5/21/12 we have sold \$1,500 worth of tickets already.

Two Rush businesses are sponsoring this year's 50/50 raffle by paying for the ticket printing cost as a donation to the FD. A BIG **"THANK YOU"** to **COLBY'S BBQ & ICE CREAM** and **MONTESANO'S PIZZA.**

We have 2,000 books of 8 tickets per book to sell, at \$5.00 per book or 4 tickets for \$3.00 or \$1.00 each. Each Ticket has a coupon for a free ice cream cone when you buy one at Colby's or a free medium cheese pizza when you buy a large cheese pizza at Montesano's Pizza. Each book of tickets has **ONE** \$1.00 off the ride special either day also. These coupons are being accepted now at both businesses.

PARADES: The Fire Department, Ladies Auxiliary, Explorers, Band and Apparatus will be attending area parades. For a complete list go to www.RushFD.org and click on Parades. The ladies auxiliary have new uniforms and can't wait to show them off.

RUSH SENIORS' PICNIC: The Rush firefighters will provide the hots, hamburgs and rolls for the July & August picnics held in the FD pavilion for Rush senior citizens.

RUSH FIRE DISTRICT & RUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT WEB SITE: www.Rushfd.org Go there for news, photos, history, recruitment info, membership lists, officers, apparatus, classic photos, links to other related sites.

LADIES AUXILIARY

On Sunday, April 29th the Ladies Auxiliary hosted our annual Past Officers Banquet at the Scotch & Sirloin. We would like to thank all who attended and all of the hard work and dedication each of our members provide every year.

This year at the banquet the Ladies Auxiliary celebrated:

Life member, Ronnie Wheeler

Charter member, Carrie Dell

Past member, Sophie Galbally

Officers for 2012 welcomed in for their new term:

President, Donna Eggleston

Vice President, Carol Ann Stahl

Secretary, Michelle Hicks

Treasurer, Kathryn Reissig

Executive Officer, Bonnie Tobey

Hey Kids!

This year's **Kids' Parade** is right around the corner! This year's theme is: **Pirates & Princesses**. The 2012 Kids' Parade will be held on **Thursday July 19th at 7:00 PM**. Contestants are asked to arrive at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall parking lot for sign up. Prizes are awarded for costumes, so children 0-10 years old, be sure to dress up! A King and Queen will be selected to appear in the Fireman's' Parade the following evening. The Ladies Auxiliary is always looking for new members and we invite anyone interested in our organization to come to a meeting and see what we are all about. Ladies 18 years or older who are residents of Rush should contact: Joan Madigan at **(585) 229-4168** or email jnmadigan@aol.com to set up an appointment.

More information about our organization can be found at: [rushladiesauxiliary@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/rushladiesauxiliary) or www.rushfd.org/ladiesaux.htm.

Young Leaders Receiving Recognition in the Community



Eagle Scout Achievement

Ray Sluberski, a senior at Rush–Henrietta High School recently completed his Boy Scout Eagle Scout project by doing a multi phase project for the Rush Pine Hill Cemetery. He led an intensive cleanup task of clearing brush, tree limbs, growth and vegetation that resulted in claiming cemetery ground. In addition he also initiated a project to capture the inscriptions from cemetery monuments that were no longer legible. He experimented with a variety of methods to achieve the best results for the grave-rubbing portion of his project. His work has helped restore some of the information but will enable it to be preserved for future generations of historians and genealogy researchers. Ray will be joining the Marine Corps this fall.

The original area of the Rush Pine Hill cemetery began as the Jeffords Family burial ground dating back to the early 1800's.

Rush Town Hall General Information

Main #533-1312

Fax #533-9346

Officials	Telephone	Office Hours
Assessor	Dan Stanford 533-2330	Monday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. (or by appointment)
Assessor's Clerk	Colleen Statskey 533-2330	Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Bldg. Inspector/ Code Enforcement	Gerald Kusse 533-9114	Mon. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Thurs. 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Field Hours: 24/7 Pager: 463-7099; Cell: 278-8130
Dog Control	Mike Czora 533-1312	After hours: 330-9100
Finance Director	Don Reynolds 533-9142	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fire Marshal	Rick Tracy 533-1312	
Highway Superintendent	Mark David 533-1770	Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. November – March Dispatch 24/7
Historian	Margie Kirch 533-1312	Monday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Library Director	Kirsten Flass 533-1370	Mon., Wed., Fri. 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Tues., Thurs., 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Sept-May
Recreation Supervisor	Patricia Stephens 533-2340	Mon., Wed., Thurs., 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Supervisor	Richard Anderson 533-9058	
Supervisor's Secretary	Valerie Mertsoc 533-1312	
Town Clerk	Pamela Bucci 533-1312	Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Deputy Town Clerk	Meribeth Palmer 533-1312	Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Town Council	Lisa Sluberski Bill Riepe Kathryn Steiner Dan Woolaver 533-1312 533-1312 533-1312 533-1312	Town Board meetings are held on the 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise specified in the <i>Henrietta Post</i> .
Town Court Justices	Henry Kirch Thomas Doupe 533-1130 533-1130	Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Court Hearings: Mondays 5:00 p.m.
Court Clerks	Sally Newell Stephanie Anderson 533-1130 533-1130	

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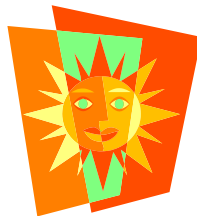
June 2012 Calendar

Congratulations Graduates!

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 7 th
Court	5 PM	Mondays – 4 th , 11 th , 18 th and 25 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 5 th
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 14 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 14 th
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday – 19 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 19 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – 13 th , 27 th

Other Important Information and Dates

Flag Day		Tuesday – 14 th
Father's Day		Sunday – 17 th
Federal Primary Election	12 noon-9 PM @ Rush Pavilion 5977 East Henrietta Rd	Tuesday – 26 th



July 2012 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 5 th
Court	5 PM	Mondays – 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesdays – 3 rd and 24 th
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 12 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 12 th
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday – 17 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 17 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – 11 th , 25 th

Other Important Information and Dates

Independence Day	Town Hall, Court, and Library Closed	Wednesday – 4 th
Rush Firemen's Carnival	Firemen's Field	Thursday – 19 th , Friday – 20 th , Saturday – 21 st
Rush Firemen's Parade	7:00 PM Sharp	Friday – 20 th

For legal notices and meeting agendas, refer to *The Henrietta Post*, *The Sentinel*, and our website at www.townofrush.com or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 533-1312.