

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

I hope you are enjoying our fine summer weather. I know that our lawns and farming community would like a little more rain; hopefully it will come.

Our Town Hall has received its final repair from the March 5, 2012 fire. Air conditioning and humidification units were re-installed in the records room and we can now begin our record retrieval project.

GIANT HOGWEED ALERT

We have once again been informed that the Giant Hogweed is back in our Town.

Giant Hogweed resembles a plant that you may know as "Queen Anne's Lace", but is much bigger and taller. The flowers begin to bloom in June and July and are numerous, small and white. They are clustered into a flat topped umbel (umbrella shape) up to 2½ feet



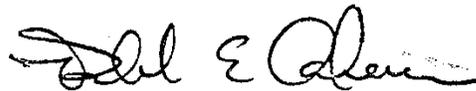
across. Stems are hollow, rigid, 2-4 inches in diameter, 8-14 feet tall, with purple blotches and coarse white hairs. The especially prominent hairs circle the stem at the base of the leaf stalks. Leaves are lobed, deeply incised and up to 5 feet across. The fruit is dry, flattened, oval and about 3/8 inches long and tan with brown lines.

Giant Hogweed is hazardous and has the potential to cause severe skin irritation. Plant sap produces painful, burning blisters within 24 to 48 hours after contact. Plant juices also can produce painless red blotches that later develop into purplish or brownish scars that may persist for several years.

Giant Hogweed is a federal noxious weed, making it unlawful to propagate, sell or transport. If you see this weed, please report it by calling the

GIANT HOGWEED HOTLINE at 1-845-256-3111. If you would like, you can also e-mail ghogweed@gw.dec.state.ny.us. If you can attach photos and/or exact location of the hogweed, it would be very helpful. You can also visit the website at www.dec.ny.gov. Arrangements will be made to visit your property.

Warmest Regards,



Richard E. Anderson

Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk
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ACCESS TO THE RUSH TOWN CODE

All residents may access the Rush Town Code through the town website at www.townofrush.com. Simply type a descriptive word in the search block located on the left to find your topic.

WHAT'S UP IN RUSH?

Hydrofracking Committee - The Town Board has appointed both Carol Barnett and Jordan Kleiman to steer a Hydrofracking Committee. They have created a timeline of work to be completed before the hydrofracking moratorium expires. Anyone interested in being part of this committee, please submit a letter of interest to Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk by **August 3, 2012**.

Recreational Uses Committee - The Town Board is interested in forming a committee of individuals interested in seeking and presenting options for uses of the acquired BOCES (6565 East River Road) and the Division of Youth (375 Rush Scottsville Road) properties. A constraint of the

properties is that they must be used for recreational and agricultural purposes. Please submit your letter of interest to Pamela Bucci by **August 10, 2012**.

NYSDEC HUNTING, TRAPPING AND FISHING LICENSES

Beginning Monday, August 13th, all licenses go on sale. NYSDEC Sporting Licenses can be purchased one of three ways: (1) In person, (2) By phone by calling 1-86-NY-DECALS (1-866-933-2257), or (3) Online: Go to DEC's Automated Licensing System (DECALS). **The deadline to purchase DMPs is October 1, 2012.**



STATE AND LOCAL PRIMARY – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH 12 NOON – 9 PM

You will be receiving information from the Monroe Board of Elections regarding polling sites for the upcoming elections. The **September Primary Election will be held in the Rush Town Pavilion located at 1900 Rush-Scottsville Road.** In order to accommodate a potentially larger turn-out, we will be holding the Presidential Election on November 6th at the Rush United Methodist Church, 6200 Rush-Lima Road, Rush, NY. The Board of Elections will be sending a detailed confirming letter in October to all voting parties.

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING NOTICE

The Rush Town Board will hold 2013 budget meetings on Wednesdays, August 15th at 7 PM and August 22nd immediately following their regularly scheduled meeting at 7 PM in the Rush Town Offices, 5977 East Henrietta Rd, Rush, NY.

PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS OF PLANNING AND ZONING BOARDS

Below is a recap of decisions made on both the Planning and Zoning Boards since the last printing of the town newsletter. If you are looking for upcoming meeting agenda items, please call our office, scan the Sentinel or Henrietta Post or visit

the town website. All Minutes of all Boards are available within 2 weeks of the meeting.

PLANNING BOARD

April and July: No Applications

March: Public Hearing: Mark Hasman and John Lombardo requesting a Special Permit for the outdoor storage of vehicles. Property is located at 7283 West Henrietta Road. Property is zoned commercial. **Approved**

May: Public Hearing: John and Jeanne Morelli requesting re-subdivision and site plan approval to combine 3 parcels into 2 and add a single family dwelling to the land only parcel. Parcels include a lot originally part of 220 Honeoye Falls Five Points Road, 535 Five Points Road and 565 Five Points Road. All parcels are in an R-30 zoning district. **Approved**

June: Public Hearing: Thomas and Lori Sorber of 100 Biondo Court requesting a special permit to run a dog daycare/home boarding business from their home. Proposed use does not comply with 120-8A of the Rush Town Code. Property is located in an R-30 Zoning District. **Denied**

ZONING BOARD

April: No Applications

May – Workshop: James Trescott, Elaine Trescott and Norma Maxwell requesting a side setback variance to build a garage 4 feet from the property line. The proposed location does not comply with Rush Town Code §120-19. Property is located at 34 Aprille Lane and is in an R-30 Zoning District.

James Trescott, Elaine Trescott and Norma Maxwell requesting a front setback variance to build a garage approximately 57 feet from center line. The proposed location does not comply with Rush Town Code §120-18. Property is located at 34 Aprille Lane and is in an R-30 Zoning District.

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July: Open **June** Public Hearing of James Trescott, Elaine Trescott and Norma Maxwell. As requested by the Zoning Board, the Trescott's submitted a revised site plan for the proposed garage. The Trescott's originally requested a 21 foot variance, placing the proposed garage 4 feet from the side lot line. The new site plan shows the proposed garage 12.9 feet from the side lot line. The Zoning Board was pleased to come to a compromise regarding the side setback. **Approved**

UPDATE ON TOWN HALL FIRE OF MARCH 5, 2012

The vaulted records room has been restored and we are working toward getting all of our freeze-dried documents returned. Negotiations are continuing and we are beginning to see files, record books and digitized documents returning. I'm also happy to report that although some files have been "misplaced", I'm proud to say that we've been able to assist residents with their requests as if nothing occurred.

OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of Labor Day, the Town offices will be closed on Monday, September 3rd. Happy Labor – enjoy!



A Monroe County Update from Legislator Karla Boyce

This summer has been busy for the Monroe County Legislature. Tuesday, June 12th, I was proud to vote yes on the legislation to make cyber bullying illegal in Monroe

County. This legislation gives our law enforcement, school administrators and teachers necessary tools to better protect our children. This law was signed

into effect on Monday, July 2, 2012 by County Executive Maggie Brooks.

The following evening on Wednesday, June 13th, The Monroe County Legislature hosted the 2012 Young Citizen of the Year and Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year Awards. The Youth Awards are sponsored through a partnership between the Monroe County Legislature and the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau. That evening, we honored 91 individuals in Monroe County for showing outstanding qualities and dedication to his or her community.

Out of 29 districts in Monroe County, our district was fortunate enough to have nine outstanding young individuals recognized at the Youth Awards. Youth Award recipients in our community were Lucas Putnam, Ben Sousa, Jon Sousa, Ryan Woodhams, Katherine Boyce, Kristina Bracaglia, Jacob Barkin, Tim Copeland, and Nicole Tondryk. In order to win this award one must demonstrate values that reflect the meaning of a free and democratic society, a commitment to public service, show leadership, and be an example to one's peers. Clearly we have some extraordinary young people in our community.

I am proud to represent these individuals in the Monroe County legislature, for they are essential to our community and deserve the recognition they received from the Youth Awards.

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

Historian's Office

*Submitted by Marjorie A. Kirch
Mondays, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

Phone: 533-1312

Margie@townofrush.com

I begin my newsletter this month by asking if you might have any information about any family or individual named Hanlon that lived in Rush sometime between 1900 and 1950. I found nothing

in my files and the “old-timers” I have checked with had no information either. Since we have a street named Hanlon Drive, it seems reasonable that Rush had someone by that name with a history of some kind, living here. If you have any information, please give me a call at my home, 533-9104.

Recently, I was given genealogy information regarding the Jeffords, Martin, Price and many other early settler families dating back to the 1700’s. The information was written on yards and yards of white paper (like paper off a roll that was used in grocery stores to wrap meat). Some of the rolls were six to eight feet long. I had them copied; they are available for viewing and review in the history room for anyone who might be interested. These documents belong to Harold Jeffords of Honeoye Fall and I want to thank him for entrusting them to me so that I could have them copied.

In July, the family of Gordon Miller (a lifelong resident of Rush until his passing in 2008) donated a small collection of some of the birds he had carved. After Gordon retired he began carving birds as a hobby. Over the next few years he carved hundreds of cardinals, robins, bluebirds, loons, humming birds, blue jays, and a variety of other species. His brother Norm said many of the residents in Rush have his birds on display in their homes. I am pleased to say the Town Hall now also has his birds on display. You may view them on the main floor, in a display case, just past the door to the Supervisor’s office. I would like to publically thank Gordon’s wife Irene and the rest of the Miller family for their willingness to share these carvings with us and future generations.

I have received a great deal of positive feedback from those that attended the June 13th “Story of a Fallen Soldier” presented by Dick Updaw, and the June 20th program on the History of the School at Industry. The presentation by Dick came about as a result of Dick visiting my office seeking information; after talking to him I felt his story should be shared with the community, and he agreed to do it.

The presentation on the History of the School at Industry came about as a result of someone asking me if I had ever thought of providing the community with information about Industry. As a result of that request I contacted the Assistant Director, Velma Harris. With per cooperation, and the invaluable

assistance of “Buzz” Grimm, the program was a success.

The reason I share this information with you is to remind you that if you have a subject you would like to know more about regarding the history of a business, building, family, organization etc. of Rush, let me know. If there is enough interest, I will do my best to arrange a program on the subject.

I have just completed my second year as Rush Town Historian and I want to thank all of you that have stopped by, dropped off items of interest, volunteered a few hours to help me, contacted me with questions, invited me to address your organization or offered advice. Rush is a lovely community and I have enjoyed every minute I have served as Town Historian. *Thanks — Margie*

<p>Assessor’s Office Submitted by: Dan Stanford, Assessor Mon. & Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Dan@townofrush.com Colleen Statskey, Assessor’s Clerk Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Colleen@townofrush.com</p>

The information below is a guideline to help you through the first step of the grievance process; filing the grievance form. This information was taken from N.Y.S Assessors Association and the State Board of Real Property Services.

The right to grieve a perceived incorrect assessment is a vital component of the assessment process. The Board of Assessment Review is a Quasi-Judicial branch of government and there are procedures that have been set to make the process fair and less burdensome for all sides.

Below are a few of the procedures and bases for some of the rules the Board of Assessment Review uses.

First, the Board of Assessment Review has decided that it will provide specific times, appointments for those wishing to grieve their assessment.

Below is the State Board Real Property Services Opinion of Council confirming the Board of

Assessment Review ability to establish an appointment procedure.

A 2002 Opinion of Council SBRPS No. 28 states clearly that the Board of Assessment Review "...may establish its own procedures". Furthermore; "The board of assessment review shall fix the place or places for the hearing of complaints in relation to the assessments and fix the hours of such hearing...Clearly, then, a board of assessment review is required to hear complaints (for the board in question, given its procedures, on an appointment bases) for at least four hours on grievance day...

Second the Board of Assessment review requires that those who wish to appear before them shall complete and return to the Assessor a Grievance Form (RP-524) four days prior to the scheduled date. The Board of Assessment Review also asks that all complainants should submit full documentation specific to the individual property supporting the assessment he/she is requesting to the BAR with the grievance application. If such documentation is not submitted, the assessor has not been given the right to prepare a response. The BAR would then have the right to declare the grievance null and void, thus preventing the case from going forward to the Courts.

Below is the Section of Real Property law that establishes this procedure.

...section 524 (1) also provides that: "Where a complaint is filled within three business days preceding such hearings, the board of assessment review shall grant the assessor's request for an adjournment to permit the assessor to prepare a response to the complaint.

If you need further assistance or have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

Sincerely,
Chairman of the Town of Rush
The Board of Assessment Review

Recreation Department

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor
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Thursdays 8:30 AM-3:30 PM
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12th ANNUAL RUSH FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 15th 9AM-4PM at the Rush Fire Department grounds, 1971 Rush Mendon Rd. This year we will also have activities in the Town Hall Pavilion and Parking Lot.



Activities planned for the day:

Firemen's Field

- 9 Craft, Artisan & Food Vendors
- 10-2 Pony Rides & Petting Zoo
- 10-3 Kids' Activities & Games
- Rush Historical Exhibit
- Rush Lions Club Vintage Car Show
- 10:30-
- 11:30 Live Music: "Rush Firemen's Band"
- 11-2 Face Painting
- 12-2 Live Music: "The Other Band"
- 1-3 Mounted Police Meet & Greet
- 2:30 Youth Cookie Bake-Off
- 3 Adult Pie Bake-Off
- 4 Pie Eating Contest

Town Hall Pavilion/Parking Lot

- 10-4 Garage Sales and Local Food Fair
- 1 Judging of Flower Arranging Contest
- 1:30 Judging of Sunflower Contest
- 2-4 Live Music: "Don Newcomb Band"

Other events throughout the day:

Food, Craft & Local Produce Vendors; D.A.R.E. or Police Car; Hay Maze & Chases' Hay Rides; Kids' Obstacle Course; Apple Peeling & Bobbing; Pumpkin Painting; Paws & Purrs Adoptions; Display of Coloring Contest Winners; Bounce House; Boy Scout Troop #334 Chicken BBQ; Rush

Ladies' Auxiliary Serving Food & Drinks All Day;
Rush Fire Department Open House

All contest rules can be located on our website at www.townofrush.com.

CRAFT AND FOOD VENDORS

Craft and vendor space rentals are available at Firemen's Field (call 533-2340) or at Town Hall Location (call 533-1370). Call for more information or visit www.townofrush.com.

HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES

The Town of Rush Recreation Department is offering a summer session of "Bow and Gun Safety" classes by DEC Certified instructor Ed Hoyt at the Rush Pavilion (1900 Rush Scottsville Rd, Rush) for all community members ages 11 and up.

BOW SAFETY CLASS

Monday August 27th and Wednesday August 29th from **5 PM-9:30 PM** (must attend both sessions)

GUN SAFETY CLASS

Monday August 20th, Wednesday August 22nd, Friday August 24th from **5 PM-9:30 PM** (must attend all three sessions)



Please sign up for the class at the Rush Town clerk's office or call 533-2340 and leave full name and phone number and indicate you want to be added to either or both classes. Space is limited so sign up early!

AEROBICS WITH VICKIE

In cooperation with the Recreation Department, Vickie Menz will be instructing a 7 week Fall Aerobics' classes for the Recreation Department. The classes will be offered on Tuesdays (September 11th–October 23rd), and Thursdays (September 13th–October 25th) from 6:15 PM-7:15 PM. You can download an application from the www.townofrush.com or come into the Rush town hall



and sign up. The cost will be \$24 per person 1x a week for a Rush resident and \$26.00 for non-Rush residents for Tuesdays or Thursdays. There is a discount to join both days \$39.00 for Rush residents and \$42.00 for non-Rush residents

FALL SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS

The Rochester Arthritis Foundation and Rush Recreation Department presents a fall "Seniors Exercise Class".

The 8 week program will be on Thursday's beginning on September 13th – November 1st 2012 from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM. The classes will be held at the Rush park pavilion. The classes will be taught by Pat Rose-a certified instructor. The cost per person will be \$45.00 for Rush residents and \$50.00 for non-Rush residents. The cost of this program maybe reimbursable through your own health insurance plan! Make sure to bring your bar weights or two cans of soup!

Sign up begins now at the Rush Town Hall. Please call Pat Stephens at 533-2340 if you have any questions.



Town of Rush Men's Seniors Basketball program for 55 yrs. and older will be starting on November 6th - April 9th 2013 (Tuesdays) at the Monica Leary Elementary School gym from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM. The program is free. Please contact Dick Wallace at 334-8202 for more information on times and any other questions.

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 for grades 1st -6th. Rush and non-Rush residents can attend the program. The children do a range of fun activities, outings, homework time on a regular basis. We provide the fun and healthy snacks. The 2012-2013 Rush after school applications can be found under the Recreation tab at townofrush.com

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,
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www.libraryweb.org/rush*

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you're beating the heat with a good book this summer... it's been too hot to do much else except relax, and isn't that what summer's for? Our New York State Summer Reading Program has been a wonderful success, with more participants than ever. A special thank you goes out to my library staff and volunteers who handle the enormous increase in circulation and shelving with ease!

ALTERED BOOKS

If you're looking to escape the summer doldrums, then dream up a submission for our 3rd Altered Book Art Show. Wikipedia says, "An altered book is a form of mixed media artwork that changes a book from its original form into something else." That's pretty vague, so you might want to check out examples of altered books on Google Images or Pinterest. You could spend hours just looking, but we want you to make one! To be included in the art show, all work must be submitted by Thursday, September 27th (that gives you 8 weeks to complete it) and we'll have an Opening Reception on Thursday, October 4th from 6:00-7:00 PM. The show will run for the month of October. This art show is open to artists of all ages. More details will be available in the library.

E-BOOK COLLECTION

In spite of obstacles from the "Big 6" publishers, our e-book collection continues to grow via our collaboration with Overdrive. You may download

free e-books to your Nook, Kindle, iPad, or Smartphone to read for up to 3 weeks at a time. If you would like help downloading e-books or audiobooks, feel free to call me to set up an appointment for one-on-one help with your device. We also have links on our web site to pamphlets and other types of tutorials to get you started.

ART & COLLECTIONS ON DISPLAY

A call for work! Do you have art or collectibles you'd like to share with the public for a month? Give us a call and come fill our display case built by local craftsman, Keith Eggleston.

We will be closed on Monday, September 3rd, in observance of Labor Day.

Our Saturday hours will resume on Saturday, September 8th, 10 AM-2 PM.

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.**

AUGUST

Summer Reading Finale: Celebrate Reading with The Jim McCarthy Family Concert on Friday, August 3rd at 7 PM. This dynamic show features audience participation & lively songs written especially for *Dream Big: READ*. This show will be held in the town pavilion. Please register in advance for your seats.



Read It and Bead It! Looking for a fun way to keep your kids in grades K-5 reading through the rest of the summer? From **August 6th** through **September**

6th grade-schoolers can create a cool bookmark with wooden beads they earn for reading Rush Library books. A sample of this craft will be on display in the Library. Supplies are limited; please register in advance for a bookmark kit.

Knit Chicks have decided to meet twice more on Monday evenings during the summer- our meeting room is air conditioned! We'll meet **August 6th & 27th at 6:30 PM** since the library is closed on Saturdays until after Labor Day. We'll provide the coffee, tea, and conversation. Come join a wonderful community of crafters.

Gazebo Fest Finale will be held on **Friday, August 10th at 6:30 PM**. Listen to the soothing voice and sounds of harpist Mikaela Davis and her band, playing instrumental rock and standards. 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.**



Living with Black Bears in WNY:

Recent sightings in our area have led to great interest in the black bear. Presenter Ron Newell of the DEC Bureau of Wildlife will provide information about their biology and management. Join us on **Monday August 13th at 7 PM** in the Rush Town Pavilion. Please register in advance for a seat.

E.P.I.C. Baby Sitter Training: for children ages 11-16 will be held on **Tuesday, August 14th from 11:30 AM-4:30 PM**. This course teaches the roles and responsibilities of the babysitter, including skills in accident prevention and handling emergencies. Students should bring a bagged lunch & refrigeration is available. (E.P.I.C. charges \$42.00, and it is payable the day of the program. **We must have a minimum of 4 participants registered by Aug. 10th to hold this class**, so sign up with a friend!)

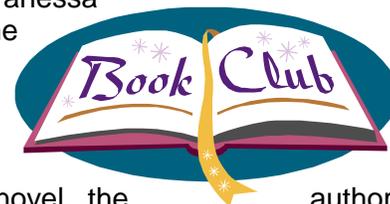
Travelling Campfire with Rick Merritt on **Wednesday, August 15th at 7 PM** in the Gazebo behind the Library (rain location is the Rush Town Pavilion.) This program is recommended for children ages 7-12. Come sit around a simulated "campfire" and listen to stories, poems and songs with plenty of audience participation. Please register in advance.

Ronald McDonald Visits the Rush Library!

Everyone is invited to meet Ronald on **Friday, August 17th from 4-4:30 PM in the Rush Town Pavilion**. He will read stories and greet children afterward. Bring your camera for this great photo opportunity. Please register in advance for a seat.

Rush Readers' Book Club will resume on **Thursdays, August 30th and Sept 6th from 7-9 PM**. This month's selection will be **The Language of Flowers** by Vanessa

Diffenbaugh. The Victorians used flowers to convey romantic expressions. In this mesmerizing debut novel, the author beautifully weaves the past & present, creating a vivid portrait of an unforgettable woman whose love for flowers helps her change the lives of others as she struggles to overcome her troubled past. Join us for coffee, dessert and conversation. Space is limited and registration is required.



SEPTEMBER

Knit Chicks resume meeting on the **second and last Saturdays** of each month in the meeting room from **10:30 AM-Noon**. (Join us **Sept. 8th & 29th**.) This is a wonderful community of needle-workers who share patterns, help and inspiration. New members are always welcome!

Lego Club for Girls ages 6-10 runs for **three Tuesdays: September 11th, 18th, and 25th from 3:45-4:30 PM**. Ladies, it's your turn to show the boys what you can do! All Lego will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required. Please register early as this program tends to fill up quickly.

Crafter's Corner for Adults will be on **Tuesday, September 11th at 7 PM**. We will be making a Beaded Bracelet using safety pins. **You will need to bring 88 1 ½ inch safety pins** (available at craft stores) and we will supply the beads and the additional the materials. A sample of this craft will be shown in the Library. Space is limited; please register in advance.



Pre-School Story Time for children ages 3-5 will begin on **Thursday, September 13th from 11:30**

AM-Noon. This 10-week program is for children who are able to sit by themselves in a group with their peers, listen to simple stories & participate in group activities. Each week we will explore a different theme. If you register, we ask that you make the commitment to be here each week; it's important for your child to have this continuity. Tentative dates are: **9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/18, 10/25, 11/ 1, 11/15, 12/6.** Space is limited and registration is required.

History of Pine Hill Cemetery in Rush on **Monday, September 10th at 7 PM** in the Pavilion. This cemetery began as the Jeffords' family burial ground. Then the Rush Cemetery Association was formed in 1863 and the grounds were opened to the community. Learn more about its history including information about some of Rush's pioneer families, veterans, and a tour of the website. Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Fall Festival: The Friends of the Rush Library are sponsoring several events this year on **Saturday, Sept. 15th:**

1. **Garage Sale Fundraiser outside 10 AM-4 PM** in the Town Hall parking lot behind the Library. Space rental is a \$10 donation to the Friends Group, plus a \$10 refundable deposit. Applications are at the Library.
2. **Local Food Fair in the Pavilion 10 AM-4 PM.** Sample locally-made artisanal foods. Vendor applications are at the Library.
3. **Free Concert by the Don Newcomb Band outside 2-4 PM.**
4. **Flower-Arranging Contest:** judging at **1 PM.** (Rules are at the Library.)
5. **Sunflower Contest:** judging at **1:30 PM.** (Rules are at the Library.)

We're looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Fest!

More Remarkable Backyard Plants: Jack Kowiak returns on **Saturday, September 22nd from 11 AM-Noon.** He'll teach you about a plant that was as important to local Native Americans as the buffalo were to the Plains Indians, and about a pesky lawn weed that our ancestors revered as the "Mother of the Herbs". You will be amazed in the ways these plants impacted history and our lives today. Space is limited and registration is required.



Travelogue: The Smiley Brothers & the Mohonk Mountain House: join Christy Simons on **Thursday, September 20th at 7 PM** and learn the history of this 1869 historic lodge, located in the Hudson Valley. Experience the timeless natural beauty of the lodge's lake, gardens, hiking trails, & pristine forests. Space is limited and registration is required.

Free Home Energy Workshop will be provided by Pathstone Corporation on **Tuesday, September 25th from 7-8 PM.** Learn about various NYSEERDA programs including "Green Jobs-Green New York." You can sign up for a free or reduced cost energy assessment, and are encouraged to bring in copies of your utility bills for the past 12 months. There is no age limit to qualify for any of these programs. Space is limited and registration is required.



Rush Readers' Book Club will be reading **The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald. "A portrait of the Jazz Age in all of its decadence and excess, this novel captured the spirit of the author's generation and earned itself a permanent place in American mythology." Join us in advance of the *new movie* being released later this year; we'll provide coffee, dessert and great conversation on **Thursdays, Sept. 27th or Oct. 4th from 7-9 PM.** Space is limited so please register for a seat.



The Rush Seniors were treated to two wonderful trips since our last writing. "Kiss Me Kate" was a great show at the Merry Go Round Playhouse, and lunch at Deerhead Inn overlooking beautiful Cayuga Lake was super. We were all grateful for air conditioning as we traveled on one of our hot days. The Fourth of July trip to the Vanderbilt Mansion, West Point, steaming down Hudson to NYC and fireworks were amazing. We had excellent accommodations, super food, great bus driver, performances by Al Sweet at the NYC diner, and a very emotional and sobering visit to Ground Zero.

The always popular mystery trip will be July 24--the mystery will be solved by the time this newsletter is distributed.

The Vermont Trip is filling up fast. Dates are September 4-7. We will be visiting the Quechee Gorge, Fresian Horse display, and The Robert Lincoln home. We will also have nightly entertainment at the Inn, and as I understand it, the Inn is destination unto itself--great hospitality and food. Call Mary Anne Brice for information--533-1185--ALL WELCOME

We Seniors have been treated to a lovely chicken and biscuit dinner prepared and served by Lions Club in June and then the Fire Department provided hots and burgers for our picnic in July. The August 9th meeting will again feature grilling by Fire Department--just bring a dish to pass, a beverage and table service and join us.

At the July picnic we had a little fun with a "How Much Do You Know About Rush" contest. All attempted to answer the following questions: (all based on 2010 Census)

1. What is the total population of Rush NY?
2. How many Senior Citizens (over 55) reside in the Town of Rush?
3. What percentage of Rush citizens are seniors?
4. Are there more males or females residing in Rush?
5. What is the median age of Rush Residents?

Prizes were awarded for best guesses.--It was fun. The answers can be found on page 11.

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

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

FIRE DISTRICT

You are reminded that it is your responsibility to have access for emergency equipment on your property. Recently, our crews have had problems getting in with the ambulance due to low branches and bushes; this slows our response and has damaged our vehicles. The lack of visible house

numbering also remains a problem and is violating building codes.

2013 BUDGET

We are in the process of doing next year's budget. Your tax rate will probably remain at \$1.10 per thousand. Due to unfunded mandates and cost of everything going up we can't lower it even though that is what we wanted to do.

Your fire department and ambulance has responded to 220 calls as of July 23th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE

A special "thank you" to all of the residents that have contributed to our annual fund drive. Your firefighters appreciate the Rush community financial support. We will be sending a second mailing fund drive request in the fall to the 700 residents who have not responded.

The Rush firefighters are providing the hots and hamburgs for the summer picnics that the senior citizens hold in the fire departments pavilion.

NEW AMBULANCE

The 2012 Ford E-350 V-8 gas engine, "Marquet" type III ambulance went into service during carnival week. The rig is smaller than our last unit and rides a lot better. It has a lot of new safety items including a back-up camera and all LED lights. The cost after trade in and rebates was \$112,000. Fund Drive, Memorials and some Carnival profits were used for this purchase.

CARNIVAL 2012

The Carnival was a success thanks to many people, family and friends who volunteer their time and talent. A special thanks to Montesano's and Colby's for sponsoring the raffle, which awarded three, \$930 prizes. Thank you also to Vern Vallance septic, Kirkwood Gas, National Grid, Monroe Tractor, East Avon FD and West Brighton FD. The active and social Rush firefighters, Rush FD explorers and Ladies Auxiliary work every year to make this a safe and enjoyable event. We had members of other FDs in the area give us a hand. They also supplied standby crews in case we had a fire, rescue or ambulance emergency. We had a great band, "Reporter", and spectacular fireworks on Saturday night.

SEPTEMBER FALL FESTIVAL

The FD and Ladies Auxiliary will have activities and food at the September 15, 2012 fall festival that will be held at our Firemen's field. Tours of the firehouse and equipment will be available.

PARADES

The Rush FD, Ladies Auxiliary, Band and Explorers have attended three Parades (not counting our own) so far this year. They have won numerous prizes at these events. Go www.RushFD.org and click on Parades on left side of home page for the complete list. The Ladies have won 1st Prize at all three. Our 19 year old Pierce "Dash" pumper/tanker (583) won "Best Pumper" at a parade beating much newer and more expensive units.

STATE FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Past Chief Dale Sweet took on a project starting in 2010, and we have now received a state grant for a new set of "Hurst" extrication cutters for the Rescue truck costing \$6,000 and a large volume/pressure (350 GPM) portable fire pump costing over \$5,500. It will be carried on the West Rush pumper/tanker P583. This project took a lot of time and patience by Dale dealing with the State of NY over the past 18 months. Thank you, Dale!

BOY SCOUT TROOP

RFD sponsored Boy Scout Troop 134 is planning to have an Open House to celebrate our 75th anniversary. The date is October 4 at 7 PM at the Al Mack Scout House, 2040 Rush Mendon Rd. The event will be open to the community. We are planning to have historical displays and information on our current activities. We are particularly looking for those who have been involved in the troop over the years, and boys 11-17 who might be interested in scouting.



"History Remembered"



Jeanne Yawman presents the town with copies of her new book, "History Remembered." Left to right: Richard Anderson, Supervisor; Margie Kirch, Historian; Jeanne Yawman, former Town Historian; Terry Irvine, Book Coordinator; and Kirsten Flass, Library Director.

Recommended by the Citizens Committee and endorsed by the Town Board, "History Remembered" is an anthology of early farm life which includes the history of the Artifact Collection in Rush that began with donations by early town residents. It tells the story behind the artifacts, their use and historical significance, and explains how many of these items eventually were discarded and lost.

The book can be borrowed from the Rush Library or the Rush History Office. It is also available for purchase in hard cover or soft cover, either from Jeanne or from the publisher, LuLu.com.

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

"How Much Do You Know About Rush" Answers:

1. 3,478
2. 1,180
3. 33.927%
4. Males (1,765), Females (1,713)
5. 47.5 Years

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August 2012 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 2 nd
Court	5 PM	Mondays – 8 th , 13 th , 20 th , and 27 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	No Meeting
Zoning Board of Appeals	7 PM	Thursday – 9 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 9 th
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday – 21 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 21 st
Town Board	7 PM	Wednesdays – 8 th , 22 th

Other Important Information and Dates

Town Board Budget Meeting	7:00 PM	Wednesdays – 15 th , 22 th
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September 2012 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 6 th
Court	5 PM	Mondays – 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , and 24 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 4 th
Zoning Board of Appeals	7 PM	Thursday – 13 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 13 th
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday – 18 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 18 th
Town Board	7 PM	Wednesday – 11 th , 25 th

Other Important Information and Dates

Labor Day	Town Hall, Court, and Library Closed	Monday – 3 rd
Fall Festival	Firemen's Field	Saturday – 15 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.