

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

Happy Holidays to all. Hopefully you are more advanced on your leaf and yard cleanup than I am. Despite my many trips to the dump, there is still much more to do. I hope you have recovered from the effects of Super Storm Sandy. **Many Thanks** to Mark David and the highway crew for their prompt and thorough efforts to clear the debris from the Town and County roads. Another **Thank You** to the Fire Department for all of their efforts with downed wires and flooded basements during the storm.

Lisa Sluberski has resigned from the Rush Town Board effective October 1, 2012. Lisa served from 2005-2012. She served as liaison to Library, Recreation, Planning, Zoning and Conservation Boards during her tenure. Lisa was an asset to the Town Board and the community at large. The Town is grateful for her years of dedicated, unbiased service. **Lisa, you will be missed.**

WELCOME

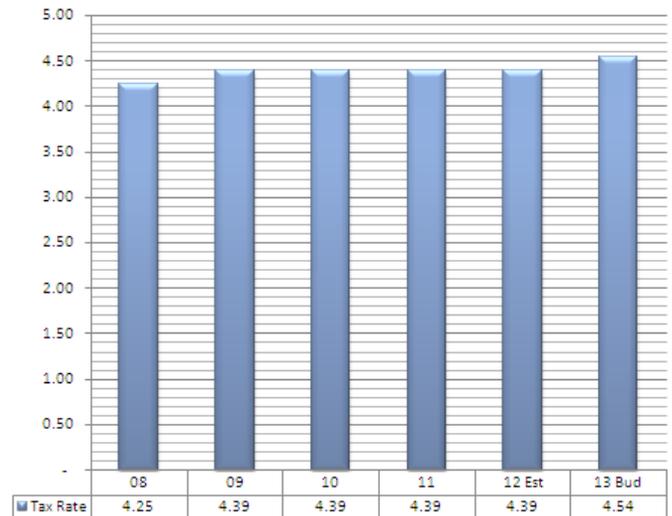
As Lisa Sluberski resigned, we advertised the open position for the balance of Lisa's elected term (12/31/2013). We had 11 applications, of which the Town Board interviewed 10. Following a process dictated by New York State Town Law, the Board resolved to appoint Cathleen M. Frank. Her selection was based on her education, professional experiences and history of public service. **Please welcome Cathleen to the Town Board.**

OPERATING BUDGET

The 2013 Operating Budget was approved at the November 14 Town Board meeting.

The Budget calls for a 2013 tax rate per \$1,000 of Taxable Assessed Valuation of \$4.54—an increase of 15 cents from the \$4.39 which has been in effect since 2009. The increase will cost the average residential taxpayer an additional \$25 per year based upon \$168,000 taxable evaluation. See the tax rate graph which follows.

Property Tax Rate per Thousand Taxable Valuation



The 2013 Taxable Assessed Valuation at \$283,536,167 is virtually unchanged from 2012. The total increase is less than 2% in the last 3 years combined. The total levy of \$1,320,625 is within the limitation set by the 2% New York Property Tax Cap.

Please find below some of the individually selected highlights from the 2013 Budget.

The cost of health insurance premiums is increasing 10.6% for 2013 making family coverage over \$15,800. The Town is not making any changes to either the benefit plan (Healthy Blue) or employee contribution (10%) for 2013. Changes will have to be considered for 2014 due to implementation of the Affordable Care Act. The Budget for healthcare totals \$206,120 – an increase of \$17,328 over 2012.

The Town contribution for New York State Retirement for 2013 will increase from 18.6% of covered payroll to 21.0%. The State Comptroller projects that the rate will increase further before declining. Participation in this system is required by NYS law. The Budget for NYS Retirement totals \$167,900. This is a total increase of \$28,800 over the \$139,100 total contribution for 2012.

Town employees will receive a 2% wage increase for 2013. Wages of elected officials will remain unchanged with the exception of Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The Recreation Director will be available an additional 5 hours per week for 2013 reflecting the administrative effort needed to manage the maturing pavilion and fields complex behind Town Hall.

Sales Tax distributions from Monroe County have fully recovered from the decline in 2009. We expect to receive \$300,000 for 2013.

General Fund Capital outlay includes 2 parks mowers for \$19,000 and replacement of financial software and server for \$18,200.

Highway improvements include oil & stone for Keyes Rd. - \$64,972. Highway maintenance includes surface treating Wardell Rd, HF Five Pts, Stull Rd; true and leveling Stoneybrook Rd and Phelps Rd.- \$56,185.

Highway Equipment purchase is limited to \$25,000 for a pickup. An additional \$65,000 will be placed in the Highway Capital Reserve in accordance with a 10 year Capital spending plan designed to minimize the impact of major equipment purchases in any one year. Building maintenance of \$19,000 is planned for roof repair.

The Town will utilize \$140,000 of our unexpended fund balances to fund a portion of the 2013 Budget. This can be thought of as similar to using some of your savings to pay bills. Even so, the Town is projected to have an unexpended balance at the end of 2013 equal to about 32% of annual expenditures. This is considered a sound fund balance position.

See the fund balance graph which follows.

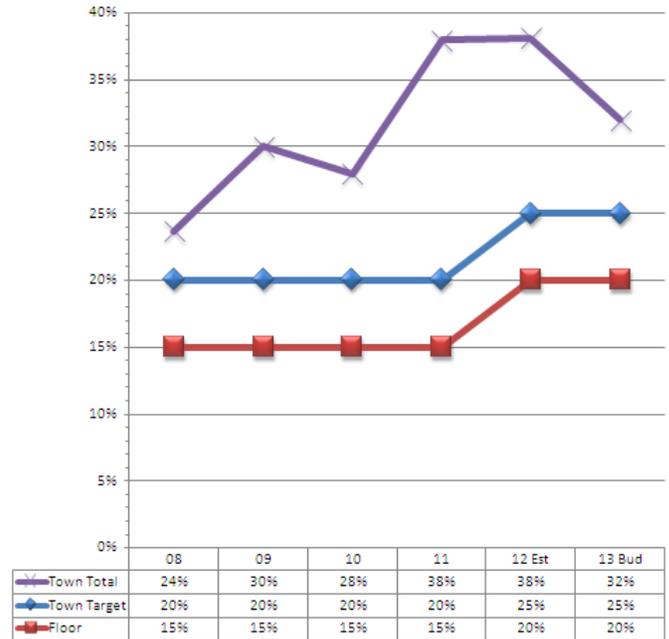
If you have any questions or concerns about Town matters, I encourage you to call me at 533-9058.

Warmest Regards,



Richard E. Anderson

FUND BALANCE AT Y/E % APPROPRIATIONS



2013 Estimate

Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk

Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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Pam@townofrush.com

LEGAL NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Town Board will hold its Organizational Meeting immediately following its regularly scheduled Town Board meeting on January 9, 2013 at 7 PM, at the offices of the Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York.

By Order of the Rush Town Board
Pamela J. Bucci, Town Clerk

Residents are welcome to attend all public meetings throughout the year.

2013 TOWN & COUNTY TAXES

Town and County tax bills will be mailed the 1st week of January. If you have not received a tax bill by January 15th, and do not have an escrow account, please call the town clerk's office for a duplicate bill. All bills can be found on the Monroe

County website at www.monroecounty.gov. Go to "view taxes online".

Beginning January 1, 2013, taxpayers have three payment options in order to satisfy their property tax obligations. Tax Payments are payable to Pamela J. Bucci, Collector, Rush Town Hall, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York 14543 until May 31st or the Monroe County Treasurer after May 31st in the following manner:

Jan 1-Feb 10...No interest due

Feb. 11-28...1.5%

Mar. 1-31 ...3%

April 1-30....4.5%

May 1-10 ...6%

May 11-31...6% interest, plus \$1.00 notice fee

Full Payments – due without interest by February 10, 2013.

Installment Payments - Total bill must exceed \$100 to use this option. The 1st installment must be paid by February 10. If the 1st installment is *not* paid by February 10, the total bill plus interest is due.

Partial Payments - An **initial payment** of at least 25% of the taxes due plus any accrued interest can be made at any time between January 1 and August 20. Any payment paid on or before February 10th is interest-free. An interest charge will be calculated payment is made after February 10th.

Payments by Credit Card – A fee for this service will be charged. You may pay either at the Town Hall or on-line at www.monroecounty.gov. Select "view taxes on line".

On-line Bank Payments – Because banks cannot guarantee your payment will be delivered by the due date, utilizing this method is at your own risk.

Payments made after May 31st are payable to Monroe County Treasurer and can be mailed to: PO Box 14420, Rochester, New York 14614, or in person Monroe County Treasurer's Office. Payments can be made in person at 39 West Main Street, Room B-2, Rochester, New York 14614. The Monroe County Treasurer's Office can be reached at 753-1200.

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. Minutes are posted regularly on the town website and as always, available in the Town Clerk's Office.

PLANNING BOARD

September 18, 2012 Application 2010-01P: Loel Turpin appeared to request approval to revise previously approved site plan. Property is located at 474 Works Road, 2.5 miles south of Honeoye Falls Five Points Road. [Approved with conditions.](#)

October 16, 2012 Application 2012-05P: by Jack Moore requesting subdivision approval to combine approximately 57 acres into 3 lots. [Approved with conditions.](#)

ZONING BOARD

October 11, 2012, Applications 2012-04Z, 2012-05Z, 2012-06Z, 2012-07Z: Joseph Giorgione requesting a 2 unit residential use variance for the pre-existing structure. The proposed use does not comply with §120-12C of the Rush Town Code; requesting an area variance. The existing parcel does not comply with the §120-17 of the Rush Town Code; requesting a front setback variance for the pre-existing. The pre-existing structure does not comply with §120-18 of the Rush Town Code; and requesting side and rear setback variances for a pre-existing garage. All correspond respectively of the applications noted above. The pre-existing garage does not comply with §120-19 of the Rush Town Code. All requests are for property located at 6101 East Henrietta Road. Property is zoned commercial. [Approved with conditions.](#)

November 8 Zoning Board Meeting – cancelled; no applications.

HOLIDAYS – TOWN HALL CLOSED

The Town offices will be closed on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th, Christmas, Tuesday, December 25th, and New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1st.

Assessor's Office

Submitted by: Dan Stanford, Assessor
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Colleen Statskey, Assessor's Clerk
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Colleen@townofrush.com
Phone: 533-2330

We have mailed out the Agricultural Exemptions (Green Paper). This exemption as well as the Enhanced STAR and Low Income Exemption (Yellow Paper) needs to be returned to our office by March 1st 2013.

Note: The Agricultural Exemption has been reduced by 10% by the State of New York Office of Tax and Finance.

The Enhanced Star Exemption is \$62,200 from the assessed value for School Tax only. The maximum gross income is \$79,050 and you must be 65 years of age in the year you claim the exemption.

The maximum income for the Low Income Senior Exemption is \$37,400 and age of 65. This applies to the Town, County and Rush Henrietta School District.

If you have any questions on these exemptions please email me: dan@townofrush.com or call our office at 533-2330

The Assessor's Office **HAS MAILED OUT RENEWAL FORMS** on several types of exemptions. However, it is the property owner's responsibility to make sure all exemption paper work is in by March 1, 2013 regardless of any lost mail.

Code Enforcement Office

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

As we approach the last holiday's of this year I want to wish you and your family a very Happy and safe Holiday season. Let's do all we can to keep our homes and our families safe and event free. If we can help in any way please give us a call or

send an e-mail. And let's hope 2013 will be a prosperous year for all.

Historian's Office

Submitted by Marjorie A. Kirch
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Margie@townofrush.com

TREASURE FOUND

It was just about a year ago, while going through stacks of papers that I discovered a treasure in a box. Not a treasure of wealth, but a treasure of words; an unpublished manuscript written circa 1960 by Miss Bessie Hallock, Rush's first historian.

The manuscript, titled "Here on This Hilltop" focuses on her great grandfather and other family members and contains recollections of her early life. She paints a vivid portrait of life in Rush in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Bessie was born in Rush in 1883. She studied Elocution at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary in Lima and attended Northwestern University, where she majored in Dramatics. During her lifetime she influenced many aspects of life in Rush. She established and directed plays for the Rush Dramatic Club. She served as president of the Rush Ingleside Club for many years. (The Ingleside members were responsible for establishing the Rush Library).

Bessie was appointed as the first Rush Town Historian in 1944 and served with distinction and diligence for nearly 25 years. She authored numerous pamphlets and authored two books which were published: "Rush in the Early War Years" and "Your Folks and Mine".

When Bessie retired in 1970, Supervisor William Zimmer stated that "Miss Hallock has contributed so much to the permanent enrichment of the culture of Rush, our people will always owe her a deep debt of gratitude". Bessie was 100 when she passed away in 1983. When you mention her name to residents who knew her, invariably a smile crosses their faces and they tell you what a wonderful woman she was.

Upon finding and reading Bessie's manuscript I knew that the most important contribution I might

ever make as Rush historian was to make certain that her manuscript be published.

With the written permission of her relatives, together with the support of Supervisor Rich Anderson, the word processing skills of his secretary, Valerie Mertsoc and the proofreading skills of Karen Hopkins, her manuscript of over 200 pages was published this November exactly as she had written it.

You may purchase "Here on This Hilltop" at the Rush Town Clerk's office or the Rush Library for \$11.00. You might consider giving it as a gift for Christmas or Hanukkah.

Highway Department

Submitted by: Mark David

Highway Superintendent

Phone: 533-1770

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

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With winter now upon us, the crew has been busy with preparations for the upcoming snow and ice season. All equipment has been serviced and installed; salt spreaders and liquid deicing controls have been calibrated and are ready for whatever weather lies ahead. Delineator stakes have been placed to mark roadside obstacles and help minimize snow plow damage. Snow fence placed along heavy drifting areas is contingent upon crop harvest and owner permission. The crew typically installs approximately 19,000 feet of fence. Late November begins 24/7 operations, phone lines, road conditions and changing weather patterns are continually monitored.

The seasonal overnight parking Ordinance §110-2 also goes into effect from November 15 to April 15 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. No owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall park the same unattended vehicle on any Town or County street or highway within the Town of Rush. Vehicles parked within the Town's right-of ways not only cause interference with snow removal operations but also create a hazard to those traveling on the roads within the Town.

We wish everyone a safe winter driving season. Please, slow down when road conditions deteriorate. Giving yourself some extra time to reach your destination, is the best way to insure you arrive safely.



A Monroe County Update from Legislator Karla Boyce



The Rush community is a great place to live, work and raise a family. For this reason, I feel that it is important to share with our residents' vital information regarding an issue that affects everyone in our community: the Social Host Law.

I would like to make sure that both students and parents are aware of the existence of the Social Host Law on social host liability, which can make individual students and their parents civilly liable for damages caused by minors who consume alcohol in their homes. It is also important to know that such hosts risk liability under the law, even if they are not present at the event or location where the alcohol is consumed.

As a community we need to ensure that our towns and schools remain a safe and beautiful place for our children. Awareness is one of the most important steps for prevention and it is imperative that we educate everyone on this crucial matter which has the potential to affect us all.

I want to make sure residents are informed about the Social Host Law and its consequences. Because of the significance of this issue, I recently hosted a panel discussion in conjunction with the HF-L School District on the subject.

The experts on the panel fielded questions from parents during this two hour event which resulted in parents learning about their rights and responsibilities under the Social Host Law.

The issue of underage drinking is present in most every community and awareness needs to be raised among parents and students.

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

Recreation Department

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

SENIORS' EXERCISE CLASS

The Rochester Arthritis Foundation and Rush Recreation Department present a winter session

The 8 week program will be on Thursday's; January 10th – February 28rd 2013. The classes will be held at the Rush Pavilion and 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 may be reimbursable through your own health insurance plan! Make sure you 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.

SENIOR MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Town of Rush Men's Seniors Basketball program for 55 yrs. and older started on November 6th, 2012 and will continue through April 9th, 2013 on 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.

WINTER AEROBICS WITH VICKIE MENZ

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and Vickie Menz will be offering evening aerobics classes for ages 16 and up. The classes are designed to improve cardiovascular health with fun moves choreographed to music. You can sign up to attend once a week or twice a week.

Classes also include floor routines to target your stomach, legs and arms, as well as stretches to improve flexibility. A good exercise mat is essential;

a pair of weights (3 or 4 lbs.) is optional. All fitness levels are welcome.

8 week classes

Tuesdays 1/8/13-2/26/13
Thursdays 1/10/13-2/28/13

Cost: Resident 1 day a week \$27.00
Resident 2 days a week \$45.00
Non-Resident 1 day a week \$232.00
Non-Resident 2 days a week \$49.00

Location: Town of Rush Pavilion
6:15PM-7:15PM

Applications are available at
<http://townofrush.com>.

WINTER VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The Rush Recreation Department is joining with the Rush Henrietta School District Volleyball Coach Lindsey Williams to offer a winter volleyball camp for children ages 8-12 at the Monica Leary School on Thursdays from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM. The camp will run from January 10th – February 28th, with no session on February 21st.

The cost per person will be \$60.00 for Rush residents and \$65.00 for non-Rush residents.

Applications are available at <http://townofrush.com>. Please call Pat Stephens at 533-2340 if you have any questions.

COMING IN THE SPRING

There will be a beginners **Cheerleading/Tumbling** class that will be offered in April until May at the Monica Leary School gym for ages 7-9. More details in the next newsletter.

The **Youth Basketball** program at Leary will also be offered in April until June at the Monica Leary School gym. More details about the cost and registration will be in the next newsletter.

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)
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www.libraryweb.org/rush

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Holidays! I am writing this the week before Thanksgiving and finding myself to be thankful for so much abundance all around me, and I'm hoping the festive season finds you well and healthy. This year I am appreciative of the support of our town supervisor and town boards, town hall staff, and my own employees and volunteers who make coming to work each day a pleasure. I am especially grateful for you, our patrons; you are interesting, kind, and passionate about your books and movies and we are appreciative of your hometown library enthusiasm. I wish you all a joyful holiday season!

“Friends’ Night Out” Wine-Tasting Benefit: Save the Date! Friends of the Rush Library are hosting their 9th annual benefit for **Saturday, March 9th, 2013**; it will be held at The Rabbit Room in the Lower Mill in Honeoye Falls. Tickets are on sale December 1st. We'll enjoy fine wine, marvelous finger foods, desserts & coffee. Consider becoming a silent auction donor or a business sponsor; the Friends offer several levels of sponsorship, and it's an affordable opportunity for you to inform the local community about *your* business in a beautiful, elegant environment. Proceeds make our summer concert series possible, plus support educational and community programs for all ages. For more information about sponsorship opportunities or to volunteer at the benefit, please call Heather Iannone, Friends' Chairperson at 359-9914.

Yarn Bombing- A Call For Work! Last year a group of dedicated fiber artists knitted and crocheted “cozies” for the town's trees, signs, and light poles behind the library. That display cheered us for 6 weeks during the winter. We are planning another installation this February. If you or someone you know is interested in participating, stop by the library to sign up. All levels of experience are welcome!

E-book Tutorials: The Monroe County Library System lends e-books for free! If you require assistance with an e-reader device or tablet app for

e-books, feel free to call the library and ask for Kirsten. We'll set up a time for one-on-one help to get you started.

Books for Sale: We continue to support our beloved Rush Seniors by being a location to purchase their new local cookbook. Copies cost \$15 and provide not only favorite recipes provided by Rush residents, but also notable historic photos from our community's past. We also have copies of the new Bessie Hallock memoir **Here on This Hilltop**.... It's a fascinating glimpse into times gone by; both would make memorable holiday gifts.

Holiday Hours: Changes to our operating hours for the holidays are as follows:

Monday, Dec. 24 & Tuesday, Dec. 25: closed for Christmas

Monday, Dec. 31st: closing early at 5:00 pm

Monday, Jan. 1 closed for New Year Year's Day

Just a reminder... materials owned by the Rush library are never due on days that we are closed, but if you have borrowed an item from another library branch, it could be due on a day that we are closed if they are open. **Please refer to your check-out receipt to confirm when your items are due.** You can also check your account and renew some items online at www.libraryweb.org. Items placed in our book drop before business hours are always backdated to the last day we were open.

Tax Forms: Federal and New York State tax forms will no longer be mailed to your home, but *will* be available in limited supply at most public libraries beginning in January. You can download NYS forms at <http://www.tax.state.ny.us/> and federal forms at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/>, or stop in and see our library staff members for help. (The normal forms provided by the government are free, but printing out unusual forms at the library will cost you 15¢ per page.)

Looking forward to seeing you,
Kirsten

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

Note to our patrons: *If you sign up for a program, but later realize that you cannot attend, please call the library to cancel your registration. Often there are patrons waiting for a space to open up so they can register for a "full" program. Thank you for your consideration.*

DECEMBER

Lego™ Club for Boys: This program for ages 6-10 will resume on **Tuesdays, December 4th, 11th and 18th, from 3:45-4:30pm.** 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.

Crafter's Corner for Adults: Will be held on **Wednesday, December 5th from 7-8:30pm.** Laura Majeski will teach us how to make a purse from a discarded book! We will provide the book and a list of materials you'll need when you register for the class. A sample of this craft will be on display. Space is limited and registration is required.

Drop-in Story Time: on **Thursday mornings from 11:30-Noon on December 6th, 13th and 20th** for children **ages 2-5** who are accompanied by a caregiver. Children will have fun listening to stories and participating in songs and finger plays. No registration required.

Knit Chicks: Our local fiber handiwork group meets on the **second and last Saturdays of the month (Dec. 8th and Dec. 29th) at 10:30am.** We will be planning our second Yarn Bombing, so stop in to claim a tree, sign, or light pole to adorn with your handiwork in February. All levels of experience are welcome- no need to register.

4th Annual Cookie Tasting Party: will be held on **Monday, December 10th from 6:30-8:00pm** in the Rush Town Pavilion. Bring in 2 dozen or so of your favorite cookies and the same number of copies of the recipe to share. We will provide live holiday music by the Okey Dokies, beverages and a crackling fire! This is a fun way to share some holiday spirit with your friends and neighbors and try some new cookies *you* might want to bake for the holidays. Please register in advance so we know how many guests to expect.

Welcome Snow! Bedtime Stories for children will be held on **Thursday, December 13th at 7:00pm.** Children (and their favorite snuggly) will enjoy

listening to winter and holiday themed stories and have a bedtime snack of cookies and hot cocoa. Space is limited and registration is required. Each child *who registers in advance* will receive a *free* book courtesy of Kohl's Department Store.

9th Annual Gingerbread House Workshop:

Children ages 5 and up are invited to join us for gingerbread house decorating on **Saturday, December 15th from 10:30am-11:30am OR Noon-1:00pm.** Children are asked to **bring one bag of candy decorations** to share with others. We will supply the rest of the building materials. This is a cute photo opportunity! Space is limited and children must register in advance for this fun program.

School Break Gaming and Dancing Fun! Kids ages 7-12 are invited to play Wii Games and have a snack on **Thursday, December 27th from 1-3:00pm.** Sign up with a friend. Space is limited, so please register in advance.

JANUARY

View Finders: If you are looking to improve or share your photography skills and have fun at the same time, come join our new photography group, **View Finders.** We will meet on **Wednesday January 9th from 7-9:00 pm.** to review 3 photographs per participant and share positive feedback in a friendly environment. All skill levels are welcome. (Bring your 3 digital photos on a flash drive.) We'll provide the coffee and dessert. Please register in advance as space is limited.

Social Security Strategies: Are you aware of the ways to maximize your SS Benefits? Reserve a seat for a 30 minute seminar on **Thursday, January 10th at 7:00pm.** Financial Advisor, Alan Sheldon, will teach you some simple and effective ways to make the most of your retirement income. Please register in advance.

Library Knit Chicks: We'll resume meeting twice per month to stitch up some fun! Join us on two **Saturdays: Jan. 12th and Jan. 26th at 10:30 am.** Coffee, tea, and craftiness are in store when you attend.

Storybook Cooks: **Tops Cooking School** welcomes **kids ages 4-8** on **Saturday, January 12th from 11:30-12:30** in the Rush Town Pavilion. Children will listen to the story *Stone Soup* by Marcia Brown. Then they'll use fresh vegetables to

make soup and learn the importance of sharing. An alternate version, called *Button Soup* by Doris Orgel will be read while children enjoy eating their soup! Space is limited to 20 children and they must be registered in advance.

American Girl Club: for children **ages 6-10** will resume on **Tuesday, January 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 3:45-4:40pm.** Winter is bitter cold in Minnesota in 1854. Trouble erupts when **Kirsten** brings home a baby raccoon that gets loose and starts a fire that destroys their log cabin. The future seems bleak until she and her brother make an important discovery in the woods. Children will participate in an activity related to the period. Space is limited and registration is required.

Crafter's Corner for Adults: will meet on **Tuesday, January 15th a 7:00pm.** By popular demand we will show you how to needle-felt a design onto a cute felt handbag. There is a \$5.00 materials fee, payable that night. We will supply the rest of the materials required. A sample of this craft will be on display. Space is limited to 8 people, and registration is required.

Friends of the Rush Library: We'll meet on **Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30 pm** to discuss the Wine Tasting jobs and plan other fun events to benefit the library. New members are always welcome, and the time commitment is minimal.

Drop-in Story Time: on **Thursday mornings from 11:30-Noon on January 17th, 24th and 31st** for children **ages 2-5** who are accompanied by a caregiver. Children will have fun listening to stories and participating in songs and finger plays. No registration required.

EPIC Training Classes: on **Saturday, January 19th** we will be offering 2 classes in the Rush Town Pavilion: You may choose to attend one or both. Participants who register for both will receive a \$3 discount and free pizza lunch. We need a minimum of 3 registrations for each class by January 11th to hold these programs, so sign up with a friend!

1. **Social Networking Safety: 10:30am-Noon.** Tweens and teens will learn through discussions, group exercises, and written material and video documentaries the importance of being safe while networking. **E.P.I.C. charges \$18.00** for this class (payable in cash only) on the day of the program.

2. **First Aid for Kids: 12:30-2pm.** This course teaches **11-16year olds** the skills and techniques

necessary to respond to a variety of first aid related emergencies. This course meets the requirements for several Boy/Girl Scout badges. **E.P.I.C. charges \$15.00** for this class (payable in cash only) on the day of the program.

CPR: College Planning Relief: Attend a workshop on **Wednesday, Jan 23rd at 7:00pm** to learn about the real cost of college, determining aid eligibility, debunking some scholarship myths, learning how to avoid overspending and more. Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Readers' Book Club: This month's book selection will be ***Howards End*** by E.M. Forster. Join us on **Thursday, January 24th or Thursday, January 31st from 7-9:00pm.** "The disregard of a dying woman's bequest, a girl's attempt to help an impoverished clerk, and the marriage of an idealist and a materialist all intersect at an estate called Howards End in the post-Victorian era." Join us for coffee and dessert. Space is limited and registration is required.

Appraising Your Treasures: On **Saturday, January 26th from 11:00am-12:30pm** your heirlooms will be appraised by H. Price Prazar in the Rush Town Pavilion. He will give you an estimate of the current value of your items, but due to time constraints, you are limited to **two appraisals per person.** If you bring in large items, you must be able to transport them by yourself. There is no charge for this service, but please register in advance. NO weapons or rugs.

Crockpot Night! Do you have a great recipe that you'd like to share? Here's your chance. Join us for supper on **Monday, January 28th at 5:30pm** in the Rush Town Pavilion with a crock-pot full of your favorite savory or sweet dish. The Friends of the Library will provide the bread, drinks, tableware & a cozy fire. Please register in advance for this program so we know how many people to expect, and bring at least **20 copies of your recipe** to share with participants. *We hope to see you at this marvelous community event!*

Thank you for your participation in our programs. Your attendance allows us to continue to provide new and exciting programs in the coming year.

Best wishes for your Holidays and have a wonderful New Year! From the Rush Library Staff



Rush Senior Citizens

Submitted by: Nancy Miller, Secretary

The Rush Seniors will finish their year with the annual Holiday Party at Wildwood Country Club. Nominations for next year's officers are complete and will be voted on at the December 13th Party.

This year we will choose a special charity for our 50/50 trip raffle profits. Cookbooks and their special added pages are available at the Rush Library and Town Hall--a great Holiday gift. The 2012 trips are now complete with November's successful Casino trip. Thanks to our outgoing officers for all the good work.

All Rush residents, age 55 or over are encouraged to join the Rush Seniors--we meet the second Thursday of each month--January will be a dish to pass lunch at the Fire Hall.

Rush Fire District Fire Department & Rush Ambulance

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

COMMISSIONERS ELECTION: The annual Rush Fire District Commissioners election will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 from 6 to 9 PM at the main Rush Fire Station. The election is for a five year term. Steve Winner is completing his term as Commissioner and is on the ballot for 2013. Scott Goodman is also on the ballot for Commissioner for 2013. This election is open to all registered voters in Rush.

SALE OF PUMPER 585: A permissive referendum to sell our used 1995 Freightliner pumper is also on the ballot. By state law, any item worth over \$50,000 we have to get the taxpayers permission to sell or dispose of. We have been offered \$65,000 for this truck from a FD who really needs a used truck. We will be replacing this pumper in 2013. So for a few months we will only have one pumper/tanker in the Rush station and one in the West Rush station.

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE: It is getting harder and harder to come up with people to take care of our calls from 6 am to 6 pm. When we have our few firefighters out of town on an ambulance run which takes almost two hours we have almost no one left for another call, EMS or fire. In place now is a new procedure where the town is broken into box areas and our neighbors will be dispatched to the fire call at the same time we are. This is only for serious calls that 911 codes as a priority one type fire call. We do the same for them.

Check Rush FD.org home page for time and date of the Fire District annual organization meeting.

FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING: Our budget is \$329,000 for 2013. Your tax rate remains \$1.10 per thousand. We also were under the state mandated 2% cap on any tax increases an actually lowered the budget by \$11,000. Major projects included in the 2013 budget are a new boiler/water heater for station one and new apron in front of the apparatus doors at station one. The 2012 budget allowed us to install a new A/C – Heat Pump in the radio room at station one.

ANNUAL INSPECTION DINNER: It was held at the Riverton golf facility. 30 members attended. This dinner is authorized by state law for the active firefighters of the fire district. Commissioner Mike (Pee wee) Terzo coordinated the affair.

HYDRANT MARKERS: It's time to put those plastic hydrant markers back. They could save your life and property!

CAN YOU BE SEEN? It is dark along our roads – please wear some reflective clothing when jogging or walking and also carry some ID.

BLACK ICE: It is the time of year for “Black Ice” and we have many bridges and areas in town where there are several crashes every year. On days where we could have this ice problem leave early and slow down.

RUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE SERVICE

SANDY: The Rush Fire Department got ready for the storm by making sure the Station generators and all of our portable pumps and portable generators were ready to go. Starting Monday night

at 6 pm we had a crew at station one until 6 am Tuesday morning. We responded to six calls for wires/trees burning, trees in the road and water problems from Monday night until Wednesday. Power was out at station one for 9 hours and station two for 24 hours. We also sent three firefighters, Vern Wanderseleben, Jake Vogt and Tim Lincort with a 3 firefighters from Scottsville to make up a full crew to Long Island to assist them on Thursday and Friday. We all know that it could have been a lot worse and in some areas of Monroe County it was.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE: The annual fund drive second request went out in the end of October. We sent out over 500 letters to people who our records show did not respond in May. We realize the some give through the United Way but we have not been notified of all their names yet. We also understand that the economy is still not good for many of our residents and they have to watch every penny.

NEW FIRE PUMP: We have put in service a new portable fire pump that will move 500 gallons per minute. This will be used to pump water from a pond or swimming pool to a portable pond for the pumpers to pump from. This unit cost over \$6,000 and was covered by a NYS Grant.

NEW "JAWS OF LIFE" CUTTER: The second part of that NYS grant allowed us to purchase a new hydraulic cutter for Rescue 588. This also cost over \$6,000.

PLEASE: When you see **ANY COLOR** (amber, Blue, Red or Clear) flashing emergency lights on vehicles up ahead slow down and watch for direction from the fire police, sheriffs or troopers. **YOU MUST CHANGE TO THE LEFT LANE** if safe to do so of any highway with two or more lane in one direction and slow down when you approach any emergency vehicle with flashing lights on.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Annual Election Dinner was a success. Thank you to all who supported the auxiliary.

Santa Claus will be at The Annual Kids Christmas party! Join us at the station on Friday December 14th at 7pm for refreshments and festive entertainment.

The Ladies would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped to make our Election Day dinner a success. We served almost 300 dinners and couldn't have done it without all the assistance of the members of the Fire Department and the Ladies Auxiliary and especially all those we accepted our invitation to dine with us that evening.

NEW MEMBERS: Please contact Joan Madigan at 229-4168 or email her at jnmadigan@aol.com, or visit our website at www.rushfd.org/ladiesaux.htm.

RUSH FIREMEN'S LADIES AUXILIARY WILKINS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Rush Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary Wilkins Scholarship Award was created in memory of Grace "Betty" Wilkins for her contributions to the Rush community through her generous volunteer efforts. This award will be given to either one or two residents of the Town of Rush depending upon the number of qualified candidates. The amount of this award is \$1,000 for each resident selected.

Guidelines for applying for this scholarship are as follows: Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Rush. Applicant must provide evidence of satisfactory grades by including an official transcript. Applicant must have contributed to the community through religious affiliated activities, scouting, volunteer work, etc. Emphasis will be placed on the amount and diversity of public service. Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college or technical school at which he/she will earn a degree.

The final selection of the recipient will be made by the Scholarship Selection Committee. A "Certificate" will be presented to the recipient of the Rush Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary Wilkins Scholarship Award at the Senior Awards Ceremony at the appropriate school. The check will be sent to the winner after the Scholarship Selection Committee receives verification that he/she is enrolled in a degree program.

Applications can be obtained from the Counseling Center of the appropriate school. Please return completed applications by Monday, April 8, 2013 to the Counseling Center.

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December 2012 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 6 th
Court	5 PM	Mondays – 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 4 th
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 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	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 18 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – 12 th and 26 th

Other Important Information and Dates

Christmas Eve	Town Hall, Court, and Library Closed	Tuesday – 24 th
Christmas	Town Hall, Court, and Library Closed	Monday – 25 th
New Years Eve	Court and Library Closed	Monday – 31 st

A HAPPY
 NEW YEAR

January 2013 Calendar

Conservation Board	7:30 PM	Thursday – 3 rd
Court	5 PM	Mondays – 7 th , 14 th , 28 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 8 th
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 10 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 10 th
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday – 15 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 15 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesday – 9 th , 23 rd

Other Important Information and Dates

New Years Day	Town Hall, Court, and Library Closed	Tuesday – 1 st
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