

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

Welcome to the return of Winter. I would like to extend my thanks to Mark David and the highway department for the excellent job during the recent storm.

I'm looking forward to the challenges of the New Year, and I'd like to enumerate a few of the major occurrences in town over the past one.

TOWN

- Passed Hydrofracking Moritorium
- Fire in Town Hall Records Room-Approximate damage was \$140,000 to the building and \$100,000 to documents and inventory. All repairs to the property are completed and all the records have been returned. Additionally, the records software has been updated.
- Councilwoman Lisa Sluberski resigned to relocate to Pennsylvania. Cathy Frank was selected to fill Lisa's position for the balance of her term. (12/31/2013)
- Citizens advisory committees were appointed on Hydrofracking and on the future use of BOCES Property.

FINANCIAL

An audit was performed by Raymond F Wagner, CPA, P.C. in the following areas. The results were good, and additional recommendations have been adopted.

- Town Clerk/Receiver of Taxes
- Town Justice Accounts
- Agreed upon Procedures (Finance Office)

BOCES

- USDA review of BOCES land with best practices document for tillable, pasture, recreational use.
- DEC review of timber and vacant lands with best practices report for future use.

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

Warmest Regards,



Richard E. Anderson
Rush Town Supervisor

Town Clerk's Office

Submitted by Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk
Mon. - Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Phone: 533-1312
Pam@townofrush.com

POSITION AVAILABLE: CONSERVATION BOARD MEMBER

The Town of Rush is now accepting applications from town residents for an open position on the Conservation Board. Meetings are held on the **1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM.**

A stipend is provided for each member. All applicants are asked to submit a letter of interest to Pamela Bucci, Town Clerk by January 31, 2013. For further information, please call the Town Clerk's office at 533-1312.

TAX COLLECTION PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

I have received the Tax Roll and Warrant and mailed your Town & County tax bills in late December. I will be collecting payments from January 1 through May 31.

My office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Mailed payments are to be addressed to:

Pamela J. Bucci, Collector
5977 East Henrietta Road
Rush, New York 14543

Taxes may be paid interest free through **February 10, 2013**. To be eligible for **Installment Payment Option, the first payment must be made by February 10, 2013**. Taxes paid under the installment option are payable as follows:

1st payment 25%

January 1st to February 10th-interest free

2nd payment 25%

February 11th to February 28th-1½% interest penalty

3rd payment 25%

March 1st to March 31st -3% interest penalty

4th payment 25%

April 1st to April 30th – 4.5% interest penalty

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

May 31, 2013, marks the last day of tax collection in my office. The Tax Rolls will be returned to the County of Monroe on June 1, 2013. Further information about payment, interest charge and payment locations are on the back of the tax bill or by visiting the County website at www.monroecounty.gov.

ANY TAXPAYER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A TAX BILL BY JANUARY 14th, 2013, please contact my office at 533-1312.

Dated: December 29, 2012
Pamela J. Bucci
Collector of Taxes

PUBLIC MEETING - TOWN OF RUSH CITIZENS WORKING COMMITTEE ON HYDROFRACKING

The Town of Rush Citizens Working Committee on Hydrofracking will be holding a public meeting to show a video of its tour of hydrofracking sites in Pennsylvania. The meeting will be held on February 4th, 2013, 7:00 PM at Rush Town Pavilion, 1900 Rush-Scottsville Road, Rush, NY 14543.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD APPLICATIONS

Many of you have inquired about the outcomes of Planning Board (PB) and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) applications. Because the town newsletters are published bi-monthly, the ZBA and PB news

sometimes becomes old news. So that you may be informed, (as a town courtesy and not a legal obligation) we send out a notice to all residents within 500 feet of parcels being discussed at meetings. Depending on deadlines, all public hearing notices are published in the Sentinel and/or the Henrietta Post. All of the meeting agendas, minutes, and applications and decisions are posted on the town website at www.townofrush.com. Below is a brief synopsis of most recently heard applications before the PB and ZBA.

PLANNING BOARD

November 20, 2012: Application 2012-06P: by Kyle Stevens requesting a special permit for the outdoor storage of commercial vehicles as stated in Rush Town Code 120-7B(13) for property is located at 2500 Rush Mendon Road. **Approved with conditions.**

December 18, 2012: Application 2012-07P by William Pollock requesting re-subdivision approval to combine two existing parcels into one parcel, no further development is planned. Properties are located at 30 and 50 High Tech Drive and zoned light industrial. **Approved.**

Application 2012-08P by Bruce and Linda Hellman requesting approval to re-subdivide 5.956 acres including an existing house from a 69.630 acre lot. No further development is planned to the remaining property. Property is located at 901 Rush Scottsville Road. Property is in an R-30 zoning district. **Approved with conditions.**

Application 2012-10P by Gavin Burke requesting a special permit for a two family dwelling in a residential zone. Property is located at 1868 Rush Scottsville Road and is in an R-20 zoning district. **Adjourned to December 26, 2012.**

Application 2012-09P by Jennifer and Daniel Briggs requesting a special permit for a two family dwelling in a residential zone. Property is located at 65 Creekside Drive and is in an R-30 zoning district. **Adjourned to January 15, 2013.**

December 26, 2012: Special Meeting Application 2012-10P by Gavin Burke requesting a special permit for a two family dwelling in a residential zone. Property is located at 1868 Rush Scottsville Road and is in an R-20 zoning district. **Approved with conditions.**

ZONING BOARD

December 13, 2012: End of year review.

January 10, 2013: Cancelled; no applications.

CONSERVATION TREE, SHRUB & PLANT PROGRAM

Forms for the 2013 Conservation Tree, Shrub & Plant Program are available in the Town Clerk's Office or by visiting www.monroecountyswcd.org. All orders and payment are due payable to the Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District (MCSWSCD) by March 8th. Tree pick-up is scheduled for April 18-19, 9AM – 6 PM, at the Monroe County ecopark, 10 Avion Drive, Rochester, NY 14624. Maps or directions can be found at www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark or contact them at 473-2120 ext. 3.

MUNICIPALITY HIP (Home Improvement Program)

If you are in need of home repairs and are income-eligible, Monroe County Community Development is providing assistance. Please stop in the office to pick up an application or visit www.monroecounty.gov. They have been providing assistance to homeowners since 1975.

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

Phone: 533-2330

Recently I attended a presentation given by Farm Credit East, ACA on Agricultural Land Values.

Over the last 5 years, there has been a significant change in the value of high production soil, standard production soil, woodland, and recreational land use.

High production soils have had a midpoint change of 53%. The value range has increased from 1800 in 2007 to 2500 in 2012. Acre has increased from 2200 in 2007 to 3600 in 2012.

In 2012 woodlands had a value range/Acre of 600/1200. This is a 100% increase from the 2007 values of 400/500.

Lastly, recreational land has had a midpoint change of 50%. The 2007 value range/Acre was 800/1200. In 2012 it reached 1200/1800.

If you have any questions, or would like the complete report please email me: dan@townofrush.com or call our office at 533-2330

Historian's Office

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

Phone: 533-1312

Margie@townofrush.com

The Rush Library and I are proud to co-sponsor two pillars of the Rush community in sharing their stories and pictures of early businesses that were the hub of Rush.

The date is March 4th, at 7:00 PM, at the Pavilion when **Seldon Chase** and **Bob Bock** will share with us their vast knowledge of the many early businesses via a PowerPoint presentation. Many of the pictures are from the Rush History office but most are from Seldon and Bob's own collections.

This presentation is for people that are longtime residents, newer residents wanting to know more about the community and young people wanting to hear what businesses were like long before they were born.

In other words it is for everyone, and how fortunate we are to hear about it from two of the people who were influential businessmen from an earlier era.

A table will be set up for those who would like to bring pictures of Rush businesses that they may have. Be sure to label them so at the end of the evening they will be returned to you.

Please Don't Miss It!
March 4, 2013
7:00 PM
Rush Town Pavilion

Bessie Hallock's book "Here on this Hilltop" which was written by her in 1962, but not published until December of 2012, is still available at the Town Clerk's office and the Rush Library. I have heard from many of you that have purchased the book how much you have enjoyed it. There are still some available, but they have been selling fast.

If you never knew Miss Hallock, after reading the book, my guess is you will feel like she was an old friend.

Best Regards - *Margie*

Recreation Department

Submitted by: Patricia Stephens, Supervisor
Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8:30 AM -3:30PM
Wednesday & Thursday 8:30-3:00 PM
Phone: 533-2340
Pat@townofrush.com

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.

2013 WINTER TUMBLING WITH JERRY



The children will work on skill development in tumbling. The class is designed for intermediate tumblers 9-13 years old. The focus will be on the development of cheerleading type tumbling.

8 Week Program

Wednesdays-1/9/13-2/27/13
6:30PM-7:30PM

Cost: \$125.00 Rush resident
\$130.00 non-Rush resident

All Classes will be held at the Rush Pavilion located behind the Rush Town Hall.

You can download the application from the Town of Rush.com website under the Recreation tab and send it into the Rush Town Clerk's office. For further questions, please call 533-2340.

SPRING 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 3/5/13-4/23/13
Thursdays 3/7/13-4/25/13

Cost: Resident 1 day a week \$27.00
Resident 2 days a week \$45.00
Non-Resident 1 day a week \$32.00
Non-Resident 2 days a week \$49.00

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

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

HOME ALONE

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and EPIC trainings will be offering a Home Alone Class at the Monica Leary school library on **February 13th** from **2:15PM-4:15PM**. The cost will be **\$25.00** for **Rush residents** and **\$30.00** for **non-Rush residents**. You can send in a check payable to the Rush Town Clerk at 5977 East Henrietta Rd Rush NY 14543. **Please indicate the check is for the "Home Alone class"**.

This 2 hour class designed to teach children ages 7-12, who are home alone the importance of behaving responsibly. Topics include but are not limited to: basic first aid tips, what to do when a stranger comes to the door, answering the telephone, internet safety and how to react during a variety of miscellaneous emergencies such as power outages and fires.

Knowing when your child is ready to stay home alone is a difficult decision; preparation can make the transition much easier for you and your child.

SOCIAL NETWORKING SAFETY

The Town of Rush and EPIC Trainings have joined forces to offer the following class at the Monica Leary school library on **Wednesday, March 6th** from **2:15PM-3:45PM**. The cost is **\$25.00** for **Rush residents** and **\$30.00** for **non-Rush residents**. You can send in a check payable to the Rush Town Clerk at 5977 East Henrietta Rd Rush NY 14543. **Please indicate the check is for the "Social Networking safety class"**. Below is a description of what will be taught in the class.

While a great resource of entertainment many social networking sites, text messaging or online gaming often put our children at risk. Through open discussions, group exercises, written materials and real life video documentaries tweens/teens participants ages 8-14, will be taught the importance of being safe while networking.

Other Topics Discussed Include

- Keeping Your Identity Safe
- Cyber, Texting and Gaming Bullying
- Offline Repercussions
- Suicide Epidemic
- Getting Help When Bullied

BABYSITTER'S TRAINING

The Town of Rush Recreation Department and EPIC Trainings have joined together to offer the following class at the Town of Rush pavilion on **Saturday, April 6th** from **9:30AM-2:30PM**. The cost will



be **\$50.00** for **Rush residents** and **\$55.00** for **non-Rush residents**. You can sign up at the Rush Town clerk's office, or send a check payable to the Rush Town clerk indicating the **check is for the Babysitting class**.

The Babysitter's Training class will be taught through classroom discussion, instructor lecture and supplemented by an interactive video presentation; this 5 hour class for boys & girls ages 11 and older, teaches participants the roles and responsibilities of a babysitter and includes skills in: accident prevention, first aid and abdominal thrusts for choking victims Each student will receive a workbook and a certification card upon completion. Students are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch.

2013 SPRING TUMBLING WITH JERRY



The children will work on skill development in tumbling. The class is designed for intermediate tumblers 9-13 years old. The focus will be on the development of cheerleading type tumbling.

8 Week Program

Wednesdays-3/6/13-4/24/13 (classes are still in session regardless of school vacations)
6:30PM-7:30PM

Cost: \$125.00 Rush resident
\$130.00 non-Rush resident

All Classes will be held at the Rush Pavilion located behind the Rush Town Hall.

You can download the application from the Town of Rush.com website under the Recreation tab and send it into the Rush Town Clerk's office. For further questions please call 533-2340.

In the next newsletter there will be information on the dates and times for the Cheer/Tumbling camp for 1st-6th grade, and the Youth Basketball camp held at the Monica Leary school gym beginning in April!!!

TOWN OF RUSH PAVILION

You can now book reservations into this 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 on the townofrush.com website under recreation.

Remember the fields are separate rentals so please fill out the field use permit as well if you plan on using them.

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,

You may have notices changes to the book collection in our non-fiction and biography stacks. Based on patron feedback, we are working on a long-term project that will culminate in moving some sections and interfiling our mystery collection with our regular adult novels. My volunteer, Barbara, and staff members Sue Swanton and Kathleen Phillips have been instrumental in this project. Thanks for bearing with us during the transition.

By the time you read this newsletter, hopefully our new computers will have been installed. We expect upgrades to our operating system & software, so if you need help, feel free to ask the staff!

Art on Display: Thanks go out to our local artists April West, Aaron Behnk, Kevin Yost, Elena Rey-Kautz and Bonnie Gamash for adorning our walls and shelves with their terrific and inspiring work for the last month. Up next, our Viewfinders Club will have a photography show. We hope you stop in to see their talent through March. If you'd like to display your art, craft, or collectibles, just give us a call to set up an appointment.

Wine-Tasting Benefit: Join us for our 9th annual "Friends' Night Out" benefit, sponsored by the Friends of the Rush Library and Century Liquor & Wines. It's on Saturday, March 9th, from 7-9:30 pm at The Rabbit Room in Honeoye Falls, an art-filled historic space we adore. Tickets are on sale at the library for \$35 per person (cash or check only.) We'll offer wine-tastings, a cash bar, soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres, local cheeses, chocolate-tastings, coffee & dessert, plus our ever-popular silent auction. The Friends are still soliciting silent auction items such as artwork, professional services, gift cards and gift baskets. Call Friends' Chairperson, Heather Iannone, at 359-9914 if you have an item to donate. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support our Reading Garden, our Summer Concert Series, plus additional projects and programs inside the library but outside of our operating budget. **This is such a fun night out with your friends & neighbors, and we'd love to see you there!**

Free Tax Forms and Instruction Books will be arriving in limited supply to the library. You may also download & print NYS forms at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/> and federal forms at <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/> or stop in; our library staff members will be happy to help you. (Printing out the forms at the library costs 15¢ per page.)

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

details are available at the Rush Library, and essays may be submitted there as well.

E-reader Training: Still figuring out your new reading device or tablet from the holidays? Call me to make an appointment for individualized training on how to download free e-books from the library, 533-1370.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Kirsten

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

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.*

FEBRUARY

First Friday Craft & Cookie Night: Kids ages 8-14 can join staff artist, Erin, on the **first Friday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm**; space is limited, so sign up in advance. On **February 1st** we will be creating **Doodle Boxes** by recycling candy tins, inserting accordion books then decorating with art papers, gel pens, stickers & more- super cute! Bring your imagination & bring a friend!

Lego Club for Boys ages 6-10 resumes on **Tuesdays, February 5th, 12th, and 26th from 3:45-4:30pm**. Children only need to bring their imaginations; thanks to a generous donation of Lego, we will supply all of the building materials. Space is limited and registration is required for a spot.



Library Knit Chicks is our bi-monthly fiber crafting circle at the library; we are meeting on the **second & last Saturdays of each month from 10:30 'til noon. We'll meet February 9th & 23rd, and March 9th & 30th**. Join us for coffee, tea, conversation and inspiration.

Valentine's Day Crafts for kids ages 4-7 on **Saturday, February 9th at 12:30pm**. A variety of crafts projects for little hands! Also, decorate and eat your own Valentine cookie. Space is limited and registration is required.

A Chocolate & Wine Pairing will be held on **Monday, February 11th at 7:00pm** in the Rush Town Pavilion. Just in time for Valentine's Day, grab your sweetie and come and savor how hand-crafted chocolate, made by chef Valerie Mertsoc, pairs with wines chosen by local wine connoisseur, Joan Myers. There will be a \$5.00 tasting fee per person, payable that night. Space is limited and prior registration is a must.

A Charming Book! Booklovers, who are 8 and older, here's a fun project: read *any book of your choice*; as you read, take some short notes about the characters, settings, plot and themes. Join us at the library on **Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00pm** with your notes. We will create a



“charm bracelet book report” (see photo) using special papers, ribbon, beads and other craft items; each illustrated bracelet charm captures a character, an event, the setting, or other detail. Space is limited and registration is required.

View Finders: is our new monthly photography group. We'll meet on the **second Wednesday of each month, February 13th and March 13th 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.

Drop- In Story Time: We welcome children ages 2-5 plus a caregiver on **Thursday mornings from 11:30-Noon on February 14th and 28th**. Children will have fun as a group, listening to stories and participating in songs and finger-plays. No registration is required.

E.P.I.C. Babysitters' Training will be held on **Saturday, February 16th from 10:00am-2:00pm**. This course teaches students ages 11-16 the roles and responsibilities of the babysitter including accident prevention, first aid skills, and emergency recognition. The fee for this class is

\$45.00 per student, payable *in cash* on the day of the program. **We need at least 3 registrations by Feb. 14th to hold this class**, so call to sign up with a friend.

Winter Break Fun for Kids- February 18th-23rd

1. **Wii for Kids ages 7-12:** play and have a snack on **Tuesday, February 19th from 1-3:00pm**. Sign up with a friend. Space is limited, so please register in advance.

2. **Matthew the Monkey Goes Bananas for Fire Safety:** meet local author, Sharon Swart, on **Thursday, February 21st at 11:30am**. In her latest book, Matthew tackles some important issues about fire safety. Sharon's warm and humorous writing helps a child relate through Matthew's experiences. Attendees will receive a free fire safety activity book. Please register in advance.

3. **Just Clowning Around presents "Let It Snow!"** Families are invited to the Rush Town Pavilion on **Friday, February 22nd at 2:00pm** for a comedy/magic show that embraces the joys of winter. Marvel as this magician creates snow, rain and other winter delights. There'll be lots of audience participation and laughter! Please register for a seat.

Enhancing Well-Being for People Living with Dementia presented by G. Allen Power, MD, from St. John's of Rochester on **Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00pm**. Dr. Power will challenge some prevailing ideas about dementia and offer an alternative way of focusing on a patient's strengths in order to preserve well-being throughout their lives. Please register in advance.

Travelogue with Christy Simons: on **Tuesday, February 26th at 7:00pm**. Step out of the Rochester gray and enjoy the sun of the **Panama Canal**. Enjoy a bird's eye view of the Gatun Locks, the historic area of Panama City, the islands of Curacao and Aruba, and the Dole banana plantation. Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Reader's Book Club: This month's selection will be National Book Award Finalist, **Parrot and Olivier in America** by Peter Carey. "An odd couple's stark differences in class, background, outlook and attitude are an ingenious conceit for presenting the unique social experiment that was

democracy in the early years of America." We'll meet on two **Thursdays: February 28th and March 7th, from 7-9:00pm**. Join us for great conversation, coffee and dessert. Space is limited and registration is required

MARCH

Bookmark Contest: Attention artists in K-5th grade! We'd like you to draw a picture inspired by your favorite book. We will display everyone's art at the library, and **four winners** will have their drawings printed on bookmarks for our patrons plus receive a Barnes & Noble gift card prize. **Entry deadline is March 28th**. Visit the library for your entry blank and all the details.

First Friday Craft & Cookie Night: Kids ages 8-14 can join staff artist, Erin, on the **first Friday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm; March 1st is Crazy Clay Creature** night. We will use polymer clay, wires, googly eyes and more to construct miniature creatures. Please register in advance so we know how many supplies to have available.

Remembering Our Rush Heritage: Join us on **Monday, March 4th at 7:00pm** in the Rush Town Pavilion for a fascinating history program. Selden Chase and Bob Bock will reminisce about the many local businesses that once thrived in our lovely little town in the early 20th century. There will also be a visual power point presentation. Please register in advance.

Our Favorite Images of Eastern North America will be presented by local fine art photographers, Phyllis and Gary Thompson, on **Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00pm**. upstairs in the Town Hall Meeting Room. They will discuss the basics of photography and what attracted them to these particular images. Questions and discussion of techniques will be encouraged throughout the presentation. Space is limited and registration is required.

An Evening of Celtic Music and Verse: Join us on **Monday, March 11th at 7:00pm** in the Rush Town Pavilion as we welcome the band **Trivium**, a trio that performs ancient and modern Irish and Scottish melodies and poems, playing on Irish harp, fiddle and guitar. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited for this free delightful performance, so please call to register in advance.



A Monroe County Update from Legislator Karla Boyce



On Tuesday, November 13th, I was proud to vote in favor of bringing the Yellow Dot Program to Monroe County. Under this program, a yellow sticker displayed on the rear windshield of the motor vehicle alerts first responders that vital medical information is stored in the vehicle's glove compartment.

The information will be enclosed in a sealed yellow folder containing the driver's name, a photo, emergency contact information, medications, allergies, blood type, and preferred hospital.

Monroe County is joining the Yellow Dot Program as part of the New York State Sheriffs' Association's initiative to implement the program throughout New York State. This program will be implemented through a joint effort between the Monroe County Department of Public Safety, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, the Monroe County Clerk, and the Monroe County Office for the Aging. The Department of Public Safety will work with the Sheriff's Office to ensure that all first responders are aware of the Yellow Dot and the appropriate place to find the medical information.

Under the leadership of County Clerk Cheryl Dinolfo, the DMV offices in Greece and Henrietta, along with the mobile-DMV, will serve as distribution points for materials. Since the target market for this program is older adult in our community, the Office for the Aging will educate local seniors on the benefits of this program and ensure that materials are available to those individuals.

Monroe County has established itself as a State and national leader when it comes to inter-municipal cooperation on important public safety initiatives. This program is another example of government working together for the people.

American Girl Club: Kit Kittredge for children ages 6-10 will resume on **March 12th, 19th and 26th from 3:45-4:30pm**. As the Depression of 1934 drags on, Kit's father is still out of work, and as her 10th birthday approaches, she realizes that chances of having a birthday party are slim, until her resourceful Aunt Millie arrives! Children will learn about this time period and participate in a related activity. Please register in advance.



*** St. Patrick's Day Crafts** for children ages 5-8 takes place on **Saturday, March 16th at 11:00am**.

Join us for crafty fun, plus decorate and enjoy a shamrock cookie. Please

register in advance.

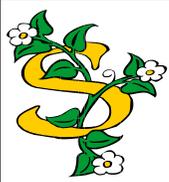
Crafter's Corner for Adults: We welcome back Karen Burke from 'Stampin-Up' on **Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00pm**. In this session participants will create a variety of Easter cards and small gift boxes using special papers, stamps and punches. There is a \$3.00 materials fee per person, payable that night. Space is limited and registration is required for this great class.

Drop- In Story Time: We welcome children ages 2-5 plus a caregiver on **Thursday mornings from 11:30-Noon on March 7th, 21st, 28th, April 4th and 11th**. Children will have fun as a group listening to stories and participating in songs and finger-plays. No registration is required.

Rush Readers' Book Club: will be held **Thursdays, March 28th, and April 4th from 7:00-9:00pm**. This month we will be participating in "If All of Rochester Read the Same Book" sponsored by Writers and Books; we'll be discussing ***Into the Beautiful North*** by author and poet [Luis Alberto Urrea](#). He will be in Rochester March 27-29, and many readings and author interviews will be held throughout Monroe County. We'll have readers' guides and a schedule of these community events in March. To participate in *our* discussion, please register in advance, as space is restricted. A limited number of paperback copies will be for sale at the circulation desk.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions for programs!

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



Rush Senior Citizens
*Submitted by: Barbara Fragale,
Secretary*

The Rush Seniors finished 2012 with a great Holiday Party at Wildwood Country Club. The social hour, complete with a holiday phrase contest, was followed by a great buffet. The entertainment for the day was provided by musician Pat Maloney. Songs inspired by local places and people were especially enjoyed. Members brought rolls of TP (that's right: toilet paper!) from which a "Christmas tree" was erected and decorated. The tree was dismantled and donated to RHAFT after the luncheon.

Officers for 2013 were elected and are as follows:

President: Bev Rumsey

Vice President: Linda Price

Secretary: Barbara Fragale

Treasurer: John Fragale

Board of Directors: Jim Richards, Rita Stein, Carol Coombs

Jim Oliver will continue to be our travel guru with help from Mary Anne Brice and Harry Derleth.

In mid-December, members remembered the homebound of our group with a plant or cookie delivery. Thank you to all the organizers, bakers, assemblers and delivery people.

TRAVEL AND EVENTS

The Rush seniors are invited to the Mendon Playhouse on Feb.7th for a 7:30 p.m. show. Admission is free; however, contact Mary Anne Brice so that she has a seat count. On February 11th we will be taking a Bus America outing to Roberts Wesleyan for a comedy and song show. Multiple options are available, including lunch at the Diplomat Banquet Center. Register directly with Bus America for this event at 585-697-3529 and let them know you are a Rush senior member. On March 21st we will be heading to Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn for their all you care to eat Pancake

breakfast. At our January meeting the seniors voted on our 2013 extended trip. We will be travelling to Washington D.C. Sept. 16th - 19th. The Rush seniors meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Rush Fire Hall. Social hour begins at about 11:00 a.m. We have a pass-a-dish meal at noon followed by a business meeting and (perhaps) entertainment. All Rush residents age 55 or over are encouraged to join. Our dues are \$10 per year. Our trips are open to members and guests. Call Mary Anne Brice for reservations and information on trips (585-533-1185).

Rush Fire District Fire Department & Rush Ambulance

*Submitted by: Robert Faugh, Fire Commissioner
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FIRE DISTRICT

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

Pumper 585: We got the voters permission to sell the truck and it should be gone by the time this newsletter gets to you. Gainsville FD in Wyoming County needed a truck badly and Pumper 585 was perfect for their needs. We received \$65,000 for the 18 year old truck.

Department Nominations: The Chiefs and Asst. Chiefs were approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners and the line officers for the department were approved by the Board of Directors at their organizational meeting. See web site for complete list.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE ANNUAL REPORT

We had a total of 384 Fire & EMS Calls for 2012. We had no serious fire in our district last year. We responded to 45 false alarms where there was no

need for the fire department at all. This was 36% of our fire type calls. (Set off by accident or malfunctions set off by occupant) We had 33 good intent type fire alarms or calls for EMS (where the system went off because of cooking or someone thought the FD was needed at a location for a car wreck for some other reason).

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

Ambulance Calls: Total for 2012 was 278 (including 19 Fire standbys) or 67% of our responses. We responded to 45 vehicle crashes, 30 of them had reported injuries. We transported 102 patients with another 70 being transported by a full ALS/BLS ambulance usually from Henrietta. We used an ALS "fly car" Medic on with our ambulance for 49 calls. Henrietta Ambulance provided 98% of our ALS both the fly car where the medic rode in our ambulance or they sent a full ambulance to transport the patient in 2012. We had contact with 300 patients during the year, 20 refused treatment or transport.

Response times: Our average response time to get a properly equipped "first responder" medical first responder on scene of a priority type call was 5.2 minutes 90% of the time. This response time is exceptional. We have two "first responder" officer's cars with AEDs. (Automatic Defibrillators). Several others officers have basic life support equipment that respond to the scene.

Fire Response: The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) standard for a rural FD for fire type calls is 6 firefighters on scene in 14 minutes 80% of the time. We had equipment and manpower to take care of the situation 11.3 minutes 100% of the time in 2012.

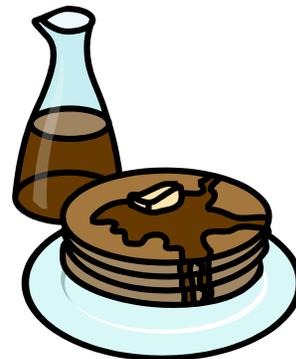
Donated time: Over 1,500 man/women hours were expended on these calls. All these hours were donated by your relatives, friends and neighbors. Another 3,000 hours were donated for training, seminars, drills, carnival, maintenance on equipment/ buildings and local, regional and state meetings.

West Webster: There are no words or information to adequately describe or explain what happened Christmas Eve in Webster, NY. One thing that was very obvious was the entire community support during that period. Rush FD provided a Rescue Truck and crew on December 25th from Midnight to 6 am at West Webster FD and a Pumper and crew to Webster FD on December 31st from 7 am to 4 pm. We also had details at the wake and funeral for our fallen brothers. If you would like to know how to help the West Webster Fire Department visit: <http://westwebsterfd.org/>

FUND DRIVE: We have received over \$50,000 from the 2012 annual fund drive. **Thank you very much!** The per-resident donation is exceptional for a town our size. Over 70% of our residents donated something.

The money goes for general operations such as Fire Prevention, Girl/Boy Scouts and Explorer sponsorships, training/seminars, fire and EMS equipment, office costs and the rest into Rescue Truck and Ambulance replacement funds. We purchased a new \$130,000 ambulance in July of 2012. No fund drive money is ever used for our few social functions.

BOY SCOUTS AND EXPLORERS



The Explorer Post will have a **Pancake Breakfast at the fire house in February.** For dates and time check our web site and the sign on Rush-Mendon Road.

RUSH FIRE DEPARTMENT WEB SITE

We update the NEWS section of our web site with pictures and information every few days. www.RushFD.org.

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Court	5 PM	Mondays – 4 th , 11 th , 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
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Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesdays – 13 th , 27 th

Other Important Information and Dates

Groundhog Day		Saturday – 2 nd
Public Meeting-Hydrofracking	7:00 PM @ Pavilion	Monday – 4 th
Lincoln’s Birthday		Tuesday – 12 th
Valentine’s Day		Thursday – 14 th
President’s Day		Monday – 18 th



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Daylight Savings Begins		Sunday – 10 th
St. Patrick’s Day		Monday – 17 th
First Day of Spring		Wednesday – 20 th
Good Friday	Town Hall and Court Closed	Friday – 29 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.