

RUSH TOWN NEWS

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Dear Residents:

I would like to welcome Spring back to our community. Nature's signs of robins, geese, and tree buds are all pointing the way. Many thanks to Mark David and the highway crew for their great work over this past winter.

The Supervisor of your town needs to complete various training to stay current with the job. Within the past 2 months the following training has been completed:

1. Healthcare Reform Update (Obamacare) for employers with less than 50 people.
2. Healthcare Reform Update (Obamacare) for municipal employers.
3. Emergency Management Public Official Workshop given by FEMA.
4. Analysis of stable rate pension option vs normal contribution state pension-which is currently 21% of our payroll.

All of this training is necessary to prepare for budget calculations for employee health care and retirement.

We are continuing to work on our hydrofracking moratorium through our citizens committee. The citizens committee on the use of the BOCES will continue their work and present a report to the Town Board in the upcoming months. We thank all of our volunteer committee members for their diligent efforts.

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

Have a great spring and Happy Easter,



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:

GARDENER

Part-time seasonal position of approximately 5-7 hours/week includes flowerbed planting, weeding, trimming flowers and shrubs and decorating for the holidays. Applicant must have an eye for design, possess artistic ability and hold a valid driver's license. Please submit your application to Pamela Bucci, Rush Town Clerk, 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, NY 14543 by April 30th.

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

January 15, 2013:

Adjourned application: 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. **Approved with conditions.**

Informal Discussion: Application 2012-11P by Robert Turner and land owner Henry Hansen requesting Subdivision and Site Plan approval to subdivide 25 acres from an 81.6 acre parcel located at 7566 West Henrietta Road. Development of 12,750 square foot building is planned for the 25 acre lot and no further development is planned for the remaining land. Property is located in a commercial zoning district. [Public hearing is scheduled for March 14, 2013 pending Zoning Board approval.](#)

February 19, 2013:

Informal discussion: Presentation by Land Tech Engineer John Sciarabba appearing on behalf of Rush Associates LLC for the proposed development of the parcel located at the corner of West Henrietta Road and NYS Route 251. [No future meeting scheduled.](#)

Informal discussion: Dave Altamura to discuss proposed subdivision of property located at 625 Works Road. Resident [directed to the Zoning Board for a variance.](#)

March 19, 2013:

Public Hearing: Application 2012-11P by Robert Turner and land owner Henry Hansen requesting Subdivision and Site Plan approval to subdivide 25 acres from an 81.6 acre parcel located at 7566 West Henrietta Road. Development of 12,750 square foot building is planned for the 25 acre lot and no further development is planned for the remaining land. Property is located in a commercial zoning district. [Has been postponed to April 16th.](#)

Public hearing: Application 2013-01P by Karen Hopkins requesting subdivision of 91.512 acres from an existing parcel of 131.3 acres. Remaining lands will retain existing house and out buildings. Property is located at 8899 East River Road and zoned Residential-30.

Public hearing:

Application 2013-02P by Albert Choate requesting site plan approval to construct a single family dwelling on a 28.54 acre parcel located on Honeoye Falls #6 Road, west of 348 Honeoye Falls #6 Road. Property is zoned Residential-30.

Informal:

Ralph Harding and Land Surveyor Nick Montanaro discuss a proposed subdivision and site plan for

property located at 40 Scofield Road. Property is located in an R-30 zoning district.

ZONING BOARD

January 10, 2013 Cancelled; No applications.

February 14, 2013 - Workshop: Application 2013-01Z by Robert Turner and land owner Henry Hansen requesting a use variance for the development of a 12,750 square foot building to accommodate an office and storage space for commercial drilling equipment/vehicles. Property is located at 7566 West Henrietta Road and is in a commercial district. [Public hearing scheduled on March 14, 2013.](#)

Workshop: Application 2013-02Z and Application 2013-03Z by Ralph Harding requesting two area variances necessary for a proposed subdivision and site plan for property located at 40 Scofield Road. Proposed lot widths do not comply with 120-17 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located in an R-30 zoning district. [A 2nd workshop was scheduled on March 14, 2013.](#)

Informal discussion: Presentation by Land Tech Engineer John Sciarabba appearing on behalf of Rush Associates LLC for the proposed development of the parcel located at the corner of West Henrietta Road and NYS Route 251. [No future meeting has been scheduled.](#)

March 14, 2013

Public Hearing: Application 2013-01Z by Robert Turner and land owner Henry Hansen requesting a use variance for the development of a 12,750 square foot building to accommodate an office and storage space for commercial drilling equipment/vehicles. Property is located at 7566 West Henrietta Road and is in a commercial district. [Hearing closed and a special meeting was scheduled on March 26, 2013 at 7 PM.](#)

Workshop: Application 2013-02Z and Application 2013-03Z by Ralph Harding requesting two area variances required for a proposed subdivision and site plan for property located at 40 Scofield Road. Proposed lot widths do not comply with 120-17 of the Rush Town Code. Property is located in an R-30 zoning district. [Public Hearing scheduled for April 11th.](#)

Workshop: Application 2013-04Z by Dave Altamura requesting a width at setback variance for a proposed subdivision. The subdivision does not comply with 120-17A of the Rush Town Code. Property is located at 625 Works Road and is in an R-30 zoning district. [Application withdrawn](#); variance unnecessary.

YELLOW DOT KITS AVAILABLE HERE

What is it? The NYS Sheriff's Department Yellow Dot Program is designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention during the first "golden hour" after a crash or an emergency. A Yellow Dot in the driver's-side rear window of your vehicle will alert first responders that vital medical information is stored in the glove compartment. Placing the yellow decal at your front door will direct first responders to vital information stored in your freezer. Free kits are available in the Town Clerk's office or by going to the www.nysheriff.org.



OFFICES CLOSED

All town offices will be closed on May 27th, Memorial Day.



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

Just a reminder once again that building permits do not always get the attention they should. In the past few months there have been several cases of construction taking place and no permit on file. Building anything on your property without the required permit can cause many problems, especially when you want to sell the property. So make sure you obtain the required permit(s) before you start that project. If you are unsure you can call me.

The following list should involve the purchase of a permit when you are planning your next project:

- All dwelling construction
- All agricultural use construction
- All swimming pools
- All fence construction
- All sheds, barns, garages, etc.
- All re-roofing
- Back-up generators
- Door and window replacements
- Underground tanks
- Electrical repairs and additions
- MOST signs
- HVAC system replacements
- Some interior remodeling
- All solid fuel appliances
- plumbing and waste system alterations
- any demolition
- all decks
- electrical inspections must be done by a licensed underwriter

Be informed that Building Safety Month will be celebrated throughout the United States in May, 2013. The "backyard and pool safety" segment will be the focus on May 20 – 26, 2013. Watch for helpful hints you can use in your own back yard that week.

Assessor's Office

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

With Grievance day coming up on May 28th, I wish to remind everyone that the Board of Assessment Review has used and I believe wishes to continue to hear complaints on an appointment bases.

This will require that those wishing to meet and be heard by the BAR must have an appointment and must hand in ALL documentation and forms at least four business days prior to the BAR hearings (May 22nd, 2013).

I will be holding a seminar on preparing for the Board of Assessment Review on Monday, May 13th, 2013 from 5:45-6:45 PM in the meeting room. Please contact the Assessor's Office with any questions, comments, or to RSVP.

Highway Department

Submitted by: Mark David

Highway Superintendent

Phone: 533-1770

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

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TOWN WIDE BRUSH PICK UP

The Highway Department will be conducting its annual brush pick up along all roads in Rush commencing April 22nd, weather permitting. We eagerly encourage residents to utilize this service.

Pick up will begin on the west side of town and continue east until complete. Once a road is completed, there will be no return trips. Since we are unable to inform you of the exact day that we will be working on your street, it is suggested that you have your brush ready for by April 22nd.

GUIDELINES

- Residential pick up only.
- Brush shall be no longer than 15 feet in length.
- Brush shall be placed parallel to the roadway, and neatly stacked.
- Brush piles shall be placed 6-10 feet from shoulder of roadway.
- Do not place brush directly under overhead wires.
- Do not place brush over utility shutoffs.
- Condensed larger piles are easier for us than multiple small piles.

WHAT WE DON'T ACCEPT

Any manmade construction materials including dimensional lumber, landscape ties, metal or other trash. Stumps should be clean of rocks and soil.

The transfer station located on Stonybrook Rd. opposite the Town Park is open and maintained 24/7. Town residents may drop off acceptable materials generated within the Town at their convenience.

Leaving the gates unlocked has been working well and we have had minimal dumping of unacceptable materials. Keep up the good work.

LAWN DAMAGE REPAIRS

Early spring weather will have the Highway crew out repairing lawn damage from plowing. If we overlooked any areas, please call and let us know. Snow fencing will also be coming down and then it's time to remove the snow plows, wings and salters from the trucks. Preventative maintenance and painting on all winter equipment will have us ready for brush pick up and summer road work projects.

Historian's Office

Submitted by Marjorie A. Kirch

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

Phone: 533-1312

Margie@townofrush.com

Many thanks to those of you who have donated paper documents and artifacts belonging to your family; these items not only provide a glimpse into the past, but also serve to document your family history.

I receive many requests for information concerning a particular family or individual. When such a search is successful it serves as a reminder of how important it is to keep our history alive and up to date.

If I am not in the office when you bring an item in, *please leave your name, address and phone number.* This will allow me to properly record, categorize and update your historical record.

Bessie Hallock's book "**Here on this Hilltop**", which we had published in December has been **sold out**. I have ordered a second printing which is anticipated to be **available by mid- April**. Bessie would be very pleased with, and proud of, the positive feedback received from so many of you who have enjoyed the book to date.

Months ago I received an inquiry regarding whether a newspaper devoted to news in Rush had been published back in the mid 1800's. After considerable research and contacts I found that "yes", it indeed did. In the June - July newsletter I will share with you more information regarding that newspaper.

Thanks for reading my column - *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

I have been asked by the President of the Rush seniors group to put in the town newsletter my background and knowledge of community services for the elderly population.

Besides having college degree in Recreation, I also have a college degree in Gerontology. I worked in long term care for 15 years at various long term facilities as well as the Jewish Home and Unity Health system as Therapeutic Recreation Specialist and Director of Recreation.

I have vast knowledge of the aging population. If you need my volunteer help looking for services for yourself or your family members please feel free to contact me at 533-2340 and I will direct you in the right direction.

I pride myself in confidentiality and do not disclose my conversations with anyone.-Pat

SPRING-SUMMER 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 4/30/13-6/18/13
Thursdays 5/2/13-6/20/13

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

2013 CHEER/TUMBLING CAMP



The Town of Rush Recreation Department has teamed up with Gary Molinari tumbling coach, and cheerleading coach CJ Rose to offer a tumbling/cheer camp at the Monica Leary School gym for children grades 3rd-6th.

8 Week Program

Wednesdays-4/10/13-5/29/13
6:30PM-7:30PM

Cost: \$60.00 Rush resident
\$65.00 non-Rush resident

2013 BASKETBALL CAMP

The Town of Rush Recreation Dept. will be offering a Basketball camp at the Monica Leary gym on for beginner player's ages 7-9 years old. The children will work on skill development and play simple games.



8 Week Program

Tuesdays-4/16/13-6/4/13
6:30PM-7:30PM

Cost: \$60.00 Rush resident
\$65.00 non-Rush resident

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS

The Rochester Arthritis Foundation and Rush Recreation Department presents a late spring-summer session "Seniors exercise class". The classes will be held at the Rush park pavilion, by Pat Rose, a Certified instructor.

The cost of this program maybe reimbursable through your own health insurance plan! Make sure you bring your bar weights or two cans of soup!

8 week classes

Thursdays 5/9/13-6/27/13

Cost: \$45.00 Rush resident
\$50.00 non-Rush resident

Location: Town of Rush Pavilion
10:00 AM-11:00 AM

2013 SPRING-SUMMER 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-5/1/13-6/19/13
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.

SUMMER CAMP 7-10 YEAR OLDS

Every summer the Town of Rush and the Monroe County Youth Bureau offers a no-cost camp to Rush residents who are 7-10 years old. I am planning on offering this camp July 11th – July 27th on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30AM-2:30PM at the Rush pavilion.

At this point I have not been notified if the camp will or will not be funded by the county for the summer 2013. I am hoping I will be able to offer this camp in the next newsletter.

You can check periodically at www.townofrush.com under Recreation for applications when they become available. You can also call me in May at 533-2340 to see if I have any new information related to the funding. Thank you for your patience.

JULY AND AUGUST TRIP CAMPS AGES 11-14

The Town of Rush Recreation Department is planning on having trip camps for kids 11-14 years old again this summer. The kids will come to the Rush pavilion at 9:00AM and do some fun filled group activities and then take trips to various recreational places in Rochester until around 5PM on Thursdays.

The kids will go to water parks, Stonybrook Park in Dansville to hike, see a movie with friends, and go to Lollipop farm and get a tour of their campus. All kids will need to bring water, snacks and lunches. They will also need to bring their own sunscreen, a waterproof watch if possible, bug repellent, towels, sneakers, and a jacket or sweatshirt if needed.

The following trip camps will be split into July and August months. There will be **3 trips** scheduled for the month of **July on Thursdays**, and **3 trips** scheduled for **August on Thursdays** as well.

There needs to be a minimum of 13 children signed up each month for each program to run.

All trips begin at The Rush Park Pavilion, 5977 East Henrietta Rd. We are not responsible for money children bring with them. Please make sure they are responsible enough to carry their own money if they desire it.

JULY

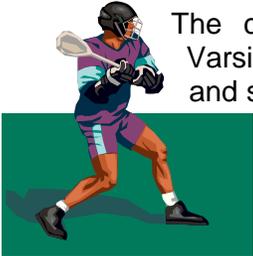
7/11/13 Stonybrook Park
 7/18/13 Lopllipop Farm
 7/25/13 Darien Lake

AUGUST

8/1/13 Movie -The campers' choice
 must be age appropriate.
 8/08/13 Roseland Park
 8/15/13 Seabreeze

Cost for each of the month camps will be:
\$90.00 Rush residents
\$95.00 for non-Rush residents

2013 SUMMER LACROSSE CAMP



The camp will be directed by R-H Varsity Lacrosse Coach Jim DeWald and staff. The camp will be offered to youth entering K through 4th grades. Players will be assigned to groups based on age and ability. The camp will include warm-up exercises and

instruction on stick handling, passing and shooting, and will teach offensive / defensive skills as well as scrimmage play.

July 8th- 11th

Where: Rush Park behind the Town Hall
Times: 6:00PM-7:30PM
Cost: \$40.00 Rush resident
 \$45.00 non-Rush resident

2013 BOYS SOCCER CAMP

Camps will be run by Coach Mike Zale from Rush Henrietta School District. The deadline to sign up and receive a t-shirt is July 19th.



August 5th-9th

9th-12th Grade: 8-10:30 AM
 4th-8th Grade: 5:30-8 PM

Cost: \$80.00 Rush resident
 \$85.00 non-Rush resident

APPLICATIONS

Program and festival applications can be downloaded at www.townofrush.com under the Recreation tab and sent into the Rush Town Clerk's office, or found in the Town Clerk's office at Rush Town Hall. For further questions please call 533-2340.

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 at www.townofrush.com 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.



**LEAVE THE DATE OPEN FOR
 THE RUSH FALL FESTIVAL 2013**
September 21st from 9 AM-4 PM
TO THE COMMUNITY
More Information to Follow

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,

Friends' Benefit Update: Thank you to all of you who attended our 9th "Friends' Night Out" Fundraiser in March. We tasted many wonderful wines thanks to our sponsor, **Whitehouse Liquor & Wine**, and we enjoyed the delicious hospitality of

The Rabbit Room & Mill Gallery and Colby's BBQ. We have deep gratitude for Heather Iannone & Valerie Mertsoc for organizing another successful evening and silent auction; we are also appreciative of Friends who volunteered that night, and very thankful for our local business owners who faithfully sponsor our event. We hope you will support *them* in return!

A complete list of sponsors follows our newsletter. Proceeds from this event support our summer concerts series and the educational and community programs we hold all year long.

Book Donations: Spring cleaning is underway! If you are interested in donating items to the Friends Book Sale we are always grateful, and can issue you a receipt for your taxes, but **we'd like to remind residents that we have limitations on what we can accept.**



We cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, VHS Tapes, or textbooks because they do not sell and create a burden for volunteers and staff with respect to storage and disposal. **We also won't accept dirty or musty/moldy books** due to health hazards for the book sorters; but you **can** recycle any unreadable book in your recycle bins at home. **And please bring in donations during our open hours.** Thank you for your understanding!

The Friends' Book Sale will be held **Saturday, April 27th - Friday, May 3rd during library business hours.** We'll have a well-organized selection of hardcover and paperback bestsellers and loads of non-fiction books too! There will be a \$2.00 bag sale on Friday of that week.

Vera Bradley Raffle: *Back by popular demand,* Heather is organizing her annual raffle of Vera Bradley purse packages beginning **April 17th.** Tickets will be sold in packs of 5 for \$5.00. Proceeds of this raffle benefit our Summer Reading Program for all ages.

Tax Forms: A limited number of federal and state forms are still available in the library **until April 15th.** This year Federal forms arrived late, and we

did not receive any State forms, even though they had been ordered in advance. We apologize for this inconvenience. If you require an uncommon form, or we have run out of the form you need, our clerks can download it from the federal or state government web sites. Printing costs 15¢ per page. Or you can visit the following links: <http://www.irs.gov> or <http://www.tax.state.ny.us/>.

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

E-reader Training: Need help with e-reader? Call Kirsten to make an appointment for individualized training on how to download free e-books from the library, 533-1370.

Borrowing Seeds: Here's something new... we will be circulating heirloom seeds just in time for the start of gardening season. Patrons may "borrow" small packets of non-hybrid seeds to plant, and then they can "return" their harvested seeds at the end of the season.

This program has been popular in a few libraries out west, so let's try it here! We will teach you how to collect seeds to return in October and we'll hopefully have events to celebrate our successful harvests. Check the program listings (below) this month and all summer long for more information.

You'll be able to borrow tomato, sunflower, basil, squash, corn, bell pepper, carrot, lettuce and bean seeds, on a first-come, first-served basis.



Updating Your Library Card: The Monroe County Library System software is set up to ask you to renew your library card each year, thereby allowing us to make sure we have current contact information and that you meet the residency requirements. ***We do ask you to renew your card in person with valid ID, rather than by phone, as a way to prevent identity theft of your library account.***

We understand that some of you only use the library virtually, by utilizing our digital e-book collection and not the physical space and books, but we still like to see you once a year for updates-thanks for your understanding!

Art on Display: Stop by in April to marvel at our "Western Theme" wood carvings and paintings by local artist, Richard Kron.

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.*

APRIL

Drop-In Story Time for children ages 2-5 with a caregiver will be held on **Thursdays, April 4th, 11th, and 25th from 11:30am-Noon.** Children will listen to stories & music and learn finger-plays while interacting with their peers in a group setting.



Bingo! For kids ages 5-10 on **Thursday, April 4th at from 2-3:00pm.** Children will get a chance to learn to play Bingo and win prizes! There is no entry fee, but space is limited and you must register in advance. Parents who stay to help their child should also register.

First Friday Cookie & Craft Night: Teens & tweens can join us on **Friday, April 5th from 6:30-7:30pm** for **Bottle Cap Art**; make a necklace or magnets to bring home. All supplies will be provided. Please register in advance, and invite a friend!

Wii Gaming and Dancing Fun for boys ages 6-10 will be held on **Tuesdays, April 9th, 16th, and 23rd from 3:45-4:30pm.** Come and play our newest Wii Games! Space is limited and registration is required.

Expressions of Life in Colored Pencil: A **new** program geared for seniors and adults. Art Instructor, Elaine Rittler will provide step-by-step instruction in the use of colored pencil as an art medium in a fun, relaxing atmosphere. This **2-session class** will be held **Tuesdays, April 9th and 23rd from 2-3:30 in the afternoon.**



This course will provide you with the basics to help you create a realistic colored rendering from the outlines provided, along with all required materials. Space is limited and **you must register in advance by Friday, April 5th.** We will need a **minimum of 5 participants** in order to hold this class.

View Finders: is our monthly photography group. We'll meet on the **second Wednesday of each month, April 10th and May 8th 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.

Knit Chicks will continue to meet on the **second and last Saturdays** of the month to enjoy any type of needlework and conversation. We'll gather on **April 13th & 27th,** and also on **May 11th and 25th.** These will be our last Saturday meetings until fall! Join us for coffee, tea, and new ideas.

Seed Saving for Beginners: Join us **Monday, April 15th at 7:00pm** to watch two short webinars and gather resources on seed saving and to learn more about how you can "borrow" heirloom seeds from the library for your garden. If you are already familiar with this hobby, please come and share your success stories! Space is limited; please call to register for a seat.

Intro to eBooks: Will be held on **Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00pm**, with instructor, Amy Henderson. This will be an overview of eBook formats and a demonstration of how to check out an eBook depending on your device. Please bring your library card and eReader, Nook, Kindle, iPad or Smartphone with you. **Note:** you might not be able to download an eBook on this evening, but you will learn the necessary steps to do so. Space is limited and registration is required.

Friends of the Rush Library Meeting: Join us on **April 17th at 6:30pm** for a wrap-up of the annual fundraising benefit, plus planning for the summer concert series, our library's 100th anniversary, the upcoming book sale and more. New members are always welcome, and your time commitment is small.

Bedtime Story Time: for **children ages 5** and up on **Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00pm**. Children will listen to the classic edition of the *Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams Bianco, beautifully illustrated by Charles Santore. Each child who registers in advance and participates will receive a FREE copy of this book and a Velveteen Rabbit, courtesy of Kohl's Department Store. Space is limited, so register soon.

Rush Reader's Book Club: will be held on **Thursday, April 25th and Thursday, May 2nd from 7-9:00pm**. Choose the night that fits your schedule. This month's selection will be *The Tender Bar* by J.R. Moehringer, "...a memoir about coming of age in, of all unlikely places, a great American bar. Everyone in it is incredibly alive, everyone shines, and every vice is transformed into something glorious". Join us for lively conversation and dessert. Space is limited and registration is required.

Spring Book Sale: Stop in for spring bargains from **April 27th-May 3rd**.

Crafter's Corner for Adults: **Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00pm.** We will be making **Fascinators** (the fun and funky hats or hair adornments worn by royalty) or a **Stylish Pin** for your spring jacket. A sample of these fabulous crafts will be on display in the library. Space is limited and registration is required. Note: Either one of these items would be great to wear at our *Friends' High Tea Party in May!*



First Friday Craft & Cookie Night: Teens & tweens...join staff artist, Erin, on **Friday, May 3rd from 6:30-7:30pm** to create "Blobimals" with watercolors while having a snack. Bring a friend to join in the fun, but please register in advance.

Cinco de Mayo Crafts for Kids: for children ages 6 and up on **Saturday, May 4th at 11:00am**. This date



(Spanish for "fifth of May") is observed as a celebration of Mexican heritage and pride. Children will be able to decorate and take home a set of **maracas** (musical instruments) and make a **sombrero** (traditional Mexican headwear), while listening to folkloric music. Space and materials are limited and registration is required.

Netting Your Ancestors: **Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00pm in the Rush Town Hall Meeting Room.**

Larry Naukam, recently retired Coordinator of Historical Services at the Central Library will show you how to trace your family tree on the Internet. You will learn how



to gather the information you need to fill in the blanks on your family chart. Examples will be shown and questions answered. Space is limited and registration is required.

American Girl Club- Samantha: for children ages 6-10 will be held on **Tuesdays, May 7th, 14th and 21st from 3:45-4:30pm**. It's 1904 and Samantha's family is vacationing at Piney Point, Grandmary's summer home by the lake. Samantha finds a sketchbook and a map that lead to dangerous exploration and Samantha must save the day! Space is limited and registration is required. (Participants get the most out of this program when they commit to attending all 3 sessions.)

Drop-In Story Time: for children ages 2-5 and a caregiver will be held on **Thursdays, May 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 11:30am-Noon.** Children will listen to stories and music, plus learn finger-plays while interacting with their peers in a group setting.

Friends' High Tea Party: Saturday, May 11th from 3-5:00pm. The Friends of the Rush Library invite you to join them for their annual High Tea to be held at the Library. Wear your fancy hat (or fascinator) and bring your favorite china tea cup if you wish; enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors for this charming afternoon social. High Tea includes sweet and savory delights and English tea. Tickets for this event are \$15.00 per person (on sale at the library.) *Note: There will be a special **Vera Bradley** raffle package that will only be available to High Tea participants, and raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the event. Proceeds benefit our Summer Reading Program.



Landmark Society Presents: Hidden Treasures of Historic Houses and Gardens in the Rochester/Genesee Valley on **Monday, May 20th at 7:00pm,** upstairs in the Rush Town Hall Meeting Room. Be a witness to the evolution of house styles and garden designs in our region over the last 200 years. View a slide show of private properties both urban and rural, including the Ellwanger garden (1867) and Linwood, the site of the Tree Peony Festival. Space is limited and registration is required.

Rush Readers' Book Club will be held on **Thursdays, May 23rd & May 30th from 7-9:00pm.** This month's selection will be **House of Velvet and Glass** by Katherine Howe. "From the opium dens of Boston's Chinatown to the opulent salons of high society, from the back alleys of colonial Shanghai to the decks of the Titanic, Howe weaves together meticulous period detail and a final shocking twist in a breathtaking novel that will thrill readers." Join us for a cup of tea or coffee and dessert. Space is limited and registration is required.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions for programs!



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Rush Senior Citizens

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The Rush Seniors met on Valentine's Day and enjoyed a delicious (as usual) lunch, an informative meeting and Bingo. VP Linda Price reviewed the after-meeting entertainment for the year and Jim Oliver revealed our 2013 trip schedule. Jim has organized an event for every month; with our extended trip to Washington D.C. scheduled for September 4th-7th.

Our March meeting entertainment featured the Rush Henrietta Women's Mixed Chorus and the Senior High Mixed Chorus. Both groups did a terrific job and were greatly enjoyed.

TRAVEL & EVENTS: The club will be travelling to Buffalo on Saturday, April 20th. The trip includes shopping at Vidlers and the Made In America store, lunch at the American Grille and a Smith Theatre presentation of Late Night Catechism Las Vegas: "Sister Rolls the Dice".

On May 22 we travel to Niagara Falls, Canada. Lunch will be at Elements on the Falls restaurant, located right on the brink. We will then attend a Greg Frewin mystery and illusion show and visit the Power Vista Visitor Center in Lewiston.

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 everyone; however, only members receive a reduced trip fare.

Call Mary Anne Brice for reservations and information on trips (585-533-1185).

Next Meetings: April 4/18 and 5/16/13. In April, member Witold Bujak will present slides of our 2012 Fourth of July trip to New York City and the Hudson Valley.

Recently, we have received some inquiries at the town hall requesting information on how to prevent break-ins to vehicles and property, so for this edition of the newsletter I thought I would share some tips on the subject as provided to me by local law enforcement authorities.

According to FBI statistics, burglaries are down approximately 10% nationwide. But according to the Chicago-based Burglary Prevention Council, a burglary still happened somewhere in the United States every 11 seconds last year, and the typical burglarized house lost \$1,350, not counting the cost of repairs to broken windows and the like.

So if you want to help the downward trend in burglaries continue there are a few steps you can take to make your house less attractive to thieves, particularly when you're on vacation.

1. Contact the local police department at least one week before you leave on vacation. Some departments offer free crime-prevention inspections. Most police departments tell patrolling officers to keep an eye on a house when they know it is going to be temporarily vacant.
2. Visit your neighborhood post office to have mail delivery stopped if you're going to be out of town. Also stop your newspaper delivery. If you are going to be gone for more than a week, have someone cut your grass.
3. Close and lock all doors when leaving home for even short periods. More than a quarter of all burglary is without forced entry. Make sure you check the doors of the attached garage and breezeway in addition to all windows, including basement windows.
4. Install deadbolt locks on all entry doors. A deadbolt lock is hard to force and doubles your resistance to intrusion. If there are no breakable windows within 40 inches of the lock, you can use a lock with a thumb latch that will let you open the door from the

inside without a key. In doors with glass panels use a key lock with a keyhole on both sides.

5. Secure all windows. You can lock a double-hung window securely and inexpensively by drilling a hole at a downward angle through the front sash where the sashes overlap. A wooden peg in the hole will keep the window from rising. Check home-improvement, hardware or variety stores for other window-locking ideas and devices.
6. Use automatic timers. Some timers can be set to turn on lights, radios and other appliances at the same time each day. Others that are slightly more expensive vary the on and off patterns from day to day to enhance the illusion that someone is home. Setting a timer on a radio tuned to talk-show station might fool burglars into thinking a live conversation is going on if they listen at the window.
7. Illuminate the yard. Outdoor lighting is an effective deterrent to burglars. Energy-efficient low-voltage outdoor lights can eliminate the dark spots where a burglar could hide, and a light with a motion sensor is great way to scare off a potential thief.
8. Lock up ladders, tools and lawn furniture. Don't invite burglary by providing aids to breaking into your house. A sturdy lawn chair that can be pulled under a window makes getting through that window easier.
9. Trim trees and shrubs growing close to the house. To enter your house without making a lot of noise, a burglar needs time to work. Tall bushes and hanging branches can provide shelter while the burglar cases the house or tries to pry open a door or window.
10. Start a neighborhood watch program. Your local police department can help organize a neighborhood watch group that encourages neighbors to watch out for one another. But even without a formal watch group, you should get to know your close neighbors so each of you can help keep the other's house safe.
11. Use window and floor alarms. Look around discount and home-improvement stores for

inexpensive audible alarms that go off when a window or door is forced. Also available are professionally installed systems that automatically call emergency crews when they sense trouble. Before investing in such a system, however, check with police to find out what is legal in your community.

12. Inventory your valuables. Place small valuables and important documents in a safety-deposit box.

Theft from autos is on the rise and so are the efforts of the Sheriff's Office to stop it. Crime prevention has always been a partnership; the police can't do it alone. As police step up their enforcement, we need the public to step up its target hardening efforts.

Our battle cry is — Lock Your Car, Take Your Stuff. What does it mean? It means the bad guys have shifted gears and are now more aggressive than ever. They won't hesitate to smash a window or pry open a vehicle's trunk. So whenever possible, try not to leave valuables in your vehicle at all.

However, if you have no choice, it's certainly best to keep things out of sight and locked in the trunk. Thieves still look for the easiest target and don't want to draw a lot of attention to themselves. Prying open a vehicle trunk with a screwdriver or pry bar does not look normal.

Remember: if we can't always stop them, we can at least slow them down. And then their chances of being seen and caught increase dramatically.

Here are some tips to remember:

- Lock your car and take your valuables with you when possible.
- If you must leave valuables in your car, lock them in your trunk or keep them out of sight.
- Be aware. Look for prying eyes or suspicious individuals.
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Remove cell phone antennas when possible.

- If making more than one trip to put items in your car while at the mall, consider moving your vehicle to make it look like you've left.
- Consider an alarm system if you must often leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Plan ahead before you go shopping. Purchase small items that can easily remain with you first. Larger items that would probably have to remain in the vehicle and can't be kept out of sight should be purchased last.
- Report suspicious persons. We need to look out for each other.
- Report all crimes to the police.

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

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FIRE DISTRICT

NEW PUMPER: The new truck committee has received 5 bids for the pumper 585 replacement. The cost is in the \$420,000 to \$440,000 range. We have been working on this project for almost a year to make sure we got it right. We hired a consultant to cut down on the cost and saved over \$70,000 on items we could live without. Other department buying pumpers that are about the same size are paying over \$500,000 for their new trucks.

MESSAGE SIGN: We are looking into a message sign for the area in front of the radio room for station one. Members of the fire department and the commissioners are looking over several proposed signs.

COUNTY EMS STUDY: \$140,000 was spent on this study. Rush Ambulance was rated above average for a target response time for a rural ambulance service. Two other ambulance services in the county were also above average.

That being said, the study did not have the times correct. We have a first responder with proper EMS equipment on scene on average 6.2 minute 95% of the time. They had us at 13 minutes. We have an ambulance on scene 9.7 minutes – 100% of the

time. They had us at 13 minutes. The study said 911 get the call out within 2 minute and 2 seconds on average. Our records put that time at over 3.25 minutes. They also reported that the City FD was the only agency that sent supervisors to their calls. We have a Chief officer or Ambulance officer on 95% of our calls. You can see the study by going to www.MCFW.com and scrolling back three pages.

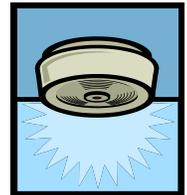
**FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE
ANNUAL REPORT**

We have responded to 90 calls for service as of 3-15-13.

FASNY STATEWIDE OPEN HOUSE: Rush FD will have an open house April 28th from 1 pm to 4 pm. Stop in and see the equipment. Talk to the volunteers and ask questions about your fire department and ambulance service. A Rush FD history power point will be showing all day in the meeting room.

There will be refreshments. This is a statewide effort to recruit more volunteers and make the community aware of how your volunteer FD and ambulance services operate.

We will have carbon monoxide and smoke detectors available to Rush residents at no charge. Please stop by.



FUND DRIVE: In 2012 your volunteers responded to 384 emergency calls, that one every 23 hours. They donated over 6,000 hours to provide emergency service, attend meetings (Local, regional and state), attended training and drills, raise funds and maintain buildings and equipment. We have only ONE goal and that is to provide the best service we can for you and your family.

We are 100% volunteer, NO ONE GETS PAID! The ambulance responded to 278 calls in 2012. This included 19 Fire call standbys. We responded to 45 vehicle crashes. We have one of the last free ambulance services in the county and cover 95% of our calls with a 1st responder on scene of priority calls within 6.2 minutes of dispatch 95% of the time!

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

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

NEW AMBULANCE: We are replacing our 2004 Ambulance with a 2012 Ford E-350 V-8 gas engine - Marque Modular walk-thru ambulance this spring. The cost of \$130,000 is covered by past fund drives, memorial donations and some carnival profit.

NEW ATV AND TRAILER: The fire department members voted to replace our ATV and trailer last month. A committee has worked on this for almost a year. Fund drive and Carnival profit will be used. The cost for both is \$15,000. We will post a photo on the web site soon.

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

WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

PAST OFFICERS BANQUET: Rush FD Banquet was held at RIT Inn - 103 members and guests attended. The 911 Director John Merklinger was the MC. Past Officers honored were Past President Diana Pfersick. Past Lt. Kevin Kinnally, Past Director Dale Sweet and Past Director James McNeil. Jake Vogt moved up from Captain to Asst. Chief. The "Distinguished Service" awards were given to members Diana Pfersick and Thomas Cusker.

Tom was an active member held several offices in the department when he lived in Rush. Tom served as our attorney for many years.

Diana Pfersick served as President for 10 years and was Lt. on the Ambulance for several years. She has chaired or assisted on the Past Officers Banquet, Clambake, Ladies Fun Dinner and many other projects. She served as President of the Monroe County Volunteer Firemen's Association for

two years. She received the Rush American Legion Firefighter of the Year last year and the Dunkin Donut Responder of the Year for the whole country several years ago. Diana serves on the EMS Committee of the state firefighter's organization, FASNY.

Past Fire Commissioner Steve Winner was recognized for his service as Fire Commissioner from 2003 thru 2012. Steve is also a very active member of the Rush Fire Department. He has served as a line officer, secretary and director. He also assists the Fire District and Fire Department with keeping our inventories of needed equipment, service and inspection on equipment up to date.

LADIES AUXILIARY GIFT: The Rush FD Ladies Auxiliary presented a check for \$2,000 to the firefighters at their Past Officers Banquet to purchase any needed equipment.

AL SWEET RECOGNIZED: At the Past Officer Banquet, Past Fire Chief, Past 5th Battalion Coordinator, present Fire Commissioner and active firefighter Alvin Sweet was recognized for his 60 years of active service to the Rush Fire Department. Al is the first person in our department to ever complete 60 years of active service. Al has held too many positions and chaired too many committees to list.

He has been one of the most active members the department has ever had. He shows up for every call or detail that we have. He has run the carnival parade for decades and been membership chairman for years. In 1986 Al received the "Distinguished Service" award from the Rush Fire Department.

Al served as Director, Treasurer, Vice-President and President of the Monroe County Volunteer Fire Chief's Association. In 2002 Al received the Monroe County Joint Fire Service "Firefighter of the Year" award. Al is active at the NY State level also. In 1998 he was appointed to the Fire Chief's Committee of FASNY (Firemen's Association of the State of NY) and in 2008 he was moved to the Youth's in the Fire Service Committee of FASNY.

Al stated that he could not have done what he has done all these years without the continual support from his wife Nancy who is a member of the FD Ladies auxiliary.

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Court	5 PM	Mondays – 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th
Library Board of Trustees	7:15 PM	Tuesday – 2 nd
Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	Thursday – 11 th
Seniors Lunch	12 noon @ Rush Firehouse	Thursday – 11 th
Planning Board	7:30 PM	Tuesday – 16 th
Board of Fire Commissioners	7:00 PM @ Rush Firehouse	Tuesday – 16 th
Town Board	7:00 PM	Wednesdays – 10 th , 24 th

Other Important Information and Dates

Earth Day		Monday – 22 nd
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Mother's Day		Sunday – 12 th
Grievances Due		Wednesday – 22 nd
Memorial Day	Town Hall, Library, and Court Closed	Monday – 27 th
Grievance Day		Wednesday – 28 th

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